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2026 PIAA INDIVIDUAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS: OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2026 | BLUE & WHITE GOLF COURSE | PENN STATE

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SECTION 1 • GOLF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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SECTION 2 • CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

The 2026 PIAA Girls' and Boys' Individual Golf Championships will be played at the Blue & White Golf Course on the campus of Penn State University. The Blue & White Golf Course is located at 1523 West College Avenue, State College, PA.

First round competition will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 19, 2026. The final round of competition will begin at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

2A Girls' and Boys' will play the Blue course. 3A Girls' and Boys' will play the White course.

SECTION 3 • TOURNAMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

3.1 • ENTRY POLICIES

The 2026 PIAA Girls' and Boys' Individual Golf Championships (2026 PIAA Golf Championships) shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA. Additionally, it is important that the Principal, Athletic Director, and head Coach of all Teams that will participate in the 2026 PIAA Golf Championships and all persons who will have responsibilities involving these activities be fully informed of the policies and procedures described herein. It is also necessary that everyone associated with these championships comply with all policies and procedures, without exception. Failure to comply may result in the removal from the PIAA Golf Championships.

PIAA member schools are not required to enter PIAA championship events. Entry and participation in the PIAA Golf Championships are voluntary. Entry into the PIAA Golf Championships signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, reserves the right to make changes in the date and location of Contest sites, and management, operation, schedule, and site of the PIAA Golf Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, it becomes necessary to do so.

3.2 • QUALIFIERS

DISTRICT	2A		3A	
	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
I	2*	3	9	17
II	3	6	3	5
III	4	8	10	19
IV	3	6	2^	2
V	2*	4*	0	0
VI	3	6	1	2
VII	9	17	7	13
VIII	0*	0*	0#	0%
IX	3	6	0#	2%
X	4	9	2#	2
XI	3	5	0^	6
XII	0*	2	2	4
Total	36	72	36	72

QUALIFYING KEY:

2A:

* indicates Districts V and VIII are combined to form a Region

\$ indicates Districts I and XII are combined to form a Region in girls' golf only

3A:

% indicates Districts VIII and IX are combined to form a Region in boys' golf only

indicates Districts VIII, IX, and X are combined to form a Region in girls' golf only

^ indicates Districts IV and XI are combined to form a Region in girls' golf only

NOTE: In individual stroke play, a qualifier must score 100 or less to advance to the PIAA Golf Championships. In the event a District or Region does not advance a golfer to the Championships, the adopted formula (Section 3.3) will be used to advance the next deserving golfer by advancing the golfer with the lowest adjusted score from the Championship's qualifying tournament.

3.3 • COMPLETING THE FIELD

If a District or Region does not advance an individual, the next deserving individual will be invited based on the below formula, which includes the United States Golf Association's course rating and slope of the qualifying course.

Formula: Next Deserving Qualifier = Lowest Adjusted Score = (Score – Course Rating) x (113 / Course Slope)

The next deserving individual, based on adjusted score, will be invited once all Districts/Regions have completed play.

Example:

Player	(Score	-	Course Rating)	x	(113	÷	Course Slope)	=	Adjusted Score
Player 1	(82	-	71.2)	x	(113	÷	127)	=	9.6094
Player 2	(92	-	70.7)	x	(113	÷	123)	=	19.5683
Player 3	(92	-	70.5)	x	(113	÷	122)	=	19.9139

Player 1 advances based on the lowest adjusted score.

3.4 • ENTRY FEES

It is the responsibility of each PIAA-member school that has qualified an individual(s) to the PIAA Individual Golf Championships to provide payment for the rounds of competition at the PIAA-negotiated discounted rate of \$40 per player per round. After the competition, PIAA headquarters will invoice qualifying schools for the total number of rounds completed by their golfers, including both the competition rounds and Sunday practice round, if applicable.

SECTION 4 • CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT & PROCEDURES

4.1 • TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All contestants will play thirty-six (36) holes of stroke play, keep the score of an opponent, verify their score and an opponent's score by signing their scorecard and the opponent's scorecard, and submit signed scorecards, in strict accordance with Rule 3.3b of the USGA's "Scoring in Stroke Play", to the Tournament Scorer at the conclusion of each round.

4.2 • RULES OF PLAY

The United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf (effective January 2023 edition) will govern all play with the exception of existing local golf course rules.

4.3 • REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Registration for the Championships will be conducted adjacent to the Walker Clubhouse from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM each day of competition. Coaches accompanying contestants will be required to serve as forecaddies, markers, and/or marshals at the time they register their contestants.

