

2021 State Golf Tournament Qualifier Information June 1-2

Ames Golf & Country Club, Ames (Class 1A) American Legion Golf Course, Marshalltown (Class 2A)
River Valley Golf Course, Adel (3A) Otter Creek Golf Course, Ankeny (4A)

NO outside food or beverage will be allowed at the State Tournament courses.

****STATE GOLF QUALIFIER ENTRY FORM (NEW and TIME SENSATIVE)**

State Qualifying teams/individuals must submit the completed State Qualifier **Google** Entry form (on the IGHS AU website in the Golf section located under the Coaches & Administrators tab) and a photo with **name and grade identification of each person pictured** by 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 to Heidireed@ighsau.org. Photos must be in jpeg or tif format...no cell phone pictures. Please write your school, class, and sport in the Subject line of the email when emailing your picture (ex: Smithville, 2A, Golf).

FORMAT

A 9:00 a.m. shotgun start will be used on Day 1. Tee times will be used on Day 2 starting at 8:30 a.m. If weather is an issue, Day 2 may utilize a shotgun start. Tee assignments will be given at the coaches meeting on Day 1. The tournament is 36-hole stroke play.

Spectator admission will be charged at the 2021 State Golf Tournament sites. Admission is \$10/day for kindergarten age and older.

TEE ASSIGNMENTS

The top five teams (based on team averages) will be paired together and the bottom five teams will be paired together for both days of the tournament. Individual qualifiers will be grouped together both days of the tournament. Day 2 tee assignments are based on Day 1 scores. Golfers will not be paired with another golfer from their school.

TEAM TOURNAMENT

The team tournament is separate from the medalist tournament, although a player's score in the State Tournament shall count toward both the team and medalist results.

Each team may play six (6) participants, with the low four (4) of six (6) 18-hole scores counting for the team total. Player personnel may be changed from the Regional to the State Tournament and subsequently changed from Day 1 to Day 2 of the State Tournament. You must let the IGHS AU State Office know of changes from Day 1 to Day 2 of the State Tournament when submitting your State Qualifier Google Entry Form. Schools may list a 7th golfer on their State Qualifier Google Entry Form that will replace one of the other six golfers listed for one day at the State Meet. **At no time shall a team have more than six golfers from their school/team participating at the same time during state competition.**

DRIVING RANGE FEES

Driving range fees for the two-day tournament will be \$20 for qualifying teams and \$10 for qualifying individuals. Driving range fees must be paid to the clubhouse prior to using the driving range on Tuesday. The driving range fees allow access to the range before and after competition on Tuesday and before competition on Wednesday.

PARTICIPANT ATTIRE

All participants in the State Tournament shall wear the same color and style school-issued collared/mock collared shirt. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification of the golfer in violation. Outer-layer coats/jackets of teammates do not need to match.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS/MERCHANDISE STAND

The State Golf Tournament merchandise stand will be at each site. The merchandise stand hours will vary at each site. State souvenir programs will be on sale both days at each site. Programs are \$5.

LIVE SCORING

Golfers will turn in their scores three times throughout the course. There will be scorers on the tee boxes of the three holes to record the golfers' scores. The live scoring link is located at IGHSAU.org in the Golf section.

SCORECARD PROTOCOL – UPDATED INFORMATION

Scorecards will be exchanged between members of the group, with each player serving as a marker for another player in the group. At the conclusion of play, each golfer should TOTAL her score (9 and 18 holes) and write it on the scorecard. The scorer and the person whose score is being kept must sign the scorecard prior to turning it in to officials at the Official Scoring Area. Golfers must turn in their own scorecard. **COACHES—DO NOT** hold all the team cards until all golfers are in.

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COACHES MEETING

Coaches will be given packets containing their coaching badges, program, tee assignments, player scorecards and informational sheet when checking in on Day 1. A coaches meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Day 1 at the clubhouse at all courses. This will be followed immediately by a player/coach meeting. There will be no group coaches meeting on Day 2. Coaches will receive instruction needed for Day 2 from the IGHS AU meet manager when checking in their team/individual due to the tee time format.

Coaches meetings are mandatory for all coaches as rules for competition and local rules will be explained. Failure to attend this meeting may result in disqualification of that team's members. It is the responsibility of each coach to attend and in turn carry instructions to their own golf squad. The tournament will not await arrival of coaches or players either day so plan accordingly especially with the abundance of road construction across the state.

