

**ARTICLE 230  
GOLF**

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**2300. SEASON OF SPORT**

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Girls Golf will be conducted in the Fall. Boys Golf will be conducted in the Spring. (Approved November 1998 Federated Council)

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**2301. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ADOPTED**

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State golf championships for girls will be conducted in the Fall, state golf championships for boys will be conducted in the Spring. (Approved May 2003 Federated Council.)

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**2302. RULES**

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All golf competition in the CIF Southern Section will be played under USGA rules unless otherwise provided herein.

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**2303. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS**

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<>Girls Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to August 26.

<>Boys Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 24.

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**2304. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS**

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Definition of a Match - Every contest in which two or more teams or individuals from teams meet for the purpose of competition or playoff entry constitutes a match. Matches must be completed on the same day as the scheduled competition (i.e. a school that plays nine holes against an opponent on one day, shall count that as a match, they may not play nine holes against that same opponent on another date and then count the 18-hole total as one match). The maximum number of allowable matches is 24. All teams in a league may meet for the purpose of competition if points are accumulated for the purpose of playoff entries. Individual golfers may not participate in more than 24 matches, regardless of the level played. \*\*

\*\*Exception: Any student engaged in a multi-round elimination tournament for the purpose of determining league individual entries may complete that tournament even if he/she would exceed the maximum number of matches.

Tournaments - Schools may compete in four tournaments during the season, regardless of the number of entries that score toward team finish. For purposes of this rule, a tournament is defined as follows:

- \* Sanctioned by the Section
- \* Attended by invitation from the host school and cannot be limited to only league schools.
- \* Order of finish must include at least the first, second and third place finishers.
- \* Finishes by participants cannot be used for league entries into playoffs.

Teams entering tournaments may not be "split" in order to participate at multiple sites. Each school team is limited to four tournaments total. Teams are defined as: Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Frosh/Soph.

*Individual golfers may not participate in more than four tournaments regardless of level of competition.*

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**<>2305. END OF COMPETITION**

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All competition must end on or before the Friday prior to the first playoff date. For girls, October 25 and for boys May 2.

<>QUESTION: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

<>ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

For the purpose of entry into Section Divisionals, leagues are to develop procedures for determining entrants. In the event of a tie for the last entrant, leagues should refer to their own Bylaws for determining entry.

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**2306. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL**

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Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

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**2307. SPECIAL RULES FOR GOLF**

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**CIF PLAYER GOLF CODE**

Good sportsmanship requires that I -

- Adhere rigidly to all local golf course rules.
- Allow club members and faster players to pass through at all times.
- Replace my divots on fairways and repair ball marks on the greens.
- Do not walk needlessly in traps.
- Rake and smooth sand in traps.
- Do not play my shot if there is danger of hitting into players ahead.
- Do not throw my clubs at any time.
- Do not play, strike or throw my ball off the green after holing out.
- Do not yell or talk loudly on the course at any time.
- Do not swear or use offensive language.
- Do not smoke while going to and from the course or while on the course.
- Do not wager in connection with golf.
- Do not present myself in an unkempt appearance.
- Do not leave my bag in front of the green while putting out.
- Do not place my bag on the tee at any time.
- Strive to be a sports-person and athlete not only in dress and appearance but in conduct at all times.

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**2308. PLAYOFFS**

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Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

2308.1 USGA Rules will prevail.