

## Golf Advisory Committee Recommendations – Spring 2025 Supplemental Meeting (June 1, 2025)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Recommend amending language regarding “Coaching” in Sections 2.Q, 5.C.15, 5.D.13 of the manual: All coaches must be LISTED and APPROVED through the MSHSAA website. Coaching of golfers during competition during the regular season shall be in accordance with USGA rule 10, including acting as a “caddie”. During all competitions (regular and postseason): Coaches WILL NOT be allowed to give advice once the player’s ball is on the green AND player has reached the green area (10 yards) OR on the fringe/collar of the putting green. Coaches may coach their athletes at the District Tournament provided all duties assigned for the tournament are filled by the site manager and all coaches are given the same opportunity to fulfill the assigned responsibilities as delegated by the site manager.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 2. Recommend adding language in Section 5 of the manual (State Tour) regarding the Disqualification of a participant:
- If a participant is disqualified (DQ) during the State Tournament, their score shall not count for that round. The Tournament Committee and the MSHSAA Executive in charge of Golf shall decide if the player is allowed to continue to participate based on the nature of the DQ. A “serious misconduct” DQ (USGA rule 1.2.a) shall result in no participation for the remainder of the tournament.
    - Round 1 DQ - the participant’s score would not count for Round 1. The State Tour Committee at that particular site and the MSHSAA Executive in charge of Golf shall determine if the participant is allowed to play during Round 2.
      - If the disqualified participant is a part of one of the 8 qualifying teams, this participant’s score could not count towards scoring for Round 1 but may be eligible to count towards scoring for round 2, as long as the DQ was not deemed serious misconduct.
    - Round 2 DQ – the participant’s score would not count for Round 2.
      - If the disqualified participant is a part of one of the 8 qualifying teams, this participant’s score could still count towards scoring for Round 1 as that round is complete.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\* 3. Recommend amending language in Section D.2 of the manual to address the use of Alternates:
- The 8 team qualifiers for State (those that finished 1st/2nd in their respective district tournaments) are the ONLY schools allowed to use an ~~Alternate~~/Substitution to their team roster in the case of an emergency, injury, illness, ineligibility or extenuating circumstances affecting one of their four, or potentially five players, that qualified to the state tournament. Each of the 8 team qualifiers may use a direct substitution for a member of a qualifying team ~~up until the close of the coaches meeting prior to the start of the state tournament. A substitute may be used after Round 1, but prior to the start of Round 2, due to documented injury, illness, or extenuating circumstances disciplinary action, emergency situation or an appeal to the MSHSAA Golf Director.~~ The substitute/~~alternate~~ must be listed on the school’s eligibility roster on the MSHSAA website. The Tournament Committee and the MSHSAA Executive in charge of Golf shall determine if the substitution is allowed. No ~~alternates~~/substitutions are allowed for individual qualifiers; this includes those schools that qualify 4 or more individual qualifiers to the state tournament.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Recommend amending language to Appendix D in the manual regarding use of golf carts by coaches to the following language: **School Coach GOLF CARTS:** The school administrator shall submit a letter of request (on school letterhead) and a physician’s letter of necessity, directly to the MSHSAA Office. The request must indicate the following: first and last name of the coach, reason for the request permitting the use of a golf cart by the coach during competition days at the state championships (medical condition, handicap, disabled), and the state championship site they will be attending. An approval letter from MSHSAA will be considered and sent to the school administrator. The school coach will be required to bring the approval letter to the state championship manager on-site for acknowledgement, then communicate with the pro shop regarding the rental of the cart.

5. Recommend amending language in Section 5.D.9 of the manual regarding State Pairings.

- **More than 90-92 Players:** When the playing field is greater than **90-92** players (Foursomes) (Note: threesome(s) may be necessary to prevent having a twosome).
  - **First day of state tournament** - The four first place teams in the district tournaments will make up the first five groups of four teeing off the first tee. The second-place district teams will make up the next five groups of four teeing off the first tee. The number one golfer from these four teams (based on player scores from district) would be included in the first group of four. The number two golfers in the second group of four, the number three golfers in the third group of four and the number four golfers in the fourth group of four. Next, the top individual qualifiers would be paired based on their district scores in relation to par and would tee off the tenth tee. If there is a tie with the individual qualifiers it will be broken by conducting a blind draw. If there are more than 20 groups, then the highest scoring individuals from districts will follow the teams off number 1 tee.
  - **Second day of state tournament** - Pairings shall be based on the first day of play. Pairings of individual team members and pairings of individuals will be based on the first day of play and will be paired in reverse order with the lowest scoring golfers paired last. Example: (1st tee: Wave 1 Players 76-53, Wave 2 Players 24-1) (10th tee Wave 1 Players 96-77, Wave 2 Players 52-25)
- **90-92 Players or Less:** When the playing field consists of **90-92** or less players (Threesomes) (Note: foursome(s) may be necessary to prevent having a twosome).
  - **First day of the State Tournament** - competitors on qualifying teams will be paired in groups of three. For those 8 qualifying teams, pairings will be based on each team's total score from the District Tournament, grouping the three best scoring teams first, followed by the next three teams, followed by the next two teams. (Paired with this group will be any extra qualifying team or individual's qualifiers, comparable to individual district scores.) Team qualifiers will tee-off of the front nine, first tee. Next, the top Individual qualifiers, not on a qualifying team, will be paired based on each individual's district score. Individual qualifiers will tee-off of the back nine, tenth tee. If there is a tie with the individual qualifiers it will be broken by conducting a blind draw. The highest individuals will follow the teams off number 1 tee.
  - **Second day of the State Tournament** - All competitors will be paired the second day of the state tournament, by the state tournament manager, based on individual scores from the first day and will be paired in reverse order with the lowest scoring golfers paired last. Example: (1st tee: Wave 1 Players 47-69, Wave 2 Players 24-1) (10th tee: Wave 1 Players 70-92, Wave 2 Players 25-46)

#### BOARD ACTION

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| *    | DENIED                   |
| **   | TABLED FOR FURTHER STUDY |
| ***  | APPROVED AS AMENDED      |
| **** | NO ACTION                |
|      | ALL OTHERS APPROVED      |