

Each player must be accompanied by a coach or designated school representative when registering at the tournament site.

IV. **STARTING TIMES/PAIRINGS/COACHES MEETING**

32 groups of 3 will play from the 1st and 10th tees using consecutive times beginning at 8:00 AM.

NOTE: It is the player's responsibility to be at the assigned tee in time. Players will **NOT** be paged. The "Note" in Rule 6-3 is adopted. All players **MUST** be at the assigned teeing ground ready to play when the **first player in their group is announced for starting**. Late players are penalized two strokes if they are not at their assigned teeing ground ready to play within five minutes of their assigned tee time. **After five minutes, players are disqualified.**

Pairings will be available on the NCGA web page (www.ncga.org) and the CIF web page (www.cifstate.org) Friday, November 6th. Pairings will also be distributed at the coaches meeting on Sunday afternoon and posted in the pro shop.

COACHES MEETING: There will be an optional coaches meeting in the Charter Room at Almaden Golf and Country Club beginning at 5:00 PM on Sunday afternoon November 8th. Even though the meeting is optional it is highly recommended to be in attendance. The NCGA will review the local rules, the conditions of the competition and hand out pairing sheets.

WALK THE COURSE: Prior to the coaches meeting the players may walk the course beginning at 4:00 PM under supervision (a coach or school official must accompany all players). Players and coaches must remain on cart paths at all times. The Driving Range will be closed to all participants on Sunday. Players may use the practice putting green by the clubhouse after 4:00 PM.

NOTE: Players may not have in their possession, golf balls or clubs of any kind during the walk around. A coach or school official must accompany all players. Players and coaches must walk the course in sequence starting with Hole #1.

Inclement Weather: It is the intent to play these Championships whether rain or shine.

V. **CLUBHOUSE**

Contestants are requested to come dressed "ready to play." See item VII for proper dress code. The Women's Locker room will be available in the Clubhouse.

VI. **FOOD**

Breakfast – A limited menu no-host including breakfast burritos, coffee and juice will be available in the clubhouse.

Lunch – Immediately following play, lunch will be hosted by the NCGA. This is for all players, one coach per team/individual, and NCGA Tournament Officials. Awards will be presented at that time. Parents and spectators will be able to purchase lunch at the course.

VII. DRESS FOR PLAYERS/COACHES AND SPECTATORS

Women: Collared shirts, pants, skirts, shorts or shorts no shorter than mid-thigh are permitted. No blue jeans (including any color designer jeans), jean shorts, T-shirts and tank tops.

Men: Collared golf shirts which includes a mock turtle are required. Shorts may be worn and must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Blue jeans (including any color designer jeans), jean shorts, T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited.

IMPORTANT!! **Shirts must be tucked in and hat bills are to be worn forward.
Spectators are expected to adhere to the dress code.**

FOOTWEAR

Shoes with traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the putting green) are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION**

Note: Please bring rain gear in case of inclement weather.

VIII. DRIVING RANGE

The driving range will NOT be available on Sunday.

The driving range will be available on Monday beginning at 7:00 AM. The teams and individuals will use the range based on the pairing order. Therefore the early times have first priority. The range will be coordinated by the Section Commissioners.

IX. PRACTICE ROUNDS

There will be NO practice rounds. No player or coach, except for individuals who are members of Almaden Golf and Country Club or teams that have assigned matches during the regular season at Almaden Golf and Country Club will be permitted to practice, play, walk or be on the tournament site from **October 1st** until the date of the tournament. This includes guests of members who might be playing in the championship. **Penalty for breach of this rule shall be disqualification.**

It will be permissible for players and coaches to walk the course beginning at 4:00 PM on Sunday November 8th. It will also be permissible for players and coaches to walk the course the day of the tournament prior to the first scheduled starting time; all such players or coaches must stay on the cart paths and be off the course by no later than 8:00 AM.

NOTE: Players may not have in their possession, golf balls or clubs of any kind during the walk around. A coach or school official must accompany all players.

X. **RULES**

USGA Rules apply. Any Local Rules of play will be distributed to all contestants on the tee. All Electronic Distance Measuring Devices are prohibited.

XI. **ELECTRIC GOLF CARS AND CADDIES**

Players **MUST** carry their own clubs or transport them on a pull cart (caddies and golf cars are not permitted). A limited number of pull carts are available at no charge at the club. Commissioners and Tournament Officials may transport girls to the restroom if necessary and in lost ball situations.

SPECTATORS and MEDIA are NOT allowed golf cars.

XII. **GALLERY (Including Media)**

A gallery and Media are permitted; however, all spectators/media must remain at a distance of 30 yards from players at all times and are not to walk on the fairways.

Participants are reminded of Rule 8 (Advice and Assistance) of “The Rules of Golf” which specifically prohibits players from receiving any counsel or suggestion from anyone (including their coach, other players, gallery, etc.) that could influence them in determining their play, the choice of a club, or the method of making a stroke. *Note: Information on the Rules of Golf and Local Rules for this tournament are not considered to be advice.*

Spectators are NOT allowed golf cars.

