

Coaches & Convenors,

Please distribute to the interested parties.

The SOSSA golf championships for both men and women will be Monday October 1st at Twenty Valley G&CC in Vineland. Play will begin at 8:45am and we'll be teeing off both the first and tenth tees. Information about the golf club can be accessed from their website including dress code.

<http://www.twentyvalleygolf.com/>

A few other items should be brought to your attention. NO electronic devices should be on the golf course. This includes Cell Phones. Distance measuring devices are allowed to be used as long as they don't measure slope. This falls in line with the new OFSAA regulations, so we will implement it at the SOSSA level as well. I have found Cell Phones slow up play as well due to players texting, etc. There is a possibility that the half way house will NOT be open. There has been a shortage of staff since Labour Day and it has been hit and miss on weekdays. There is drinking water on the golf course at the half way house, but golfers should bring their own snacks to be consumed on the golf course.

There will not be a registration desk as myself and my volunteer starter will have to be on the 1st and 10th tees starting the groups. Scorecards and local rules sheets will be distributed there. Coaches can pay for their athletes in the pro shop upon arrival. **Cost will be \$35 which includes HST per player. The club accepts cash, cheques (made out to Twenty Valley G&CC) or credit cards.**

A new policy was passed at June 2007's AGM which will be continued this year to educate players (and coaches where necessary?). There is a rules and etiquette handout and quiz that I've attached or it could be retrieved from the following website:

<http://sirwinston.old.dsbn.org/golf/>

that must be distributed to all players well in advance to allow them some "study" time. Players will then complete and "pass" the attached Quiz before competing in the SOSSA golf championships this fall. There will be no consequences for failure to do the above and it is supposed to be implemented by the individual coaches, but it is designed to help our student athletes with a basic understanding of the rules and etiquette of this game. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Another important change to the SOSSA golf constitution is as follows. I would really appreciate you as the Coach going over the procedure for the scoring with your players. Unfortunate situations like disqualifications may be avoided if the golfer has a real solid understanding of their responsibilities as they relate to their official scorecards.

1. SCORING:

Every player keeps a scorecard with every other player in the group on the scorecard. Scores will be verified after each hole. All cards will be signed by the scorer and player at the end of the round and handed in to Convenor. You as a player are responsible for the accuracy of all 18 holes, not the addition of those 18 holes (the Convenor is responsible for the addition of the scores). If you sign for a score lower than you made, you will be disqualified. If you sign for a score higher than you made, that score will stand.

**PLEASE STRESS THEY ARE SIGNING FOR 18 ACCURATE & LEGIBLE NUMBERS!!!**

NOTE: There will no longer be "volunteer" scorekeepers walking with each group. The players must learn to take responsibility for reporting their scores honestly and accurately to their marker AND the marker must take his/her role seriously and protect the field by verifying the score that is reported after each hole. This MUST be communicated to ALL players by their coaches PLEASE!!!

## 2. QUALIFYING FOR OFSAA GOLF:

THE TOP BOYS TEAM AND THE TOP TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF A WINNING TEAMS, one in the Open Division and one in the High School Division will qualify to play in the OFSSA golf championships at Royal Ashburn Golf Club in Whitby on October 9-11.

The qualifying for the OFSSA girl's championships is a bit more complex, but it appears that up to 7 girls can qualify if a score of 110 or less is attained. Information can be gathered from the websites listed below. The Girls event is Oct 9-11 at Ambassador in Windsor. The deadline for OFSAA entries for the Boys and Girls is Oct. 4th at midnight. Can you check with your girl(s) before SOSSA to make sure if you know if she will play as she will have to be entered that day? I now submit the entries for both Boys and Girls, so it may be easier to do it that day to get it done. Coaches then must bring several things to the event to complete the registration.

<http://ofsaa.on.ca/boys-golf-championship>

<http://ofsaa.on.ca/girls-golf-festival>

## NEW DEFINITION OF OPEN PLAYER FOR THIS YEAR:

(from Shamus Bourdon from OFSAA)

Hello Association Golf Convenors,

I am writing you on behalf of the OFSAA Sports Advisory Committee. First, thank you for volunteering your time to host your association championship, it is appreciated.

This email is to help clarify the regulation that was passed at last year's AGM concerning the "**Open**" division definition at OFSAA. It is imperative that as student-athletes qualify from your association they are designated correctly. Section 1(e) of the OFSAA Golf playing regulations states the following (**feel free to share this communication without the registration forms to coaches in your area**):

**"A student-athlete who has competed in a provincial or national tournament within the past 12 months outside the high school program, shall be classified as an Open participant within the individual division."**

It seems there is some confusion as to which Golf Ontario competitions are included within this definition. The best way to explain this is with actual examples. Thank you to Bill Lipsett (SOSSA) for providing the links below.

To clarify, participation in a provincial qualifying tournament or regional tour event does **NOT** classify athletes as 'Open'. Student-athletes that have participated in an actual provincial or national tournament **for their age** are considered Open participants. Remember all student-athletes must be designated when registering for OFSAA.

**Example of a Qualifier (High School Student-Athlete):**

<https://gao.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/gao18/event/gao18100/contest/1/leaderboard.htm>

<https://gao.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/gao16/event/gao1652/contest/1/leaderboard.htm>

**Example of a Provincial Championship (Open Student-Athlete):**

<https://gao.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/gao18/event/gao1878/contest/5/leaderboard.htm>

<https://gao.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/gao16/event/gao1625/contest/1/leaderboard.htm>

The Golf Ontario website can be of assistance if you are unsure of the designation of a student-athlete:

<https://gao.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/gao16/schedule/index.htm>

Below you will see the OFSAA Association registration form (which is also located in the 'For Coaches' section of each OFSAA website), please familiarize yourself with the instructions (page 1) prior to hosting your event.

**Girls' Association Registration Form:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/Asg2NZpk3IIFnPJl2>

**Boys' Association Registration Form:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/7OHLd03idKX0xsm02>

I have attached the OFSAA playing regulations. Please read carefully as it explains the parameters of entry into OFSAA.

If you require further clarification or have questions please contact me directly. Thanks again for your time.

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