



GOLF

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

November 3, 2022

The following members were present for the meetings: Matt Coulter, Coach, Peoria St. Philomena; Chad Hochstatter, Coach, Mendota Holy Cross, Mark Putnam, Coach, Mt. Zion, Not in attendance, Dara Entwistle, Coach, Lincoln Carroll Catholic; Steve Horrell, Athletic Director, Macomb JHS

The IESA Golf Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their January 27, 2023 meeting.

Recommendation #1

Current: At the sectional level, the recommended yardage for the girls is 4600-5000 yards and 5200-5600 yards for boys.

Proposed: For the sectional, lower the yardage for girls to 4200-4600 and for boys lower the yardage to 4900-5300. (Add this to the Terms and Conditions.)

Rationale: Pace of play at the sectional continues to be an issue that schools would like addressed. The committee feels that lowering the yardage for the sectional only will help with the pace of play.

By-Law:

T & C: V.4

Handbook:

Admin Vote: 4-0 In favor

Board Action: **Approved**

Recommendation #2

Current: The girls sectional is held on the Wednesday after Labor Day and the boys is held on the Thursday after Labor Day.

Proposed: Move the boys sectional to the Wednesday after Labor Day and the girls sectional to the Thursday after Labor Day.

Rationale: Periodically, the girls sectional falls on the day of girls softball regionals. Girls have had to leave the sectional early and not complete their round to get to their softball regional. It does not occur every year but it does happen.

By-Law

T & C II.A

Admin Vote: 4-0 In favor

Board Action: **Approved**

Recommendation #3

Current: Golfers putt out in the traditional format of furthest out putts.

Proposed: Golfers will putt continuously until they have completed the hole.

Rationale: The committee feels that this will help with the pace of play cutting down on 6 hour rounds.

By-Law

T & C V.8.d

Admin Vote: 4-0 In favor

Board Action: **Approved**

Recommendation #4

Current: We do not play all penalty areas or out of bounds as lateral penalty areas. We follow the traditional USGA rules when it come to penalty areas.

Proposed: For the sectional, play all penalty areas, including out of bounds as a red penalty area.

Rationale: The committee feels that this will speed up play and eliminate 6 hour rounds.

By-Law

T&C: V.8.e

Admin Vote: 0-4 Against

Board Action: **Failed**

Recommendation #5

Current: At the state tournament, coaches with 3 or more qualifiers can rent a cart.

Proposed: At the state tournament, allow coaches with 2 or more golfers to rent a cart.

Rationale: Metamora Fields is an extremely big golf course. It is very difficult for coaches to spend adequate time with their golfers due to the distances they have to walk to locate them.

By-Law

T&C: V.14.d

Admin Vote: 4-0 In favor

Board Action: **Approved**

Recommendation #5 2023-2024 State Golf Team Competition

Schools can still register up to 6 golfers for both boys and girls.

At the sectional, teams with 4 or more golfers can participate in the team competition with the top 4 scores for a team advancing to state. Those top 4 scores will be the golfers whose scores will count towards the team score.

Boys-The lowest scoring team at each sectional will advance to the state tournament.

-Individuals will still be based on the formula of the total number of entries after drops in a sectional divided by total entries. We will then subtract four from number to get the number of individual advancing from that sectional.

Girls- The lowest scoring team at each sectional will advance to the state tournament.

-Individuals will still be based on the formula of the total number of entries after drops in a sectional divided by total entries. We will then subtract four from number to get the number of individual advancing from that sectional.

**Awards Cost: 11 sectional plaques=\$605.00
64 state medals for teams= \$147.20
8 state team trophies= \$880.00
TOTAL= \$1632.00**

By-Law: 4.180, 4.183, 4.186

T&C: II.B.3

Admin Vote: 4-0 In favor

Board Action: **Approved**

Other Items Discussed

Moving the registration deadline

Golfers establishing a USGA handicap

Moving the golf season to the spring

Adding a regional

Cut line for state instead of a percentage of golfers from the sectional

Sectional courses public vs private

Reducing the circle rule

Coaching on greens

Coaches tags for sectionals

Next Meeting: October 25, 2023