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TO: Golf Coaches of Winning Team and Individual Qualifiers  
FROM: Wayne Ryan, CAA, Assistant Executive Director  
DATE: September 19, 2024  
SUBJECT: State Tournament Information

Congratulations to you and your team or individual for qualifying for the 2024 State Golf Tournament. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 304-485-5494. Please review the following information.

1. Please review and keep for your records the letter, map, and other information from the State Tournament Committee. (Attached)
2. Please refer to the August 2024 Interscholastic for other information concerning the State Tournament. (online) Please check for approved hotels online also.
3. Zides Sport Shop will be selling apparel during the State Tournament.
4. The head coach and one assistant coach may provide instruction on the entire course until the player walks onto the green.
5. There will be no scoreboard. All scores will be posted at:

<https://wvga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/wvga24/event/wvga2499/index.htm>



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### Jones Course - Oglebay Park October 8 & 9, 2024

Dear Coach,

Congratulations. Your team or medalist has qualified for the WVSSAC High School Golf Tournament. This letter has information that is essential for a successful tournament experience. The tournament is scheduled for October 8 & 9, 2024 at the Speidel Golf Club (Jones Course) at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV. **All scores will be posted at** <https://wvga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/wvga24/event/wvga2499/index.htm>

**On Monday, October 7<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM there will be a mandatory coaches' meeting at the Haller Shelter located by the Crispin Golf Course below the pool in Oglebay Park.** It is very important that all coaches be in attendance as Mike Rogers (State Clinician) will discuss the code of conduct, rules, and assignments. Tournament packets will be distributed at this time. Lunch and drinks will be provided at the turn for players and coaches on both days of the tournament. Range balls will also be provided for players prior to their tee time on both days. Pictures of the winning teams and medalists will be taken upon completion of the event.

A block of rooms and some cabins are reserved at Wilson Lodge (in Oglebay) for teams and families at a discounted rate. Reservations for these rooms must be made by the Wednesday immediately following completion of your respective regional championships. After that date, these rooms will no longer be blocked for the tournament and other lodging arrangements will have to be made. These rooms will fill up fast, so make your reservations early by calling **1-877-436-1797**. Inform the reservations clerk that you are coming for the WV State Golf Tournament and are to receive the discounted rate. This is only for teams, not parents. You must pay from the school account to receive this rate. The booking number is **50869**. The Wilson Lodge is located approximately two minutes from the course.

#### SCHOOLS MUST PROVIDE THEIR TAX-EXEMPT INFORMATION

Guest Rooms \$146

Cabins (4 bedroom) \$400.00    Cabins (6 bedroom) 500.00    Estate House (6 bedroom) \$750.00

**A practice round is available on Monday, October 7th. Tee times for Monday may be reserved based on regional participation. The following times are allocated for 2024.**

**Region I (all 3 classes) 9:06 am – 10:00 am**

**Region III (all 3 classes) 10:09 am – 11:03 am**

**Region IV (all 3 classes) 11:12 am – 12:06 pm**

**Region II (all 3 classes) 12:08 pm – 1:09 pm**

**Tee times and cart rentals for Monday's practice should be made by calling 304-243-4050**

**On Monday, green fees are \$25.00, range balls are \$10.00, and carts are \$31.00.** Range balls are provided on Tuesday and Wednesday. **During your practice round on Monday, coaches may reserve one golf cart per school for Tuesday and Wednesday at the Pro Shop. The cost is exactly \$31.00 per day with your school tax form. If you are not**

**practicing on Monday, you must still call the Pro Shop on Monday, NOT BEFORE, to reserve a cart for Tuesday and Wednesday.**

The practice round is for **players and coaches** only. Parents will be permitted to play during this time. Parents and coaches may reserve tee times after 1:09 pm.

Play will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30 AM. **A pro start will be used on both days.** The driving range will open at **7:00 AM**. All coaches are to provide an adult spotter. Without this adult spotter, you may lose your privilege to coach. Spotters will be assigned ½ day coverage assignments.

