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**2023 CIAC FALL GOLF SPORTS PACKET**

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## 1. CIAC RULES AND BY-LAWS

All coaches are expected to follow the CIAC rules and by-laws which can be found at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org).

All coaches must adhere to the medical guidelines defined by the CIAC, the State of Connecticut, First Aid and CPR practice, and the school district in which they are employed.

Coaches are expected to exemplify the highest order of sportsmanship and to teach sportsmanship to their student-athletes. Guidelines for sportsmanship are listed in the CIAC Handbook which can be found at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org).

## 2. IMPORTANT DATES

First Practice Date	Monday, August 14, 2023
First Match Date	Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Last Date to Enter Tournament Rosters on iWanamaker	Monday, October 16, 2023
Last Date to Count	Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Last Date to Enter Scores on iWanamaker	Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Pairings Meeting	Thursday, October 19, 2023

### Fall State Tournaments

Division I	Tuesday, October 23, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.	Stanley Golf Course, New Britain	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Division II	TBA 8:30 a.m.	Chippanee Country Club, Bristol	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>

### New England Tournament

Monday, October 30, 2023

## 3. ALERTS

- 1) **New!** – All schools will use the CIAC Golf App for scoring all CIAC meets. Coaches should follow the CIAC iWanamaker Top 10 instructions found here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H5GOaqhHWakJOXTb4cj27yMa7F1zPrNtEPuDR1E3wtY/edit>
- 2) **New!** – All scores must be recorded using the iWanamaker app during play. The iWanamaker app is the official scorecard. Recording scores after the match is over is not allowed unless there is a technology failure. Coaches should remind players to charge their phones prior to the match, and bring a portable phone charger to the match. When a match that counts toward the state tournament is concluded the coach needs to “close” the round. For in-season tournaments that don’t count toward the state tournament and for league tournaments coaches should leave the round “open”.
- 3) **New!** – If there is an issue with technology players should write down their score until they can access the app. Coaches may input scores for players during the match if the student’s technology fails.
- 4) **New!** –The iWanamaker app may be used for league tournaments. However, since league tournaments do not count toward the state tournament league tournament managers should not “close” the round on the app. Leaving the round “open” on the app will not allow those scores to count for the state tournament.
- 5) Unattached players cannot play in PGA, USGA or CSGA events as part of a team during the season. Players cannot compete in PGA Junior Golf League events during the season.

- 6) **New!** – Coaches should be aware that it is not possible to pre-determine a make-up date for championship matches because it is not possible to “hold” a course for more than one date. The CIAC will attempt to make up rain outs of championship matches only if an open course can be found, and that will not be determined until after the rainout occurs.
- 7) **New!** – The season limit for the number of dates a team can play to count for the state tournament is sixteen (16). In addition, a school can compete in two (2) “In-Season” tournaments that do not count toward qualifying for the state tournament. Also, teams can play in league tournaments. League tournaments do not count toward the state tournament, but they can be played in addition to the 16 regular season dates, and in addition to the in-season tournaments.

Do not “close the round” on the app for events that do not count toward the state tournament on the iWanamaker app.

#### 4. **SCHEDULES**

- 1) The schedule must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center. This is for scheduling purposes only. In addition to putting the team schedule on the arbiter, coaches need to add their schedule to the iWanamaker app. The home team should input the event on the app and both schools should put in their line-ups in advance of the match.
- 2) Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up matches. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a match is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest / make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.
- 3) The season limit for the number of dates a team can play to count for the state tournament is sixteen (16). In addition, a school can compete in two (2) “In-Season” tournaments that do not count toward qualifying for the state tournament. Also, teams can play in league tournaments. League tournaments do not count toward the state tournament, but they can be played in addition to the 16 regular season dates, and in addition to the in-season tournaments.

#### 5. **PLAY AND RULES FOR CIAC GOLF SEASON**

To maintain uniformity in interscholastic golf competition, the following format must be used by every CIAC member school that wishes to qualify for the CIAC State Golf Tournament.