Registration packets include:

- Hole locations sheet (must be picked up each day of the Tournament)
- Complimentary 2026 PIAA Golf Championships Bag Tag;
- One (1) PIAA Golf Championships souvenir program per qualifier and head coach

NOTE: There will be no registration or coaches meeting held on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

4.4 • COACHES

AT LEAST ONE (1) SCHOOL APPROVED COACH MUST BE PRESENT FOR EACH SCHOOL FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT. Coaches accompanying contestants will be required to serve as forecaddies, markers, and/or marshals during the rounds of competition. Marker assignments, by school, will be posted adjacent to the first and final round starting assignments on the PIAA website.

One (1) coach will be assigned to each foursome to:

- A. Accompany, in a cart, an assigned group around the course;
- B. Forecaddie each hole played by the assigned group;
- C. Record on a worksheet all strokes for each competitor playing in the assigned group;
- D. Marshal any parents, spectators, and media that choose to walk or permitted to ride behind the contestants
- E. Submit a completed and signed score sheet at the conclusion of each round to a Tournament Scorer

PIAA will provide a golf cart and padfolio to each Coach for service as forecaddie, marker, and/or marshal. Coaches are advised to bring the following items:

- Plastic cover for pad holder
- Extra pencils with erasers
- Appropriate outerwear to protect against weather
- Golf shoes with alternative spikes or walking shoes

ANY REFUSAL BY A COACH TO FORECADDIE, MARK, AND/OR MARSHAL A RESPECTIVE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT SHALL SUBJECT THE CONTESTANT(S) FROM THE COACH'S SCHOOL TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT!

4.5 • SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Foursomes for the first round will be established, prior to the start of the Tournament, with the highest District/Region place finishers (both boys and girls), scheduled to tee-off starting at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 19, 2026, and continue in descending order according to the District/Region finish.

A schedule of the final round starting times will be available by 7:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2026, at Penn State's Blue & White Golf Course and on the PIAA website (www.piaa.org/sports/golf). Pairings will be determined based on the Day 1 results and the time those scores were posted.

4.6 • REPORTING FOR TEE TIMES

Contestants shall report to the respective starter ten (10) minutes prior to their scheduled tee time. The penalty for breach of Rule 5.3a is disqualification, except in the specified three (3) cases (USGA Rule 5.3).

4.7 • REPORTING SCORES

Immediately following the completion of their round, Contestants and Markers must report to the scoring tent (next to the Hawbaker Pavilion) to submit scores. Scorecards should not be signed until in the scoring tent, in the presence of a Tournament Scorer, and in strict accordance with Rule 3.3b of the USGA's "Scoring in Stroke Play".

4.8 • PLAYOFF

If required, playoffs to determine a Champion will be conducted immediately following the conclusion of the final round. A first-place playoff, if necessary, will begin with an assigned hole on a sudden victory basis, and will continue until the Champion is determined. Ties for all other place finishers will remain as earned.

SECTION 5 • CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES & OPERATIONS

5.1 • ATTIRE

All golf contestants are required to wear appropriate golf attire (school-issued golf shirt and golf slacks or shorts). No exceptions are permitted. T-shirts, altered apparel, jeans, and advertisements (other than one visible logo/trademark not exceeding 2¼ square inches and not exceeding 2¼ inches in any dimension on a school-issued golf shirt, slack, or shorts) are not permitted.

The contestants' school name/nickname and/or school logo are permitted on the front and/or back of the school-issued golf shirt and/or cap or visor. Sweaters and/or jackets will be permitted when necessitated by weather conditions.

5.2 • AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the top ten (10) male place winners and top ten (10) female place winners, including any ties for second (2nd) through tenth (10th).

For health and safety reasons, individuals are prohibited from jumping or swimming in any of the ponds on the grounds of the Penn State Golf Course.

5.3 • CADDIES OR MOTORIZED CARTS

The use of a caddie or motorized cart by a contestant during competition rounds WILL NOT be permitted. Contestants are only permitted the use of a non-motorized pushcart, or to carry their clubs and will be required to walk the course during the competition round(s).

5.4 • CONDUCT

A general penalty (two-strokes) shall be assessed for conduct unbecoming an interscholastic golfer. Such conduct shall include but is not limited to club throwing (defined as releasing a club in anger or in a manner to cause harm to any person or to the golf course), use of abusive language, willful acts which damage property or equipment of the golf course, or other unbecoming conduct, as determined by the Tournament Director or Games Committee.

5.5 • DRONES

For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any unmanned aerial device ("UAV"). Drones are not permitted above the competition surface or spectator areas during interscholastic Contests, Inter-school practices or scrimmages. Drones may not be used to scout opposing team Practices. Member schools may utilize drones for their own school team practice sessions based upon their local school policies.

