



**TO:** CIF Southern Section Girls Golf Coaches  
**FROM:** Rob Wigod, Commissioner  
**SUBJECT:** 2011 CIF Southern Section – Girls Golf Preview Bulletin Presented by Farmers  
**DATE:** September, 2011

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## *Welcome to the 2011 Girls Golf Season*

This preview bulletin has been prepared to assist you with our girls golf program. The information is important in preparation for the upcoming season. Please share all information with your assistant coaches.

The following items are included in this packet:

1. Calendar Dates
2. Post-Season Playoff Dates
3. Participating Leagues
4. Blue Book Rules Review
5. Strength of League Entry Determination
6. 3-5-7 Rule Decision
7. Strength of League Criteria

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## *2011 Girls Golf Calendar Dates*

The following is a capsule of the CIF Southern Section golf calendar for the upcoming season.

### *First Contest*

No interscholastic contests (practice, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to **Monday, August 29, 2011.**

### *Last Contest and At-Large Team Entry Information*

All competition (non-league, league and tournaments) must end on or before **4:00 p.m., Friday, October 21, 2011.**

Team and individual entries are due in the CIF Southern Section office no later than **4:00 p.m., Friday, October 21, 2011.** League Managers must plan to schedule league culminating tournaments accordingly. No competition will be allowed after October 21. One at-large team from each league will be accepted after having met all qualifiers. At-large team entries must submit 6 qualifying scores for entry. Alternates for the individual championship must be submitted by the League Final Manager.

### *Course Deadlines*

Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, course deadlines were no longer in effect. The Girls Golf Committee voted to make this change on December 3, 2009. Course deadlines previously prohibited players and coaches from playing golf courses used for Southern Section post-season competition after a specified date. **Coaches and players must still adhere to the CIF Rule 310 which prohibits organized team practice on Sunday.** Please refer to above Practice Restrictions related to Bylaw 310 and 2012.

### *Sunday Practice Restrictions*

No practice or instruction from the school coach of any type (team or individual) may be conducted on Sunday. (Exception for religious schools: see Blue Book Bylaw 310 and 2012.) If a coach is transporting players on Sunday to a tournament on Monday, the coach must call the Southern Section office and advise the Commissioner of his plans.

*What constitutes organized practice?*

Organized practice shall be interpreted as meaning the association of a coach with team members for the purpose of learning or practicing the skills of golf.

It is important to realize that a coach should also conform to the spirit as well as the letter of the rule. For example, a golf coach who is sitting in the clubhouse while his or her team is using the practice facilities or playing the golf course would be in violation of this rule.

A coach would also be in violation of the rule if he or she dropped off their team members at the golf course and left the premises. This also would never be advised as a coach should always be supervising his or her athletes when they are under his or her care.

*Can a parent, who is not a coach, take the team to the golf course for practice on a Sunday?*

No, this would again be a violation, because the parent is in effect circumventing the rule and the practice is organized.

*Can a parent take his or her son or daughter individually to the golf course for practice on Sunday?*

Yes, the Section office does not regulate how a parent chooses to spend time with their son or daughter.

### **Student and Coach Behavior and Dress Code**

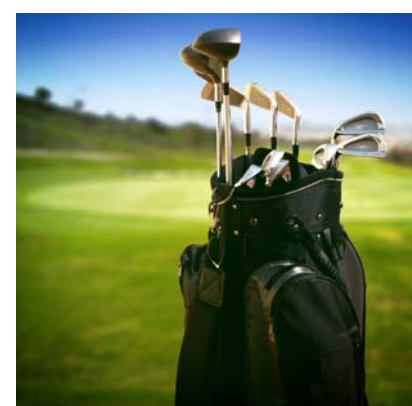
CIF Southern Section wishes to promote appropriate student and coach behavior at our post-season events. Golf courses impose dress codes. CIF Southern Section will impose dress codes.

