



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
GIRLS' GOLF PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. Season of Play:

Fall Sport

2. Division:

Women's Open

3. Eligibility:

a) See YRAA Eligibility and Transfer forms.

b) AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES

School Year: **2021-22**

Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2002**

Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2017**

c) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (Jr/Sr) for a specific sport and tier to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line by the deadline set at the preseason meeting.

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 supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

e) A student-athlete who has competed in a provincial or national tournament within the past 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.C.G.A.

c) Format: The individuals and teams will complete over eighteen (18) holes. The convenors will select the course(s) based on the number of athletes competing, skill level of athletes and course availability. In the event that a suitable 18-hole golf course is not available, a nine (9) hole course may be selected.

- i) The Qualifying Round will be played on a par $\frac{3}{4}$ course. The Championship Tournament will be played on a regulation golf course, with the Consolation Tournament played on a par $\frac{3}{4}$ course.
- ii) Girls attending the YRAA qualifying round must be experienced golfers and capable of playing an executive course in approximately 110 strokes.
- iii) Stroke play will be used;
- iv) Team consists of six (6) students/athletes, any five (5) of whom may play in the qualifying and/or final round;
- v) Top four (4) scores to count for the team championship;
- vi) Only the team members that qualified at the regional level tournament may play at the provincial championship. No substitutions are allowed;
- vii) Teams with less than five (5) players are welcome to enter;
- viii) Teams with less than four (4) players are only eligible for individual titles;
- ix) The top three (3) teams minimum, plus the top four (4) individuals minimum (not already qualified by team) advance to the Championship Round. Additional teams and individuals will be determined by the convenor based on qualifying scores in the Qualifying Round. All other golfers will advance to the Consolation Round;
- x) Individual scores count towards individual low gross championship for both the OPEN and HIGH SCHOOL divisions

d) Qualifying for the YRAA Championships:

Golfers must compete in the Qualifying Round in order to compete in the Championship and/or the Consolation Tournament. The YRAA may enter the top three (3) golfers in each the Open and High School Division regardless of score.

e) Consolation Play:

- i) All golfers not qualifying for the Championship Tournament will compete in the Consolation Tournament as individuals. There will be no team competition in the Consolation tournament.
- ii) At the convenor's discretion, additional individuals may be invited to complete in the Consolation Championship, however, they are not eligible for any awards.

f) Tie Breaking Procedures:

- i) Team: In the event that the scores of the best four (4) golfers are tied, the scores of the best three (3) golfers will determine team placement. If the scores are still tied, the score of the best two (2) golfers from each team will determine placement. If scores are still tied, the score of the best golfer from each team will determine the placement.

- ii) Individual: In the Qualifying Round The four (4) golfers minimum with the lowest core and who are not on a qualifying team will advance to the York Region

Championship. In the event that the individual scores are tied, all the athletes with the same score will proceed to the York Region Championships. In both the Championship and Consolation Tournaments, if two (2) or more golfers are tied for the Individual Champion, whenever possible a sudden victory play-off will be used as the tie-breaker and continue until there is a winner. If a playoff is not possible, the winner will be determined on the basis of the best score over the last nine (9) holes. If the tying players have the same score on the last nine (9) holes, the winner will be determined in the best last six (6), the best last three (3) and finally the best last hole.

g) Administration of Play, Rulings, etc.:

- i) Playing foursomes should always be composed of players from at least two (2) different schools.
- ii) Coaches and/or teachers must be at the sites and be available as observers, scorers or referees at the convenor's discretion.
- iii) The convenor or designate will rule on all questions in dispute.
- iv) Whenever possible, coach/teacher or student helpers should be used to monitor scores around the greens.
- v) No carts or caddies for participants are permitted during regulation play and playoff rounds. A pull cart may be used at the expense of the golfer.
- vi) A "two stroke" penalty will be assessed to any competitor who fails to play in her assigned group, unless he/she has been reassigned by the convenor.
- vii) The qualifying round of the girls' golf tournament should be a shot gun start.
- viii) The lowest scoring golfers should be sent out first to establish the pace of play if tee times are being given. The higher the score, the later the tee off time. If the golf course is offering a shot gun start then this rule is not necessary.

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.
- h) Any teacher/coach who does not do their supervision duty the day of the tournament will be sanctioned and must attend a coaches conduct review at the YRAA office AND the school will be fined \$100.00.

6. Costs:

Green fees vary according to the 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.

5. Awards:

- a) Championship Tournament:
 - Individual medallions to the top team (maximum 6);
 - Individual medallions to the 2nd place team (maximum 6);
 - Individual medallions to the 3rd place team (maximum 6);
 - Team pennant and trophy for the championship team.

For individual sports (eg. Golf, tennis, cross country, swimming, wrestling, alpine skiing, snowboard, badminton, track & field, table tennis and mountain bike) Bill Crothers SS teams are ineligible to win the team championship and points accumulated by individuals will not be totaled.

Individual

- Medallion for the top individual (low gross)
(both OPEN and HIGH SCHOOL Category)
- Medallion for the 2nd place individual;
- Medallion for the 3rd place individual.

- b) Consolation Tournament:

Individual

- Medallion for the top individual (low gross);
- Medallion for the 2nd place individual;
- Medallion for the 3rd place individual.

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