



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Golf tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Golf Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Golf Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.

II. DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. Tournament Organization

1. Schools may enter one team into district play that is comprised of five individuals (male or female).
2. Schools without teams may enter individuals in district play as individual participants.
3. Schools with a team may enter additional female participants in district play.
4. Girls are subject to the same rules as boys, with the exception of playing from women’s tees in district and state play.
5. The entry for district and state competition must be signed by the coach, athletic director, and the school principal or the entry will be denied.

B. Playing Rules

1. The state tournament will be divided into two classifications: 4A/3A and 2A/1A.
2. Teams for the district tournament may consist of five players.
 - a. Districts will count the LOW FOUR towards the team score. **The LOW FOUR will constitute the team at the state tournament.** If the fifth player (the individual with the highest score) qualifies, he/she may participate in the state tournament on an individual basis only.

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2014 GOLF TIME LINE		
Aug. 13 ..First play date	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
	Oct. 21Tournament completion date	Oct. 274A/3A Semifinals
	Oct. 22Organization meeting for state tournament	Oct. 28.....2A/1A Semifinals
		Oct. 29.....Finals/Raindate
		Dec 15.....Reimbursement request due

3. Each entrant will play 18 holes of stroke play.
 - a. All district tournaments shall be played at the distances shown on their course scorecards.
 - b. Course rating for boys is from the middle or white tees.
 - c. Course rating for girls is from the red or women's tees.
4. Ties for the last individual qualifying place in the district tournament will be determined with a play-off starting from the course designated hole and playing complete holes until the tie is broken. If extenuating circumstances prevent the culmination of said playoff, the USGA recommended tie-breakers will be used starting with 9, 6, 3, 1.

C. Determining district championships and qualifying for the state tournament.

1. Individual advancement to the state tournament (all criteria below must be met for advancement).
 - a. Individuals must shoot a qualifying score determined by the following formula:

“Course rating +X strokes = qualifying score for that course”
 - b. All districts' course ratings will be used in the equation. The adjustment factor, “X”, will be determined by the state committee and distributed to all district representatives. The state committee determines the “X” factor based on the USGA course ratings of all district courses to provide equity for advancement based on the district course.
 - c. Individuals who shoot the qualifying score must also be in the top one-eighth (1/8) of the remaining players after subtracting participants who advanced with their teams.
 - d. District chairmen may submit six additional qualifying alternates in numerical order.

2. Team advancement to the state tournament.

- a. **The four-player team in the 4A/3A and 2A/1A with the lowest aggregate score for 72 holes shall be the district champion and only advance to the state tournament in their classification by shooting an aggregate score of 350 or less.**
- b. In addition to the top 4A/3A and 2A/1A team finisher, any team shooting a qualifying score at their district course as determined by **an aggregate score of four times the “X” factor plus four strokes** will advance to the state tournament.

D. General Policies

1. District tournament director will be responsible for the assignment of duties. It is highly recommended that the representatives from schools at the district tournament be assigned as scorers or marshals.
2. In order to accommodate all players, the state committee may adjust the district alignment when the committee determines an overcrowding of district participants.

III. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. There will be two separate two-day tournaments.
 - a. Class 4A/3A will compete in a one-day 18-hole semifinal round on Monday, October 27.
 - b. Class 2A/1A will compete in a one-day 18-hole semifinal round on Tuesday, October 28.

- c. Teams and individuals qualifying from the semifinals rounds will return on Wednesday, October 29, for state final play. Overall results will be based on cumulative scores from the semifinals and finals.
- 2. There will be a meeting of the State Golf Committee on Wednesday, October 22, at 10 a.m. District chairmen should complete **the electronic form provided by the state committee chair.**
- 3. The 2014 state tournament will be held at the University of Maryland golf course. Semifinal rounds will take place Monday, October 27 (4A/3A) and Tuesday, October 28 (2A/1A). Qualifiers from October 27 and October 28 semifinal rounds will compete Wednesday, October 29.

4. Directions for State Tournament

From route 495 (Capital Beltway) : Exit Route 1 South to Md. Route 193 (University Blvd) Proceed West for two miles to golf course entrance on right.

