

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2009 GOLF RULES CLINIC

HB383 SPORTS SAFETY COURSE

By mandate of HB 383, at least one coach/individual must have taken and completed the Sports Safety Course online through the KHSAA website PRIOR TO any practice and our competition. In addition, at least one individual that has successfully completed the course must be present at all practices and contests. In the event a school does not have an individual that meets this requirement, which is in addition to KHSAA Bylaw 27 Coaching Requirements, that school shall cease practice and competition until which time an individual has passed the course.

2009 SEASON COMPETITION

Official Golf team tryouts or team practice may not begin each year until July 15.

The first 2009 regular season match may be played on Monday, August 3.

The 2009 Boys' Regional Tournaments are to be held Sept. 28. The 2009 Girls' Regional Tournaments are to be held Sept. 29.

The 2009 Leachman/KHSAA Boys' State Tournament will be held Oct. 5-7 and the 2009 Leachman/KHSAA Girls' State Tournament will be held Oct. 8-10, both at the Bowling Green Country Club. The Hilton Garden Inn will again be the headquarters hotel for the two tournaments. For reservations, call Lynne Hill at 270-438-1072 or online at www.hiltongardeninn.com

2010 SEASON COMPETITION

Regular season starts Monday, August 2, 2010

2010 Girls' Regional Tournaments are to be held Sept. 27. The 2010 Boys' Regional Tournaments are to be held Sept. 28.

The 2010 Leachman/KHSAA Girls' State Tournament will be held Oct. 4-6 and the 2010 Leachman/KHSAA Boys' State Tournament will be held Oct. 7-9, both at the Bowling Green Country Club.

HEAT INDEX

Please refer to the KHSAA website and the provided handouts with regard to adherence to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. Some gyms are not air conditioned and while an indoor sport, Golf is required to comply with the program and reporting of data to the KHSAA.

SCRIMMAGES

Please note that prior to the first regular season contest of that year, there shall be no more than two (2) practice matches. Scrimmages, if played, must be completed prior to the first regular season match. There is no limit in golf as to the number of teams participating in a scrimmage.

PLAYING RULES

The rules of the USGA will govern competition, unless modified by the KHSAA. The appropriate/respective Tournament Committee will determine the conditions under which play will be held.

CONTESTS

Each level owns the limit of 20 matches (20 Freshman, 20 Junior Varsity, 20 Varsity). An individual could participate in 20 matches at each level. All play shall be classified as the same level by all participants in scrimmages and contests. All dual matches (or tri-matches) count as one (1) match against the limit of twenty (20).

COACHING ADVICE

For the 2009 regular season, the Golf Advisory Committee has supported a modification for the regular season with regard to the coaching rule. This is on a trial basis and will be reviewed following the season

Advice Rule for High School Regular Season Play (Experimental for 2009 season)

The **Committee** may, in the conditions of a team competition (Rule 33-1), permit each team to appoint a coach, who has met all KHSAA coaching requirements and who is appointed by the school and is listed within the school information on file with the KHSAA, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team. The **Committee** may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the **Committee** before giving advice.

- There are no conditions on conduct of a coach in this regard, other than requiring advice to be given in a private manner and requiring that the advice does not **unduly delay play.**
- **Coaches are prohibited from being on the putting greens and from entering water hazards (other than to search for golf balls).**

The penalty for violation of the advice rule shall be a two stroke penalty applied to the individual.

END OF SEASON

The regular season ends at all levels of play (Freshman, Junior Varsity, Varsity) on the Saturday preceding the KHSAA Regional Tournament (Saturday, Sept. 26). The varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned postseason play.

DEAD PERIOD

The "Dead Period" is June 25 through July 9 (both days inclusive) each year. Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel either "salaries or non-salaried" or head or assistant coaches. School facilities, uniforms, nicknames, bags, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or cheerleading. School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during the dead period.

