

2025 TSSAA State Golf Championships Information

The Division I Class AA Golf State Championships and the Division II Class AA Golf State Championships are October 6 and 7. The Division I Class A Golf State Championships and the Division II Class A Golf State Championships are October 9 and 10.

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 tournament rounds, unless permission is granted by the state office. The use of tobacco in any form by coaches, officials, athletes, and spectators is prohibited at TSSAA sanctioned events.

Practice Round Information

Division I, Class AA & Division II Class AA Practice Round: Sunday, October 5

Division I, Class A & Division II Class A Practice Round: Wednesday, October 8

Instructions for scheduling the complimentary practice round will be emailed to the head coach of the Division I and Division II Class AA schools on September 30, as region tournament results are received. Instructions for scheduling the complimentary practice round will be emailed to the head coach of the Division I and Division II Class A schools beginning on October 2, as region tournament results are received. *PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURSE.*

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. Players' equipment may not be carried on a golf cart that is rented by a coach or spectator.
4. All coaches will walk unless a coach has both boys and girls playing during the practice round. The coach may rent one cart in the golf shop for \$25 to travel between courses to check on both boys and girls throughout their round.
5. Teams may play as a large group, together. Please be mindful of smaller groups behind you and use good etiquette as you play.
6. Individual qualifiers will be paired together when possible.
7. 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.
8. The practice area will be open and will have complimentary range balls. Players must hit off the mats.
9. Shuttles will be used on the Highlands Course to take players from #5 to #6; #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.
10. Mulligan's restaurant will be open and there will be a beverage cart roaming the golf course.
11. Parking will be available at the golf course parking lot.
12. Spectators will not be allowed to bring outside food, beverages, and/or coolers.

State Tournament Guidelines

1. The Coaches Meeting for Division I Class AA and Division II Class AA shall take place on Sunday, October 5 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 8 at 2:00 PM ET at the Pavilion.
2. 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.
3. A select number of golf carts will be available for spectators who meet ADA requirements and complete the Online Accommodation Request Form, which will be available on September 29, and file it with TSSAA no later than 12 PM Central Time on Friday, October 3. The required letter from the physician can be emailed to mgillespie@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.
4. Tee times, hole-by-hole scoring, team results, and individual results will be posted online at golf.tssaa.org. Results will be displayed at the course.
5. 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.
6. Spectator Guidelines
 - Tickets are \$13 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 and the TMSAA ID Card will NOT be accepted for admission. The GoFan Administrator's Pass will be honored when presented at the admission gate (Instructions for obtaining the pass were emailed to all Principals, Assistant Principals, Athletic Directors, Assistant Athletic Directors, and System Wide Athletic Directors, who were registered and assigned their appropriate role in the TSSAA Portal, and School Superintendents on September 29th.).

- Those following a participant who is scheduled to tee off from Hole #11 on the River Course and Hole #10 on the Highlands Course should be prepared for a lengthy walk to that hole and plan their time accordingly.
- Spectators are not permitted in any practice areas.
- Spectators will not be allowed to bring outside food, beverage, or coolers onto the course.
- Parking will be available at the Sevierville Convention Center, East Lot (Shuttle Service will drive you to the clubhouse). Handicapped parking is available in the monitored golf course parking lot.

7. 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.

8. 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.
- Pin placement sheets will be available at the beginning of each around at the player's respective starting tee.
- Players starting on Tee #1 on the River Course and the Highlands Course are asked to be at their starting tee 10 minutes prior to their tee time. Players starting on Tee #11 on the River Course and Tee #10 on the Highlands Course will need to be at the clubhouse to meet their shuttle 30 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; #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.

9. Completion of the Round

- Scoring for the Highlands Course will be done at the scoring tents near the 9th and 18th greens.
- Scoring for the River Course will be done at the scoring tents near the 10th and 18th 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.

10. 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> as well as the documentation on the TSSAA website: <https://tssaa.org/state-golf-championship-guidelines-information>.