

## 2021 TSSAA State Golf Championships Information

The Division I Class AA State Golf Championships and the Division II Class AA State Golf Championships are October 4 and 5. The Division I Class A State Golf Championships and the Division II Class A State Golf Championships are October 7 and 8.

Children younger than 8 years of age should be accompanied by a responsible adult at ALL times. Spectator carts will NOT be allowed on the golf course during the practice or tournament rounds. The use of tobacco in any form by coaches, officials, athletes, and spectators is prohibited at TSSAA sanctioned events.

A practice round has been arranged for Division I Class AA and Division II Class AA participants only for Sunday, October 3 preceding their State Championships. Coaches can call the course, (865) 429-4223, no earlier than September 28 to schedule their practice round. The practice round is complimentary.

A practice round has been arranged for Division I Class A and Division II Class A participants only for Wednesday, October 6 preceding their State Championships. Coaches can call the course, (865) 429-4223, no earlier than September 30 to schedule their practice round. The practice round is complimentary.

### COVID-19 Guidelines

- In the absence of policy at the school or school district level, TSSAA encourages member schools to follow recommendations for face coverings and social distancing from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- In the absence of policy at the school or school district level, students who have been in close contact with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should follow recommendations for quarantine from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- All students who have tested positive for COVID-19 must receive clearance from a medical provider prior to resuming activities with his/her team. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 and subsequently receives his/her pre-participation physical and is cleared to play, no additional clearance is required. All coaches and students who are confirmed or suspected positive for COVID-19 should follow recommendations for release from isolation from the CDC when considering a return to practice or activities.

### Practice Round Rules

1. One 18-hole practice round will be scheduled before the state championship.
2. In an effort to maintain conditions of the course and speed of play, each player may play only one ball, except each player may putt more than one ball on the putting green. Violation of this policy will result in the player and/or team being removed from the golf course and could result in further disciplinary action.
3. All players shall walk and carry their bags or use a pull cart during the official practice round.
4. Only five players can play each hole. If there is an alternate, the players must rotate accordingly. Coaches are not permitted to play during the practice round and it is strongly recommended that the coach accompany their team during the entire practice round. Coaches should be responsible for monitoring pace of play, misconduct, and the enforcement of one practice ball rule.
5. Golf carts will be permitted to be used during the practice round. They will be rented on a first come first serve basis for \$25 and the rental fee is to be paid to The Sevierville Golf Club. The cart is to be driven by the Head or Assistant Coach. If more than one cart is rented by the school and a coach is not available to drive the cart, a parent will be allowed to drive the cart. As a last resort, a team member that is a licensed driver would be allowed to drive the cart. It is recommended the players walk the course as much as possible and use the cart in the same places they will be shuttled on competition days (Shuttles will be used on the Highlands Course to take players from #5 to #6, #6 to #7; #11 to #12; #17 to #18. Shuttles will be used on the River Course to take players from the clubhouse to #11, #10 to #11; #14 to #15.)

### State Tournament Guidelines

1. TSSAA will not tolerate coaches, players, or spectators who do not adhere to the guidelines put in place for this event. TSSAA reserves the right to penalize and/or disqualify players who knowingly, willingly, and or repeatedly disregard our policies to promote social distance. The TSSAA staff asks that you take the following precautions:
  - Please avoid handshakes or physical contact of any kind.
  - Wash hands and use sanitizer frequently.
  - Please monitor CDC guidelines for best practices.
  - Please do your best to act in a healthy and responsible manner.
  - If you feel sick, please stay home and report any illness to our staff on-site immediately.
2. The Coaches Meeting for Division I Class AA and Division II Class AA shall take place on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 PM ET at the Pavilion. The Coaches Meeting for Division I Class A and Division II Class A shall take place on Wednesday, October 6 at 2:00 PM ET at the Pavilion.
3. Coaches will receive Team Packets at the coaches meeting. The packets will contain pertinent information, rules sheets, pace of play, and credentials for players and registered coaches.
4. A select number of golf carts will be available for spectators, on competition days only, who meet ADA requirements and complete the Accommodation Request Form and file it with TSSAA no later than Friday, October 1. Completed forms can be emailed to [hcarter@tssaa.org](mailto:hcarter@tssaa.org). Forms will NOT be accepted at the event. If approved, only one person is permitted to be in the cart and a \$25 rental fee is to be paid to The Sevierville Golf Club.
5. Tee times, hole-by-hole scoring, team results, and individual results will be posted online at [golf.tssaa.org](http://golf.tssaa.org). Results will be displayed at the course.
6. The Sevierville Golf Club will be offering a limited breakfast menu and buffet lunch in the Pavilion each tournament day. Grab-and-go items, beverages and snacks will be available for purchase on the course for spectators at multiple locations.

