



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOYS' VARSITY GOLF PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. Season of Play: Fall Sport
2. Divisions:
 - Men's Junior
School Year: **2023-24**
Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2008**
Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2019**
 - Men's Senior
School Year: **2023-24**
Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2004**
Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2019**
3. Eligibility:
 - a) See YRAA transfer form
 - b) **AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES**

Junior: Coaches are not to bring student-athletes who cannot break 110 (unless they need a student-athlete to complete a team of 5).

Senior: Coaches are not to bring student-athletes who cannot break 100 (unless they need a student-athlete to complete a team of 5).
 - c) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (Mid/Jr/Sr) for a specific sport and tier, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the competition, or as indicated in the particular sport playing regulations.
 - d) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated in a minimum of six (6) practices with their high school team as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervisions of a teacher/coach as certified by the school principal.
 - e) **A student-athlete who has competed in a championship governed by a provincial, state or national body within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an "open" participant within the individual division.**
4. Governing Rules:
 - a) Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport.
 - b) R.G.G.A.
 - c) Format: The men's teams will compete over 18 holes. The convenors will select the courses for senior and junior (regulation, executive, par 3) based upon the number of athletes competing, skill level of athletes and course availability. In the event that a suitable 18-hole course is not available, a 9-hole course may be selected.



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- i) All schools will play in a qualifier, on the same day, to determine the 15 qualifying teams and open individuals for both the junior and senior boys Championship competitions. To be eligible for the Championship round as an individual or as part of a team, a player must have scored at least 99 or better for Senior or 105 or better for Junior. Once the top 15 or fewer teams have been identified and number of entries determined from the teams, the remaining spots (to a maximum of 68 players in the field) will be given to the top scoring individuals, who meet the scoring criteria, remaining from the qualifying round.
 - ii) The York Region Championship round will involve the qualifiers identified in i) playing off.
 - iii) Stroke play will be used.
 - iv) Team to consist of five (5) student/athletes, any four (4) of whom may play in the qualifying round and/or the final round (standard in (i) must be met for final round).
 - v) Top three (3) scores to count for team championship.
 - vi) Any qualified 4 of the 5 team members may play in the YRAA final and must be identified as such before the beginning of play
 - vii) Teams with less than three (3) players are only eligible for individual title.
 - viii) Individuals scores to count towards individual low gross championship.
- d) Qualifying for YRAA Championships: Golfers must compete in, or be an alternate at a qualifier in order to compete in the Championship.
- e) Consolation Play: At the convenor's discretion, additional teams may be invited to compete in a consolation championship; however, they are not eligible for the York Region Championship. An athlete on a consolation team may qualify as an individual for the York Region Championship.
- f) Tie Breaking Procedures:
 - i) Team: In the event that the scores of the best 3 golfers are tied, the scores of the best 2 golfers will determine team placement. If teams are still tied, the score of the best golfer from each team will determine placement. In the event of teams still being tied, a playoff will occur with a player designated by each coach and will continue until a winner is determined.
 - ii) Individuals: In the event that two or more golfers are tied for the low individual score, a sudden victory play-off will occur until a winner is declared.



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g) Administration of Play, Rulings, etc.

- i) Playing foursomes should always be composed of players from at least two (2) different schools.
- ii) Teacher-coaches or supervisors will be designated by the convenor to monitor and keep score for a foursome over the 18 holes. Teacher-coaches or supervisors may not monitor/score a group that contains a golfer from their school.
- iii) The convenor or designate will rule on all questions in dispute.
- iv) No carts or caddies for participants are permitted during regulation play and playoff rounds.
- v) A "two stroke" penalty will be assessed to any competitor who fails to play in his/her assigned group, unless he/she has been reassigned by the convenor or the convenor's designate.

5. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and member of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for team sorts or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports.
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

6. Costs:

Green fees vary according to course and date. Note that schools will be charged for the number of golfers declared not the number that show-up the day of the tournament.



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7. Awards:

- a) Individual medallions to top team (5);
- b) Medallion to top individual (low gross) in each division;
- c) Second place medallions to second place team (5) and second place individual;
- d) Third place medallions to third place team (5) and third place individual.
- e) Team pennant for each division;
- f) Team trophy for each division;
- g) Bill Crothers Secondary School is ineligible to win the above team awards..