### **Second Place Team Qualifying for Post-Season Divisional Tournaments**

**All second place teams must have qualifying scores to be eligible to participate in.** To participate, all second, third, fourth and fifth place teams must have achieved a best nine-hole score of 240 or better for a par 36 (adjustable by par) for any six matches during the season to qualify for entry.

### **Pull Carts**

Effective with the 2011-2012 school year, the Girls Golf Advisory Committee has agreed to remove all restrictions on pull carts. All players may use pull carts.



## Attention all Athletic Directors and CIF Southern Section Golf Coaches:



As previously announced in 2009-2010 the Southern Section will now require golfers – male and female – to have a valid GHIN for entry into playoffs. The Women’s Southern California Golf Association (WSCGA) has generously agreed to provide these numbers free of charge to all female golfers in the Section. The Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) will issue numbers for boys golf.

Please note: golfers must only have a number for the 2010-2011 school year; they are not required to have a valid index. *Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all golfers are expected to have a valid index for entry in the playoffs. It takes a minimum of five 18-hole rounds (or ten 9-hole rounds) to establish an index.*

### What do I have to do?

#### Pre-Season

- Coaches are expected to register any player on their roster who is not a member of the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club. **The deadline is September 30, 2011.**
  - There are two ways to register a player who needs a GHIN number or currently has a GHIN number but is not a member of the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club.
    - Mail or fax the application to the CIF-SS Office
    - Email the following information for any player who needs a GHIN number to Jeff Evans ([JAEvans@LBSchools.net](mailto:JAEvans@LBSchools.net)): name, home address, birthday, email address, and GHIN number (if a player has a GHIN number already or used to have one)
  - The application form can be found under the Girls Golf News/Events and in the CIF-SS Girls Golf Preview.
- Coaches and players can find their GHIN number on the CIF-SS Website on a list that will be posted under Girls Golf (News/Events). The list will be updated on a weekly basis.
- You do not need to re-register any player who is already on the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club Roster.
- Former Players – If a player has graduated from your high school or is no longer playing for your school, she needs to be inactivated from the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club. She will still be able to keep her GHIN number and join another golf club even after she has been inactivated. Please email the WSCGA to inactivate players at [handicap@womensgolf.org](mailto:handicap@womensgolf.org).

#### During the High School Golf Regular Season

- Coaches or players may post scores. Scores may be posted on the posting computer at the golf course or online.
  - For online posting – <http://www.womensgolf.org/wscga/netpost/>
- *Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all golfers are expected to have a valid index for entry in the playoffs. It takes a minimum of five 18-hole rounds (or ten 9 hole rounds) to establish an index.*

#### Post-Season

- Former Players – If a player has graduated from your high school or is no longer playing for your school, she needs to be inactivated from the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club. She will still be able to keep her GHIN number and join another golf club even after she has been inactivated. Please email the WSCGA to inactivate players at [handicap@womensgolf.org](mailto:handicap@womensgolf.org).

### Frequently Asked Questions

*Question:* What is to prevent coaches or players from artificially altering scores?

*Answer:* The sport of golf is a sport of integrity and honesty. If it is discovered any coach or athlete has altered scores or entered incorrect data that person faces a ban from playoff competition.

*Question:* If a player has a GHIN number with another golf club, does she need to also register with the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club?

*Answer:* Yes. The player will use the same GHIN number and be a member of both clubs. A player can be a member of multiple golf clubs, and must use the same GHIN number.

*Question:* Should a player have a separate GHIN number with the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club?

*Answer:* No. A player is only allowed to have one GHIN number at any time. If a player is discovered to have multiple GHIN numbers, the numbers will need to be consolidated so that the player has only one GHIN number.

*Question:* What if a player does not complete enough rounds during the season to establish a handicap index?

*Answer:* We do not restrict the rounds that players post towards establishing their handicap index. Players are encouraged to post every time they play golf. This includes rounds outside of high school. This allows a player ample opportunity to complete the minimum number of rounds to establish a handicap index prior to the start of the playoffs.

