

KSHSAA Golf – Outside Competition Exception

Based upon previous discussions following Regional Administrator/BOE meetings, and as initiated by the KIAAA, staff provided a draft of language at the January Executive Board Meeting to allow for one tournament exemption for golfers during the season.

The Board requested staff make modifications to the interpretation for their review. Following discussion, the Executive Board approved adoption of the new policy per authority granted in Rule 36-2-9. This protocol will be placed in the Golf Manual and will begin with the 2022-23 school year. The adopted policy follows:

A student may participate in one KSHSAA approved outside competition, in place of one of their allowable eight, during the school season (not representing his or her school) without loss of interscholastic eligibility:

1. Each school year, the KSHSAA will develop a roster of amateur events which occur during the school season. Those events will be sponsored by Central Links Golf and/or the USGA and participation in one event will not be contrary to the Outside Competition Rule 22 for member golf team members.

2. The participation in the event, if during the school year, is approved by the student's high school principal, and the KSHSAA is notified in writing by the principal of the intent of named student at the identified event at least 30 days prior to the start of the event.

3. All other individual eligibility requirements remain applicable including, but not limited to, Awards Rule 20 and Amateur Rule 21.

Here are the events for the 2026 spring season:

- US Open Local Qualifying - May
- Kansas City Match Play Championship - May
- Watson Challenge Qualifier – May
- US Four-Ball Championship
- Girls Spring Series

Here are the events for the 2025 fall season:

- US Women's Four-Ball Qualifying
- Mid-America Junior Cup
- Boys Four-Ball Championship

As of 9/05/2025