- 1) Stroke play is to be used for all matches and will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf.
- 2) A maximum of four (4) players’ scores count for any one match. This may include invitational tournaments where the entire team plays. Teams may play five (5) players and count the four (4) lowest scores towards state tournament qualification.
- 3) The CIAC Golf Committee recommends the use of the state-qualifying format for all matches. Low score wins.
- 4) Maximum number of playing dates per season is 16. (Schools may schedule two (2) in-season tournaments in addition to the 16 dates that count toward qualifying for the state tournaments.)
- 5) Number of matches per week on original schedule is 3.

- 6) **Attire** – Proper golf attire, spikeless golf shoes, shirts with collars, golf shorts and slacks – is mandatory for all players. The inseam of the shorts must be at least four inches. Players may wear pants or shorts at the individual’s discretion. No tennis, gym, or cut-off shorts will be allowed. Denim is not considered appropriate attire. Hats with visors must face forward at all times.
- 7) **Advertising** – Advertising of beer, wine, liquor or tobacco products on golfer clothing or equipment will not be permitted. Advertising from local sponsors on clothing is prohibited.
- 8) **Scoring Conflicts** – If you have any questions or concerns about other team’s posted scores, please have your Athletic Director contact the opponent’s Athletic Director to resolve the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved between the schools, your Athletic Director (not the coach) must submit the question or concern to the CIAC office in writing.
- 9) **“X Rule” – Attention Girls’ Golf Coaches** – Players who have not holed out by double the par on any given hole will pick up and apply a one stroke penalty. Example: Par 3 – A player not in the hole by 6 strokes will pick the ball up and apply a one stroke penalty for a 7. Par 4 – A player not in the hole by 8 strokes, will pick up for a score of 9. Par 5 – A player not in the hole by the 10<sup>th</sup> stroke, will pick up for a score of 11.
  - a. The “X” Rule applies to the girls’ divisional championships.
  - b. The “X” Rule does not apply to the girls’ Open.
- 10) **Unattached Matches** – Golfers have the opportunity to participate in a maximum of eight (8) matches as “unattached athletes” during the season. Choice of such outside matches to be made by golfers with the approval of the golfer’s school administration.
  - a. Unattached players cannot play or sub in leagues, or as a team, or partner in another tournament. They can play with a parent in a tournament.
  - b. Unattached players cannot play in PGA, USGA or CSGA events as part of a team during the season. Players cannot compete in PGA Junior Golf League events during the season.
  - c. The outside event will be defined as a team event, and therefore become a violation of the in-season rules, if any of the following criteria are met:
    - 1) The athlete’s performance contributes to a team score.
    - 2) The athlete and others on the team wear a team uniform (such as a team shirt, hat or logo).
    - 3) The same group of students participate in a competition where they advance as a team.
    - 4) The athlete’s name is part of a roster that is submitted to the event as a group.
    - 5) The athlete qualifies as an individual for an event but represents a club, organization, municipality or state, along with others, in a competition.
    - 6) An organization, club, or other entity pays a fee for the athlete to participate in the event (even if the athlete pays a fee to belong to that organization).
- 11) **Certify Scores** – Should a team have less than five players, coaches must make sure that ALL scores are certified per USGA guidelines.

Pairings must have both teams represented.

Four-Man Teams

A1 vs B1  
A2 vs B2

A3 vs B3  
A5

A4 vs B4

Three-Man Teams

A1 vs B1  
A4

A2 vs B2  
A5

A3 vs B3

Two-Man Teams

A1 vs B1  
A3 & A4

A2 vs B2

**One Man Teams** – If a team has only one player, that player will play with the first three golfers from the opposing team. Should the coach of the single-player team agree, that coach can accompany the opponents fourth player as a marker and attest their opponent's 4<sup>th</sup> (and/or 5<sup>th</sup>) score. Otherwise the match must be rescheduled when each team can field at least two players.

