

A. PARTICIPATION

1. Golf is considered an Individual Sport by TAPPS
2. Students not yet in High School may not participate with or against high school students.
3. In order to be eligible to compete in the district tournament, each player must pass a written rules test, to be provided by TAPPS. The test will be sent to each TAPPS school, no later than February 1 each year. The test should be kept on file by the District tournament host and not sent to the TAPPS office.

- B. DIVISIONS.** There will be five divisions for boys (5A; 4A; 3A; 2A; 1A) and five divisions for girls (5A; 4A; 3A; 2A; 1A). Players may be entered as either individuals or teams. Teams consist of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/she is a member of a team or a individual entry.

C. DISTRICTS.

1. Schools shall be assigned to districts by the TAPPS Executive Board
2. District Assignments will be made in the Fall of the current year.

- D. QUALIFICATION FOR STATE.** – See Playoff Format – Section 141

E. CERTIFICATION AND ENTRIES

1. **TAPPS GOLF ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL COACH ON TAPPSTER PRIOR TO EACH LEVEL OF COMPETITION.**
2. **TAPPS GOLF RESULTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY TOURNAMENT HOST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPETITION ON TAPPSTER.**

F. TEAMS

1. *Number of Teams.*
At the district meet each school may enter
 - a. one team of 4 or 5 players
 - b. plus up to five (5) individuals in the appropriate classification.
 - c. **No school may enter more than one boys team and one girls teams plus five individuals.**
2. Classifications having less than four teams shall be assigned to the next highest classification for competition at the State Tournament.
3. *Individual Entries.* There shall be no substitution allowed in the individuals. Each individual player must have qualified individually at the previous qualification meet.
4. *Team member changes.*

- a. Teams qualifying to the next meet qualify as a school team. Members can be changed before the next qualifying meet begins.
 5. *Teams.* Once a meet has started, no substitution shall be allowed to the school team composed of five players. **Exception:** Injury or illness certified by a physician prior to any 18-hole competition.
- G. **MONITORS.** Monitors shall be required only if the host course cannot provide Marshals for the course.
- H. **CERTIFICATION FOR STATE.**
1. Certification of Regional Qualifiers is the responsibility of the District President or his designee, the District Golf Chairman, and shall be sent to the Regional Director and the TAPPS office.
 2. Certification of State Qualifiers
 - a. is the responsibility of the District Tournament Director if regionals are not required and
 - b. is the responsibility of the Regional Director if regionals are required.
 - c. Shall be submitted only on the form supplied on the TAPPS website. All information must be typed and complete prior to submission.
 3. Certification must be in the SALADO TAPPS OFFICE BY 1:00 p.m., on the date shown on the current year TAPPS calendar.
 4. Certification of State Qualifiers should be submitted electronically to the TAPPS office.
- I. **SPORTSMANSHIP.**
- All players, teams, and coaches shall exhibit good sportsmanship. Specific care, by the contestants and fans alike, should be given to avoid improper cheering and "razzing." The **Tournament Director** has the right to declare any player, team, or coach ineligible who does not exhibit good sportsmanship.

Coaches should inform contestants that acts such as throwing clubs, breaking clubs in anger, use of profanity, addressing an official disrespectfully, or any action which brings discredit to the individual, their school or TAPPS will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and the player may be disqualified from further participation in the tournament at the discretion of TAPPS and the Tournament Director. If the actions occur after a match, the placement or medals will be awarded to the next place.