

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
THE B.C.S.S.G.A. (2011)
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**

SECTION I B.C.S.S.G.A. MEMBERSHIP

- a) School must be a BCSS member in good standing (i.e. have paid the BCSS Block fee).
- b) By March 3, must have submitted the BCSS the Sports Participation-Spring Sports document to the BCSS Office to declare participation in Golf.
- c) By March 23, the school must have submitted the Individual Player Registration form, signed by the Principal to B.C.S.S.
- d) A late registration fee to be determined annually and assessed by the Executive, to any school failing to comply with the registration deadline (exceptional circumstances to be ruled upon by the Executive).
- e) WITHOUT SUBMITTING A DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION IN GOLF TO B.C.S.S. AND FORWARDING THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER FORM YOUR SCHOOL WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SECTION II ELIGIBILITY

(A) Player Eligibility

In order to participate in B.C. Championship competition including zone play downs, each participant must be eligible for competition with respect to the following:

- a) He/she must be a pupil attending a secondary school that has registered with BC SCHOOL SPORTS through their local Athletic Association or as an Associate Member school.
- b) He/she may compete only for the school at which he/she is registered with the exception of extenuating circumstances that will allow a junior to proceed to his/her feeder school. The extenuating circumstances must have the unanimous approval of the local athletic association, both principals and the BCSS Sport Commission concerned.
- c) He/she must live up to accepted school standards as judged by the school Principal.
- d) He/she must be a full time student as judged by the school Principal.
- e) He/she must have submitted evidence of parental or guardian consent for him/her to participate.
- f) He/she must fulfil eligibility requirements of the particular Sport Commission.
- g) He/she must have the approval of the local Athletic Association.
- h) He/she must be accompanied by a teacher or administrative officer from his/her school or zone. Such teacher or administrative officer must be approved by the participants Principal.

- i) He/she must not have completed graduation requirements in the preceding school year, or received a senior secondary Certificate of Standing for the completion of graduation requirements during the current school year.
- j) He/she may participate in only 2 seasons of any particular sport following grade 10. Grade 10 shall be defined as the school year in which a student successfully completed 3 of 5 required grade 10 courses. (English 10, Social Studies 10, Mathematics 10, Science 10, P.E. 10). To be eligible to participate in a sport, a student shall be enrolled in a minimum 75% course load for any semester or school year. Appeal procedures to be established by local Athletic Associations when a student represents his/her school locally and by Commissions for championship play. All competitors must be under nineteen (19) years of age on December 31st of the current school year. (Note: If competitor has his/her nineteenth (19th) birthday on January 1 he/she is eligible. If his/her birthday falls on December 31, he/she is not eligible.)

(B) SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

- a) All schools with 360 boys and girls or less in Grades 11 and 12 must play in the “AA” Provincial Championship.
- b) All schools with 361 or more boys and girls in Grades 11 and 12 must play in the “AAA” Provincial Championship.
- c) All schools with up to 160 boys and girls in Grades 11 and 12 must play in the “A” Provincial Championship.
- d) For Schools of one gender, the total of 160 and above will be designated as “AAA”, and those under 160 “AA” and schools up to 80 will be “A”.
- e) There shall be no allowance for schools to choose which Championship to participate in.
- f) To facilitate Junior Secondary schools trying to compete in the Provincial Championships, the Junior Secondary schools must declare themselves as Jr /AA on the BCSS registration form and compete at the AA level.

SECTION III FINANCES

- a) The financial year shall be May 14 to May 13.
- b) The audited statement shall be presented to each Annual General Meeting.
- c) All accounts shall be paid by cheque.
- d) The Society shall have no borrowing power.

SECTION IV RIGHT TO APPEAL

The executive shall act on all disputes.

SECTION V VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- a) Each member school shall be entitled to one vote.
- b) The members of the Executive Board are entitled to one vote.
- c) There shall be no voting by proxy.

SECTION VI RESPONSIBILITIES OF ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

- a) He is to see that all coaches and qualifying teams are fully informed about pertinent instructions and information concerning the provincial tournament.
- b) He is responsible for his zone=s entry and will telephone this information and then mail or fax all necessary information directly to whoever is designated on the form for that year.
- c) Prior to the Zone Championship, the Zone Representative is to make every attempt possible to ensure the participating teams have access to the course upon which the event is being played.

SECTION VII CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION FORM -

(To be filled out by the Zone Representative or Coach)

This is the only official entry form and must be completed as directed on the form.

SECTION VIII QUALIFYING FOR THE PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

- a) All school teams must qualify through a zone tournament or play-offs.
- b) Allocations of berths are determined in a ratio of the number of teams registered divided by 21 berths for the “AAA” Tournament
- c) All alternative berths be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee, but at no time shall exceed 22 teams.

SECTION IX DATES AND SITES

- a) Whenever possible, the provincial Golf Tournament will be held the last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in May.
- b) Zones wishing to host the Provincial Golf tournament should make an application in writing to the Secretary Treasurer.
- c) The Provincial Golf Tournament will rotate between those zones that are deemed practical by the Executive.
- g) **Zone playoffs must be completed ten days prior to the start of the Provincial Tournament. (i.e. May 20 2011)**

SECTION X TEAM ENTRIES

- a) Each school shall be represented by a maximum of five (5) players.
- b) **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** shall a team bring more than 5 players to the tournament.
- c) Should one of the players be unable to participate, the remaining (4) scores shall be counted
- d) Female team members will play from the designated forward tee markers.
- h) Caddies are not permitted at the Tournament
- i) The BCSSGA has adopted the following Parent/Spectator/Coach Code of Conduct:
 - a. No advice is to be given to a player during a tournament.
 - b. Avoid all communication, verbal and non verbal which may be construed by others. (competitors, parents, officials) as advice.
 - c. Keep your distance from the competitors (approximately 75 yards) while following them during play.
 - d. Do not walk on the fairway during tournament rounds.
 - e. Avoid distracting competitors at all times on the golf course.
 - f. Non compliance may result in a two stroke penalty assessed to the competitor receiving advice and/or the removal of the advisor from the golf course.