Coaches will wear wristbands issued by the State Office. Qualifying teams with two coaches are given two wristbands for certified, school-appointed coaches to use and individual qualifiers are given one wristband for a certified, school-appointed coach to use. This is to clarify who is permitted to give instruction to players on the course. Only coaches wearing the wristbands may communicate with players, which can occur from tee to green and from green to tee. No communication shall occur once the golfer and the golfer's ball are on the green. **Coaches wristbands must be worn and visible at all times.**

RULES OFFICIALS

PGA rules professionals will serve as the rules committee. Players must seek rulings from rules officials, not coaches.

CELLULAR PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND RANGE FINDERS

Use of cell phones, iPods, smartwatches or any other electronic device by participants during the competition shall result in disqualification. Range finding devices are allowed for use by players and coaches during the State Tournament provided they are only used to measure distance. Parents are not to provide distance information to golfers.

GOLF CARTS

One golf cart will be provided for each **head coach of a team** each day of the State Tournament. Coaches of individual qualifiers will not be provided a golf cart, but can rent one for \$10/day. **INDIVIDUAL COACHES MUST CONTACT LISA BRINKMEYER BY NOON ON THURSDAY (5/27) IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE A CART SO IT CAN BE RESERVED (lisa@ighsau.org).** If you do not contact Lisa by noon on 5/27, you will not have a cart reserved for the State Tournament. Only coaches are allowed to ride in the carts.

SPECTATOR CARTS

PLEASE PASS THIS ONTO YOUR SPECTATORS. Spectators will be allowed to rent the remaining golf carts on a first come, first serve basis at each location. Spectator carts cannot be reserved prior to the State Tournament. If a spectator is in need of a cart due to a physical disability (doctor approved), they must provide Lisa Brinkmeyer (lisa@ighsau.org) with a doctor's note stating a medical need for use of a cart by **noon on Friday (5/28) to reserve a cart.** Otherwise, they are able to rent a cart on a first come, first serve basis.

BREAKING TIES FOR STATE

1. Team Competition: Each team's 5th placing golfer's score for Day 2 will be compared. If a tie still exists, compare the scores of the 6th placing golfers for Day 2. If a tie still exists, compare the scores of the 5th placing golfer's score from Day 1. If a tie still exists, compare the scores of the 6th placing golfer from Day 1. If a tie still exists it will be broken by a sudden death playoff. The coach will name four (4) players who will play in the playoff. All four scores will count. Starting holes will be determined prior to the meet. **If a team has only four golfers they will lose the tie-breaker as no fifth player's score is available.**
2. Medalist Competition: Ties for State Medalist are determined by a sudden death playoff with starting hole/s posted prior to play. **NEW for 2021** - For individual play, ties beyond first place will not be broken. Ties will stand for 2nd – 10th places.

AWARDS

Team trophies will be awarded to all participating teams. Medals will be given to the champion and runner-up team members and the top 10 individual finishers (and ties for 10th). Each state participant will receive a participation medallion, which will be given to their coach at the completion of the tournament. The Awards Ceremony will be held Day 2 after scores are totaled.

PLAYER REGULATIONS

- Motorized carts and caddies are prohibited. Use of non-motorized pull or push carts are allowed throughout the entire season. Requests for use of a motorized golf cart during postseason competition must be due to a disability and will be evaluated by the IGHS AU on a case-by-case basis. **Transitory illnesses and injuries (actual or expected duration of six months or less) do not qualify under the ADA as a disability and thus would not qualify for use of a motorized cart.** Athletic directors must submit the request for golf cart use and documentation from the golfer's physician stating the disability and the extent to which it prevents the golfer from walking during competition. Upon receipt of the request, the IGHS AU will notify the school in writing of approval or declination
- Coaching Tee to the Green – School-appointed, certified golf coaches are allowed to coach their golfer up until the golfer and golfer's ball are on the green. **Coaches may not assist or instruct a player regarding any putting on the green.** If any part of the golfer's ball is on the actual green, the ball is considered on the green. Once the golfer arrives at the green (no delay by the golfer) with her golf ball on the green, the coach can have no more communication with her until all golfers in the group have holed out.
- Spectators must remain on the cart path or in the rough and must stay **adjacent** to the golfers at all times.
- No practice putting is allowed on the course, including the putting green, after competition has begun.
- Any rule violation on the course should be called by a player. The rule violation should be brought to the attention of the entire threesome/foursome before the alleged violator has COMPLETED THE HOLE ON WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND LEFT THE GREEN. After a rule violation has been declared, the Rules Committee shall be consulted immediately. The Rules Committee shall then hear the violation as soon as possible.
- Decorum. If a player is guilty of unsporting conduct or demeanor, her coach and a rules committee member shall be notified. If the player is guilty of a subsequent offense, the rules committee may disqualify the violator.
- Alcohol or tobacco products are NOT permitted on the course or in student accessible areas of the facilities.
- USGA Rules are followed unless published in the IGHS AU Manual.
- The ball will be played down during the tournament series, with the tournament manager retaining the right to invoke a local rule pick, place and clean if course conditions warrant.
- Continuous putting shall be employed whenever possible.
- Coaches may not leave the grounds during the competition. Any coach not present during the tournament will force disqualification of the entire team.

