

IESA GOLF

2013 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 22, 2013

The following members were present for the meeting: Bonnie Holloway, Mt. Zion; Cathy Naleway, Bloomington Holy Trinity; Steve Meyer, Shorewood Troy; Jessica Weber, Champaign Franklin; Honarray members: Sarah Stabler-Tournament Manager, Kyle Meger-Kellogg Golf Pro, Bill Woolard-Supt. golf; Peoria Park District.

The IESA Golf Advisory Committee, in its meeting on October 22, 2013, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 2014 meeting:

State Final Changes:

Recommendation- To add a sectional qualifier for the boys' golf tournament. The number of sectionals will be determined by the number of entries. : Sectional Date- Saturday of week 9. September 6, 2014. Rain date Monday of week 10 Monday, September 8, 2014. State Tee times posted by Thursday the week of the state tournament. **APPROVED**

Rationale: With the waiting list for boys' golf exceeding 50 kids, the advisory committee felt it was time to add a level to the state series.

1. **Recommendation-** Each sectional will qualify the top 24 golfers including ties. **APPROVED**
Rationale: This would allow kids leaving the sectional to know they had made the tournament and not have to wait for IESA to approve the results and break ties. Additionally, this will help the IESA include competitors from the state tournament.
2. **Recommendation-** To give awards (sectional ribbons) to the top 10 golfers at each sectional site. **APPROVED with amendment that 1st place finisher shall receive a medal.**
Rationale: To stay consistent with other sectional activities awards, ribbons were selected by the committee for awards. The top ten is consistent with the individual awards at state since there is no team award.

Terms and Conditions Changes:

1. **Recommendation-** Add to Roster Entry Form paragraph in the Terms and Conditions: An 18 hole average will be given for each golfer. The average should be for a 70-72 par course. **APPROVED**
Rationale: To help assist coaches when adding average scores in the roster entry form.
2. **Recommendation -** Move initial entry deadline to spring for both (June 9, 2014) and final entry deadline to Aug 4, 2014 for boys and Aug 25, 2014 for girls. **APPROVED**
Rationale: to help the administrator plan for the sectional sites for golf. Leaving the final entry deadline different allows last minute entries for girls as we continue to grow the girls golf program.
3. **Recommendation -** Electronic Devices: Range Finders (distance measuring only) are allowed. Portable communication devices can be used for calling rules official or using the local course golf app. These devices cannot be used for coaching or personal music systems. **APPROVED**
Rationale: The Park District app requires that the cell phone be on. Additionally, golfers may use their cell phones to call rules officials.
4. **Recommendation -** Preferred Lies: If conditions warrant preferred lies will be played. The Games committee will make this decision the day of the tournament. **APPROVED**
Rationale: Changing this will help clarify who makes this decision and when it is made
5. **Recommendation-** Change the circle 14 rule to Circle 12 for girls and Circle 10 for boys. This only

becomes mandatory upon the second 12 or 10 plus hole for a golfer. **APPROVED**

Rationale: To help assist with pace of play.

6. **Recommendation-** A Games Committee shall be made up of a representative of the host school and the host course (preferably the golf pro from the course). The Sectional Games Committee shall conduct itself within IESA and USGA Rules. **APPROVED**

Rationale: The games committee will be established to help assist with problems and rulings as they arise.

Other Items discussed by the Committee:

- The Peoria Park Districts hosting of the tournament and what a great job they did was discussed.
- Live Scoring: the nice addition it was to the tournament and how it helped keep track of pace of play.
- Friday Night Registration Activities
- Roping off the score tent from spectators
- Observers: and making some changes to their instructions to have them play a more assistive role but still not a rules interpreter. Also some safety concerns they can do to assist the players.
- Season for golf was discussed, but no changes made.
- Entry fees were discussed, but committee did not make recommendation at this time as the sectional courses have not been secured.
- Spectators coaching and walking along side players. Peoria Park district and IESA to look at some additional ways to help spectators stay in their assigned areas.
- To look into golf clinics for the future throughout the state. Maybe in connection with sectional sites, Hook A Kid on Golf and Kids Golf Foundation.

The IESA would like to give special thanks and recognition to Cathy Naleway for her contributions to the advisory committee and junior high school golf.

Date of the next meeting: October 15, 2014

Administrative Responsibilities:

1. Change use of electronic devices in notice to competitors (include this in sectional email and post on website)
2. Observers Instructions
 - a. Add circle 12 rule girls
 - b. Add circle 10 rule boys
 - c. Add section about paying attention to group in front for safety
 - d. Remove "If you are needed you may be called into the tent to help assist with questions. And add "At the conclusion of 18 holes, please encourage the participants to go to the score tent.
3. Starters Instructions
 - a. Add to starter instructions to mention to all spectators with the group that they should be 15 yards from the players at all times
4. Spectator Code : add line about silencing all cell phones
5. Include scoring procedures in coaches email before state.
6. Sectional site possibilities:
 - a. Hickory Point Decatur
 - b. U of I Blue and Orange Course (Mike Walner)
 - c. Ironwood Golf Course (Craig Onsrud - Holy Trinity would serve as host school)
 - d. Rockford Parks and Recreation golf division
7. Set golf entry fee in January/April Board meeting based on sectional sites secured
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