

Post-Season Points to Address for Coaches, Golfers and Spectators

Greens Fees: A \$15 per participant fee will be assessed for participation in all regional tournaments, payable directly to the host school, which in turn will be responsible for paying the host course.

Rules Committee: The rules committee will be made up of five coaches of participating teams. If a rules question arises, the golfer should discuss the situation with a rules official prior to submitting her scorecard. It is the expectation of the IGHS AU that all coaches be on the course coaching their golfers during meets.

Scorecard Protocol: Groups will exchange cards and keep score for one other person in their group. At the conclusion of play, each golfer should total her 9 and 18-hole scores and write it on the scorecard. The scorer and the person whose score is being kept must sign the scorecard prior to turning it into the Officials Scoring Area. Golfers must turn in their own scorecards. Coaches – **do not** hold all the team cards until everyone is in.

Emergency Weather Plan: Discuss with teams and coaches (i.e. # air-horn blasts, mark ball, head to clubhouse, etc.)

Communication Devices

- The use of cell phones, tablets, or other communication devices by is prohibited during the regular season and tournament play **except for the use as a rangefinder or official scorekeeping. No cell phone for general use may occur until the player's round is completed, and the scorecard is submitted to the official scorer. Use of a cell phone for unauthorized purpose(s) will result in a code of conduct violation.**
 - The penalty for violation of this rule: 1st offense – warning; 2nd offense - 2 stroke penalty; 3rd - offense disqualification.
- Golfers may use their phones for general use in/around the clubhouse once their round is complete and they have submitted their scorecard to the scoring officials. Spectators should refrain from speaking on their cell phones on the course when play near them is occurring. In the event of an emergency or suspension of play, it is permissible for a golfers and spectators to use their cell phones on the course.

Range Finding Devices

- Range finding devices are allowed for use by players and coaches during the regular and postseason tournaments provided they are only used to measure distance. Range finding devices designed to measure conditions other than distance are permitted, provided the golfer only uses the device for distance measurement and not for the following banned functions, which include but are not limited to, wind speed, slope, or club selection.
 - The penalty for violation of this rule: 1st offense – warning; 2nd offense - 2 stroke penalty; 3rd - offense disqualification.
- If a player must wear a watch besides a GPS/range finding device, it must be set to airplane mode during competition.
 - The penalty for violating this policy is as follows: 1st offense – warning; 2nd offense - 2 stroke penalty; 3rd - offense disqualification.

Players and school-appointed, licensed coaches are encouraged to share distance information upon request. A player with a range finder may shoot distance on the course and relay that information upon request to another player, PROVIDED the process does not delay play. Spectators are not allowed to provide or assist golfers with distance information.

Live Scoring: If it will be used, please inform spectators what site / app is being used and where they can follow along.

Coaching Guidelines

- The IGHS AU allows multiple school appointed, licensed coaches to coach their team on the course during the regular season. Two coaches per team are allowed to coach their players on the course during the postseason. Individual qualifier(s) may also have two coaches per school. School appointed, licensed golf coaches are allowed to coach their golfer up until the golfer and golfer's ball are on the green. There is to be no delaying of play anywhere anytime when providing instruction during the prescribed coaching time frame. Coaches on the course should not make rulings unless they are part of the Rules Committee.

- Coaches are not to assist or instruct a player regarding any putting on the green. If any part of the golfer's ball is on the actual green, the ball is considered on the green. Once the golfer arrives at the green (no delay by the golfer), coaches can have no more communication with their golfers until all golfers in the group have holed out. When providing advice, the coach must NOT enter a bunker. Coaches must adhere to golf etiquette when coaching their players and should **not** be communicating with their golfer(s) while other golfers in the group are playing their ball in close proximity.

Spectator Regulations: Spectators cannot communicate with a golfer on the course until the golfer has submitted her official scorecard to the scoring officials. (Walking immediately alongside a player is deemed to be communication.) Spectators may cheer, applaud and offer words of encouragement to golfers; however, spectators must adhere to golf etiquette when doing so. Spectators are allowed to assist a player in looking for a lost ball, but at no time provide any type of instruction. Spectators are asked to refrain from use of cell phones on the course but may use them in/around the clubhouse. Spectators disrupting play in the opinion of the Rules Committee will be removed from the course. Competitors may be disqualified if in violation of this rule. Spectators should remain in the rough or on the cart paths and always keep parallel to the golfers. **Smoking and alcohol consumption are not allowed during IGHSAU sanctioned events. Please make sure the course management and spectators are made aware of this.**

Water/Food Distribution: The IGHSAU allows a parent/spectator to hand beverages/food to their player/daughter on the course, with every effort being made to be given between green and tee and without communication between them.

Medalist/Team Advancement: The top two teams in each region advance to Regional Finals and/or State Tournament. The top six individuals (and those tied for 6th place) also advance to the next level of play, regardless of if they are on a qualifying team or not. All individual ties must be broken (except for 6th place ties) to determine each golfer's final rank. Medals for the top six golfers, State Qualifier banners and Ticket Punched signs for the top two teams will be awarded at the end of the Regional Final meet. **Individual and team awards are not given at the first-round regional meets.**

Regional Third Place Team Advancement: For the first round of Regionals ONLY (classes 1A and 2A), if the host school (playing on their home course) finishes first or second place in the first round of Regionals, then the third-place team will advance to the Regional Final match as well. **Third place teams will NOT advance to the State Tournament from the Regional Final meet if the host school finishes first or second in that region.**