- 12) **Handicap System** – The CIAC Golf Committee, in partnership with the Connecticut State Golf Association, is pleased to provide a USGA handicap system for students, teachers and administrators. Log onto [www.csgalink](http://www.csgalink) – click on “Become a Member,” fill out the profile information and it's that easy. There is no cost for students below the age of 18.
- 13) **Two Putt Rule** – There is no such thing as a “two putt” rule. Some schools have attempted to use this (non) rule particularly when there are poor course conditions on the greens. All holes must be puttied out, even on temporary greens.
- 14) **Distance Devices** – Coaches may use distance devices to advise players on distance.

6. **FALL GOLF OPTION RULES**

- 1) The CIAC Golf Committee will organize the number of tournaments for each season relevant to the number of schools who are playing golf in that season. For the purpose of organizing state championship tournaments there must be the following minimums for either spring or fall.
  - a. Under 20 schools – No state tournament
  - b. 20 to 37 schools – 1 state tournament
  - c. 37 to 71 schools – 2 state tournaments
  - d. 72 to 111 schools – 3 state tournaments
  - e. Over 111 schools – 4 state tournaments

If there are fewer than 20 schools that opt for a season, thereby negating a state tournament for that season, those schools would be given the option to change seasons as long as they notify the CIAC by May 20.

- 2) Divisions will be decided on the basis of enrollment for each season.
- 3) Students can only compete in the state tournament during the season in which they compete. Qualifying standards for the state tournaments are determined by the CIAC Golf Committee.
- 4) If a school has a boys' team then boys can only play on that school's team. (A boy whose school plays in one season cannot play golf in the other season for another school such as for a collaborative team, or on a cooperative team.)
- 5) Only those competing in the fall season will be considered for the New England Tournament

- 6) Girls can play on the boys' team in the fall or the girls' team in the spring but not both. Girls can only play golf in one season during the academic school year.
- 7) If there are three or more divisions in either season then there will be an Open tournament during that season.
- 8) The rules for qualifying procedures, season limitations, out-of-season coaching rules, outside matches, shall remain the same for each season in accordance with CIAC Rules.
- 9) Schools must notify the CIAC liaison for golf by May 20 if they intend to change seasons for the following school year. Schools may be granted an extension to decide which season by requesting such an extension in writing..

## 7. QUALIFYING AND ENTRY FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT

- 1) **Tournament Fee** – For both boys' and girls' golf tournament, the team entry fee is \$175 -- \$30 per individual -- \$50 per individual at the Open.
- 2) **Entry Process** – Enter all scores on iWanamaker. Please note the following important information for golf coaches and athletic directors:
  - a. Confirm all scores on the iWanamaker app as soon after the match as possible.
  - b. All scores must be entered by the “last date to count”.
  - c. If you have any multi-opponent matches that are listed on your schedule as two or more matches (one against each opponent), then you should only enter the one score that your team shot that day. You can only use a score you shot one time for qualifying purposes, even if you shot it against multiple opponents.
  - d. It is essential that any team that has any chance of qualifying enters its tournament roster by the due date on the iWanamaker app for the tournament event with its top five players ranked in the correct order.
  - e. The only changes which can be made are substitutions and substitutes will play in the spot of the player that they are replacing.
  - f. If any names on your roster are spelled incorrectly, coaches can fix them by correcting them on your iWanamaker list.
  - g. If you will not qualify as a team but have players that may qualify as individuals (differential average of five or less for boys, ten or less for girls), you should notify the CIAC for those players.
  - h. You do not need to enter players for the Open Tournament. Those students will automatically qualify and will be placed in the tournament based on their average. **The top three medalists and ties in each division automatically qualify for the Open tournament.**
  - i. If you have a girl that plays along with your boys team whom you wish to enter as an individual competitor in the girls' tournament you need to perform the following steps to do so:
    - Add the girl to your boy's roster on the iWanamaker app.
    - Inform the CIAC that the student will play in the girls' tournament.
    - When entering scores for girls who played from boys tees you need to adjust the course rating accordingly using the adjustment table available at [http://content.ciacsports.com/pdfs/rating\\_adjustment.pdf](http://content.ciacsports.com/pdfs/rating_adjustment.pdf)

