



SSSAD ACTIVITY POLICY – GOLF

1. Sport Committee - See SSSAD Constitution – Section E – Article 6.5
 - a. Create the Golf Sport Committee at the pre-season meeting.
 - b. A commissioner will be decided upon or announced at the pre-season meeting.
2. Sport Season
 - a. SHSAA – As defined by the SHSAA Policy for Interschool Competition and the SHSAA Calendar.
 - b. SSSAD – As Defined by the SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 15.7 - Competition Requirements.
 - i. **SSSAD Opening:** To be determined at the post-season Coaches Meeting
 - ii. **SSSAD Closing:** concludes with the City Championship
3. Student Athlete Eligibility
 - a. It is the responsibility of the participating school to ensure that each athlete meets the eligibility requirements of the SHSAA and SSSAD according to:
 - i. SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Eligibility of Student Participants
 - ii. SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 13
 - b. **SSSAD Eligibility Forms** must be completed and sent to the SSSAD office on the agreed upon date before the 9-Hole event and the City Championship.
 - c. **SSSAD Athlete Registration** - parent consent forms and waivers must be completed in full on the SSSAD website by the parent and athlete. Email confirmation must be received prior to participation in the sport.
4. SSSAD Rules of Play
 - a. **Basic Rules**
 - i. RCGA rules will apply throughout the competition. Local rules of the host club will also be in effect.
 - ii. Caddying and/or coaching are not allowed during play. Coaches/teacher supervisors will serve as marshals and rules officials.
 - iii. Handicaps will not be in effect.
 - iv. Practicing on the host course is not allowed on the day of the competition.
 1. Only scheduled driving range time is permitted.
 - v. Distance measuring devices (not slope) are permitted at the City Championship.

b. Dress Code

- i. Golfers will wear appropriate golf attire as per the host club dress code.
 - 1. Collared shirt and walking shorts or long pants (jackets in cooler weather).
 - 2. Soft spikes golf shoes or running shoes are required.

c. Supervision

- i. Coaches/teacher supervisors are required to supervise their team for all competitions, tournaments, clinics, and practices.
- ii. Coaches/teacher supervisors must ensure that all players adhere to accepted golf etiquette during all golf activities. The golf facilities do not belong to the schools and therefore it is of paramount importance that all students and coaches/teacher supervisors respect the facilities that are being used.

d. Transportation

- i. Schools are responsible to get their teams to all events.

5. League Structure

a. Overview

Golf is unique as the playing facilities are not owned or operated by the school boards. As such, high school golf will require partnerships between the public and private sectors. Individual schools will be encouraged to establish partnerships with local golf facilities. These public-private partnerships may also include special funding from interested supporters of high school golf.

b. Spring Golf

i. Season

- 1. The start of the spring golf season will depend on the opening of local golf facilities.
- 2. With financial assistance from the Scissons Group, developmental programming will be determined by the Golf Sport Committee, and opportunities may commence at the start of the season.
- 3. Season must conclude no later than one week prior to the start of final exams.
- 4. The spring golf season will include one 9-hole (beginner/intermediate) tournament and one 18-hole (advanced) tournament. Dates to be announced at the pre-season coaches meeting.

NOTE: Financial assistance provided by the Scissons Group.

ii. Philosophy

- 1. The primary philosophy of spring high school golf is to focus on skill development, active participation, and friendly competition. All students, regardless of ability, are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to enhance their skills in a positive environment.

2. Coaches/teacher supervisors should strive to arrange for fair playing opportunities, regardless of participants' abilities.

c. **City Championship**

i. **Format**

1. The City Championship tournament will consist of one round of 18 holes. Every effort will be made to ensure a shotgun start format.

ii. **Team Composition**

1. **Each school can enter one (1) four-member team in the following categories: Senior Boys (9 to 12), Junior Boys (9 and 10) and Girls (9 to 12).**
2. Additional golfers from each school may be able to participate in the individual championship based on the number of entries (determined by the tournament committee).

iii. **Scoring**

1. All players are eligible for the individual competition.
2. On the course, players will exchange scorecards on the first tee and score one another, as per accepted tournament practice. Coaches/teacher supervisors will not keep track of players' scores but may assist if questions arise regarding how to score a scenario.
3. Upon completion of their round, players verify their scorecards with their scorer and, when both player and scorer are satisfied they have the correct score, both will sign the scorecard. It is advised that players confirm their arithmetic, using a calculator if necessary, before signing a scorecard. Every effort will be made to compensate for players' errors in arithmetic; the view in high school golf is that every action, be it successful or erroneous, is a learning opportunity.
4. A team trophy winner for each category: Senior Boys, Junior Boys, and Girls.
 - a. **Senior and Junior Boys** - determined based on the top 3 of a maximum 4 scores per hole of play.
 - b. **Girls** – determined based on the top 2 of a maximum 4 scores per hole of play.
5. Players eligible for the overall team championship must be identified prior to the competition.

6. **Tie Breaking Criteria**

a. **Individuals**

- i. Playoff holes will be the tie breaking criteria to decide winners. Starting with 18 or 1, but where holes are available. Second and third place will remain a tie.

b. **Team**

- i. The procedure for breaking ties to determine placing in team competition at the City Championship will be based on following order:
 1. Gross round scores for top 3 competitors.
 2. Gross round scores for top 2 competitors.
 3. Low Player.

7. Awards

- a. **Scissons Family Trophy** – Senior Boys Team Competition – based on the top 3 of a maximum 4 scores per hole of play.
- b. **SSSAD Team Trophy** – Junior Boys Team Competition - based on the top 3 of a maximum 4 scores per hole of play.
- c. **Taylor Family Trophy** – Girls Team Competition - based on the top 2 of a maximum 4 scores per hole of play.
- d. **Individual Competition** – medals awarded to top 3 individual finishers in each category.

8. Discipline/Ejection

- a. **Breach of bylaws by students or teams – SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 20 – Breach of Bylaws**
- b. **Player Ejection - SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.4 – Conduct**
 - The head official shall complete an Officials Special Report Form (E9) found on the SHSAA website (under forms). The E9 Form must be emailed to the Athletic Consultant immediately following the game.
 - Coaches are required to report the player ejection to the Athletic Consultant
 - Such suspensions shall be automatic.
 - An appeal may be submitted by email by the Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principal to the Consultant (Athletics) by 5:00 p.m. on the next school day.
- c. **Coach Ejection**
 - i. **SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.5 - Conduct**
 - ii. **SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Ejection of a Coach from a Contest**