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90th ANNUAL PIAA INDIVIDUAL GOLF/19TH TEAM GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG - The 2025 PIAA Golf Individual and Team Championships are scheduled to be contested at the Blue and White Golf Courses, Penn State University, State College, Pa on Monday, October 20, 2025, through Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

The 90th PIAA Individual Golf Championships will see 216 student-athletes competing. The 19th Team Championships will be contested on Wednesday, hosting 32 teams, representing eight 3A boys' teams, eight 3A girls' teams, eight 2A boys' teams, eight and 2A girls' teams.

In 1935, golf was the third sport adopted by the PIAA. Penn State's White Course was home to the first championship in 1935. The first championship was held at the Penn State White Course with Barrett Melvin from Franklin winning the inaugural title. According to Penn State Athletics, the White Course was designed in 1922 by world famed architect Willie Park Jr., eight original holes/green complexes still exist. The White Course provides a raised and undulated green complex which adds to its character and demands a creative and disciplined shot making to score well. The sculpted bunkering of Willie Park Jr. is still studied and photographed by some of today's top architects. The Blue Course was developed and opened to the public in 1970. The Golf Championships were played in the spring up until 1974. In the 1974-75 season, the PIAA Board of Directors voted to move the championships to the fall.

The Championships have seen players that have taken their talents to the professional level. Most notably, the 1948 Greater Latrobe graduate, Arnold Palmer. At Greater Latrobe, Palmer was a four-year letterman and lost only a single dual match in four years. His high school teams captured three section championships (1945-47), advancing to the state tournament each of those years with Palmer featured as the top-ranked player. In 1946 and 1947, Palmer was the individual champion for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), and the 1946 runner-up for the West Penn Junior Championship and Hurst National Junior Open.

Palmer was the No. 1 golfer while attending Wake Forest University and was one of the top collegiate players of the late 1940s. When there, he left the Demon Deacons program for a three-year stint in the Coast Guard, before returning to Wake Forest and subsequently capturing the 1954 U.S. Amateur Championship. In 1986, Palmer was the second person to ever be from Pennsylvania to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

The boys' championships have been held at five different sites: Penn State White Course (1935-1973, 2022-present), Hershey Parkview (1974-80), Dillsburg Range End CC (1981), Penn State Blue Course (1982-2001, 2022-present) and Heritage Hills Golf Resort (2002-2021).

PIAA Boys' Golf Championships host sites:

- 40: Penn State White Course
- 20: Penn State Blue Course
- 7: Hershey Parkview
- 2: Heritage Hills Gold Resort
- 1: Dillsburg Range End CC

The boys' expanded to two classifications in 2012, 2A and 3A. Since 2022, the championships have alternated between the White Course and the Blue Course. The only tie to ever take place before a playoff was in 1957. Both Ted McKenzie of Waynesboro and Jack Vernocy of Moon Township shot a 218 over three rounds.

The inaugural PIAA Girls' Golf Championships were held in 1974. Joanne Williams of Exeter Township won the first championship on PSU's White Course. The girls' championships have been held at seven different sights: Penn State White Course (1974, 1995-2001, 2022-present), Hershey CC East Course (1975-76), Carlisle Country Club (1977-1982), State College Elks CC (1983-1994), Springwood Golf Club (2002-2004), Heritage Hills Golf Resort (2005-2021) and Penn State Blue Course (2022-present).

PIAA Girls' Golf Championships host sites:

- 11: Penn State White Course
- 16: Heritage Hills Golf Resort
- 11: State College Elks CC
- 6: Carlisle Country Club
- 3: Springwood Golf Club
- 2: Hershey CC East Course
- 3: Penn State Blue Course

There was three-way tie in 2005 between Victoria Arena of Mt. St. Joseph, Emily Riddle of Elk County Catholic and Rachel Rohanna of Waynesburg, all shooting 79. The championship was concluded after the first round due to weather conditions.

Also, in 2006, the first team championship was held for both boys and girls. The team championships have been held at three different sights: Heritage Hills Golf Resort (2006-2021), Penn State Blue Course (2022-present) and Penn State White Course (2022-present).

PIAA Team Golf Championships host sites:

- 15: Heritage Hills Golf Resort
- 3: Penn State White Course
- 3: Penn State Blue Course

The team championships began with one classification before expanding to two in 2012, along with the individual competition.

Boys Team Champions: There were five teams that won championships in a single classification

- 1: Radnor (2006), Hollidaysburg (2007), Cathedral Prep (2008), Greater Latrobe (2009), Council Rock North (2010), Manheim Township (2011)

Girls Team Champions:

- 3: Shady Side Academy (2008-09, 2011)
- 2: Mt. St. Joseph (2006-07)
- 1: Central Bucks East (2010)

3A Boys Team Champions:

12 - 3A Boys' teams have won titles

- 2: Central Catholic (2018, 2022)
- 1: Manheim Township (2012), Upper St. Clair (2013), St. Joseph's Prep (2014), Radnor (2015), Pittsburgh CC (2016), Unionville (2017), Fox Chapel (2019), Cathedral Prep (2020), State College (2021), Peters Township (2023), North Allegheny (2024)

2A Boys Team Champions:

9 - 2A Boys' teams have won titles; Sewickley Academy won three titles in five years.

- 3: Sewickley Academy (2015, 2017, 2019)
- 2: Scranton Prep (2020, 2024), Devon Prep (2021, 2023)
- 1: Wyomissing (2012), Holy Redeemer (2013), New Hope Solebury (2014), Lancaster Catholic (2016), North East (2018), Lake Lehman (2022)

3A Girls Team Champions:

8 - 3A Girls' teams have won titles; North Allegheny won three titles in four years.

- 3: Mt. St. Joseph (2013-14, 2019), North Allegheny (2015, 2017-18)
- 2: Peters Township (2023-24)
- 1: Radnor (2012), Shady Side Academy (2016), Unionville (2020), Downingtown East (2021), Phoenixville (2022)

2A Girls Team Champions:

7 - 2A Girls' teams have won titles; four schools have won two consecutive titles.

- 3: Central Valley (2012-13, 2016), Hickory (2021-23)
- 2: Villa Maria (10) (2014-15), Greensburg CC (2018-19)
- 1: Sewickley Academy (2017), North East (2020), Fairview (2024)

All media are asked to familiarize yourself with the PIAA Handbook, Section II Policy and Procedures, pages 97-102: <http://tinyurl.com/5a3h7wyk>. The championship schedule can be found [here](#) and a full list of any [previous championship results](#).

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