

GOLF BY-LAWS
(Approved June 2021)

1. Golf teams will play six and count four best scores. Playing six is not mandatory, but teams must play four.
2. There will be a postseason Metro League Tournament. The Flint Metro League will pick up the cost of the tournament.
3. League scoring will be as follows:
 - A. Each team receives one point for each dual match victory (one half point each should the match result in a tie after application of all tie breaker rules).
 - B. Each team receives one point for each team it defeats in the league post-season tournament (league meet). Each team shall receive one half point each should the match result in a tie after application of all tie breaker rules.
4. Twelve points are awarded to players during every dual meet event on the league schedule. During a dual, the person recording the lowest score between the competing teams would earn 12 points, the second lowest score 11, etc. until all golfers have been assigned a point total based on their finish. Ties would result in partial points based on the number of players tied in each circumstance. *Each player's point total will be calculated using their 9 best scores from the dual meet portion of the season (out of the 11 duals played).* Point totals would be accumulated throughout the season prior to the post season tournament. At the post season tournament, a similar point structure will be used. The point total for the post-season tournament will be determined by taking the number of dual meets a team plays multiplied by 12. For instance, if all 12 schools in the league have a golf team, each team will play 11 duals making the league tournament worth a possible 72 points and each subsequent score will be lowered by one point. The 10 players with the highest point totals for the season would be awarded 1st Team all-league, the next 12 2nd Team all-league.
 - A. Each coach will receive one honorable mention selection to award to a member of his/her team following the recognition of first and second team selections.
5. The League golf tournament sites are to be selected by the school hosting that year's League meets. A neutral site is required, not used by any school as a home course.
6. Responsibility for terminating golf match due to inclement weather:
 - A. The home school will determine if play should begin.
 - B. Once begun, suspension of play should be mutually agreed upon. If no

decision is reached, the home school will determine if play should continue. Home school will also determine how long a delay shall be held before suspension of play.

C. Suspension and/or postponement of matches shall follow current USGA Guidelines.

*Current guidelines (August 2015): “When play is interrupted and a suspension of play is called for issues such as inclement weather, players are to mark their balls and seek immediate shelter. If play resumes on the same day after the delay, then the players pick up play from their marked spot of their ball. If a tournament or round of play is suspended and completed on another day, then players would start on the next hole after their last posted score (or completed hole).”

D. League meet responsibility for determination is the meet manager.

7. The decision to use "winter rules" (pick and clean or bump) or "summer rules" (as per U.S.G.A. Rules) will be left to the discretion of the home school.
8. Each coach will instruct and encourage his golfers not to throw, bat or toss his/her golf ball at the completion of a hole.
9. In all matches, players are expected to follow all U.S.G.A. Rules as per the current rulebook. There will be no warning prior to the assessment of the indicated penalty. It is the responsibility of each player to become familiar with the rules of play.
10. Players from the same school in the same foursome will be considered teammates for the purpose of giving advice.
11. Players may not talk to spectators during the course of the round.
12. League tournament and league matches must take precedence over non-league matches. Schedules will be designed to include alternating home/away matches between schools.

PERTINENT GENERAL BY-LAWS

2. The site of conference championship meets is to be determined by the Flint Metro League Constitution (See table on page 36).
3. Schools shall not be allowed to compete in League meets unless that school has played a League schedule in that sport.
4. Schools will not be allowed to add individuals to their athletic teams between the last League date and League meet dates for the purpose of competing in the meet.
11. In case of inclement weather, the following criteria shall be met:

- A. Contests postponed due to weather should be made up prior to final League tournaments, even if this necessitates a school canceling or postponing a non-League contest to do so.
 - B. When one or more schools cannot attend a multi-team League event (four or more schools) due to a weather related or act of God event, the event is to be postponed and rescheduled for the next available date, with the League picking up any costs for officials who show up to work the originally scheduled event.
14. The Flint Metro League takes the position that the practice of good sportsmanship is essential and that all members should adopt a common policy. Member schools are expected to implement a plan to promote responsible behavior by fans and all persons associated with athletics. It is suggested that schools use contest programs, the media, bulletins, and meetings as a means for promoting good sportsmanship. Member schools should also have plans for the monitoring of home and away contests and for dealing with those persons who violate the principles of responsible behavior.
15. The host school shall provide water (or suitable hydration) for visiting teams.
16. Home school will call the Flint Journal and other media to report contest results.
18. Grievances and Protest Procedure:
- C. All contests in which an ineligible player or players are used shall be forfeited and the score be that of a forfeited contest. This includes League championship tournaments.
 - D. If use of an ineligible player or players by a League champion is determined, and forfeitures under section C above prevent a team from maintaining its championship, the championship for that sport for that year will be awarded to the second-place team and All Sports Award points adjusted accordingly. In the event of co-championships, the remaining championship team would maintain its championship.
19. The conference will recognize a champion in any varsity sport regulated by the MHSAA that is participated in by more than half (5) the membership of the League.
20. The only League awards to be made in any sport are the ones sanctioned by the League.
24. Each varsity sport will be allowed a Coach of the Year selection. That coach will be presented a certificate.
26. To receive FML honors, an athlete has to finish the season in good standing. The definition of "good standing" is to finish the season on the team and meet minimum requirements for that sport's awards.

FML Golf Dual Meet Score Sheet

Home School: _____

Visiting School: _____

Date: _____ Course: _____

Meet Scores:

Score:	Player:	School:	Points :

***Please remember lowest score receives 12 points, next 11, etc. Points for ties will be split between the places and partial points will be awarded rounding to two decimal places.

Home Coach Signature: _____

Visiting Coach Signature:

Home coach must take a picture of this sheet and send it to their school's athletic director and Cathy North (northcathy71@gmail.com) the night of the event.