- 3) **Divisions** – Based on the grade 9-12 enrollment for preceding year
- a. **Boys Fall Divisions** -            Division I – 604 and Over            Division II – Up to 603
  - b. **Boys Spring Divisions** -    Division I – TBA            Division II – TBA            Division III – TBA
  - c. **Girls Divisions** -            Division I – TBA            Division II – TBA
- 4) **Minimum Playing Dates** – A team must play a minimum of ten (10) varsity playing dates against CIAC member schools to qualify for CIAC tournaments. List varsity matches played in order of play. Use course rating for specific 9 holes played. List scores for ALL playing dates. League tournament scores cannot be used for tournament qualification.
- 5) **Individual Tournament Entries** – It is recommended that for any individual that has a course rating average that qualifies them to enter the tournament as an individual, the coach must notify the CIAC by the last date to count. No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.

If a school team does not qualify and any team member does qualify, please notify the CIAC. The appropriate entry fee will be taken from the team entry fee and the balance returned to the school.

- 6) **Corrections** – Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the website, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.

All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. No phone request will be considered.

- 7) **Team Rankings**
- a. **Fall Boys** – A boys’ team must be one of a maximum of 15 ranked teams whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualifications will be ranked on the basis of their iWanamaker ranking. Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school’s original schedule may be used for tournament qualification. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #1; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for the 15<sup>th</sup> place will qualify.
  - b. **Spring Boys** – A boys’ team must be one of a maximum of 17 ranked teams whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualifications will be ranked on the basis of their iWanamaker ranking. Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school’s original schedule may be used for tournament qualification. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #1; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for the 17<sup>th</sup> place will qualify.
  - c. **Girls** – A girls’ team must be one of a maximum of fifteen (15) ranked teams in each division whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualifications will be ranked on the basis of their iWanamaker ranking. Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school’s original schedule may be used for tournament qualification. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #1; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for 15<sup>th</sup> place will qualify. (Note: An individual girl may play as a non-scoring member of her home school’s boys’ team if granted permission to do so by the coach of that team.

In such cases, the girls would play with the team's #5 boy player and have her score certified accordingly. The purpose is to provide an additional opportunity for individual girl players to participate in matches for tournament qualifying. If your school has a girls' team, a girl can play on the girls' team or the boys team. They cannot play on both. Therefore, a girl who plays on the girls' team cannot play in a boys' match for the purpose of using that score to qualify for the state tournament.