Persons and/or schools violating this Policy shall be subject to sanctions which may be imposed under Sections 5, 6, 7, and/or 9 of ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Upon timely requests submitted to PIAA, the Executive Director is authorized to grant exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis for PIAA broadcast partners in conjunction with any host school/facility's local policies.

5.6 • LIVE SCORING & RESULTS

Live scoring is available courtesy of the Philadelphia PGA Jr. Tour on the Philadelphia PGA Jr. Tour app.

Final results will be available by 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, on the PIAA Website at www.piaa.org/sports/golf.

5.7 • LODGING & MEALS

Lodging is not available at Penn State's Blue & White Golf Course. If needed, a representative of each participating school should make the necessary arrangements for lodging and meals for their respective qualifiers and coaches.

PIAA's featured hotel properties in the State College area are the Happy Valley Hotels and Country Inn & Suites by Radisson. Contact information for PIAA's featured hotels is below.

Happy Valley Hotels	Country Inn & Suites by Radisson
Mimi Driscoll MDriscoll@shanercorp.com	Samantha Fink SFink@countryinns.com

Additional lodging information and room availability can be accessed by browsing the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau at www.happyvalley.com.

5.8 • OFFICIALS

Rules officials provided by the Philadelphia PGA Jr. Tour will serve as the rule's officials for the PIAA Golf Championships.

5.9 • RANGE FINDERS / DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

During Regular Season and Postseason golf Contests, players are authorized to use devices that measure distance only.

The device must not be used for any purposes that are prohibited by USGA Rule 4.3a, including but not limited to:

- Gauging or measuring slope;
- Gauging or measuring of other conditions that might affect play (e.g. wind speed or directions);
- Recommendations that might assist the player in making a stroke in his play (e.g. club selection, type of shot to be played, green reading, or any other advice related matter);
- Calculating the effective distance between two points based on the elevation changes or other conditions affecting a shot.

A multifunctional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions were doing so would be a breach of Rule 4.3a.

5.10 • TICKETING

Admission to the 2026 PIAA Girls' and Boys' Individual Golf Championships is free of charge.

Golf carts can be rented by spectators. To ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities, those with a "Persons with Disabilities" placard will have priority for rental and must provide their placard number at the time of purchase. Any remaining carts will be available for general rental later in the day. Please visit our website for more information regarding golf cart rentals.

5.11 • WEATHER

Contestants must be prepared to play in inclement weather. In case of inclement weather, the PIAA Golf Championships Tournament Director will decide to play, modify, delay, postpone, or cancel the Tournament depending on the severity of the weather conditions and/or the condition of the golf course.

SECTION 6 • PRACTICE

6.1 • PRACTICE ROUND

The practice round is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2026, and will feature a shotgun start. Please refer to the practice round schedule below. All Contestants will receive a practice round assignment, however, participation in the practice round is voluntary. Range balls will be provided before the practice round at no charge.

Pairings for the practice round will be available on the PIAA website by October 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

If used, the practice round fee is \$40 per person and will be included in the post-Championship invoice to qualifying schools.

CLASS / COURSE	SHOTGUN START TIME	RANGE START TIME
3A Girls' and Boys' White Course	11:00 AM	10:00 AM
2A Girls' and Boys' Blue Course	12:30 PM	11:30 AM

6.2 • PRE-ROUND PRACTICE

Each morning of competition, Contestants will be assigned a 20-minute pre-round range session based on their scheduled tee time. Please refer to the pre-round range session schedule below. Range balls and stall assignments are available at the table adjacent to the range. Range balls will be provided for the pre-round range session at no charge. Coaches are encouraged to utilize the bag drop area for players prior to parking.

20-Minute Range Session		
Tee Time	Start Time	End Time
9:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:20 AM
9:10 AM	8:10 AM	8:30 AM
9:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:40 AM
9:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:50 AM
9:40 AM	8:40 AM	9:00 AM
9:50 AM	8:50 AM	9:10 AM
10:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:20 AM
10:10 AM	9:10 AM	9:30 AM
10:20 AM	9:20 AM	9:40 AM
10:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:50 AM
10:40 AM	9:40 AM	10:00 AM
10:50 AM	9:50 AM	10:10 AM
11:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:20 AM
11:10 AM	10:10 AM	10:30 AM
11:20 AM	10:20 AM	10:40 AM
11:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:50 AM

Practice or playing on the Championship course on the day of the competition, prior to the starting time, is prohibited. The penalty for doing so is disqualification.

6.3 • PRACTICE BETWEEN ROUNDS

Practice or playing on the Championship course between rounds of competition is prohibited. The penalty for doing so is disqualification.

Upon completion of the first-round, range balls may be rented directly from the Penn State Golf Course and practice at the driving range is permitted.