*Question:* What if a player is not registered with the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club by the deadline of September 30, 2011?

*Answer:* Please make every effort to fax in the applications or email Jeff Evans prior to the deadline. It makes it difficult to get players registered when coaches wait until the end and we encounter a massive amount of entries at the same time. If you miss the deadline, please contact Jeff Evans.

*Question:* What if I have a question that has not been answered or I have additional questions?

*Answer:* Please email Jeff Evans – [JAEvans@LBSchools.net](mailto:JAEvans@LBSchools.net); Jeff Evans is the Head Girls and Boys Golf Coach at Long Beach Wilson High School, and is a member of the CIF Girls and Boys Golf Advisory Committees. Jeff is serving as the Handicap Chairman for the CIF Southern Section.



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# 2011 WSCGA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2011**

Complete this form (one form for each player) and mail to: CIF Southern Section 10932 Pine St. Los Alamitos, CA 90720 or fax to: CIF-SS 562-493-6266. Retain a copy for your records. You may also email the information directly to Jeff Evans JAEvans@LBSchools.net. **Please print clearly.**

CLUB NAME: CIF Southern Section

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Does player have an existing GHIN number? YES NO MAYBE

WSCGA or GHIN NUMBER: 

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If you are unsure if you already have a GHIN number or cannot remember it, please indicate MAYBE. We will look up your name in the system to determine your status. A player is only allowed to have one GHIN number.

CLUB OR ASSOCIATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FEMALE  High School Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*REQUIRED DATE OF BIRTH: (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE



## **Coaching During CIF Southern Section Championship Competition (Divisional, Regional and Championship Events)**

*On January 25, 2010 the Southern Section Boys and Girls Golf Committees approved a proposal to allow coaching, under limited circumstances, during the conduct of Southern Section divisional and regional competition and Championships. The purpose was to allow a coach to provide instruction, encouragement and information to his/her golfers without interfering with play or the conduct of the event. The proposal was **approved for the 2011-2012 school year only** for both girls and boys. The Committee will evaluate the success of the rule change after the conclusion of the 2012 boys' golf season.*

### **Coaches must adhere to the following regulations:**

- Between the play of holes, a coach is allowed to communicate advice to his/her players.
  - Between the play of holes is defined as that period when an entire group has completed play of a hole and ends when the individual player hits his or her tee shot on the next hole.
- The communication of advice may not impede the pace of play.
- Coaches are NOT allowed to communicate any advice (verbal or non-verbal) during the play of the hole. A violation of this would result in the player being penalized under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.
- Coaches who are in violation of this policy may be subject to one or more of following consequences from a member/members of the tournament committee:
  - Warning
  - Limited coaching time
  - Removal from the golf course (coach may remain in the clubhouse/practice area)
- Only the golf coach as specified under Bylaw 309 may communicate advice to his/her players.
  - The golf coach is defined as the person who signs in the team at the event, and is listed on file at his/her respective high school as the golf coach.
  - Throughout the competition, the golf coach must wear a wristband identifying him or her as the golf coach. CIF will provide the wristbands at each post-season event.
- As a reminder, players are still prohibited from communicating advice, as defined by Rule 8, to other players at any time during their round. Any player who gives or asks for advice will be penalized according to Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.

Any head coach, assistant coach, or school employee who is found to be in violation of the regulations outlined above may be denied entry at future CIF post-season events, and may cause his/her team or individual players to be disqualified from the event. The suspension and disqualification penalties are subject to the judgment of the Commissioner of the CIF Southern Section whose decision is final.

Note: Coaching is **prohibited** during CIF/WSCGA Southern Regional and CIF State events.

## ***2011 Post-Season Playoff Dates***

Listed below are the 2011 post-season playoff dates.

