



Ohio Valley Golf Association

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Tour Policies

Membership

Membership to the OVGA High School Tour is open to all golfers between the ages of 13-18 that will be in grades 7-12 in the upcoming year.

Membership Fees

The cost of an annual membership in the OVGA High School Tour is \$30. However, should 4 or more players sign up from the same school, each player will receive a \$5 discount once 4 or more have signed up.

Event Registration

Only Tour members may participate in OVGA events. All entries must be received prior to the entry deadline, generally the Monday prior to the event. Players can register for a respective event by emailing, registering online or by calling Matt Johnson or Chad Stewart. Each event will be limited to the first 120 golfers who sign up. The complete tour schedule is available on the OVGA web site. All entry fees will include greens fees and range balls when applicable. Check the OVGA HS Tour web site for official tournament updates (<http://www.ovgahstour.com>).

Tournament Entry Fees

Payments can be submitted in cash, check or online payment via credit card. You can pay by credit card on the web site using the Yourpay system through PNC Bank.

Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability

By signing or electronically submitting a member application and entering and playing in an OVGA High School Tour Event, the participant understands and agrees that there are certain dangers involved with the participation in a golf event, including but not limited to being struck by lightning, getting hit by a golf club or golf ball, suffering from heat exhaustion, heart attack or injury from uneven terrain, all of which the participant assumes and solely accepts, and waives all claims of injury to body or property against the Ohio Valley Golf Association, the OVGA High School Tour and/or the officials of the Ohio Valley Golf Association. Further more, the participant agrees that while on the premises of an OVGA High School Tour Event, as well as all other presenting sponsors, co-sponsors and representatives affiliated with the tournament, the participant, and any guest, relative or anyone else affiliated with participant, shall be present at their own risk and that the Ohio Valley Golf Association, the OVGA High School Tour and/or the officials of the OVGA shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to person or property of the participant or related person arising out of or in connection with the participation in the Event or presence at the Event. Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Ohio Valley Golf Association, the OVGA High School Tour and/or officials of the OVGA from all claims by or liability to participant or affiliated person.

Tee Times

Tee times will be available on the www.ovgatour.com prior to the event. Pairings and tee times are subject to change anytime prior to the event. However, we will do our best to keep the pairings and order placement the same regardless of any shift in start times. Tee times will only be confirmed on the web site when payment for the round is received. All players will play with other players from their same age group.

Tournament Format

All of the events on the OVGA High School Tour will be stroke play within the assigned age group. Tour play will be governed by the current Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

Tournament Check In

All Tour players must personally check-in at least 30 minutes prior to the assigned tee times and be at the starting point at least 5 minutes prior to the assigned tee time. Failure to do so may result in a player forfeiting his tee time. If a player must withdraw from a tournament, then the following refund table will be used to determine if a player receives a refund.

--Withdraws before deadline on Monday: Full Refund will be given

--Withdraws after deadline will **not** be refunded

Range Ball/Riding Cart

An email will be provided with event updates on whether this event will offer free range balls or if they will be available for a fee in the clubhouse. Players will be expected to walk 18 holes during all OVGA High School Tour events unless otherwise noted prior to the start of the event.

On Course Rules/Range Finders

All play will be governed by the current Rules of Golf as set forth by the USGA. If there is any confusion of a particular ruling during play, and a Tour Official is not accessible, the player is to enter a second ball into play. The player then plays both balls throughout the hole, keeping separate scores and then brings the situation to the Tour Director at the end of the round for a ruling. Any local rules will be addressed by the Tournament Director at the completion of your round. USGA rules regarding range finders will apply. Approved range finders may be used during play.

Dress Code

The OVGA Tour will strictly enforce a tournament dress code with no exceptions. Collared shirts are required (Short Sleeve/Long Sleeve Mocks are considered Collared Shirts), and no jeans, denims, jogging outfits, or sweat pants are permitted. Shorts may be worn. Rain suits are allowed.

Player Conduct

Thank you in advance for your excellent behavior during OVGA events. You are expected to conduct yourself in accordance to the spirit of the game and in a professional manner at all times, both on the course and on course property. Unprofessional behavior (ie, throwing clubs or balls, excessive swearing, verbal or physical abuse to other golfers/course staff/event staff, continuous problems with pace of play, cheating, etc) will be addressed with either warnings, stroke penalties, event disqualification, tour expulsion or other disciplinary actions as determined by the Board of Directors.

