



2020-21 NSAA Spring Season Guidelines

Effective: March 1, 2021

Circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic are constantly changing and vary from community to community. Decisions will have to be made from week to week or even day to day. The health and safety of students, staff, and local communities remain the priority of the NSAA as we provide opportunities to participate in the spring sports season.

Each school has the authority to determine if it will participate in the 2020-21 Spring Season. During the season it will be the responsibility of the host school to provide administrative oversight and compliance with established COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with their local health departments and facilities.

FOR ALL SPRING ACTIVITIES:

The NSAA is requiring the following of schools, officials and spectators for all spring season contests:

- Active participants are permitted, but not required, to wear face coverings during competition/performance.
- Spectators are required to wear face coverings for entrance to all activities. Face coverings may be removed if outside and 6 feet of physical distance can be maintained.
- Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth.
- Follow local/state DHM's for spectator attendance.
- The host school may establish additional requirements in consultation with local health departments. Additional requirements implemented by the host school must be the same for all schools, officials, judges, and spectators.

Recommended protocols for spring contest hosts:

- Coaches and non-active participants are encouraged to wear face coverings at all times
- Create separate points of entry and seating for home and visitor teams/spectators
- Provide no concession stands or separate/multiple concession stands
- Provide separate/multiple restrooms
- Use signage, stanchions, or field markings to ensure physical distancing of 6 feet at concession stands and restrooms
- Communicate availability of locker room space for the opposing team and officials
- Implement diligent and effective cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces

NSAA expects schools to play their regularly scheduled competitions unless a COVID-19 issue prevents them from playing. Member schools, in consultation with their local health department, shall be responsible for determining whether a scheduled game, match, contest, or other activity is cancelled or postponed due to a COVID-19 related issue. Member schools shall notify the NSAA of any cancellation or postponement.

The NSAA has great appreciation for all its member schools and their tireless efforts to provide opportunities for learning and participation in NSAA activities. Communication, flexibility, and patience will be key in supporting our high school student participants as they participate in activities this spring season.



2021 NSAA Boys Golf Rules Modifications & Considerations

These modifications are subject to change in response to COVID-19.

Equipment/Facility:

- Driving range is to be determined by golf course.
- Much of the facility information will come from the golf course.
- If bad weather occurs it is recommended that all should return to their vehicles rather than the clubhouse.
- It is recommended to not have award ceremonies.

Contest warm up:

- Driving range regulations determined by golf course.
- Consider having a rotation of use to limit number on the range at one time and putting green.

Competition:

- Communicate the details of the event prior to the day of the event. This way schools can plan their arrival and competition with minimal gatherings to discuss the event details.

Practice Areas - The policies below for the practice range and putting/chipping green(s) allows for players to practice prior to their start time on a limited basis. All players should have equal opportunity to practice before their round if the following are adhered to.

- **Practice Range**
 - Limitations to the number of players that may be on the range will be site specific based on the size of the range and the number of stations available using 6' social distancing.
 - Players only allowed on the practice range.
 - Players can be limited to only one bag of balls (approximately 50 balls) to hit on the range.
- **Putting/Chipping Greens**
 - Limitations to the number of players that may be on the practice putting green and/or chipping green will be site specific based on the size of the greens.
 - Players only allowed on or around the greens.
 - Players should be quick and efficient with their practice to ensure all players get time on the greens.

Starting Areas - Players should arrive at their assigned tee no more than 5 min before their assigned starting time.

- **Scoring** –
 - Digital scoring may be used when available.
 - Scorecards should be distributed to each player. Scorecards will not be exchanged or require signatures.
 - Upon completion of the round players will enter the designated scoring area to review and verify their scores verbally with the scoring official.

GOLF COURSE SET-UP & RULES OF GOLF MODIFICATIONS

- **Bunkers** - Limited number of bunker rakes could be available on the golf course.
 - Ball will be played as it lies in the bunker.
 - If a player feels their ball is in an abnormal ground condition they can ask for relief from a member of the Committee. If granted, the relief procedure will be followed as stated in the Rules of Golf.
- **Flagstick** - Attending and removal of flagsticks is permitted if allowed by the facility.
 - It is recommended that the player that removed the flagstick be the one to replace it.
- **Returned Scorecard** - A scorecard will be deemed returned when the player has verbally verified their hole-by-hole scores with their marker and the scoring official and left the designated scoring area.

NSAA Championships and District Contests.

- Scoring monitors will not be used at district and state championships.

NSAA Board approved changes

Schedules for Class A are now due March 17th.

Schools in Class A can replace a meet or tournament that is missed. Schools cannot exceed the individual contest limit. Meets or tournaments that are replacement meets or tournaments will not count towards an individual or team differential. Note: This does not refer to meets or tournaments that are rescheduled.