

## **Girls' Golf Memo #1**

### **March 21, 2018**

Hard to believe it is golf season with some snow still on the ground. Thankfully before we know it things will be green and courses will be full of eager golfers. Please take a few minutes to read the following golf information. Contact Lisa Brinkmeyer with questions at [Lisa@ighsau.org](mailto:Lisa@ighsau.org). Good luck this season!

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Online Coaches' Rules Meeting**

All head varsity coaches are required to view the online coaches' rules meeting by April 6<sup>th</sup> or prior to their first competition if it falls prior to April 6<sup>th</sup>. The rules meeting link can be found on the IGHS AU website under the Coaches & Administrators tab in the Rules & Regulations section. Any coach not in compliance with viewing the meeting is subject to sanctioning. The IGHS AU encourages coaches to view this with assistant coaches and teams. Click [here](#) to view the Rules Meeting.

#### **USGA Rules of Golf Books**

USGA Rules Books will not be sent to schools this year. USGA Rules books can be ordered from the USGA website.

#### **Golf Rules Quiz and Answers**

The Iowa Golf Association created a golf rules quiz to be given to your golfers as a teaching tool. The quiz is available on the IGHS AU website in the Golf section under the Coaches & Administrators tab. Please take time to discuss the quiz and answers with your team. Click [here](#) for the quiz and answers.

#### **2018 Classification (NEW for 2018)**

Class 4A – 50 teams

Class 3A – 60 teams

Class 2A – 80 teams

Class 1A – 125 teams (approx.)

#### **Playing Dates**

Each school is allowed 12 dates of competition during the season. No scrimmages are allowed.

#### **Regional Tournament Dates**

Classes 1A and 2A: May 14, May 21

Classes 3A and 4A: May 21

#### **State Tournament Dates and Sites**

State Meet: Tuesday, May 29 – Wednesday, May 30 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Day 1. Tee times will be used on Day 2.

Class 1A - American Legion Golf Course, Marshalltown

Class 2A - Lake Panorama National, Panora

Class 3A - Coldwater Links, Ames

Class 4A - Elmwood Country Club, Marshalltown

#### **State Co-ed Meet Tuesday, June 5**

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

2A (Schools with BEDS number 350 & higher): Coldwater Links, Ames

Schools must register and submit the names of the team(s) for the Co-ed Tournament by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The registration form is located on the IGHS AU website in the Coaches' Golf section. 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. There will be a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start.

#### **Regional Host Site Availability**

If you would like your course considered for a Regional Tournament site, please have your athletic director fill out the site availability form on our website ([ighsau.org](http://ighsau.org)) in the Online Forms section by April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **QuikStats (NEW for 2018)**

Varsity coaches are required to submit their varsity roster and schedule through [Quikstatsiowa.com](http://Quikstatsiowa.com) before March 21<sup>st</sup>. **Varsity coaches are now required to have their individual meet results updated on QuikStats every Tuesday during the regular season.** Coaches are also expected to update their Quikstats throughout the Regional Tournament series. Failure to submit the required information by the mandatory dates may result in the suspension of the coach.

### **Competition Attire - (NEW for 2018)**

All varsity participants in regular season and tournament competition must wear the same (color and style) school-issued or school-approved golf uniform shirt (collared or mock-collared), during competition. Due to adverse weather conditions, if an individual VARSITY player desires to wear clothing (jacket/sweatshirt) over the top of her shirt, the jacket/sweatshirt does not need to be the same as her teammates. All attire worn at all levels shall be school-approved and have no alcohol, tobacco or any inappropriate graphic on the clothing. Please remember the only attire that needs to be the same is the collared or mock-collared shirt on each varsity participant.

### **Rainout Policy**

If the 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 12<sup>th</sup> date, as your rained-out meet becomes void. Make sure you delete the cancelled date from your schedule on QuikStats. If you replace the cancelled meet, make sure you enter that meet in your QuikStats schedule.

### **Motorized Cart Request Policy**

Motorized carts and caddies are prohibited. Use of non-motorized pull or push carts are allowed throughout the entire season. Requests for use of a motorized golf cart during regular and postseason competition must be due to a disability, and will be evaluated by the IGHS AU on a case-by-case basis. **Transitory illnesses and injuries (actual or expected duration of six months or less) do not qualify under the ADA as a disability and thus would not qualify for use of a motorized cart.**

Athletic directors must submit the request for golf cart use and documentation from the golfer's physician stating the disability and the extent to which it prevents the golfer from walking during competition. Upon receipt of the request, the IGHS AU will notify the school in writing of approval or declination.

### **Coaching to the Green**

**The IGHS AU allows multiple school-appointed, licensed coaches to coach their team on the course during the regular season and allows two coaches per team during the Regional and State Tournament to coach their players on the course. One coach is allowed per individual qualifier during the postseason.** 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.

### **Scoring**

Each golfer is responsible for the accuracy of her score recorded for each hole. Signed scorecards must be turned in by the golfer to the official scorer immediately following the round. Please have each golfer total her own score for the round before turning in her card. This will help prevent any inaccuracies between the actual score and recorded score and may prevent a card being turned in without a hole recorded. The score totaled by the individual is not their "official score" (as there may be some inaccuracies with their addition), the hole-by-hole score will be their official score.

### **Range Finding Devices**

Range finding devices are permitted during the regular season and throughout the IGHS AU tournament series. A player may obtain distance information ONLY from the range finding device they are using. Cell phones (including distance apps) are not permitted during competition. 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.

**Penalty - The first time the golfer uses a banned function on the range finder (any function besides distance), she will be assessed a two-stroke penalty. Any subsequent use during that round will result in disqualification.**

Players and school-appointed, licensed coaches (coaches that are permitted to coach tee to green) are encouraged to share distance information upon request. A player with a range finder may shoot distance from their position 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.**

### **Ethics**

The IGHS AU suggests meet managers and coaches establish protocol for monitoring scores and scorekeeping during regular season meets. Some conferences have established policies where coaches at anytime between green and tee can look at the scorecards of a group to check for accuracy. This will also create opportunities for golfers to communicate with their coaches during the round and will hopefully discourage any dishonesty.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. Good luck this season!

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