- 8) **Girls Playing on Boys' Teams** – If your school has a girl's team, a girl can play on the girls' team or the boys' team. They cannot play on both. Therefore, a girl who plays on the girls' team cannot play in a boys' match for the purpose of using that score to qualify for the state tournament.
- a. If a girl competes on a boys' team and her score counts toward the boys' team average, in any match at all, then she is on the boys' team and can only compete in the boys' tournament and cannot compete in the girls' tournament as an individual.
  - b. If they compete along with the boys because there is no girls' team, and they play in the second group with an opponent player, who will attest their score, and their score does not count for the boys' team, they can count that score toward qualifying for the girls' tournament as an individual.
  - c. The girls' player does not get a "choice" because it would be unfair for a team to qualify with one set of players, eliminating another school from the tournament, and then compete in the tournament with a different set of players.
  - d. In addition, it is against CIAC rules to compete on two different teams during the same season. Therefore, a girl cannot be on a boys' team and compete in the girls' tournament simultaneously.
  - e. If they compete for the boys' team and their individual average qualifies them for the Open, then they can compete in the girls' Open tournament, which is not a team tournament.
  - f. For the purpose of girls playing along with a boys' team, who wish to qualify for the CIAC Girls' State Tournament as an individual, the coach must submit the OCR using the women's course rating and can play from the forward tee, using the forward tee rating. (Their score cannot count toward the boys' team's average.)
  - g. If a girl plays and scores for the boys' team, and the boys' team does not make the tournament, and the school does not offer girls' golf, and that girl qualifies as an individual for the girls' tournament, she may play in the girls' tournament as an individual.
  - h. For girls' who qualify for the girls' tournament under 7.8.g (above) the school should contact the CIAC.
- 9) **Team Qualifying Scoring** – Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school's original schedule may be used for tournament qualification.
- a. Teams may not use their league tournament to make up a match or for tournament qualification.
  - b. All make-up matches must be outside of the league tournament and prior to the last match date.
  - c. The scores made in any match during the regular season will count only once for the tournament.
  - d. For qualification, all matches played within the seasons limitations dates must be reported. One score per date. Maximum 16 dates / minimum 10 dates for qualification.
  - e. Qualification will be based on the best ten (10) varsity scores during the regular season.



- f. Teams that play 18 hole matches must submit scores for the first 9 holes played only.
- g. All team scores must be submitted and attested to by the coach on iWanamaker. Final responsibility for submission rests solely with the coach.

10) **Individual Entry** – If a school’s team does not qualify, it may enter any golfer for individual honors, provided the golfer has attained an average score of the course rating, plus five (5.00) strokes or less per nine (9) holes for boys and ten (10.00) strokes or less for nine (9) holes for girls. This must be an average of the best ten (10) varsity scores attained on Connecticut State Golf Association approved courses, and must be attested to by the golf coach. This average must be certified by their principal. Of these, the top eight (8) will qualify as individuals.

**Individuals on a Qualifying Team** – If your team qualifies, and you have other players who qualify as individuals in addition to the five team members who will compete as a team, those individual(s) may compete in the divisional tournament for individual honors. They cannot compete toward the team championship. (Only those on the team tournament roster can compete toward the team championship.)

IMPORTANT – Coaches must notify the CIAC if they have an extra golfer who qualifies as an individual. Individuals are not automatically entered.

11) **Regular In-Season Tournaments** – A school may schedule a maximum of 16 dates during the season and the team’s ten best aggregate scores will be used for tournament qualification.

The season limit for the number of dates a team can play to count for the state tournament is sixteen (16). In addition, a school can compete in two (2) “In-Season” tournaments that do not count toward qualifying for the state tournament. Also, teams can play in league tournaments. League tournaments do not count toward the state tournament, but they can be played in addition to the 16 regular season dates, and in addition to the in-season tournaments.

Coaches must note the events that count toward the state tournament appropriately on the iWanamaker app.

- 12) **Boys Scoring** – Any player on a boy’s team qualifying for state tournament play may not submit scores using the “X” rule.
- 13) **Make-ups** – Make-up matches must be completed on or by the last match date in order to count for the state tournament. Matches played after the last match date will not be considered for the state tournament.
- 14) **Entering Scores** – All scores must be recorded using the iWanamaker app during play. Recording scores after the match is over is not allowed unless there is a technology failure. Coaches should remind players to charge their phones prior to the match, and bring a portable phone charger to the match.

Coaches must affirm match scores as soon after the match as possible.

15) If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

## 8. **STATE TOURNAMENT PLAY**

### 1) **Tournament Divisions**

- a. The fall golf championships will consist of two tournaments of eighteen (18) holes.
- b. The spring boys' tournament will consist of three tournaments of eighteen (18) holes.
- c. The spring girls' tournament will consist of two tournaments of eighteen (18) holes.