A limited number of carts for spectators will be available. Each school will be given a code for two carts and the coach will decide who gets the two codes and is able to rent the two carts. An individual will qualify for a code for one cart. These carts will be restricted to cart paths only and must remain one-half hole away from the players. A cart instruction sheet is included in this packet.

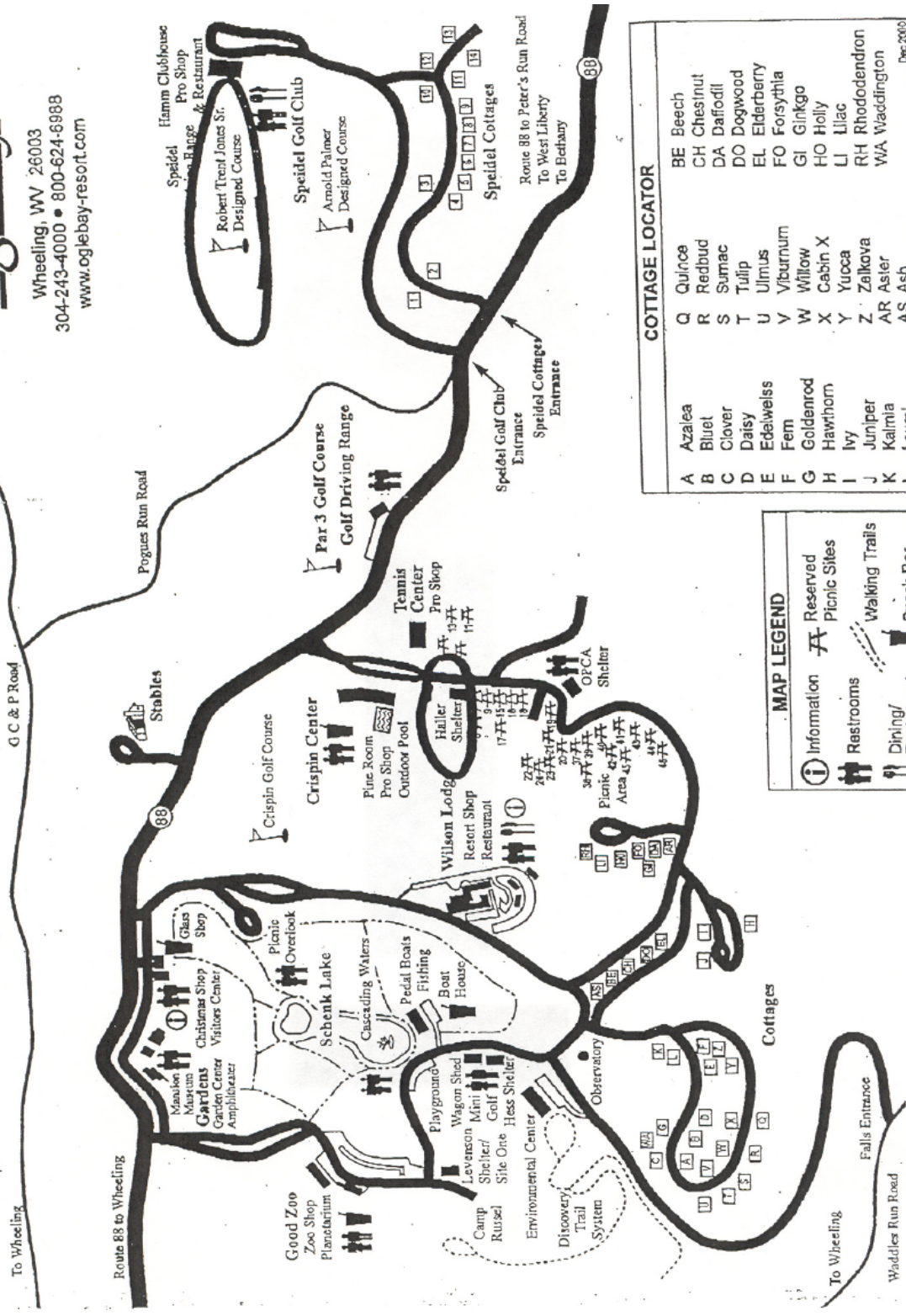
For more information on Oglebay, visit [www.oglebay-resort.com](http://www.oglebay-resort.com). We are looking forward to hosting this important event and we wish all golfers only the best of bounces.

