

Golf Advisory Committee Recommendations – Fall 2024 (October 28, 2024)

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1. Recommend adding an exception to Section 2.F of the Golf Manual: Exception – During regular season matches or tournaments, student-athletes may use motorized riding golf carts ONLY on courses that do not allow walking. ~~The participant must have a valid driver's license, in order to operate the golf cart and would be cart path only. Operator of the cart and rider would be required to sign a waiver liability form. This exception must be approved by the MSHSAA Office prior to the event.~~ (Approved 14-0)
 2. Recommend to amend the language in the manual regarding coaching: Section 2Q & 5.C.15 & 5.D.13 - All coaches giving advice 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): The coach 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). Golf 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. (Approved 14-0)
 3. Recommend adding language to the manual in Section 5: Championship Series (District & State Tournaments), affirming that USGA Rule E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds is NOT in effect during the postseason. Stroke and Distance for lost ball and OB is in play. (Approved 14-0)
 4. Recommend a sub-committee (Jeff Boyles-SW b, Seth DeRose-KC g, Kevin Mitchell-NE b) to review the District Tournament host process and create minimum requirements & recommendations to host the district tournament. (Approved 14-0)
 5. Recommend to amend the language in the manual: Section 5.C.5: **STARTING FORMAT (TRADITIONAL & SHOTGUN):** The traditional start of sending players off of hole #1 and hole #10 ~~is recommended~~ OR the use of a shotgun start is an option at district tournament under the discretion of the district manager due to several different variables that may need to be considered, which includes but not limited to: course availability, inclement weather, player skill/pace of play, etc. (Approved 13-0)
 6. Change language in Section 5.D.9 of the manual regarding State Pairings. Remove the language "More than 90 players" (Foursomes). Language shall be as follows:

Regardless of the number in the field, pairings will be grouped in Threesomes (Note: foursome(s) may be necessary to prevent having a twosome).

- a. **First day of the State Tournament** - competitors on qualifying teams will be paired in groups of three. The 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.
- b. **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 45-67, Wave 2 Players 22-1) (10th tee: Wave 1 Players 68-90, Wave 2 Players 23-44) (Approved 13-0)

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7. Recommends a school that qualifies as a TEAM (4 or 5 golfers) for the state tournament, be allowed to rent one golf cart, to a school approved coach, at the school's expense, on a first come, first serve basis for each day, with a letter provided by their AD (to stay consistent with other cart requests). Coaches must stay on the cart path at all times. (Approved 11-1)

BOARD ACTION

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