XIII. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

Individual Competition

All girls who have qualified for the individual competition or team competition for the Championship in their respective CIF sectional play-offs shall be eligible to compete in this category

All participants in individual competition will play 18 holes of stroke play. The WHITE TEE MARKERS will be used for the Championship. Tees will be set at the yardages shown on the final page of this document. The top four individuals will receive an NCGA medal for the individual competition. In the event there is a tie for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, the tie will be decided by a sudden death play-off. Ties for 4th place will be awarded duplicate medals.

The top six individual competitors, not on any of the top three teams, will advance to the California State Championship in Pebble Beach, California. They will receive a CIF medal. The championship proper will be played at Poppy Hills Golf Course on November 19, 2009. In the event of a tie for the six qualifying spot, there will be a sudden death play-off immediately after the conclusion of play. Ties within the top five will be decided by matching scorecards using the USGA recommended tie breaking procedure for ranking purposes only.

Team Competition

In addition to the girl's individual competition, there will also be a girl's team competition. The teams representing each CIF Section will consist of six players and the best five of the six players scores will be counted in determining the team champion, runner-up, and third place.

Players will be paired in groups of four. It shall be the responsibility of the Section Commissioner to designate the numerical ranking of team players when reporting the qualifying results.

The top three teams will advance to the California State Championship. In the event there is a tie for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in team play, the tie will be decided by adding the sixth player's score to the team total. If the teams are still tied the tie will be decided by using the USGA recommended tie breaking procedure which totals the scores of all six players on each student team for holes 10-18, if still tied holes 13-18, if still tied holes 16-18, if still tied hole 18.

XIV. AWARDS

Awards will be sponsored by the NCGA in the following categories:

Team Awards

Perpetual Trophy

(Engraved with the name of the school champion)

Team Champion Awards

Champion - Team Member - Gold Medal
Champion - Team Coach - Gold Medal

Team Runner-up Awards

Runner-up - Team Member - Silver Medal
Runner-up - Team Coach - Silver Medal

Team 3rd Place Awards

3rd Place - Team Member - Bronze Medal
3rd Place - Team Coach - Bronze Medal

Individual Awards

Champion - Gold NCGA Medal
Runner-up - Silver NCGA Medal
Third Place - Bronze NCGA Medal
Fourth Place - Bronze NCGA Medal

The six individual qualifiers will receive medals from the CIF.

XV. SIZE OF FIELD

Teams/Individual

Central Coast Section:

4 Individual Girls + 3 six person teams = 22

Oakland Section:

1 Individual Girl + 1 six person team = 7

North Coast Section:

4 Individual Girls + 3 six person teams = 22

Northern Section:

4 Individual Girls + 2 six person teams = 16

Sac-Joaquin Section:

4 Individual Girls + 3 six person teams = 22

San Francisco Section:

1 Individual Girl + 1 six person team = 7

Total: **96 PLAYERS**

XVI. NOTIFICATION OF QUALIFIERS

Each CIF Section is to notify the NCGA office of those players who have qualified for the tournament. Information for the girl individual qualifiers shall include the players name, school, city and qualifying score for pairings; qualifying scores for team members will be for informational purposes only. **It should also be noted that all players are competing in the individual competition.**

Each CIF Section Commissioner is to fax their typed results to 831-625-0150 with attention to John Vander Borght or E-mail jborght@ncga.org as soon as possible, after the conclusion of the sectional qualifying tournament. **The final deadline shall be 11:00 AM, Wednesday, November 4, 2009.**

Any questions call **John Vander Borght** at: **831-625-4653**

XVII. ALTERNATES

Each CIF Section shall be responsible for designating alternates in the event of cancellations from players scheduled to represent that Section in the tournament. A vacancy may be filled only by the next qualified alternate from the particular Section involved and upon authorization from the CIF Section Commissioner. Alternates *are not* to show up *as a standby* the day of competition. **Alternate positions may only be finalized by your section commissioner. DO NOT CALL THE NCGA.**

Note: Team Competition - Alternates will be paired in the same position in the team pairings as the players they have replaced.

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. This tournament is open to eligible high school players only. No coaches will be permitted to play in this event.
2. It will be the responsibility of the NCGA Tournament Committee to staff and conduct this tournament. Lynne Gangi, NCGA Committee Chairman and Peter Saco, CIF Committee Chairman are the Tournament Co-Chairpersons.
3. All Electronic Distance Measuring Devices are prohibited.

XIX. SUGGESTED LODGING

There are a number of hotels located along Highway 101 approximately 10-15 miles from Almaden Golf and Country Club.

Tee Locations for 2009 NCGA / CIF Championship

Hole	Yardage	Par
1	480	5
2	335	4
3	340	4
4	372	4
5	375	4
6	136	3
7	472	5
8	160	3
9	354	4
total	3,024	36
10	490	5
11	316	4
12	375	4
13	155	3
14	316	4
15	144	3
16	379	4
17	374	4
18	473	5
total	3,022	36
course	6,046	72