### **Freelance Qualifying**

Tuesday, October 18, 2011                      Rio Hondo Country Club, Downey  
11:00 a.m., red tees

### **Team Divisionals**

**Central**                      Thursday, October 27, 2011                      Jurupa Hills Country Club, Riverside  
8:00 a.m. shotgun, red and white tees

**Eastern**                      Thursday, October 27, 2011                      Seven Hills Golf Club, Hemet  
8:00 a.m. shotgun, red tees

**Northern**                      **Wednesday, October 26**                      Soule Park Golf Course, Ojai  
8:00 a.m. shotgun, lemon/olive tees

**Southern**                      **Wednesday, October 26**                      Los Serranos Golf & Country Club, North Course,  
Chino Hills, 8:00 a.m. shotgun, gold tees

### **Team Final**

Thursday, November 3, 2011                      River Course at the Alisal, Solvang  
9:30 a.m. shotgun, white tees

### **Individual Regionals**

**Northern**                      Monday, October 31, 2011                      River Ridge Golf Club, Vineyard Course, Oxnard  
8:00 a.m. shotgun, red tees

**Southern**                      Monday, October 31, 2011                      Recreation Park Golf Course, Long Beach  
8:00 a.m. shotgun, silver/white tees

### **Individual Final & WSCGA Qualifying Tournament**

Monday, November 7, 2011                      Talega Golf Club, San Clemente  
7:30 a.m., red/white tees

### **WSCGA Foundation**

Thursday, November 10, 2011                      Golf Club at Rancho California, Murrieta  
(formerly SCGA Golf Course) 8:00 a.m. shotgun,  
combination tees

### **State Championship**

Tuesday, November 15, 2011                      Poppy Hills Golf Course, Pebble Beach

Note - The top 45 players **and all ties** from each individual regional will qualify for the Individual Championship. Specific information will be included in the playoff bulletins posted on the CIF Southern Section web site in October.

**Please Note: The CIF Southern Section Golf Committee advises all coaches and athletic directors to check our web site on a regular basis for any changes to course information, location or dates. Go to [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org).**

## *Participating Leagues in the 2011 Girls Golf Season*

### Academy

Fairmont Prep  
Saddleback Valley Chr  
Sage Hill  
St. Margaret's

### Alpha

Brentwood  
Campbell Hall  
Crossroads  
Marshall Fundamental  
Paraclete  
Windward

### Bay

Chadwick  
Mira Costa  
Peninsula  
Redondo Union  
South Torrance  
West Torrance

### Big VIII

Centennial/Corona  
King, M. L.  
La Sierra  
Norco  
Poly/Riverside  
Ramona  
Santiago/Corona

### Camino Real

Bishop Montgomery  
Serra  
St. Monica Catholic  
St. Joseph/Lakewood

### Century

Brea Olinda  
Canyon/Anaheim  
El Dorado  
El Modena  
Esperanza  
Foothill  
Villa Park

### Channel

Buena  
Dos Pueblos  
San Marcos  
Santa Barbara  
Ventura

### Citrus Belt

Eisenhower  
Miller, A.B.  
Redlands  
Redlands East Valley  
Yucaipa

### De Anza

Big Bear  
Desert Hot Springs  
Desert Mirage  
Shadow Hills

### Del Rey

Bishop Amat  
Bishop Montgomery  
Connelly  
La Salle  
St. Paul

### Desert Valley

Cathedral City  
Coachella Valley  
Indio  
La Quinta/La Quinta  
Palm Desert  
Palm Springs  
Xavier Prep

### Empire

Cypress  
Kennedy  
Tustin  
Valencia/Placentia  
Western  
Yorba Linda

### Foothill

Canyon/Canyon Cty  
Golden Valley  
Hart  
Saugus  
Valencia/Valencia  
West Ranch

### Golden

Antelope Valley  
Eastside  
Highland  
Knight  
Lancaster  
Littlerock  
Palmdale  
Quartz Hill