- 5. Each district shall provide the following personnel who will be assigned by the state golf committee as scorers or marshals.
 - a. **Coaches or approved school representative in lieu of coach must be available to assist in tournament management.**
 - b. On Wednesday, October 29, all **Coaches or approved school representative in lieu of coach with remaining athletes must be available to assist in tournament management.**
- 6. The tournament director will assign competitors on the basis of schools represented and scores reported on the entry blank. Players from the same school will not play together.
- 7. Tournament play will begin with a ‘shotgun’ start at **9:00 a.m.** each day.
 - a. Coaches or school-designated representatives (representatives must present on school letterhead a document stating their designation as the school representative and it must be signed by the athletic director or school principal) are responsible for signing in all participants at least 30 minutes before starting time.

b. Coaches or school-designated representatives must remain onsite the duration of the tournament for general supervision and in the event of student-athlete injury or emergency.

c. Time should be allowed for traffic, etc. Players and coaches/school representatives who fail to report before the starting time will be scratched.

d. Timeframe

8:00 a.m.....	Coaches Sign In
8:15 a.m.....	Coaches Meeting
8:25 a.m.....	Range Closes
8:30 a.m.....	Players Meeting
9:00 a.m.....	‘Shotgun’ Start

- 8. Method used to determine champions
 - a. The four-member team with the lowest aggregate score for 144 holes shall be declared the state team champion.
 - b. The individual (boy and girl) with the lowest aggregate score for 36 holes shall be declared the state individual champion.

9. Designated alternates are eligible to participate in team competition if a team withdraws any of their team competitors from the tournament and the substitute played as the fifth team-member in the district tournament.



B. General Policies

1. Advancement standards for qualifying from semifinals to finals:
 - a. TOP Forty PERCENT OF TEAMS (up to 40%) from each semifinal.
EXAMPLE: 10 teams - 4 qualify; 12 teams - 5 qualify.
 - b. TOP FORTY PERCENT OF INDIVIDUAL male and female competitors from each semifinal.
 - c. Ties for the team final advancement place: tied teams will be played off by starting from the course designated hole and continue until the tie is broken.
 - d. ALL INDIVIDUALS who tie the cutoff score will advance.
2. Within each classification (4A/3A and 2A/1A), each of the top two teams will receive a plaque. Awards will be presented to the top individual finishers.
 - a. Ties for first place will be resolved by playoff, starting on the course designated hole and continuing until the tie is broken. All other individual ties will stand.
 - b. In case of a tie for first team honors, the teams involved start from the course designated hole and continue on until the tie is broken.
3. The number of individual awards may be reduced in the proportion to the number of participants in district and state play.
4. All equipment, including balls, shall be furnished by the competing teams or individuals.

C. Playing Rules

1. The regular green fee is expected for all practice rounds. No free practice rounds will be permitted on the course prior to the tournament.
 - a. Only a limited number are available on the weekend prior to the tournament.
 - b. Coaches are reminded of MPSSAA regulations prohibiting Sunday practice and may not accompany players to Sunday practice rounds.
2. Coaches are responsible for reviewing the rules of stroke play with their players.
3. The use of the middle or white tees for males and forward or red tees for females will apply in the tournament. Summer rules will be in effect if warranted by course conditions.
4. An official scorer will accompany each foursome to assist play and carry the official score card.
 - a. Golfers are expected to keep their own score and should verify it with the scorer after each hole.
 - b. Golfers must sign the official score card after each round prior to its submission by the official scorer to the match director.
 - c. Any unsportsmanlike action directed at these officials, such as abusive language, may result in suspension from tournament play.
5. Local rules of the host club shall be observed implicitly. An official school representative from each competing school shall be responsible for such compliance by members of his/her group. The tournament director may delegate the responsibility to rule on technical questions arising from play to some other person; however, should there be any reservations on a ruling that was made some time after a questionable problem or development, the situation may only be resolved through action of the tournament committee as designated by the tournament director.

6. Closing of the course due to inclement weather
 - a. In the event a semifinal on Monday OR Tuesday is postponed, the postponed semifinal will be contested on October 29. Based on the availability of the University of Maryland golf course, a possible second 18-hole final could be completed on a date TBA.
 - b. In case both Monday AND Tuesday semifinals are postponed, BOTH the 4A/3A and the 2A/1A semifinals will be conducted on Wednesday, October 29. Based on the availability of the University of Maryland golf course, a possible second 18-hole final could be completed on a date TBA.
7. Participating players are prohibited from using tobacco products during the tournament.
8. Participating players and coaches are prohibited from using cell phones during the tournament.
9. All players must wear appropriate nonmetal cleated shoes and may not play barefooted.
10. All players must wear appropriate golf attire.
11. The use of a caddie or golf cart is not permitted.
- 12. Spectators are restricted to the cart path and must remain off all fairways and greens.**
- 13. Coaches, parents, students, and/or spectators are prohibited from providing direct or indirect advice to players, scorers, and tournament officials throughout the tournament. Failure to comply may result in player disqualification and/or restricting the offending spectator to the clubhouse.**
14. In the best interest of the tournament, excessively slow play cannot be tolerated. Course marshals will be instructed to warn slow players in accordance with USGA Rule 6-8.

