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Golf Memo #1: March 11, 2026

I was ready to start this memo talking about the great weather we were having...then it snowed this morning! Regardless, I hope you're all prepped and ready for a great 2026 golf season! Some usual preseason items for you to check out before practice gets going next week. Please ensure you've taken care of all necessary administrative tasks:

2026 Final Classifications: Final classifications for the 2026 season will be posted next Friday, March 20th. Please double-check your schools' BEDS number, coops, etc. on the [Tentative Classification](#) previously posted on our website.

2026 Season Manual: General information for the 2026 season including playing dates, scoring, range finding devices, etc. can be found in the [2026 Regular Season Manual](#) on the IGHSAU website.

Bound Directory / Email Notifications: ADs – please check to ensure that your golf coach is receiving this memo. If they are not, please let me know. I pulled a new update from the directory from Bound today (3/11). However, there are a couple dozen “opt outs” and email errors in there so I want to ensure everyone who needs future communication is getting it.

Concussion Management Course – All coaches (**paid and volunteer**) are required to view the course Concussion in Sports before the first official day of practice if they have not done so already for a previous sport this school year.

Coaches Online Rules Meeting – The Coaches Rules Meeting is available on Bound under the IGHSAU or IHSAA tab. This must be completed before March 25th. It is a joint rule meeting for all head coaches, boys and/or girls. **Viewing the meeting on either site (IGHSAU or IHSAA) fulfills the viewing requirement.** All head varsity coaches must view the Rules Meeting.

Site Availability – Please fill out the site availability form on Bound if you're interested in hosting a regional golf meet, Deadline is April 3rd.

Season Stats on Bound - Coaches are required to submit varsity stats on Bound. Bound will be checked every Tuesday during the regular season. Please ensure course rating is listed with each meet. Rosters and complete schedules must be entered before your first meet.

Iowa Golf Association Seminars – The IGA rules seminar meeting will only be online this year. It's not a rule-change year so it is largely the same as last year. That video will be posted on the golf page early next week.

2026 State Coed Meet - Information and online registration link for the coed meet will be posted by the end next week on the IGHSAU and IHSAA websites. Coed meet is capped at 68 teams per class.

Live-Scoring Options: Electronic devices are permitted to be used for live-scoring events, whether being done for all teams at a meet or simply for an individual team. There are several live-scoring apps out there; you are not required to use a specific one over the other.

2026 Advisory Committee Changes

1. State Tournament team tiebreaker will now be the following:
 - a. Combined 2-day score of 5th golfer
 - b. Combined 2-day score of 6th golfer (if either team doesn't have a 5th or 6th golfer, they lose tiebreaker)
 - i. If teams are still tied (for non-champion positions), those two teams will tie
 - c. If ties still exist (for champion placement) after 5th / 6th golfer comparisons, there will be a playoff
 - i. Full explanation / playoff verbiage is in the 2026 manual

2. Both team and individual qualifiers will be allowed two certified, school-appointed/approved coaches during postseason.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Good luck this season!
Ben Van Wyk