

WIAA // GESA CREDIT UNION

POSTSEASON STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

GOLF

MAY 19-20, 2026

1B, 2B Boys & Girls - Liberty Lake Golf Course (Liberty Lake)

1A Boys & Girls - MeadowWood Golf Course (Liberty Lake)

2A Boys - Tumwater Valley Golf Club (Tumwater)

2A Girls - Riverside Golf Club (Chehalis)

3A Boys - Indian Canyon Golf Course (Spokane)

3A Girls - Deer Park Golf Club (Deer Park)

4A Boys - Eagles Pride Golf Course (DuPont)

4A Girls - The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie - The Links (Lacey)

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SPORT-SPECIFIC SOPs

STATE QUALIFIERS

- 1B-2A Entries/Allocations:
 - Each WIAA District qualifies individual entries for the State Tournament based on tournament size: 80 participants for a 16-entry tournament, 60 for a 12-entry, and 40 for an 8-entry.
 - Golf allocations are made to WIAA Districts, with schools potentially qualifying an unlimited number of individuals but only the top six players contributing to team scores.
 - Ties for the last allocation are resolved at the District level (e.g., sudden death playoff).
- Submission of Entries:
 - Entries, ordered by golfer's finish, are submitted by the District manager to the State Tournament Manager and must be received by the Thursday prior to the tournament.
 - Qualifiers meeting the minimum standard must have their scorecard submitted with the District entry list.
 - Entries must be verified by the coach no later than 30 minutes before the first tee-off time.
- 3A & 4A Entries/Allocations:
 - Each WIAA District qualifies team and individual entries to the State Tournament, with allocations based on the number of teams (12, 16, or 20) and at least 28 individuals.
 - Ties for the last allocation are resolved at the District level.
 - A district can have a maximum of 14 individual qualifiers.
- 12-Entry Tournament:
 - Consists of 12 teams and at least 28 individuals, with team allocations doubled for individual qualifiers (one team allocation equals four individuals).
 - Schools may qualify a total of six golfers (five from team, one individual), with the seventh as an alternate.
- 16-Entry and 20-Entry Tournaments:
 - Follow similar structure to the 12-entry tournament, with the number of teams and minimum individuals adjusted accordingly (16 teams/32 individuals for 16-entry, 20 teams/40 individuals for 20-entry).
 - The rule for calculating individual qualifiers and the maximum number of qualifiers per district remains the same across these tournaments.
- Minimum Standards for Additional Entries:
 - Individuals who exceed the minimum standard at the District Tournament and are not among the allocated qualifiers may gain additional entry to State.
 - The minimum standard is calculated by taking the average third place score of the last three State tournaments, subtracting the USGA course rating for the current year's course, and adding the resulting differential to this year's District course rating.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- **USGA Rules and Local Rules will govern play. [WIAA Sportsmanship rules](#) will be utilized for all postseason tournaments.**
 - The Tournament will be played under Summer Rules unless changed by the Rules Officials, Golf Course Management and Tournament Manager.
 - The Rules of Golf Committee is the final rules arbitrator.
 - Rules Committee members are the two (2) Rules Officials and the Tournament Manager
 - Any disputes or doubtful points on rules shall be referred to the Rules Committee whose decision shall be final.
 - **Tournament Play Practice Rules::**

