



**TO:** Boys Athletic Directors, Boys Golf Coaches

**RE:** 2008 CIF Southern Section Boys Freelance Golf Tournament  
Sponsored by the Southern California PGA Foundation

**FROM:** James T. Staunton, Ed.D., Commissioner of Athletics

**DATE:** March 24, 2008

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## **Freelance Golf Tournament - Monday, April 28, 2008 – 12:00 p.m. Start**

**Rio Hondo Country Club  
10627 Old River School Road  
Downey, California 90241**

This Boys Freelance Golf Bulletin contains important information on the date and location of this competition as well as information regarding entry forms.

The rules regarding practice rounds, course deadlines, dress, conduct, participation regulations, electronic devices, ties, scoring, speed of play and advice have been written by the Golf Committee and constitute rules regarding the conduct of this event.

**Qualifying Criteria:** In order to qualify for the 2008 Boys Freelance Golf Tournament, your school either does not belong to a league or your league does not offer the sport of golf.

A freelance team must achieve a nine-hole score of 210 or lower for any eight matches during the season on a par 36 course or better. Schools not sending teams may enter a maximum of two individuals who have an SCGA index of 17 or better or 10 scores of 42 or better for nine holes since the start of the season on a par 36 course or better.

The CIF Southern Section will conduct the 2008 Boys Freelance Golf Tournament sponsored by the Southern California PGA Foundation at the Rio Hondo Country Club on Monday, April 28, 2008 with a 12:00 p.m. start. Location of the club is 10627 Old River School Road, Downey, California 90241. Telephone number is 562-927-2329. Dennis McReynolds will serve as tournament director for this event. You may contact him at [djmcreynolds@roadrunner.com](mailto:djmcreynolds@roadrunner.com).

**Entries:** Entry petitions (attached) must be completed and forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office **by 12:00 noon, Monday, April 21, 2008**. A committee will review all petitions and selection for the tournament will be made by April 23. To verify acceptance of your petition, you may contact Pat Schmidt, CIF Southern Section Office, on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

**Entry Fee:** There will be a **\$35** green fee for each individual student selected to play in this event and **\$175** for each team. The fee must be paid to the tournament director at the site prior to the start of play. Please make checks payable to the CIF Southern Section.

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**Supervision Requirement (Rule 308):** The Southern Section office has experienced a problem which has perpetuated itself over the past few years as it pertains to proper supervision and entry of student-athletes in the post-season playoffs. The situation relates only to individual sports, i.e., cross country, golf, individual tennis, track, swimming, etc. and the official recognition and registration of entrants at the respective playoff sites.

**State and Southern Section Rule 308 states:**

No CIF team or individual shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team/individual unless the CIF team/individual is under supervision as required by the California Administrative Code Title V or Bylaw 506(A) and 506(B). Additionally, refer to Rule 123. **The supervisor must remain in attendance at all times.**

Those persons approved for supervision purposes are:

1. Certificated personnel
2. Certified coaches (certified credentialed coaches)
3. Non-certificated temporary coaches (certified walk-on coaches).

It should be noted that schools representing the same district may send one credentialed or certified supervisor for three or four athletes. These individuals have been recognized and are to continue to be recognized for registration and participation purposes because the district has assigned him/her the supervisory role for all students from its member schools.

This rule applies to those students who are not accompanied by a faculty representative and report to the playoff site by themselves or with a parent. **Giving parents the supervision authority, whether in writing or not, does not meet the standards set forth in the above regulations.** This also applies to parents who are the student's private coach but are not under contract to the member school.

Please note: This rule was reviewed with both the State CIF office and State CIF attorney and the Southern Section Executive Committee who reaffirmed that the interpretation stands as above and that any student reporting for competition who is not under direct supervision in accordance with State and Southern Section Rule 308 is to be denied.

**Qualifying for Team Divisionals and Individual Regionals:** **One** team will advance to the Central Coast Team Divisional on Monday, May 5, 2008 at Montecito Country Club beginning with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun. **Two** individuals will advance to the Central Individual Regional to be held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at Hemet Golf Club with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun.

