

Golf Advisory Committee Recommendations – Fall 2025 (October 29, 2025)

- _____ 1. Recommend sending the list of Host Site Guidelines for hosting postseason competition to AD Advisory for review and consent. These guidelines will be found in Appendix C of the Golf Manual. (Approved 14-0)

Host Guidelines – Specific for Golf

Requirements

- a. 18 holes
- b. Access to a driving range within reasonable distance to the course
- c. Golf Course is properly marked and maintained
- d. The host (Manager) should have prior experience running a tournament or reach out to someone who has hosted a post-season event
- e. The course must reserve carts for markers and preferably, coaches as well.
- f. Should have adequate parking with school bus accessibility
- g. All Schools must have reasonable access to the golf course from the date of determining the host site course up to the start of the district tournament. It is the responsibility of each school to plan accordingly for securing a practice round at the district course prior to the start of your district tournament.
 - a. NOTE: Practice round access the day before the district tournament is not mandatory.
- h. Girls: The total distance for the district tournament is between 5000-5300 yards. (State: 5200-5500)
- i. Boys: The total distance for the district tournament is between 6300-6600 yards. (State is 6500-6800)

Recommendations

- a. On-course restrooms or portables at multiple locations
- b. Lunch available to players and provided to markers
- c. Rain date must be secured prior and provided to all schools with the tournament completed by Tuesday

- _____ 2. Recommend that qualifying schools for the state tournament are allowed one practice round between the Tuesday following districts, through Sunday, the day before the opening round (Girls: Tuesday Week 15 – Sunday Week 16; Boys: Tuesday Week 45 - Sunday Week 46). (Approved 14-0)

- _____ 3. Recommend that each State Qualifying Team (4 or 5) be allowed to rent one golf cart, paid for by the school or coach, on a first come-first serve basis without having a medical request. This rental must be made by a MSHSAA approved coach for that qualifying team (Approved 13-0)

4. Recommend adding language to the current Unsportsmanlike Conduct language in Section 2.L of the Golf Manual. The additional language is from the USGA Code of Conduct language. (Approved 14-0)

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Any student who uses tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances (other than prescription), in any high school golf match shall be disqualified. Any player who, in anger, throws or breaks a club, throws a ball or other equipment, bets on the course or uses inappropriate or profane language or gestures will be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct. Further, it is considered unsportsmanlike to use baiting or taunting acts or words or wear insignias which engenders ill will. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be called by spotters, markers and/or should be brought to the attention of the rules committee members. ~~Based on the seriousness of the incident the penalty shall be either a warning (one per event) or a two-stroke penalty. Once warned any additional occurrences would result in disqualification. Any flagrant act of unsportsmanlike conduct shall result in immediate disqualification.~~ Players may not call unsportsmanlike conduct on each other but should bring inappropriate behavior to the attention of the tournament manager, officials or rules committee. This applies any time the competitor is on the course grounds until awards have been presented and includes the following:

- Failure to care for the course, such as not raking bunkers, replacing or filling divots.
- Unacceptable language.
- Abuse of clubs or the course.
- Failing to show proper consideration for other players, officials or spectators.
- Limitations on the use of social media

Penalty Structure

- 1st breach – warning
- 2nd breach – one stroke penalty
- 3rd breach – general penalty (two strokes)
- 4th breach or Serious Misconduct - Disqualified

BOARD ACTION

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

ALL OTHERS APPROVED