Sincerely,

The West Virginia State High School Golf Committee



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 www.oglebay-resort.com



**COTTAGE LOCATOR**

A	Azalea	BE	Beech
B	Blueel	CH	Chestnut
C	Clover	DA	Daffodil
D	Daisy	DO	Dogwood
E	Edelweiss	EL	Elderberry
F	Fern	FO	Forsythia
G	Goldenrod	GI	Ginkgo
H	Hawthorn	HO	Holly
I	Ivy	LI	Lilac
J	Juniper	YU	Yucca
K	Kalmia	AR	Aster
L	Laurel	AS	Ash

**MAP LEGEND**

	Information		Reserved
	Restrooms		Picnic Sites
	Dining/Restaurant		Walking Trails
	Shelter		Snack Bar

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## 2024 West Virginia State High School Golf Championship October 8th & 9th @ Speidel Golf Club

### Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

The Rules of the USGA (Effective January 2019) and conditions govern play. See applicable competition's "Notice to competitors" for additional local rules. **DISREGARD ALL LOCAL RULES ON CLUB SCORECARDS.** Appendix I refers to the Appendix of Local Rules in the current Rules of Golf.

### Local Rules

#### Appendix I Part A

**Out of Bounds** (Rule 18.2) – Defined by the inside points at ground level, of white stakes, lines, or fence posts.

**Penalty Areas** (Rule 17) – **Penalty areas** are defined by yellow or red stakes or lines. When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the penalty area, and the lines define the margin of the penalty area. Stakes or lines which define the margin of a penalty area are in the penalty area. Penalty area stakes are moveable obstructions.

**Practice** (Section 8 Model Local Rule I-2) No practice will be allowed on or near the putting green of the hole last played.

**Abnormal Course Conditions** (Rule 16) – Covers free relief from interference by animal holes, ground under repair, immovable obstructions, or temporary water. Defined by enclosed white lines. French drains (which are exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones) are ground under repair. Flowerbeds are abnormal course conditions from which play is prohibited. **Skunk Damage is considered ground under repair when it interferes with the lie of the golf ball or the intended area of a player's swing.**

#### Immovable Obstruction (Rule 16-1)

- A. All service roads and cart paths, unless otherwise noted by the Committee.
- B. White lined areas tied into artificially surfaced roads, paths or obstruction and are not ground under repair.

**Integral Parts of the Course** – Include cables, rods, wires, or wrapping when closely attached to trees, artificial wall and pilings when located in penalty areas, unless otherwise noted by the Committee. **No Free Relief**

**Doubt as to Procedure** (Rule 20.1) In stroke play, players must not unreasonably delay play when seeking help. If a referee is not immediately available, the player may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. The player must report the facts to the committee in a timely manner and declare to their marker which ball they want to score with.

**Maximum Score** – Maximum score of 10 on **any** hole will be utilized.

## Conditions of Competition

**Tee Markers:** Men shall play from the BLUE Markers and Ladies from the WHITE Markers.

**Time of Starting** (Rule 5.3): Modified to two-stroke penalty if player arrives within five (5) minutes after his starting time.

**Discontinuance of Play:** One long blast of horn (players are not allowed to finish hole). All practice areas shall be closed during suspension of dangerous situation until the Committee declares them open. A player using such a practice area will be subject to penalty of disqualification. **Resume Play:** Two short blasts of horn.

**Transportation: Players MUST NOT ride in any form of transportation during the stipulated round unless authorized by the committee.**

**Close of Competition:** The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved and posted on the official online scoreboard.

