



CHSAA 2025 4A Boy's State Championship

Notice to Players



The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association and The R&A effective January 2023 govern play.

This Notice to Competitors supplements the current CHSAA Hard Card and CHSAA Bulletin. In case of a conflict, this Notice prevails.

If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: CHSAA serious misconduct, in which case it is a decision of the Committee.

All local rules of the Fox Hill Club are **NOT** in effect.

Tees: CHSAA Tee Markers

Pace of Play: See separate pace of play policy. **Maximum time allowed to play each round is 4:58**

Transportation: Prohibited. To save time, a player may accept transportation to and from:

- the place of a previous stroke, or
- for a medical need, or
- a restroom

Players may ride a shuttle from the Putting Green to the next Tee on any Committee designated shuttle holes.

Scoring Area: Will be located on the upstairs patio (in inclement weather: inside the restaurant) and will be defined by blue tape or otherwise.

Format: 36-Holes of Stroke Play with concurrent team and individual competitions

Maximum Score: a maximum score of "double par" is in effect. A player may pick up and move to the next hole after all strokes plus penalty strokes equal or exceed twice the posted par for that specific hole. (example: score of 10 or more on a par 5 hole)

All disqualification penalties in the Rules of Golf still apply, **except** for the penalty in Rule 3.3c for failing to hole out where the maximum score for the hole is taken or will apply.

Lost or Out of Bounds Balls: Model Local Rule E-5 is in effect for balls lost or out of bounds. See separate E-5 documents for details.

Playoffs: If necessary, playoffs will be conducted on **#18, #18, #18** then **#10 & #18** repeating the rotation as many times as needed. If both team and individual playoffs are required, the team playoff(s) will go first, followed by the individual playoff.

Drop Zones: On **#14** is available as an additional option for any ball that is on the cart path or in the rock bed between the cart path and fence **and** between the two blue stakes. DZ is behind and left of the Putting Green.

On **#17** is available as an additional option for a ball in the Red Penalty Area behind the Putting Green. DZ is located behind the Putting Green.

Out of Bounds: is defined by white stakes, white lines or dots, the course side of concrete edging, sidewalks, public streets, the course side of the posts at ground level in the post and cable barrier along the railroad tracks and boundary fences including metal and wood perimeter fencing. All white OB stakes are fixed and may not be moved or removed. Gaps in perimeter fencing are also identified by the fence posts at each end of the gap if white stake(s) are not present.

Behind **#1** Putting Green and **#2** Tees the far edge of the cart path defines the boundary and is identified with blue topped white stakes.

The fence with rock posts behind **#14** PG and **#15** tees uses the course side edge of the posts and fence, at ground level to define the boundary. Any ball on the course side of the fence is in bounds.

The maintenance building and yard by **#6 & #15** is OB(white stakes).

Where multiple boundary objects exist, the boundary object that is closest to the golf course defines the course boundary.

Penalty Areas: Penalty Areas are indicated by freshly painted red lines and/or stakes. Unmarked Penalty Areas are deemed to be Red. All bridges are located within the respective Penalty Area.

Abnormal Course Conditions: are defined by freshly painted white lines, where relief is optional, unless deemed to be a No Play Zone (see below).

Note: There is no relief, without penalty, from any dead trees.

Note: areas marked by course maintenance with short green topped white stakes are to control cart traffic and are not considered Ground Under Repair **unless** they are also encircled with fresh white paint.

Sod Seams: all connected sod seams are treated as the same seam.

Bare Areas: Thinly grassed areas resulting from winterkill or drought conditions are not considered and are not marked as ground under repair. No relief without penalty.

Obstructions: All roads and paths on the course even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which relief, without penalty, is allowed under Rule 16.1. Areas that are **immediately adjacent** to a cart path and are worn out by cart traffic are treated as part of the cart path for relief purposes.

Other Obstructions include (if not located within a Penalty Area):

- The square split rail area fenced on the left edge of **#5**
- Concrete water transfer facilities (**#5 & #6**)
- The Carved Statue on **#10**
- The rock bed between the cart path and boundary fence behind **#14** Putting Green (see Drop Zone section)
- Pump handles and surrounding protective areas, if any
- Shelters and buildings
- Cart path extensions with rocks, mulch or similar treatment
- Flower gardens or planters completely surrounded by cart path
- Yellow cart traffic stakes near Putting Greens

No Play Zones: all cultivated flower beds, containing live flowers, located throughout the course, and,

Young Trees with Mulched Bases: If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a Penalty Area and it lies on or touches a newly planted tree or tree in the process of being established or the mulched base or tree interfere with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player **must** take relief under Rule 16.1f as a **No Play Zone**. If in doubt, consult a referee for assistance.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs): Include tents, signs, coolers and other tournament related objects not easily moveable as well as the periscope by the 9th tee. Either side option is in effect.

Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do: If a player is uncertain of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls employing Rule 20.1c(3). After the uncertain situation has arisen, **and before making a stroke**, the player should tell his marker or another player which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his scorecard, even if the score with both balls is the same. If the player fails to do so, he is **disqualified**.

Scorecards: Immediately upon completion of the round, players shall report to the scoring area. A player has left the scoring area when they have physically left the marked scoring area the first time with both feet outside the scoring area.

**Restrooms are located at:
The Greens of #3, #8 and #16 (same building)
and the Clubhouse**

For rules assistance, call: (575) 405-3684 or (303) 884-2200