### Golden West – Orange

Katella  
Loara  
Magnolia  
Ocean View  
Orange  
Santa Ana Valley  
Savanna

### Hacienda

Diamond Bar  
Los Altos  
Walnut  
West Covina

### High Desert

Bishop  
California City  
Desert  
Frazier Mountain  
Kern Valley  
Lone Pine  
Mammoth

### Los Padres

Cabrillo/Lompoc  
Lompoc  
Morro Bay  
Nipomo  
Santa Maria  
Santa Ynez

### Marmonte

Agoura  
Calabasas  
Moorpark  
Newbury Park  
Royal  
Simi Valley  
Thousand Oaks  
Westlake

### Mission

Alemany  
Chaminade  
Flintridge Sacred Heart  
Harvard-Westlake  
Louisville  
Marymount  
Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks

### Montview

Azusa  
Gabrielino  
Mayfield  
San Dimas  
South Pasadena  
Westridge

### Moore

Avalon  
Cabrillo/Long Beach  
Lakewood  
Millikan  
Poly/Long Beach  
Wilson/Long Beach

### Mountain Pass

Beaumont  
Citrus Valley  
Hemet  
Rubidoux  
San Jacinto  
Tahquitz  
West Valley

### Ocean

Beverly Hills  
Marlborough  
North Torrance  
Palos Verde  
Torrance

### PAC 7

Arroyo Grande  
Atascadero  
Paso Robles  
Pioneer Valley  
Righetti  
San Luis Obispo  
St. Joseph/Santa Maria

### Pacific

Arcadia  
Burbank  
Burrroughs/Burbank  
Crescenta Valley  
Glendale  
Hoover  
Pasadena

### Pacific Coast

Beckman  
Corona del Mar  
Irvine  
Northwood  
University  
Woodbridge

### Pacific View

Adolfo Camarillo  
Channel Islands  
Hueneme  
Oxnard  
Pacifica/Oxnard  
Rio Mesa

### San Andreas

Arroyo Valley  
Cajon  
Carter  
Colton  
Rialto

### San Gabriel Vly.

Downey  
Gahr  
Valley Christian/Cerritos  
Warren

### Sea View

Capistrano Valley  
El Toro  
Laguna Hills  
San Juan Hill  
Tesoro

### Sierra

Ayala  
Claremont  
Charter Oak  
Chino Hills  
Troy  
Wilson/HH

### South Coast

Aliso Niguel  
Dana Hills  
Mission Viejo  
San Clemente  
Trabuco Hills

### Southwestern

Chaparral  
Great Oak  
Murrieta Mesa  
Murrieta Valley  
Temecula Valley  
Vista Murrieta

### Suburban

Artesia  
Bellflower  
Cerritos  
Glenn  
La Mirada  
Mayfair

### Sunbelt

Elsinore  
Heritage  
Lakeside  
Paloma Valley  
Perris  
Temescal Canyon

### Sunkist

Bloomington Christian  
Jurupa Valley  
Patriot  
Norte Vista

### Sunset

Edison  
Fountain Valley  
Huntington Beach  
Los Alamitos  
Marina  
Newport Harbor

### Tri-Valley

Carpinteria  
Fillmore  
La Reina  
Nordhoff  
Oaks Christian  
St. Bonaventure

### Trinity

JSerra  
Lutheran/Orange  
Mater Dei  
Rosary  
Santa Margarita

### Warrior

Noli Indian  
Nuvview Bridge  
Riverside Christian  
Riverside Prep  
San Jacinto Valley  
Temecula Prep

For any corrections,  
contact Pat Schmidt,  
CIF Southern  
Section office,  
immediately.

Leagues with less  
than four teams will  
be considered  
freelance. If your  
school is  
participating on a  
freelance basis, you  
must forward a  
letter of intent from  
your principal  
including your  
schedule of matches  
as soon as possible  
to Rob Wigod,  
Commissioner of  
Athletics.