**Course Deadlines:** Course deadlines apply to all courses hosting championship events. Beginning **Friday, May 2, 2008**, no player, coach, assistant coach or representative of the school will be permitted to play, walk or be on the course. If a student or coach is a member of a private course or country club that is hosting a championship or post season event, that player or coach would be permitted to play, walk or be on the course. The penalty for this infraction will be disqualification. This prohibition covers team and individual competitions. It is important that coaches advise students and parents of course deadlines.

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**Speed of Play:** Speed of play is critical. Take pains to walk at a good pace between shots. Do not stand on ceremony as to who is away on the green or in the fairway. **Do not walk in front of other players while they are hitting.** If a tournament official instructs a group to move up on a par three, that group hits and upon reaching the green, marks their balls and waves the next group up before putting out. Groups of four, in stroke play, should take no more than 15 minutes per hole. Penalties may be assessed to individuals who, after warning, remain out of position.

**Advice:** Coaches are asked to remind all participants of Advice Rule #8 (Advice and Assistance) in the Rules of Golf which specifically prohibits players from receiving any counsel or suggestion from anyone (including their coaches, teammates, other players, spectators or parents) which could influence their play, the choice of club, or the method of making a stroke. *“Advice” is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke.*

Note: Information on the Rules of Golf, matters of public information and/or Local Rules for this tournament is not considered advice.

A player shall not give advice to anyone in the competition. Verbal or non-verbal communication between coaches, players, parents and/or spectators that meet the criteria of the Advice Rule will be considered a violation. The penalty, as described in the Rules of Golf (Rule 8, stroke play) is two strokes.

A player who witnesses a violation of the Advice Rule is advised to call the infraction immediately to the attention of the competitor. Event management, who witness infractions, is empowered to call the violation and assess the penalty.

**Dress for Players and Coaches:** **Players and coaches must be attired in collared golf shirts, slacks or bermuda-length golf shorts.** **No** t-shirts, tank tops, jeans of any color, cargo shorts, cargo pants, safari shorts or safari pants will be permitted for coaches and players. **Most golf courses require soft spikes.** Advise players of this dress code prior to arriving at the course. Coaches have the responsibility to see that their players are dressed appropriately. Failure to comply could result in disqualification.

**Rules:** The USGA Rules of Golf and all local course rules will govern play. Each player understands and agrees to observe all regulations and conditions set forth by the tournament committee. Any questions shall be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final. The tournament manager will determine which tees will be utilized for post-season play.

**Electronic Devices:** No electronic devices, including distance measuring devices, cell phones, personal desktop accessories (pda's) or walkie talkies, will be permitted at any post season site. At the January, 2006 Boys Golf Committee meeting, it was voted on and unanimously passed to **not** allow the use of any g.p.s. or range finder units at our championship events.

**Scoring:** Teams will consist of **six** players with the best **five** scores counted to determine the winners. Players are reminded to check their scorecards, hole by hole, prior to signing and turning them in at the conclusion of play. Scorecards should be marked with the number of strokes taken per hole.

**Driving Range:** The driving range will close 30 minutes prior to the start of competition.

**Ties:** In the event there is a tie for the team qualifying to enter the Central Coast Team Divisional, it will be broken by taking the score of the 6<sup>th</sup> player. If there is a tie in the individual category, it will be broken by a playoff if possible or by matching cards.





# CIF Southern Section Boys' Freelance Golf Tournament Individual Entry Petition

**Must be typed or printed legibly with a dark pen.**

**Special Note:** If you submit a team entry, you do not have to submit an individual entry form. All team entries are eligible for individual qualification.

**Name of Entrant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

Zip

**SCGA Index:** \_\_\_\_\_ (17 or better)

**SCGA Member Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In accordance with State CIF Rule 308, please list the name of the authorized person (school principal/athletic director or certified employee of the school and/or district) designated to supervise the entrants.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal

**Note:** If the student's SCGA handicap is 18 or above, submit this form along with the following Verification of 10 matches with a score of 42 or better for nine holes since the start of the season on a par 36 course or better to the CIF Southern Section office **no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, April 21, 2008.**

Return of this entry form constitutes a commitment to play if the entry is accepted.

**RETURN TO:**

**Pat Schmidt  
CIF Southern Section  
10932 Pine Street  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
Fax: 562-493-6266**

