

Girls' Golf Memo #2

April 20, 2021

Despite a little snow yesterday across some parts of Iowa, courses remain green and playable! Please review the information below and pass along any pertinent information to your assistant coaches and golfers.

Spectator Communication – Coaches and administrators, please remind your school's spectators of the following communication guidelines to prevent any of your golfers from being disqualified because of their parents' actions.

- **Spectator Regulations:** Family, friends, spectators, etc. cannot provide instruction or guidance to participants on the course until the final scorecard has been signed and submitted. **(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 may not offer any rulings. Spectators should remain in the rough or on the cart paths and keep parallel to the golfers at all times. Spectators should refrain from speaking on their cell phones on the course when play near them is occurring. Any spectator 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.

Smartwatches and Cell Phone – A player may obtain distance information ONLY from the range finding device they are using. **Cell phones** (including distance apps), **iPods, smartwatches and any other unapproved electronic devices are not permitted during competition.** Fitbits should not be worn if communication with others is a feature on the device.

Team Competition – If a team does not have enough golfers to submit four scores at a meet, then that school would lose the team portion of the meet. Their players can still be eligible for the individual honors. If there is only one team with enough players to submit four scores then that team would win the meet. **A fictional golfer and score should never be used to complete a team.**

More than six golfers per school are allowed to play at a meet. HOWEVER, only six golfers must be designated as the "scoring team" prior to the start of the meet. The top four scores should only come from the six designated players' scores.

7th and 8th Graders Practicing with High School Teams – Junior high students (7th and 8th graders) are permitted to practice with the high school team. Local school districts shall determine practice protocol for their 7-12 graders. It is still not permissible for anyone 6th grade and younger to practice with 7-12 grade teams. Please note that 7th and 8th grade participation is limited to practice only with high school teams.

Rainout Policy – If a meet cannot be completed due to weather, it can be postponed or replaced with another meet. For a postponed meet, golfers can resume the round from their location when it was called or all golfers can start their round over. This is something that should be agreed upon by the participating teams prior to the start of the make-up meet.

Every effort must be made to reschedule the rained-out meet. If a date cannot be found to reschedule the meet, then your school may find another meet to enter to fulfill your 12th date, as your rained-out meet becomes void. Make sure you delete the cancelled date from your schedule on QuikStats/Varsity Bound. If you replace the cancelled meet, make sure you enter that meet in your QuikStats/Varsity Bound schedule.

Regional Site Availability – The list of schools that put into host Regional golf is on the website in the Golf section listed under the Coaches & Administrators tab. If your school wishes to host and is not listed, please have your athletic director complete the site availability form in Varsity Bound ASAP.

Regional Assignments – Regional assignments will be released May 3 for Classes 1A/2A and on May 10 for classes 3A/4A. The assignments will be listed on the IGHS AU website in the Golf section under the Coaches & Administrators tab.

Regional Tournament Dates

Classes 1A and 2A: May 17, May 24

Classes 3A and 4A: May 24

State Tournament Dates and Sites

State Meet: June 1 – 2

Class 1A – Ames Golf & Country Club, Ames

Class 2A – American Legion Golf Course, Marshalltown

Class 3A – River Valley Golf Course, Adel

Class 4A - Otter Creek Golf Course, Ankeny

State Co-ed Meet Tuesday, June 8

1A (Schools with BEDS number 349 & lower): American Legion Golf Course, Marshalltown

2A (Schools with BEDS number 350 & higher): Elmwood Country Club, Marshalltown

Schools must register and submit the names of the team(s) for the Co-ed Tournament by June 2nd. The registration form will be on the IGHS AU website in the Golf section located under the Coaches & Administrators tab in the near future. The golf format is alternate shot. There is a limit of two co-ed teams per school. Registration will be capped at 68 twosomes per class.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at Lisa@ighsau.org or 515-401-1835.

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