Pace of Play

If a group is behind pace of play, they will first receive a warning. It is the responsibility of the players and groups to maintain pace of play and keep up with the group in front of them at all times. **If you are holding up the group behind you, please let them play through.** Please be responsible enough to not cause a back-up if you can allow a faster group to go ahead. We reserve the right to issue penalty strokes if a group is found out of pace twice during a round.

Tournament Scorekeeping

Each player and Marker must sign the scorecard in the designated area on the card attesting that each hole is scored correctly. If, during the course of play, a situation arises that requires a ruling and an official is not available, the player shall confer with the others in the group. The members should attempt to make a reasonable ruling at that time. If a consensus cannot be reached, the player shall play two balls through the hole and keep score for both balls. The situation in question must be submitted to the Tournament Committee for an official (final) ruling prior to the signing of the scorecard. If a player submits a scorecard that has not been signed or submits a signed card with a lower score on a particular hole than the actual score, the player will be disqualified from that event. If a player submits a signed card with a higher score on a particular hole than the actual score, the higher score will be posted. Players are only responsible for the score on *each hole* and not the total score of the round. All scorecards should be reviewed and signed at the "scoring table" with all parties from the group present. Once scorecards have been deposited in the box, all scoring issues are considered final. Any scorecards not put in the box following completion of the tournament will result in DQ for the event...no scorecard = no points.

Inclement Weather

The delaying or canceling of an event due to inclement weather will be determined by the host facility. In the event of a cancellation the Tour will try and re-schedule the event date within the seasonal timeframe. Any partial cancellation refunds or credits will be determined based on the policies of the host facility where players may then apply the credit towards a future scheduled

event or request a full refund to be received by mail (if course gives full refund). If the course becomes unplayable during the play of a single day, two-day or Tour Championship event, the event may be shortened to a nine-hole (single day), 18 to 27-hole (two-day) tournament if a flight has completed nine holes. In most cases, cash refunds are unavailable due to course policies.

Tournament Guidelines

Division Placement

EVENTS

Each event will have three (3) divisions for the players based on gender and age. Both girl's and boy's divisions will be broken down by the following groupings:

- 13-14 year olds (player's that will be in 7th-8th grades for the 2011-12 school year)
- 15-16 year olds (player's that will be in 9th-10th grades for the 2011-12 school year)
- 17-18 year olds (player's that will be in 11th-12th grades for the 2011-12 school year)

Tournament Format

All tournaments are 18-hole stroke play events, except for the Tour Championship which will be a 36-hole cumulative score event. All tournaments are gross score within each division.

Tournament Tees

Prior to each event the Tournament Director will determine division tee placement and course length. The yardage will vary depending on the course teeing grounds, slope and rating. The OVGAs will attempt to provide every golfer an opportunity to participate under the most competitive tournament set-ups possible. All tee boxes will be posted on the web site and emailed to the players at the beginning of the season. We reserve the right to change tee boxes should conditions warrant the need.

Post Round

Players are asked to gather as a pairing at the Official's Scorer's Table and wait to sign their scorecard until they have reviewed the card carefully. Players should wait to sign their card until all members of their pairing are together. Players who have played two balls on a hole and recorded two scores or who have a ruling question should wait until their pairing is gathered in its entirety and discuss the ruling with their pairing and officials at the Scoring Table.

Players in contention are also asked to stay following the completion of their round and participate in the Award Ceremony for their Age Division. A trophy will be awarded for each Age Division (Boys and Girls).

The Boys and Girls Overall Champions will have a photo taken onsite for the Tour website.

Tournament Results & Point Standings

Tournament results will generally be posted at the course on game day, via email following the round, on the web site forum on the night of the event. Tournament results and statistics will be posted on the OVGAs website within 1 day of the completion of the tournament. Points are awarded at each tournament using the following formula. Here is how your Points will be calculated and other rules about the points that you need to know. If you miss a tournament or can't play on the tournament's date, you will not be permitted to make up the tournament or play it on a non-tournament date.

Points Table

Event Placement, # of Points

Place	MAJOR	REGULAR
1	1,600.00	800.00
2	1,040.00	520.00
3	720.00	360.00
4	616.00	308.00
5	568.00	284.00
6	504.00	252.00
7	456.00	228.00

8	408.00	204.00
9	360.00	180.00
10	312.00	156.00
11	256.00	128.00
12	208.00	104.00
13	168.00	84.00
14	112.00	56.00
15	96.00	48.00
16	80.00	40.00
17	72.00	36.00
18	64.00	32.00
19	52.00	26.00
20	48.00	24.00
21	44.00	22.00
22	40.00	20.00
23	36.00	18.00
24	32.00	16.00
25	28.00	14.00
26	24.00	12.00
27	20.00	10.00
28	16.00	8.00
29	12.00	6.00
30	8.00	4.00

Cut Line

Only the Top 30 players in a division will receive event points for their place of finish. Players will still earn participation points for playing (100 for regular events and 200 for a major) even if they do not make the cut.