- 2) **Weather** – Teams/individuals should come prepared to withstand weather delays. Further, it is to be clearly understood by all that the course managers make the decisions about play or no play; the tournament director does not have control over any aspect of that decision. The tournament, in the case of poor weather, may be reduced from an 18-hole event to a 9-hole tournament or cancelled.

Coaches should be aware that it is not possible to pre-determine a make-up date for championship matches because it is not possible to “hold” a course for more than one date. The CIAC will attempt to make up rain outs of championship matches only if an open course can be found, and that will not be determined until after the rainout occurs.

- 3) **Tournament Rules** – USGA and local rules will govern the tournament. No practice or play will be allowed on the tournament course, except on the putting green or practice fairway (if available) on the day of the tournament.

- a. No caddies are allowed unless granted a waiver by the CIAC Golf Committee.
- b. Stroke and distance will apply during the tournaments. Should a player lose a ball out-of-bounds off the tee they must return to the tee to re-hit and take a one stroke penalty.

- 4) **Tournament Start Times** – Contestants must report at the prescribed time for each site.

- 5) **Disabled Athletes** – The CIAC Golf Committee will make reasonable accommodations for disabled athletes in the state tournaments. Please alert the tournament director with such requests well in advance of the tournament. A golfer who has qualified for the CIAC State Tournament and/or the CIAC State Open and requires the use of a golf cart must get a doctor's note which will be sent to Joe Velardi at the CIAC office for CIAC approval. The driver of the cart must be a designated school official and cannot be a parent or relative. The CIAC strongly recommends that all conferences adopt this rule.

- 6) For state tournaments, push carts are allowed, electric push carts are allowed, ridden golf carts require a medical note. Medical notes must be forwarded to the CIAC office prior to the start of the tournament.

- 7) Schools will bear their own expenses going to and from the tournament.

- 8) **Determining the Champion** – A team consists of five (5) players, each of which is considered an individual honors entrant.

- a. If a team wishes, they may bring only four (4). A school should enter either a team or as many individuals that qualify.
- b. Champions in each division shall be determined by the best four of five scores.
- c. Each of the team entries is eligible for individual honors.

- d. The team with the lowest total score will be awarded the championship in each division. The second lowest score in each division will be considered the runner-up. In the event of a tie for first place, a three-hole aggregate playoff will be held to determine the championship team, provided the course can accommodate the extra holes. In the event that there is still a tie, co-champions will be declared.
- 9) **Spectators** – During the CIAC State Championship tournaments for boys and girls, and for the State Open Tournament, spectators will be allowed on the course providing the course hosting the event allows spectators. Spectators must follow the course and PGA regulations for proximity to golfers. Spectators may cheer but may not have any communication with the golfers.
- a. The rules for spectators should be disseminated by the school’s coach and/or athletic director to parents prior to the tournament. Spectator rules are available at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org) on the golf web site.
- b. Parents and spectators may not give scores of other competitors to golfers during the state tournament nor in the State Open. This is considered coaching and violates the spectator code of conduct.
- 10) **Ties** – Plaques will be given to the winning school and the runner-up school in each division. Medals will be awarded to the winning team members and the winning individual player and the runner-up in each division. In the event of a tie for a team championship, a three-hole aggregate score playoff will be used to determine the champion. If this does not resolve the championship, co-champions will be declared. In the event of a tie for individual honors, duplicate medals will be awarded to each individual involved in the tie.
- 11) **Distance Measuring Devices** – The CIAC Golf Committee, in accordance with USGA Rule 14-3 will allow a player to use a distance-measuring device at the state championships. Players may not use measuring devices, including smartphones, to measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.)
- 12) **“X” Rule for the Girls Tournament** – The “X” Rule will apply for the girls’ tournament.
- 13) **Coaches** – Teams must have a certified coach or bona fide faculty member as an advisor with them. Coaches or other faculty members will not be allowed to play the course. Coaches or other faculty members accompanying teams shall accept marshaling assignments as assigned by the chairman of the committee / site director if they are not coaching on the course. Only one certified coach will be allowed to coach on the course during the championships. Any individual or team entering the tournament must have a certified coach with him/her as an advisor. Unaccompanied teams or individuals will be disqualified.
- 14) **Coaching on the Course** – The following provisions for the CIAC Golf Championships are intended for coaches to provide as much support as possible while remembering that players compete themselves during competitions and to help improve the pace of play. During the CIAC Championships one school designated certified coach with proper lanyard ID will be allowed to coach/advise players from his/her school team during play.
- \* The USGA definition of “advice” will be adhered to in the state championship competition. “Advice is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of club or method of making a stroke”.
  - \* Information on the rules or on matters of public knowledge, such as position of hazards or the position of the flag stick on the putting surface is allowed.
  - \* Coaching may begin (give advice) once all players have completed teeing off. Coaches may continue to provide advice and support until play has reached the putting surface at which time coaching shall cease. Coaching from green to tee is allowed but once the players are on the tee, coaching is suspended until all players have teed off.

