



2023 NIAA 3A Southern Region Boys Golf Championship tournament information

The 2023 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 3A Southern Region Boys Golf Championship tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11 at the par-72 Mountain Falls Golf Club in Pahrump..

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 10 at Mountain Falls Golf Club

Coaches Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
First Tee Time at 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 11 at Mountain Falls Golf Club

Coaches Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
First Tee Time at 10 a.m.

LOCATION

Mountain Falls Golf Club is located at 5001 Clubhouse Drive in Pahrump. The phone number to the course is 775-537-6553. The website is <https://www.mountainfallsgolfclub.com> .

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Region qualifying

Invitations for participation in the 2023 NIAA Class 3A Southern Region tournament will be extended to those teams that meet the qualifying standards (by either regular-season tournament averages and/or tournament bests) established by the Southern Nevada High School Golf Coaches Association. No more than eight (8) teams will be granted entry. Team qualifying will not be based on league affiliation.

Invitations for participation in the 2023 NIAA Class 3A Southern Region tournament will be extended to those individuals from non-qualifying teams that meet the qualifying standards (by either regular-season tournament averages and/or tournament bests) established by the Southern Nevada High School Golf Coaches Association. No more than 10 individuals from non-qualifying teams will be granted entry. Individual qualifying will not be based on league affiliation.

A team which qualifies for the region tournament will NOT be permitted to qualify additional individuals.

2. State qualifying

The top three (3) teams and the top six (6) individuals from non-qualifying teams in this league championship advance to the Class 3A State Boys Golf Championship.

3. Team scoring

Teams will consist of a maximum of six (6) players and must have a minimum of four (4) legal scorecards signed and turned in after each round in order to post a team score.

4. Tee times

Times will be set by the tournament director and will be based on the team concept.

5. Format

This region championship tournament will be a two-day, 36-hole event. A team's best four (4) scores each day will count toward determining the team score. Players must turn in a signed scorecard after each round in order to qualify for individual honors.

6. Weather/Darkness

Should weather, darkness or any other unforeseeable delay not allow for the completion of the final round, final team and individual scores will be based on the results of the last common hole completed by all players (applicable only to a tournament formatted with tee times – starting off hole(s) 1 or 10).

Every effort will be made to achieve the completion of the tournament. The tournament director has authority to make any necessary changes to the tournament schedules. In the event the tournament cannot be played to any completion of a 9-hole increment, state qualifiers will be based on the final regular-season standings.

7. Rules

This league championship tournament will be governed by the USGA's "2023 Rules of Golf" book, the NIAA Handbook, the NIAA Reference Manual, this information packet and the local rules sheet (if available) published specifically for this tournament. This tournament information packet is a binding document for the rules and regulations of this tournament.

8. Sunday play

The NIAA's "blackout rule" is no longer in effect. The "Sunday" no-play rule is in effect, however, and TEAMS (defined as two or more players together) are NOT permitted to play the course on Sunday since it is not a tournament travel day. Individuals, however, may play the course so long as they are playing alone (without any other teammate, coach, etc.).

9. Substitutions

Substitutions will not be permitted after the start of the tournament, even in the case of injury and/or illness. A team may play with four or fewer players, but it must have four scorecards signed and turned in after each round in order to post a team score.

10. Course monitors

Monitors will not be permitted to give rulings. All rulings will be made per the tournament and/or golf course staff. Please refer to the Monitor's Guidelines sheet contained on the NIAA website.

Individual golfers will be responsible for a competitor's scorecard as well as a running check of his own.

11. Spectators

Spectators are permitted to follow play and be around the course, but are NOT permitted to offer advice to a player during a round. Spectators must sign the NIAA Spectator Release/Waiver/Rules acknowledgement form prior to entering the course proper.

The NIAA greatly encourages all competitors, coaches, teams and spectators to thank the Mountain Falls staff for their generous donation of the course for the region championship tournament.