Queen City Cup

The Queen City Cup will be awarded to the player who earns the most points during the 8 events. A player does not have to play in each event to qualify for the Player of the Year Award.

Determination of Tied Scores

We will attempt to hold on course playoffs if the course allows it. If no on-course playoff can be played, we will declare a tie and give out equal winners points to the players in the tie.

Majors

There will be two (2) "Majors": The OVGA High School Masters and Tri-State High School Open. A Major is worth double the points of a regular event in both placement and participation points.

East-West Cup

The East-West Cup will be an invitation only event for the top players on tour. Using I-75 as a dividing line, the tour will be broken into two halves: East and West. The top 24 boys (12 from both East and West) and the top 24 girls (12 from both East and West) will be invited. The players will then be matched against each other based on point standings for individual matches played under match play rules. Each match will be awarded 1 point for winning, ½ point for a tie. The team with the most points at the end of the 24 matches wins the East-West Cup.

Tour Championship

This will be the final two (2) rounds of the tour season and is open to all High School Tour members to play that day. The event is cumulative score for both days with lowest score over the 36 holes winning. An awards ceremony will follow play.

Player Programs

The OVGA Tour has in place some programs to help grow and mature the tour. The following programs will be an opportunity for tour players to help in the growth and to make the tour more enjoyable for all.

A. Player Referral Program

Should you and 3 teammates/friends sign up together, you will receive \$10 off your membership fee (\$20).

B. Sponsorship Referral Program

Sponsorships are a big part of the OVGA High School tour. With the influx of some revenue, we can advertise better, reduce tournament entry fees and improve the prizes awarded. Please contact Matt Johnson (mattjohnson1973@hotmail.com) or Chad Stewart (chad@ovgatour.com) if you are interested in sponsoring or have a sponsorship idea.

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Ohio Valley Golf Association Golfer Contract

1. Members Name: _____

Address: _____

High School/Coach: _____

2. Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Age: _____

Publicity

3. Do you give the OVGA permission to use your name, age and high school on any tour publications or tour related websites? Please circle one below:

Yes No

Playing Partners

4. Please list fellow players from your school who will/may be playing:

Terms and Conditions

By signing, the member agrees to make full payment of their membership fee along with returning the completed membership contract. A copy of the contract can be returned to you by request after OVGA approval if noted by the Board of Directors. Please send completed contract and checks to the address at the top of this contract. Please make all checks payable to OVGA and write membership on the memo line (bottom left of check). Membership is good for the current season only.

In the event of a rainout or cancellation of an event, an email will be sent to you and a bulletin will be posted on the OVGA HS Tour web site. Your payment for a cancelled round can be returned to you or rolled over to a future event.

All tee times will be assigned once payment for the tee time is received. No tee times will be assigned if the round has not been paid in advance.

In accordance to the Ohio Valley Golf Association's agreement with our sponsors, no usage of our sponsors logo(s) is allowed without written consent of said sponsor(s). Furthermore, no usage of the Ohio Valley Golf Association logo is allowed without written consent of the OVGA.

In case of injury on the course, the member agrees to hold harmless the Ohio Valley Golf Association, its sponsors, or members from any and all claims, actions, suits or allegations for damages to person or property, which relates, emanates, or in any way

pertains to any tour function. Further, member agrees to indemnify the OVGA for any and all costs or losses which may be incurred by the OVGA as a result of such claims, actions, suits or allegations, including and not limited to reasonable attorney fees and expenses of litigation.

Thank you in advance for your excellent behavior during OVGA events. You are expected to conduct yourself in accordance to the spirit of the game and in a professional manner at all times, both on the course and on course property. Unprofessional behavior (ie, throwing clubs or balls, excessive swearing, verbal or physical abuse to other golfers/course staff/event staff, continuous problems with pace of play, cheating, etc) will be addressed with either warnings, stroke penalties, event disqualification, tour expulsion or other disciplinary actions as determined by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Signature of New Member

Name of OVGA Board Member

Printed Name

Title

Date

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