- Practice is limited to the courses' practice greens, practice bunkers, and practice ranges.
 - NO practice on the putting greens, practice bunkers, or driving range during delays between nines. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed for this infraction.
 - NO practice putting after holing out during tournament play. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed for this infraction.
 - Those players who qualify for the second day may not play a practice round on the tournament course after completion of the qualifying round on day one.
- Official scorers may be assigned; players can score for peers in the absence of an official scorer.
- All putts must be holed out; failure results in disqualification.
- **Scoring:**
 - iWanamaker will be used as the required official scoring method for all tournament play
 - A player will keep another player's score within the group.
 - Scoring areas will be provided along with tournament personnel to conduct the scoring immediately after the completion of the final hole on each day of the tournament.
 - The penalty for an unsigned scorecard is a two-stroke penalty.
 - Players must report to the scoring area after completion of each round, promptly and without delay.
- Slow play rules will be enforced - players must play "Ready Golf" and keep up with the pairing ahead.
- **Course Etiquette:**
 - Appropriate golf attire required; violations may lead to disqualification.
 - All courses adhere to a strict 'NO TOBACCO' policy for players, coaches, and spectators.
 - Smoking, use/possession of tobacco substances, use/possession of alcohol or any other controlled substance/drug, and/or betting will result in disqualification.
 - Abusive Language (Swearing, etc) - **WIAA Golf Code of Conduct Policy** will apply
 - Club throwing incurs a two-stroke penalty on the first offense, disqualification on the second.
- **Coaches:**
 - Teams get one coach badge if they have two or fewer players and a second badge if they have three or more.
 - Each school may appoint individuals with approved coaches badges to give advice to members of their team. The person(s) appointed will be issued a badge that must be worn visibly at all times.
 - Coaches may give advice to their players from the tee to the green. Once a player steps onto the green, including to repair a pitch mark, coaching shall stop until the player holes out. It is permissible for coaches to rake bunkers and look for balls in penalty areas to further the speed of play
 - Coaches may not carry clubs or push player carts and must not cause a player to delay play
 - Schools are responsible for issuing coaches badges to only school approved coaches.
- **Galleries:**
 - Galleries are permitted but must observe etiquette and keep distance from players.
 - All spectators are required to dress according to course standards, to keep at least 30 yards distance from the competitors and stay on the cart path.
 - Players who have completed their round are allowed to be part of the gallery, but must follow the gallery restrictions.
 - Gallery rules will be available at the courses.
- **Range Finders:**
 - "Point and shoot style" Range Finders will be allowed for use during the practice round and both rounds of tournament play with the following stipulations:
 - Devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are permitted, provided the player disables the device features for slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. prior to the start of their

round. If the device features that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. are not disabled prior to the start of the round, that player and any player that utilizes the information will be disqualified.

- GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification.
- In each pairing, if any player or coach uses a measuring device then all players in the pairing will have access to the information. Failure to share information, if requested, or providing inaccurate information constitutes a sportsmanship violation.

- **Cell Phones:**

- Players are allowed to use cell phones once a hole has been completed through the next tee for scorekeeping purposes only. If used for any other reason and from tee to green for non-emergencies, it may be deemed a disqualification.
- GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification.

- **Golf Carts & Caddies:**

- No caddies or motorized carts allowed.
- Pull carts are allowed.
- Motorized golf carts will not be allowed during tournament play for parents, coaches or spectators either.
- *Exception: A player/coach/spectator with a doctor's note, specifying a permanent disability and requesting a motorized cart must be pre-approved by WIAA. Contact [Andy Barnes](#) for more information.*

- **Practice Rounds:**

- There is only one designated tournament practice round.
- Tee times are required.
- Alternates and Coaches can play as long as there is enough space/time for all qualified participants to complete a practice round.

- **Starting Times:**

- Groupings and start times set by the Tournament Manager, avoiding same-school player groupings.
- All 2nd round tee times will be in reverse order of Round 1 finish (high scores first).
- "If a player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after their starting time, the penalty is 2 strokes added to the first hole, instead of disqualification."
- The five-minute rule on assigned tee times will be strictly enforced.
- On each day of the tournament, all players are required to check in at the starting tee on or prior to their assigned tee time.

