



CHSAA 2025 5A Boys State Championship

Notice to Players

October 6th – 7th, 2025: Bookcliff Country Club



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 Rules and Conditions of Competition 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 Bookcliff CC 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.

Coaching: Registered coaches may coach their team's players anytime during their round until a player's ball is on the putting green and the player is within approximately 20 yards of the green.

Scoring Area: Depending on weather, will be located at **XXX** 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 document for details.

Ties: In the event of a tie for the individual champion, or for 1st and/or 2nd place teams a hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted on holes determined by the Committee.

Drop Zones: Available on **Holes # & #** located on the entirety of the forward most tee box. As an additional option to Rule 17.1d for a ball known or virtually certain to lie in the penalty area.

Out of Bounds: Defined by white stakes, white lines or dots, boundary fencing, the course side of concrete edging on sidewalks, parking lots, or public streets. All OB stakes are fixed and may not be moved or removed.

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 lines and/or stakes. Unmarked Penalty Areas are deemed to be Red.

No Play Zones (NPZ): Defined by green topped stakes. When a ball lies in the NPZ, the ball must not be played as it lies, and relief **must** be taken from interference by the NPZ under Rule 17.1e. For a ball located outside the NPZ where the player has interference from the NPZ for areas of stance or swing the player **MUST** take relief, without penalty, under Rule 16.1.

Abnormal Course Conditions: Defined by freshly painted white, enclosed lines, where relief is optional.

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.

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

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.

Trees with Stakes and Wires: If a player's ball lies on or touches such a tree or the tree and/or the stakes or wires interfere with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player **must** take relief under Rule 16.1f.

Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do: If a player is uncertain of their rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, they 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 their marker or another player which ball they wish to count if the Rules permit. The player **must** report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning their scorecard, even if the score with both balls is the same. If the player fails to do so, they are **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 and the Clubhouse

Shelters are located at:

The Greens of #3, #8 and #16 and the Clubhouse

**For rules assistance, call:
George: 732-309-9846**