ON-COURSE COACHING REGULATION

Coaching is permitted on all areas of the course in the 2022-23 NIAA league/region and state golf tournaments (effective 2012 fall girls golf season). Coaches and players must, however, adhere to the following criteria:

1. The coach must be approved through his/her respective school, administration and/or district. The coach will be required to wear/display a name tag/badge identifying him/her as the approved on-course coach.
2. Two (2) coaches may coach during the league/region and state tournaments.

In the spirit of the coaching rule, players are at no time to be coaches.

Once a player has completed his round, he shall become a spectator (subject to the restrictions of a spectator and fellow competitor) and will thus not be permitted to offer advice to teammates still out on the course.

The penalty for offering advice to a teammate or any other competitor while play is in progress shall be two strokes per incident in accordance with the USGA's rule book as determined by the tournament director and verified by the tournament's rules committee.

3. It is imperative that coaches do not slow the pace of play. Slow play will be penalized as per USGA rules.
4. No teaching aid or technology other than USGA-approved distance measuring devices will be allowed on the course. This would include, but not be limited to, radios, cell phones, video cameras, etc.

If a coach violates any of these rules, he/she will be asked to immediately return and remain at the clubhouse. The school will then lose all coaching privileges for the remainder of the tournament.

REFERENCE MANUAL INFORMATION

1. Distance measuring devices, per USGA and local association guidelines, are permitted in all high school play (including league/region and division championship tournaments). Other technology (including, but not limited to, mobile phones, music players and the like) is NOT permitted for use during a competitor's round. The penalty for using illegal technology is, in the first incident, two (2) strokes and, in the second occurrence, disqualification.
2. Motorized (i.e. electric and/or gas operated) carts will not be permitted during high school play unless a) they are afforded to all players in the field, b) the tournament staff announces shuttling will be provided at certain areas of the course and/or c) an appeal by school personnel is verified with an accompanied medical documentation. Pull / Manual carts are permitted at all times in high school play.
3. Tee times for the 2023 NIAA Class 3A Southern Region Boys Golf Championship tournament will be determined by the tournament director and the NIAA in advance.

IN-MATCH / TOURNAMENT TIE-BREAKER

Team ties

The aggregate stroke score of the four (4) lowest 18-hole scores for each team, (each day), shall constitute their school's team score. Ties for the championship and/or runner-up trophies will be handled in accordance with NIAA playoff procedures described below.

1. If the total of the low four (4) scores (each day) results in a tie after 18/36 holes, the lowest (two-day total) score of the fifth person(s) on the team will determine the winner. If one team does not have a fifth score and the other team does, the team with the fifth score wins.
2. If the tie remains after step 1, the tied teams will follow the same procedure comparing the scores of the sixth-place finisher.
3. If the sixth person(s) are also tied, all six players from each team will play one hole of sudden victory. Each team will count its lowest four (4) scores on this hole with the lowest total winning. If the total of the four scores are the same, the lowest score of the a) fifth player and/or/then b) sixth player on the sudden victory hole will determine the winner. If the score of the fifth and/or/then sixth player also results in a tie, the teams will play another hole and proceed with the tie-breaking procedure as outlined. This procedure will continue until a winner is determined.

Ties for individual medalists

Only ties for the (top) medalist (first place) honor will be broken by a sudden victory playoff. Ties for other medals will be determined by matching scorecards, as recommended by the USGA and outlined below:

1. The player with the best/lowest score on the back nine, final day only, will earn the higher/better finishing place.
2. If a tie remains, the player with the best/lowest score on the last six holes, final day only, will earn the higher/better finishing place.
3. If a tie remains, the player with the best/lowest score on the last three holes, final day only, will earn the higher/better finishing place.
4. If a tie remains, the player with the best/lowest score on the 18th hole, final day only, will earn the higher/better finishing place.

Note: In the event multiple tees are used to start the tournament, the last nine holes will be Nos. 10-18 on the scorecard, the last six will be Nos. 13-18 on the scorecard, etc. At all times, the last nine holes will be represented by Nos. 10-18 on the scorecard.