

IESA GOLF

2015 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

October 14, 2015

The following members were present for the meeting: Gary Brunner, Pontiac St. Mary's; Tony Calucchia, Springfield Blessed Sacrament; Sarah Cordis-Tournament Manager, Kyle Meger-Kellogg Golf Pro; Meredith Deverman Peoria Golf Supt.

Absent: Eric Hadden, Normal Kingsley; Dane Busker, Freeport Carl Sandburg; and Jeremy Larson, Paris Mayo.

The IESA Golf Advisory Committee, in its meeting on October 14, 2015, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 2016 meeting.

Terms and Conditions Changes:

Recommendation- Circle Rule Scoring

APPROVED

Current: GIRLS: The Circle 12 rule becomes mandatory for a girl golfer on their second 12 plus hole. Upon their second 12 plus hole, the player must pick up their ball and circle the 12 on the playing card. The player is no longer eligible to receive an award for the tournament.

BOYS: The Circle 10 rule becomes mandatory for a boy golfer on their second 10 plus hole. Upon their second 10 plus hole, the player must pick up their ball and circle the 10 on the playing card. The player is no longer eligible to receive an award for the tournament.

Proposed: GIRLS: The Circle rule becomes mandatory on a *player's second 13 or greater score at that point*. The participant must pick up their ball, circle the 13, and move to the next hole. The player is no longer eligible to receive an award for the tournament or advance to state.

BOYS: The Circle rule becomes mandatory on a *player's second 11 or greater score at that point*. The participant must pick up their ball, circle the 11 and move to the next hole. The player is no longer eligible to receive an award for the tournament or advance to state.

Rationale: The committee believes that this will help explain the circle rule better to participants, their coaches and sectional courses.

(T&C V. M)

Recommendation: To apply the circle rule at sectionals only.

APPROVED

Current: Applies to all levels of state.

Rationale: The Circle rule is needed to help with the pace of play at sectionals and the committee felt that this is not needed at state. Since the addition of the sectional level of play the circle rule has not been needed at state. Additionally, the committee feels that players who advance to state have earned the right to play out their ball.

(T&C V. M new)

Recommendations: Season Golf passes may not be used for the sectional tournament.

(T&C IV. C) **APPROVED**

Rationale: IESA State Series tournaments are not regular season golf for a course and season course passes should not be accepted by the sectional site. Putting this line in the terms and conditions gives support to the sectional courses. The greens fee is kept by the sectional courses and not given to the IESA.

Recommendations: Move Final Entry Deadline

APPROVED

Current: Monday of Week 5

Proposed: Friday of Week 7

Rationale: Committee feels that this will help AD's enter last minute additions to state since the current entry deadline happens before school starts.

(T&C II. A.)

Recommendations: Per USGA rule, a player must not start a round with more than fourteen clubs.

APPROVED

(T&C V. O. new)

Rationale: Explanation of rule for players and coaches as the IESA received questions on the USGA rule.

Recommendations: Schools must designate all coaches for sectional and state by the roster deadline.

APPROVED

Current: Each school must complete the online List of Participants by Friday of Week 9 in the IESA standardized calendar.

The List of Participants form is located in the IESA Member Center of the IESA web site. A school may list a maximum of five boys and five girls. Participant information must include the name of the participants, birth date, year in school, home course and average score. The List of Participants form must also include the name(s) of the school coach (or school representatives).

Proposed: Each school must complete the online List of Participants *and coaches* by Friday of Week 9 in the IESA standardized calendar.

The List of Participants form is located in the IESA Member Center of the IESA web site. A school may list a maximum of five boys and five girls. Participant information must include the name of the participants, birth date, year in school, home course and average score. The List of Participants form must also include the name(s) of the school coach (or school representatives). *Coach information is listed below the participant information. A school must list a head and any assistant coaches that will be coaching in the state series. Individuals that are not listed on the form will be considered spectators and may not coach during the state series.*

Rationale: This will require schools to list individuals who will be travelling with their players as a coach and the IESA will provide a coaches tag at state. Sectional hosts could use stickers to identify coaches. Only adults with a coach's tag will be permitted to coach during the round. All others will be considered spectators and must remain on cart paths and in the rough approximately 15 yards from the player at all times. With the lack of team concept and one designated coach it has been difficult for sectional and state hosts to determine who is a coach and who isn't.

(T&C IV A. and bylaw 4.183)

Other Items discussed by the Committee:

- The state course and host, Peoria Park District Golf Division, were discussed and the committee commented on the wonderful job that Peoria does hosting this tournament.
- All sectional courses were discussed and thanked for hosting by the Advisory committee.
- Friday Night Registration Activities staying with the 6-8 pm time with coaches meeting at 7pm. Discussion was had about adding a clinic on the registration night as well.
- Observers were discussed and committee continues to feel that observers are still necessary at the middle school level as many students have never competed in a golf tournament prior to sectionals and state.
- Requiring a host school at each sectional course was discussed by the committee. The IESA will work to find host school with interest in hosting. This has already been added to host interest in the IESA Member Center.
- Sectional participant order was discussed, but no change made. The committee felt the best golfers should go off last as this is typical tournament procedure.
- Roster deadlines were discussed, but no changes made.
- Ties at sectional were discussed, but no changes made.
- Participant instructions were reviewed.
- The coaching rule was discussed by the committee. No change to the rule was made.

Date of the next meeting: October 12, 2016

Administrative Responsibilities:

1. **Change Starter Instructions:** "We will be following the "Circle Rule for girls. *The Circle rule becomes mandatory on a player's second 13 or greater score. The participant must pick up their ball, circle the 13, and move to the next hole. The player is no longer eligible to receive an award for the tournament or advance to state.* Are there any questions on this procedure?"
2. Changes to Observer
 - a. Add something on here about the Drop Zone.
 - b. Add something about No Caddies during the state tournament. (That means participants must carry, push, pull their own bags.)
 - c. Update the Circle Rule
 - d. Add the coaching language to this as well. This way the observer knows who is allowed to coach, and where they can coach from.
3. Coaching Tags for State
4. Add asst. coach's line to roster. Add info about coaches in the roster deadline email reminders.
5. Email Note to participating schools prior to Sectionals: Reiterate in email to schools before sectionals that each group will be asked for an observer. Please make sure your parents are aware of this if they are bringing students to tournament.
6. Change the sectional host manual to include coaching tags or stickers to identify coaches at sectionals.
7. Create sectional coaches list for all sectional hosts.