

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held May 24, 2023

1. Recommend a change to Section 2-F of the MSHSAA Golf Manual to clarify the restriction of the use of smart watches that are connected to cell phone.

Cell Phones/Smart Watches on the golf course: Golfers may not use **or wear any** electronic communicational devices or equipment on the golf course. The penalty **for misuse is** ~~may be~~ disqualification. Golfers may have cell phones **or other communication devices** in their bag to use in an emergency situation **only**, to notify authorities.

2. Recommend a change to Section 5-A-8A of the MSHSAA Golf Manual regarding team state qualifying criteria from district to state as follows:

QUALIFIERS: Teams and individuals will qualify from districts to state as follows:

A. TEAMS: The District Champion and Runner-up teams will **automatically** advance their top four player scores from district tournament play to the state tournament. If a team's fourth and fifth player score is a tie, both players will advance to the state tournament but will not count as part of the top 12 individuals. **If a team's fifth player score is within the top 12 individuals OR within +10 strokes of the top 12 individuals cut line, the fifth player will advance to the state tournament but will not count as part of the top 12 individuals.**

~~**Note:** If a qualifying team's 5th player score places them in the top 12 individuals, then the 5th player is permitted to advance with the other four team members to the state tournament.~~

~~**Note:** If a team's 5th player score places in the top 12 individuals, they will count as one of the 12 individuals that advance to state.~~

Note: A school that qualifies 4 or 5 individuals to the state tournament will also be permitted to compete in team competition.

3. Recommend a change to Section 5-A-8B of the MSHSAA Golf Manual regarding individual state qualifying criteria from district to state as follows:

B. INDIVIDUALS: After removing the player scores from qualifying teams (district champion, runner-up), the remaining top ~~12~~ **13** individual player scores, including ties, will advance to the state tournament. ~~**Note:** If a team's 5th player places in the top 12 individuals, they will count as one of the 12 individuals that advance to state.~~ When there is a tie for the last individual qualifying position, all individuals tied shall be individual qualifiers to the state tournament.

* Denied

** Tabled for further study

*** Approved as amended

**** No Action

All others approved