

Golf Advisory Committee Minutes
May 26, 2020

Meeting called to order by chair Scott Garvis. Members present: Jeff Trost, Val Sitzmann, Joe Kruzich, Julie Buerman, Janice Shannon, Tim Kopriva and Chad Pitts. Representing the State Office: Lisa Brinkmeyer and Sherry Tegtmeier.

Members were introduced and a review of advisory committee purpose was given.

Motion by Buerman, second by Kruzich to approve the June 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

Brinkmeyer informed Committee of improvements made to QuikStats/Varsity Bound (town/course name and address, course rating, inputting state stats, etc.). Brinkmeyer will keep coaches updated on the renovations being made.

Pitts informed Committee a pace of play video will be created this summer with tips on faster play (quicker raking techniques, placement of bags, flag placement, etc.). The video will be useful for both girls and boys. Pitts will keep Brinkmeyer informed on the progress of this video, which will be shared with golf coaches once it has been completed.

Brinkmeyer stated the importance of having a weather plan in place by coaches and host site managers prior to the start of play. It was acknowledged most sites have weather protocol in place, but specific rules cannot be mandated due to the differences in each course. Buerman stated it is important for players to know where to go in case of tornadoes/severe weather as sometimes clubhouses are too small to hold all participants.

Brinkmeyer informed Committee the IGHSAU is looking at the possibility of using girls-only enrollment numbers for sport classifications. Currently classification numbers are based on school enrollment numbers in grades 9-11.

Buerman asked to revisit adding an additional (13th) date that would allow for a special format tournament (alternate, best shot, Ryder cup, etc.). The tournament could be played anytime during the season and scores would not be entered into QuikStats. Shanno feels anything we can do to keep girls interested and playing golf is important. Committee feels this could kick-off, break-up or close the season in a fun way and add excitement to the sport. Pitts stated there tends to be more interest when partners are involved in golf outings. Buerman added that most people playing post-high school golf play in special format tournaments and this is a beneficial way to increase awareness and promote life-long participation. **Buerman motion to add a 13th date for a special format tournament only to be used from the first competition date to the last date of the State Tournament. Scores and records from the special format tournament will not be added to QuikStats. Motion second by Shanno and unanimously approved.**

Brinkmeyer shared the AdHoc's changes to spring sport dates for 2022. The change moves regionals to Friday of Week 45, Wednesday of Week 46 and state to Thursday and Friday of Week 47. Brinkmeyer asked for feedback on the date changes. Trost asked about the condensed tournament dates and wondered about weather delays. Sitzman expressed concern with the Friday to Wednesday turnaround time and course

availability for practices. Brinkmeyer stated the IGHSAU and IHSAA will work together to try to minimize site overlaps to help with course accessibility and issues that may occur from weather delays.

Committee discussed the process of breaking ties at the state tournament. Currently to break a team tie, the 5th place golfers' scores on day two are compared. If still tied, then the 6th place golfers' scores on day two are compared. If still tied, the 5th place golfers' scores on day one, then the 6th place golfers' scores on day one with a sudden death playoff to be held if still tied. Committee is in favor of keeping the current tie-breaking process.

The awards process for state was discussed. Currently a card back process is used for breaking ties with places 2-10. Buerman suggested allowing ties for places 2-10 to stand, rather than breaking ties to determine place. Pitts stated that ties are kept in most tournaments for placing rather than breaking ties. Brinkmeyer shared the main reason for breaking ties was for players to receive a medal the day of competition. Committee suggested using stickers on the back of non-engraved medals. This would allow for multiple place medals to be on-hand at each location to be distributed if ties occur. **Buermann motion to have the medalist (2nd-10th) results reflect the ties and not break ties for placement (except for first place medalist). Motion second by Trost and unanimously approved.**

State tournament pairings were discussed. Committee emphasized the importance of pairing the top four teams together and the bottom four teams paired together to provide better coaching opportunities throughout the meet. Day two pairings are based off of day one scores. Brinkmeyer stated threesomes are preferred but realizes there are times when foursomes are needed, due to numbers.

In individual competition, Committee asked IGHSAU to consider placing multiple qualifiers from the same team closer to one another to help their coach(es). Brinkmeyer stated the IGHSAU will try to place those individuals closer when possible.

Brinkmeyer informed Committee the Co-Ed admission fee has increased to \$50 per team. The new fee will allow for an increase in green fees paid to host sites and will help cover other operational expenses. Committee members had no issues with the fee increase.

Kopriva asked for clarification regarding coaches giving players rulings. Brinkmeyer informed Committee coaches can give their own players rulings during meets, but should not give players from opposing teams advice unless they are members of the designated rules committee.

Pitts asked for feedback regarding the rules webinar created by the Iowa Golf Association. Usually the seminar is held at various locations around the state, however due to circumstances this year the rules seminar was shared via YouTube. Committee suggested utilizing some face-to-face seminars and the webinar moving forward.

Committee thanked Buerman, Trost and Kruzich for their service on the Advisory Committee.

The date of the 2021 meeting was set for Wednesday, June 16 at the State Office.

No further business, motion to adjourn by Kruzich second by Buerman. Motion unanimously approved.

Heidi Reed
Recorder