TOURNAMENT SCORING

- Championships consist of 36 holes over two days, with the field of competitors halved after the first 18 holes based on scores.
- If a tie occurs for the last qualifying spot after the preliminary round, all tied players advance to the final round.
- 3A & 4A Team Championship: Determined by adding the best four scores from each team per day, across two days, for a total 36-hole score. Individual medalists are also determined by their 36-hole totals.
- 1B-2A Team Championship: Based on the combined scores of two or more players from the same school across the entire 36 holes. A single player does not constitute a team.
- Scoring for an 80-entry Tournament:
 - 1st place 50 team points; 2nd place 45 team points; 3rd - 40 team points; 4th - 38 team points; 5th - 36 team points; then each descending place receives one less point, decreasing down to 1 point for 40th place and ties.
 - Points are allocated only to second-round qualifiers, with ties resulting in shared points.
- Scoring for a 60-entry Tournament:
 - 1st place 40 team points; 2nd place 35 team points; 3rd - 30 team points; 4th - 28 team points; 5th - 26 team points; then each descending place receives one less point down to 1 point for 30th place and ties.
 - Points are allocated only to second-round qualifiers, with ties resulting in shared points.

- Scoring for a 40-entry Tournament:
 - 1st place 30 team points; 2nd place 25 team points; 3rd - 20 team points; 4th - 18 team points; 5th - 16 team points; then each descending place receives one less point.
 - Only second-round qualifiers are eligible for points, with ties leading to shared points.
- Scoring for a 30-entry Tournament:
 - 1st place 20 team points; 2nd place 17 team points; 3rd - 15 team points; 4th - 13 team points; 5th - 11 team points; then each descending place receives one less point.
 - Points are awarded to second-round qualifiers, with point sharing for ties.

AWARDS

- In case of a tie, the appropriate awards will be awarded, which may result in co-champions.
- In the event of a tie for 1st place medalist honors, there will be a playoff.
- Team points will be awarded prior to the playoff, utilizing the sharing system defined above.
- The playoff will be a "sudden death" and additional holes will be played until the tie or ties are broken.
- The Tournament Manager will appoint a neutral person to officially accompany the playoff contestants.
- This person could be a coach not associated with the school of the players.
- The Tournament Manager will determine which holes are to be played in the event a playoff is necessary.
- If there is a tie for places 2 through 8, like awards will be given.

2025-26 GENERAL SOPS

ALLOCATIONS

Postseason berths are allocated to WIAA Districts based on the total number of schools offering the sport in that classification/gender. Additional information can be found on the WIAA's [Tournament Berths](#) page.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

Qualifying events must conclude by the Saturday before the WIAA State Tournament begins.

STATE TOURNAMENT TICKETS

The WIAA partners with GoFan to offer digital ticketing. Fans are encouraged to buy tickets online in advance but can also purchase digital tickets onsite. Limited paper tickets will be available at most sites on event day.

- The Tacoma Dome, Yakima Valley SunDome, and Spokane Arena manage their own tickets. Venue-imposed fees apply.
- Visit the WIAA's [State Tournament Tickets](#) page for detailed ticket information.
- Service fees apply to all tickets.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

The WIAA does not select/announce an 'All-Star' or 'All-Tournament' team. If one is announced and publicized, it is not organized by the WIAA.

INSURANCE

Leagues, WIAA Districts, and the WIAA maintain General Liability for their respective tournaments. The WIAA also provides catastrophic insurance for its postseason events. All other coverage, including accident insurance, is the responsibility of participating schools and/or individuals.

GAMES COMMITTEE

Tournament Managers will appoint a Games Committee available onsite or by phone for all postseason qualifying and State events. Full details regarding the members and duties of the Games Committee can be found in Rule 22.0.0 of the [WIAA Handbook](#).

PROTESTS

All WIAA State Tournaments will follow the Protest Process outlined in Rule 29.0.0 of the [WIAA Handbook](#).

INCLEMENT WEATHER: TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO ARRIVE FOR A STATE EVENT

Teams and individuals qualifying for State Events should have their participation rights protected, while participants must also understand these events follow specific facility, officiating, and operational restrictions. For safety reasons, uncontrollable weather may require delaying, postponing, or canceling a contest or tournament, though the goal is to accommodate teams/individuals by rescheduling. Detailed information regarding the WIAA's Inclement Weather Policy and procedures for postponement or rescheduling can be found in Rule 25.4.0 of the [WIAA Handbook](#).