**Player Conduct:** Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include but not be limited to: club throwing, willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course, use of abusive language, profanity, obscenities, and other unsportsmanlike conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. This includes verbal abuse of fellow competitors, coaches, spectators, officials, and staff members of Oglebay. Penalties imposed will be disqualification. **Zero Tolerance**

**Use of Tobacco Products:** Smoking or the use of tobacco products by coaches or players on the course or near the clubhouse is not permitted. *Violation will result in disqualification.*

**Spectators:** Spectators are **NOT PERMITTED** to converse with participants. It will be the responsibility of each competitor to caution **ANY** spectator from talking to or interfering with players in their group. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of disqualification of the players involved.

**The head coach and one assistant coach may coach the entire course until the player walks onto the putting green.**

**Cell Phones & Smart Watches: Use of Cell Phones and Smart watches (phone ringing is considered usage) is prohibited. The penalty for the first offense is two shots. The penalty for the second offense is disqualification.**

**PACE OF PLAY** – Groups are expected to stay in position in relation to the group in front of them. A group is out of position when there is an open hole in front of them. Penalties can be imposed if a group cannot maintain its position on the golf course. Groups will be warned when they are out of position. *Penalty for after warning is 2 Strokes and This Penalty Could be Assigned only to Individual players.*

**TEAM SCORING** – Each Day, teams will count the three best scores of the four players

**Deciding Ties:** If there is a team tie for first or second place (in each class), a sudden death hole by hole playoff will be conducted. Playoff scoring will count the lowest three scores of the four players on a hole-by-hole basis until a winner is determined. Ties for Medalist will be decided by a separate sudden death playoff.

**ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING GREEN** – There is no penalty if the player's ball is accidentally moved by the player or his equipment *on the putting green only*. The ball must be replaced.

**BATHROOM EMERGENCY** – In the case of a bathroom emergency, Parents/Coaches may transport players to the nearest facility in a timely manner.

**GOLF RULES COMMITTEE: Mike Rogers, Chris Slack, Danny Ackerman RULES OFFICIALS: TBA**







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## **Room List Required**

***If no lodging is required complete the top of the form and put NA for the hotel***

***Please go to the WVSSAC website***

***Click on / sports / golf / room list fill form***

***Type the information***

***Save the form to your desktop***

***Email as an attachment to:***

**[anna.brown@wvssac.org](mailto:anna.brown@wvssac.org)**



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West Virginia State High School  
Golf Championship  
[Driving Range Procedures](#)

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Golf Course Superintendents*

Attention players and coaches. Tuesday & Wednesday we will have a pro start beginning at 8:30 AM. Therefore, in our attempts to have equality among all players, we will be distributing one large bucket of balls per team and one small bucket per medalist. The coach or designated player may pick them up at the range beginning at 7:00 AM each day.





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## West Virginia State High School Golf Championship

### *Spectator Information*

Spectators are not permitted to converse with participants. It will be the responsibility of contestants in each foursome to caution ANY spectators from talking to or interfering with contestants in their group. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of ***disqualification*** of contestants involved.

Spectators and spectator carts must stay on cart paths. We suggest spectators stay one shot ahead of the group because spectators may also act as spotters for the group. Use of cell phones on the course by players is prohibited. Coaches or spectators must silence their cell phones.



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Golf Championship**  
**Mandatory Coaches' Meeting**

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**West Virginia State High School  
Golf Championship**  
**Golf Cart Rental Information**

Golf Cart Purchase for Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the WVSSAC Golf Tournament will open Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 am and close on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm.

The cost of the cart will be 55.00 plus fees. Each participating school/coach will receive two carts per day to give out to the public or families of choice. Individual qualifying schools will receive one cart per day.

*To order* each cart the families will need a specific code which will be given to the coaches to give out. Please bring a printed copy of your cart purchase (you will receive an email after you purchase cart) and show ID that matches the same name as the ticket.

**Link to Purchase Carts:**

<https://gofan.co/app/school/WV2642>



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## **SCOREBOARD INFORMATION**

**There will be no scoreboard.**

**All scoring will be posted at online at**

<https://wvga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/wvga24/event/wvga2499/index.htm>