SECTION XI AWARDS

- a) B.C. School Sports medals will be awarded to the three teams with the lowest gross score for 36 holes.
- b) B.C. School Sports medals will be awarded to the three low gross players.
- c) The perpetual team trophy and the B.C. School Sports Championship Banner will be presented to the winner of the Championship.
- d) To award keeper plaques, with room for the team photos, for team placements #1 through #6.
- e) The Wilson non- perpetual trophy will be awarded to the low medallist.
- f) The Wilson perpetual trophy shall be awarded annually to the school of the individual low medallist.
- g) The low female competitor shall be awarded a keeper trophy unless she is also the overall low medallist in which case, it would be withheld.

SECTION XII SCORING

- a) Five player aggregate medal play with the low four scores that day being counted.
- b) The team with the lowest 36 hole total shall be declared Provincial Champions.
- c) The individual with the low gross score for 36 holes shall be declared the individual Champion.
- d) There will only be a playoff for first place ties, for team or individual awards, and that the BCSSGA adopt the tie breaking policy of the RCGA for all other ties.
The RCGA Appendix 1.11 (c) states (in part):
“An acceptable method of matching the cards is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole.

If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the 'last nine holes, last six holes, etc' is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc''

This tie-breaking method will apply to both individual and team ties. For ties in the team competition, the four scores counting on the last day of the competition will be the scores counted for the purpose of breaking the tie. If the tie is not broken, then the same procedure is used from the scores on the front nine.....

- e) In the case of a team play-off, the four (4) scores counted on the final day will be the 4-players who go into the play-off. The team with the least number of total strokes on the hole being played shall be declared the winner.
- f) Ties for fourth, fifth and sixth place team standing at the end of the final round of competition will be decided by taking each teams total score on the number one handicap hole on the course using both rounds to determine that total. If the tie is not broken after this hole, the same procedure shall be used on the second handicap hole, third handicap hole, etc. until the tie is broken.

SECTION XIII RECORDS

Only records at the Provincial Tournament shall count as Provincial Secondary School Golf records.

SECTION XIV GOLF RULES

The rules of Golf as approved by the Royal Canadian Golf Association shall be used.

SECTION XV TOURNAMENT DRAW

- a) No two players representing the same school shall be in the same foursome.
- b) Tee off time is at the discretion of Tournament Chairman and the Executive.
- c) For the first round, golfers are placed according to eligibility forms, e.g. Number 1 golfers play together.
- d) For the final round golfers will be placed according to their first day team totals with #1 golfers playing with each other, #2 with each other, etc.
- e) Tee off times for The Championship Round should be an early morning shot gun to allow for travel.
- f) One coach from each school will be included in the draw for day one and will tee off in front of or behind his team. Any other coach associated with that team will be accommodated where they can easily be fit into the draw.
- g) Awards will follow as quickly as the results of the Competition can be tabulated when the last group has completed play on the final day and all ties are broken.

SECTION XVI SUPERVISION

Teams must be accompanied by a teacher/sponsor from the school in their zone. Such teacher-sponsor must be approved by the schools principal.

SECTION XVII DRESS/CONDUCT

(The executive has the authority to assess a two-stroke penalty or disqualify at its discretion, any competitor on the first offence, or for a repeated offence of any of the following)

- a) All schools competing at the B.C.S.S.G.A. Provincial Championship must be identifiable by dress. (i.e. all members from any given school must wear the same colour shirts and if possible, slacks to match).
- b) Any competitor wearing shorts must have proper Bermuda style (not the athletic or tennis type). The executive and the host professional shall have sole discretionary power to refuse a player from competing on the basis of what they feel is inappropriate dress and not in the best interests of the association and its member school, or the host golf club and its membership.
- c) Any player who shows a lack of: (1) consideration toward his fellow competitors or, (2) respect for the care and condition of the golf course
- d) Players are not permitted to smoke on the golf course while involved in the competition including the practice round and the two competitive rounds.
- e) No competitors under the jurisdiction of the B.C.S.S.G.A. Golf Association for the three days of the championship including all playoffs, shall be permitted to use motorized golf carts unless with the express permission of the executive.
- f) All coaches/sponsors/parents of any competitor shall be regarded as part of that team, and any penalties incurred by them during the competition, shall be assessed to the individual player or school total depending on the circumstances.
- g) The championship ends upon the completion of the awards presentation. (This is to clarify the point in time at which information brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee can no longer influence the outcome of the Championship.)
- h) The Executive has jurisdiction over the conduct of all competitors from the moment they arrive at the city hosting the tournament and ends with their departure from the golf course property at the close of the awards ceremony.
- i) Any competitor found to be under the influence or in the possession of non-prescription drugs or alcohol, shall be disqualified immediately for the duration of the tournament.
- j) Competitors are not allowed to use electronic communication devices (Ipods, cell phones, blackberries, smart phones and all testing devices) during tournament play.