Thunder & Lighting:

- If thunder is heard or lightning is seen, play is suspended for at least 30 minutes and people are immediately moved to a designated safe location.
- After suspension, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning before resuming play. Any new thunder or lightning resets the clock to another 30 minutes.

TEAM CEREMONIES

Except for postgame awards, team ceremonies before or after contests must occur in the locker room or on the sideline to avoid delaying the contest or affecting other teams.

UTILIZING STUDENTS FOR SUPPORT POSITIONS AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

Students younger than high school age may only hold support positions at WIAA State Championships if the parent signs the Underage Worker Form on the [Tournament Registration Page](#) and assumes all risk.

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

Participating schools must register a Supervisory Staff member on their [Pass Gate](#) with the following expectations:

- Upon arrival, Supervisor will check in with Event Staff at the Pass Gate and receive a WIAA-issued 'Supervisor' pass to be worn for easy identification during their team's contests.
- Supervisor will monitor fan and student behavior for their crowd as outlined in the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#) and assist the facility security staff or Event Staff when necessary.

FAN/SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

- The WIAA supports social justice, racial equity, and sportsmanship. Derogatory cheers, slurs, and hateful comments about identity (race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion) are prohibited. Tournament Managers and event staff may remove offenders. Witnesses can report incidents using the WIAA's [Discrimination & Harassment Reporting Form](#).

- Schools are encouraged to share the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#) with their communities and students prior to attending State Events for policies regarding cheers, signs, artificial noisemakers, mascots, face painting, continuous standing, clean-up, drones and more.

PEP BAND EXPECTATIONS

Restrict playing to timeouts, between periods, pre and postgame or other dead ball situations, and maintain appropriate fan behavior as outlined in the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#).

CHEERLEADER EXPECTATIONS

Use only school district-approved cheers at appropriate times, direct cheers/chants only toward their school's team, and maintain appropriate fan behavior as outlined in the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#).

TEAM ARRANGEMENTS

- **LODGING:** Participating teams are responsible for their own lodging and must provide supervision for all school representatives at their place of lodging.
- **LOCKER ROOMS:** Teams must be supervised by school personnel while in their assigned locker room.
 - Participants are responsible for leaving locker rooms in undamaged condition.
 - Tournament Management is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- **PHYSICIANS/TRAINERS:** Teams interested in supplying their own physician/trainer must complete the [School Athletic Trainer/Physician Form](#) and return it to the Tournament Manager.
- **PARTICIPANT ADMISSION & ROSTER LIMITATIONS:**
 - Roster limits for each State Event are listed in the respective sport-specific regulations. Only those participants included on the roster can be in uniform.
 - Students not included on a team's roster/squad or school pass list must pay admission or be included on the Pass List.
 - Participant admission/access is non-transferable.

RETURN TO PLAY AUTHORIZATION

Athletes removed from participation and attended to by a physician cannot re-enter competition until authorized by the physician who made the original decision.

STATE TOURNAMENT IDENTIFICATION AND MERCHANDISE

The WIAA has registered the WIAA logo and identification term, "State High School Championships," with the Secretary of State, establishing the ownership of events through legal action and WIAA Executive Board policies.

- The WIAA has licensed [Rush Team Apparel](#) to print, sell, and/or distribute WIAA-registered merchandise. Schools are encouraged to contact the [WIAA Staff](#) for information regarding that partnership.
- Only official, pre-approved merchandise will be sold on-site before, during, or after the event.
- Schools interested in producing merchandise using any of the approved phrases listed above must do one of the following:
 1. Contact the [WIAA Staff](#) to procure merchandise through [Rush Team Apparel](#), or,
 2. Remit a percentage of the gross revenue of merchandise sold to the WIAA. The percentage will be agreed upon by the school and the WIAA.
- Permission to distribute items onsite at a State Event must be approved by the WIAA Staff.

SPONSORSHIP/VENDOR PRESENCE

Advertising or recognition of non-school organizations/products is limited to WIAA-approved sponsors. Political displays and/or solicitation are prohibited.