- \* Players must proceed immediately to the next hole without delay – the pace of play in the state championship is of paramount importance to all the competitors. Any violation of USGA Rule 5.6a. “Unreasonable Delay of Play” may be subject to a two-stroke penalty for the first offense and disqualification for the second offense. Coaches should assist in monitoring not only their own player(s), but all players in the competition.

#### 15) **Guidelines for Coaching During the Championship**

##### **COACHES MAY:**

- \* Input scores into the CIAC golf app for any player who is having trouble with their technology.
- \* Talk to their player after all players have teed off and until the player has arrived on the putting surface.
- \* Give advice to their player on matters such as club selection, wind direction, stance, grip, hole strategy, swing adjustments and mental adjustments.
- \* Talk to all players about rule options when asked by a player for advice.
- \* Answer public knowledge information to all players in the group when asked to do so.
- \* Help players look for a lost ball, provided that the USGA rules governing lost balls are adhere to. (USGA Rule 18)
- \* Although it is preferred that coaches walk the course when coaching their players, motorized carts may be rented by the coaches at their expense with the site director’s and club pro’s approval. A coach may share a cart with another designated coach from another school.
- \* Coaches are required to monitor sportsmanship and report unsportsmanlike behavior to the tournament management.
- \* Contact the rules official via cell phone for a rules interpretation when requested to do so by a player.

##### ***Additional Examples to Help Improve Place of Play:***

- \* Coaches may fix ball marks as needed on the putting surface when players are exiting the green.
- \* Coaches may rake the bunkers, which would help the pace of play.
- \* Coaches may advise players where to leave their bag in proximity to the next tee.

##### **COACHES MAY NOT:**

- \* Provide advice to their player once the player is on the putting surface.
- \* Read putts for a player at any time.
- \* Offer advice to players from another school.
- \* Caddy for their player.
- \* Raise their voice in such a manner to interrupt play anywhere on the course.
- \* Coaches may not assess penalties to a player.
- \* Coaches may not give rule interpretations. They can only remind players of option and the need to follow the rules.

#### 9. **STATE OPEN TOURNAMENT**

- 1) The Open Tournament will only be played during the spring season .
- 2) To qualify for the Open, boys need to achieve a (3.00) average or better during the regular season. Girls need to achieve an (8.00) average or better during the regular season or be the individual winner during their divisional tournament. Head coaches should inform players who are eligible for the Open of the date and time of the tournament. Coaches should anticipate if their players may be in contention for qualifying throughout the season and communicate the date, time and site of the Open to the student.  
\*The CIAC will use the iWanamaker ranking to determine averages.

- 3) The top three medalists and ties in each division automatically qualify for the Open tournament.
- 4) Each golfer must have a coach attend the Open.
- 5) You do not need to enter a player into the Open tournament. Players will automatically qualify and be seeded into the tournament.