## ***Blue Book Rules – Special Points of Interest***

### ***A. Points of Interest***

1. ***Definition of a Match*** – Schools are entitled to 24 varsity matches (Blue Book Rule 2004). Every contest in which two or more teams or individuals from teams meet for the purpose of competition or playoff entry constitutes a match. Matches must be completed on the same day as the scheduled competition. A school that plays nine holes against an opponent on one day will count that as a match. They may not play nine holes against that same opponent on another date and then count the 18-hole total as one match. Individual golfers may not participate in more than 24 matches, regardless of the level played. \*\*

\*\*Exception: Any student engaged in a multi-round elimination tournament for the purpose of determining league individual entries may complete that tournament even if he/she would exceed the maximum number of matches.

2. ***Tournaments*** – Schools may compete in four tournaments during the season, regardless of the number of entries that score toward team finish. Teams entering tournaments may not be “split” in order to participate at multiple sites. Tournaments do not count as matches.
3. ***Schools without Girls Teams*** – If a school does not have a girl’s team in the fall, girls may participate on the boy’s team in the spring. In order to qualify for the WSCGA Tournament in the fall, girls will be permitted to participate in the Freelance Qualifying Tournament. The WSCGA Tournament will be held during the fall season of sport. Females may not participate in the Boys Individual Championship.
4. ***Cross Leaguings*** – If your league is not participating in girls golf, contact neighboring leagues to see if they have an opening for another team.
5. ***Freelance*** – Schools participating on a freelance basis must submit a schedule to the Commissioner over girls golf. Freelance schools must submit qualifying criteria in order to qualify for post-season competition. (An index of 17 or lower is acceptable for individuals.) (Refer to Girls Golf Freelance Bulletin)

A freelance qualifying tournament will be held for those teams and individuals who are not in a league. There will be a fee of \$35 per individual player and \$175 per team.

### ***B. Accountability Rule (Rules 2013 and 2014)***

Coaches and players are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play. See Blue Book Rule 2013 and 2014 for information on players and coaches conduct.

#### ***Failure to Complete a Contest (Rule 125.2)***

When a school fails to complete a contest due to a coach pulling his/her team from the floor, court or field, it is mandatory that the CIF Southern Section office be notified by the principal within 24 hours (excluding holidays and weekends). The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports and, after review of the aforementioned material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the CIF Southern Section office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

***Question:*** How serious is such action?

***Answer:*** It has been the position of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee to expect the building principal of the school concerned to relieve the coach from his/her assignment for the balance of that season. The Executive Committee is empowered to consider recommendations for additional penalties.

**C. *Supervision Requirement (Rule 309)***

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, individual tennis, track, swimming, etc. and the official recognition and registration of entrants at the respective playoff sites.

***State and Southern Section Rule 309 states:***

No CIF team or individual shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Administrative Code 49032, 35179.1 and Bylaws 22.B.9 and Bylaw 506. Additionally, refer to Bylaw 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.

**D. *Other Points of Interest***

1. ***Level of Competition*** – No student shall participate in more than one level of competition in the same sport in the same day.
2. ***Maximum Athletic Contests*** – All interscholastic contests are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two athletic contests in any one day.
3. ***Rules*** – All golf competitions in the CIF Southern Section will be played under USGA rules unless otherwise provided for in the current edition of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book. All coaches are urged to obtain a copy of the Rules of Golf and have available at all competitions.

**E. *Advice Rule***

Please 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. "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. However, 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 meets 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 staff who witness infractions are empowered to call the violation and assess the penalty.

These rules will be in effect for all CIF Southern Section post-season play. We strongly recommend that leagues adopt this policy for the sake of consistency in the conduct of matches by CIF member schools.