WATER/FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Outside food and beverages will not be allowed at the State Golf Tournament sites. Teams and spectators are not allowed to bring food, coolers, beverages onto the course. The clubhouse will have food prepared for golfers to "grab and go" for lunch. Golfers should move to the front of the line to ensure pace of play is not affected.

The IGHS AU encourages players to make pre-meet preparations as state courses will not have water stations available on the course this year. The IGHS AU allows a coach or parent to hand beverages/food to their player/daughter on the course, with

every effort being made for this to occur between green and tee or near the clubhouse. No golf instruction should occur between the golfers and parents at this time.

GREEN FEES

The IGHSAU pays green fees of State participants.

WEATHER

State Tournament – If eighteen holes are played on the first day and it is impossible to play the second day due to rain, the first eighteen holes will determine the champion. Likewise, if the first day is rained out but weather permits eighteen holes to be completed on the second day, the second day eighteen holes will determine a winner.

To ensure teams play a complete 18-hole tournament, Day 1 scores will be carried over to Day 2 of the State Tournament if the entire field has completed at least 12 holes (IGHSAU discretion may be used). Every effort must be made to complete 18 holes on Day 1 of the tournament. Day 2 will commence with teams completing Day 1's round by re-starting where the golfers' balls were marked when play was suspended on Day 1. Tee assignments for Day 1 will be carried over to Day 2 if teams are completing Day 1's round on Day 2. If both days are rained out, then the tournament will be rescheduled by the IGHSAU and participating schools will be notified accordingly. When the tournament is rescheduled, competition will be eighteen holes.

SCOREKEEPING

Scorekeepers will NOT be used at the State Tournament.

STATE TOURNAMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE: The IGHSAU will reimburse State qualifying schools for travel expenses at the rates of 44¢ per mile one way for individual qualifier(s) and \$1.25 per mile one way per team.

State Tournament Course and Practice Information

Practice rounds are permitted anytime at State Tournament courses, prior to the first day of the State Tournament. The IGHSAU does not govern loss of school time for Regional and State Tournament site practices, as this is a local school administration decision. Arrangements must be made with the course concerning time and regulations governing play. **The rates below are for girls' high school golf teams and their school-appointed coaches ONLY. Family and friends accompanying the golfers for practice rounds will not receive the rates listed below.**

Ames Golf & Country Club, Ames (Class 1A) 515-232-9470

Practice Round Rates: \$15.00/walk. Carts are \$15/person

This rate is available Monday – Wednesday and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day. **Tee times are not available for Thursdays.** Please call the Pro Shop for available tee times.

American Legion Golf Course, Marshalltown (Class 2A) 641-752-1834

Practice Round Rates: \$15.00/walk. Carts are \$15/person

This rate is available Monday – Friday and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day. Please call the Pro Shop for available tee times. **Driving range will close at 7:00 p.m. on Memorial Day.**

River Valley Golf Course, Adel (Class 3A) 515-993-4029

Practice Round Rates: \$20.00/walk. Carts are \$15/person

This rate is available Monday – Friday and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day. Please call the Pro Shop for available tee times.

Otter Creek Golf Course, Ankeny (Class 4A) 515-965-6464

Practice Round Rates: \$18.00/walk. Carts are \$17/person

This rate is available Monday – Wednesday and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day. **Tee times are not available for Thursdays.** Please call the Pro Shop for available tee times.

Congratulations on qualifying for the State Golf Tournament!

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