Basic rule to determine slow play: OPEN TEE - OPEN GREEN
15. Range finders are allowed, however, they are not permitted to be shared with other competitors.
Cell phones may not be used as range finders.

PROJECTED MPSSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT DATES
 2015 - October 26/27, 28 2016 - October 24/25, 26
 2017 - October 23/24, 25

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MPSSAA STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING CHART

The Chart below is used to determine the number that will qualify from individuals who are officially entered and participate in the District Tournament. FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS REMAINING AFTER SUBTRACTING PARTICIPANTS WHO ADVANCED WITH THEIR TEAMS.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Individual Qualifying Chart

1- 1	34- 4	67- 8	100-13
2- 1	35- 4	68- 9	101-13
3- 1	36- 5	69- 9	102-13
4- 1	37- 5	70- 9	103-13
5- 1	38- 5	71- 9	104-13
6- 1	39- 5	72- 9	105-13
7- 1	40- 5	73- 9	106-13
8- 1	41- 5	74- 9	107-13
9- 1	42- 5	75- 9	108-14
10- 1	43- 5	76-10	109-14
11- 1	44- 6	77-10	110-14
12- 2	45- 6	78-10	111-14
13- 2	46- 6	79-10	112-14
14- 2	47- 6	80-10	113-14
15- 2	48- 6	81-10	114-14
16- 2	49- 6	82-10	115-14
17- 2	50- 6	83-10	116-15
18- 2	51- 6	84-11	117-15
19- 2	52- 7	85-11	118-15
20- 3	53- 7	86-11	119-15
21- 3	54- 7	87-11	120-15
22- 3	55- 7	88-11	121-15
23- 3	56- 7	89-11	122-15
24- 3	57- 7	90-11	123-15
25- 3	58- 7	91-11	124-16
26- 3	59- 7	92-12	125-16
27- 3	60- 8	93-12	126-16
28- 4	61- 8	94-12	127-16
29- 4	62- 8	95-12	128-16
30- 4	63- 8	96-12	129-16
31- 4	64- 8	97-12	
32- 4	65- 8	98-12	
33- 4	66- 8	99-12	

DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT - ENTRY FORM

(to facilitate determining the district golf champion and representatives to the state tournament)

INSTRUCTIONS: Prepare this form in duplicate. Type or print. File one copy with your district golf representative or tournament director by the tournament director's established deadline. Consult your tournament director for other details and retain a copy of entries for your files.

SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____

DATE FORM IS FILED _____ DATE OF DISTRICT TOURNAMENT _____

LIST OF TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES (Print last name first)	MALE/ FEMALE	EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER	CURRENT AVERAGE SCORE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

ALTERNATES: These can be substituted for one of the above provided the tournament director is advised 30 minutes before the first starting time.

6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____

INDIVIDUAL FEMALE PARTICIPANTS: Schools with a team may enter additional female participants in district play.

1. _____		_____	_____
2. _____		_____	_____
3. _____		_____	_____
4. _____		_____	_____

I hereby submit the above-listed entries in the district golf tournament to the district golf director for consideration in ascertaining the district's representatives to the state tournament. I certify our acceptance of the general regulations governing the tournament and the individual eligibility of our representatives under current MPSSAA regulations.

COACH'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SCHOOL _____ HEAD COACH _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____ HOME ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____



STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT - ENTRY FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type, or print legibly, all information requested and retain a copy for yourself. Note qualifying limits as participation is limited to selected teams and individual players

SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____ SCHOOL SYSTEM _____

DATE FORM IS FILED _____ DATE OF STATE TOURNAMENT _____

LIST OF ENTRIES

Team or individual Entries	Average of Best Current Scholastic Scores	Place in District Tournament	District Score	Emergency Phone Number
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ALTERNATES: Alternate must be the fifth player entered into the district tournament as part of the team.

5. _____

A DISTRICT MAY ONLY BE REPRESENTED BY THE TOP FINISHING TEAM IN EACH CLASSIFICATION, BY A TEAM THAT SHOOTS A QUALIFYING SCORE OR INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOOT A QUALIFYING SCORE AND RANK IN THE TOP 1/8 OF THEIR DISTRICT. PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BLANK:

_____ Our team finished first in our classification at the district tournament with an aggregate score of 350 or less.

_____ Our team shot a the qualifying score at the district tournament.

_____ Our school is entering individual golfers(s) who shot a qualifying score in the district tournament.

I hereby submit the above-listed entries in the district golf tournament to the state golf director. I certify our acceptance of the general regulations governing the tournament and attest to the individual eligibility of our representatives under current MPSSAA regulations.

COACH'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SCHOOL _____ HEAD COACH _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____



To comply with MPSSAA Bulletin, school representatives must be available to assist in tournament management.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE _____ PHONE _____