***F. Event Management***

If a course permits spectators, parents and spectators are advised that they are confined to the cart paths and rough. They should be well clear of the competitors and observe rules of etiquette when applauding or cheering a stroke or play. Event management reserves the right to remove unruly spectators from the course, or assess penalties against competitors who cause, encourage or promote inappropriate displays.

***G. 3-5-7 Rule***

CIF Southern Section does not support using the 3-5-7 rule as a means for speed of play or as a means for entry into playoffs. Coaches should suggest strategies for speed of play which may include: walking fast, putting when ready, helping with lost balls and playing a second ball when a ruling is in question.

***H. WSCGA Index***

The Girls Golf Committee has declared that in 2010, all entrants into the Southern Section Championships shall have a valid GHIN number. The WSCGA has agreed to supply these numbers free of charge to all female golfers in the Section. Please note: golfers must only have a number for the 2010-11 school year; they are not required to have a valid index. **Beginning with the 2011-2012, all golfers are expected to have a valid index for entry in the playoffs.** For further information, go to the Southern Section website, [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org), under girls golf, events and news.

***I. Other***

It is **not** allowed to use alternative scores (i.e. double par pick up or 3-5-7) for qualifying scores.



## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

Play is governed by the most current USGA Rules of Golf, the following Local Rules subject to amendments by the CIF Southern Section Golf Management Committee and the Local Rules Addendum distributed at each site. Complete text of Rule and Appendix I may be found in the current *Rules of Golf*.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:

*Stroke Play - Two Strokes.*

## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

**TIME OF STARTING** - All players must be present at the proper tee, ready to play at their scheduled time, or if starting times fall behind, when the starter calls the first player in the group to play. The note under rule 6-3 and Appendix I will be in effect.

**SCORE CARDS** - Signed and attested score cards shall be turned into the scorer's table following the stipulated round. Once the card is turned in, it is deemed officially submitted.

**CONDUCT** - The CIF Southern Section reserves the right to refuse entries at any time during the tournament. Reason for refusal may include unbecoming behavior.

**DRESS ATTIRE** - Players must adhere to the dress code as stated in the Individual and Team Bulletins.

**FOOTWEAR** - It is a condition that shoes with traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition by the player: disqualification.

## LOCAL RULES

**OUT OF BOUNDS** - Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, white irrigation flags and/or fence posts.

When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

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**PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES** - Staked, supported or braced trees; relief, if given, is under Rule 24, trees' protection. Relief must be taken to avoid any damage to trees. **NO RELIEF IS GIVEN FOR TREE BASINS.**

**WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES** - Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes, yellow lines or yellow irrigation flags. Rule 26-1

**Lateral water hazards** are defined by red stakes, red lines or red irrigation flags. Rule 26-1 When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define margins. When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** - Enclosed white-lined areas define ground under repair. French drains, even though not so marked, are deemed ground under repair.

**WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS** - have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

**NEWLY SODDED AREAS** - If a ball lies in or touches a sod seam, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball and clean it. The player shall drop the ball as near as possible to where it originally lay, which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** - are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Local Rules Addendum distributed at the site.

**EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN** - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** - Included are cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided in the Local Rules Addendum.

**POWER LINES** - If a ball strikes an elevated power line, the stroke shall be canceled and the player must play a ball, without penalty, as prescribed in Rule 20-5. See Local Rules Addendum for location of applicable power lines.

**EDGING GROOVES** - If a ball lies on an edging groove around a putting green, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball, clean it and place it out of the groove in the nearest position to where it lay, whether on or off the putting green, whichever is not nearer to the hole.

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### **Rule 3-3 Doubt as to Procedure**

In stroke play only, when during play of a hole a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, play a second ball. After the situation which caused the doubt has arisen, the competitor should, before taking further action, announce to his marker or a fellow-competitor his decision to invoke this rule and the ball with which he will score if the rules permit.

The competitor shall report the facts to the Committee before returning his scorecard unless he scores the same with both balls; if he fails to do so, he shall be disqualified.

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