Mulligan's Restaurant at the Clubhouse will be open and offering a full menu each day. Water will be made available for players at water stations located on the course.

**7. Spectator Guidelines**

- Tickets are \$12 per day if purchased in advance on GoFan: <https://gofan.co/app/school/TSSAA>. If tickets are purchased at the gate, they are \$15 per day. Everyone school-age and older must purchase a ticket. TACA cards will be honored when presented with a matching photo ID, but the TSSAA ID Card will NOT be accepted for admission. School administrators who are registered on the TSSAA Portal can sign-in for free admission at the team entrance.
- Those following a participant who is scheduled to tee off from Hole #11 on the River Course should be prepared for a lengthy walk to that hole and plan their time accordingly.
- Spectators are not permitted in any practice areas.

**8. Coaches Guidelines**

- Coaches are asked to arrive no earlier than one hour and 15 minutes prior to their player(s) tee time.
- Coaching is permitted on the course. Coaches and players must, however, adhere to the following criteria:
  - The coach must be approved through his/her respective school, administration and/or district. The coach must also be registered through the TSSAA as a Head or Assistant golf coach.
  - Only one coach (Head or Assistant) may coach during the tournament and will be required to wear a badge, which will be included in the team packet.
  - A coach can give advice from Green to Tee. This is defined as the time when all players have completed the hole and before the first player tees off on the next hole. The coach may provide instruction, encouragement, and information to his/her golfer without interfering with the pace of play.
  - It is imperative that coaches do not slow down the pace of play. Slow play will be penalized as per USGA rules.
  - 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.

**9. Players Guidelines**

- TSSAA will be providing tees and pencils, however, players are welcome to bring their own tees and pencils.
- Players are asked to arrive no earlier than one hour 15 minutes prior to their tee time.
- Players can be on the driving range no earlier than one hour and 5 minutes prior to their tee time.
- Players can be on the practice putting green no earlier than 35 minutes prior to their tee time.
- Players starting on Tee #1 on the River Course and the Highlands Course are asked to be their starting tee 10 minutes prior to their tee time. Players starting on Tee #11 on the River Course will need to be at the clubhouse to meet their shuttle 20 minutes prior to their tee time.
- Each player will receive a scorecard of another player in the group and scores will be attested adhering to USGA guidelines. Upon completing verification of scores, individual competitors must sign their card and turn it in prior to leaving the scoring area.
- Shuttles will be used on the Highlands Course to take players from #5 to #6, #6 to #7; #11 to #12; #17 to #18.
- Shuttles will be used on the River Course to take players from #10 to #11; #14 to #15.
- Please remember that during the practice round and tournament play, proper attire shall be worn by all players. Examples of proper attire are collared shirts, walking shorts, slacks, etc. Examples of improper attire are blue jeans, tee shirts, etc.

**10. Completion of the Round**

- Scoring for the Highlands Course will be done at the scoring tents near the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
- Scoring for the River Course will be done at the scoring tents near the 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens.
- After the final round, awards will be provided for the top 4 individuals along with the champion and runner-up teams in each tournament. The awards ceremony will take place under the pavilion upon completion of each tournament.

**11. Severe Weather and Evacuation Plan**

- If there is severe weather, there are several places on the course to seek shelter: The locations can be found on the course map found at <https://golf.tssaa.org>.