#### 10. **BOYS NEW ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

- 1) **Eligibility** - Only boys who play golf in the Fall can qualify for the boys' New England Individual Golf Tournament. Boys listed on the school's golf team eligibility form will be eligible to compete in the boys New England.
- 2) **To Qualify** – Boys who finish as one of the top three (3) medalists (and ties) in each of the Divisions for a total of six, plus;

The next six spots will be filled by the Coordinator by going down the individual forms and selecting the next lowest OCR until a minimum of 12 players are confirmed.

- 3) **Information** – All information pertaining to the New England's will be handed to the individual golfers at their division tournament.
- 4) **Coaches** – Coaches are responsible for contacting the New England Coordinator within 48 hours of the division tournament's conclusion to confirm entry. The boys' coordinator is Brett Franklin. (Listed under "Contact")

#### 11. **GIRLS NEW ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

- 1) **Eligibility** – Only girls who play golf in the Fall can qualify for the New England tournament. This would mean that a girl would have to play on a boys team in the Fall to qualify. Girls listed on the school's golf team eligibility form will be eligible to compete in the Girls New England. Girls do not have to play in any minimum number of matches.
- 2) **Nominations** – Girls playing in the Fall who want to play in the New England tournament must be nominated by their coach and selected by the golf committee. The student's coach must send a letter detailing the player's qualifications. Nominations must be sent to the New England Tournament Girls Coordinator.
- 3) **Information** – All information pertaining to the New England's will be sent to the accepted players' coach. The girls' coordinator is Rich Condon (Listed under "Contacts")

#### 12. **CIAC GOLF COMMITTEE**

The CIAC Golf Committee members are listed on the CIAC web site at [casciac.org](http://casciac.org).

#### 13. **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in a spirit of good sportsmanship. The school administration is responsible for the athletic program, including the policies and procedures relating to sportsmanship and the conduct of activities in the school. The CIAC "Class Act" standards will be used in all CIAC contests. The CIAC Standards for Sportsmanship as defined in the Class Act program are found at [http://ciacsports.com/site/?page\\_id=10438](http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=10438).

#### 14. MEDICAL AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

Medical regulations, expectations and certifications are stated in the CIAC medical handbook. Coaches, trainers, athletic directors are expected to maintain certifications and follow the procedures as described in the CIAC Medical Handbook and as required by law.

#### 15. CERTIFICATIONS / COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- Coaching Education Overview - Required coaching certifications, including medical certifications, can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Information on Coaching Permit Renewal for the State of Connecticut can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Coaching-Permit-First-Time-Issuance>
- Temporary coaching permit application can be found at this link: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed\\_186.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_186.pdf)
- 5 Year coaching permit application can be found at this link: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed\\_185.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_185.pdf)
- Coaching Course Registration: <http://ctcoachinged.org/Permit.html>
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Renewal: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches\\_sudden\\_cardiac\\_arrest\\_awareness\\_annual\\_review.pdf?la=en](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches_sudden_cardiac_arrest_awareness_annual_review.pdf?la=en)
- Information on concussion training and certification can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
- Concussion Renewal Form for Coaches: <https://casci.ac/8237>
- Mandated Reporter Training: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Mandated-Reporter-Training/Home>
- EpiPen Training: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/preview-kits/anaphylaxis-epinephrine-auto-injector>
- Coaches Guide to Dehydration and Other Heat Illnesses: <https://www.nata.org/practice-patient-care/health-issues/heat-illness>
- Heat Illness Legislation for Coaches, Parents and Students: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00087-R00HB-06492-PA.PDF>
- Exertional Heat Illness Review for Coaches: <http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/22-23HeatIllnessReview.docx>

**Volunteer Coaches** - The State of Connecticut Department of Education does not distinguish between volunteer or paid coaches when considering certifications or responsibilities. All coaches who are responsible for, or instruct students in any way must follow Connecticut State Law for certifications and responsibilities. Therefore, volunteer coaches are required to obtain the same certifications as all other coaches.