KHSAA MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

As one of the requirements of Bylaw 27 – Coaching Requirements, all Head Coaches must attend once every two years a Sports Medical Symposium sanctioned by the KHSAA. The sites and dates are posted on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org). This program is separate from the Sports Safety Course as mandated by HB 383.

KHSAA RULES CLINICS

In the sport in which they coach, all Head Coaches must annually attend at least one KHSAA Rules Clinic conducted by representatives of the KHSAA. Failure to attend one of the annually provided rules clinics will eliminate that coach from participation in all post season play. Rules clinic dates and sites are posted on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org).

COACHING TRAINING

The NFHS has developed a voluntary coaching education program online. Cost of the program is \$50 and may be viewed through the NFHS website at www.nfhslearn.com.

ALL-STATE

Information, including criteria and the required reporting form for All-State consideration is posted on the KHSAA website – www.khsaa.org. Rankings, compiled by the KGA are also posted on the website as updated.

WEBSITE

Alignments, regular season, regional and state tournament information/qualification requirements, coaching advice and dress code, etc. can be found on the KHSAA website – www.khsaa.org/golf.

2009 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Counting Matches

Q. If a school enters two or more teams in a tournament, does this constitute one match or one per team?

A. If the school uses only one team (five players with best four scores) to compete for team standings in the tournament then it is one team match against the overall limit of twenty. If the school wishes to compete for placement of a second team (or more than five individuals) in the team or individual standings/ placement of the tournament then it would be two matches.

Q. Do JV or Freshman matches count against the total limit of twenty matches?

A. Each level owns their own limit of twenty matches, or, in other words, the JV Team can compete in twenty matches while the varsity may compete in a different schedule of twenty matches. An individual could participate in 20 at each level during the regular season, but must be counted the same at each level.

Q. If a school enters a team in two different tournaments on the same day, does this constitute one or two matches against the overall team limit of twenty?

A. Two

Dress Code

Q. What are players allowed to wear in post season practice and competition play rounds?

A. Appropriate dress is required. Both boys and girls must wear shirts with collars or course permissible turtle (or mock) neck shirts. Girls, but not boys, may wear sleeveless shirts. Plain Bermuda shorts are permissible. Jams and cut-offs are not permissible. Short shorts are not acceptable. Girl's short's inseam must be at least five (5) inches. Hemmed cargo shorts are permissible. No blue jeans or shorts made of denim material are allowed. Appropriate golf or tennis shoes are required. Spikes, if worn, must be Soft Spikes. Coaches and players are expected to observe the dress code during practice and competitive play rounds at the State Tournament.

Golf Carts

Q. Can golf carts be used in state tournament competition?

A. Golf carts will be permitted for rules and tournament officials only. Carts for spectators and coaches will be prohibited. Players may carry their clubs or use a pull cart in regional and state tournament competition.

Coaching

Q. Who can coach the golf team members during a round of golf?

A. Players may not give to or receive advice from another team's players or coaches. If a coach is found to be in violation of the advice rule (e.g. disruption of play or use of more than one designated coach) a two stroke penalty will be assessed against each individual player receiving the illegal advice. Each additional violation against a coach will also result in an additional two stroke penalty against the overall team score.

Coach, player or team disqualification can result from coaching advice rule violations. Spectators should be no closer than 30 yards from a player at any time and at no time should spectators be on the green, tee, in a fairway, bunker, or hazard, nor should they ever stand behind a player during his/her swing.

NOTE: The high school head coach signing in at the annually required KHSAA Golf Rules Clinics (and as noted on the KHSAA Rules Clinic Sign-In Book) will be the individual identified for all levels of post season play as the only coach allowable, under the "Advice Rule", to converse with players from that high school team. Any change in the identity of that individual **MUST** come through official notification from the high school Principal or Athletic Director. One way that notification can occur is by having school authorized personnel update their KHSAA "Member Schools Only" page on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org). Any designated head coach must meet the KHSAA coaching qualification requirements (KHSAA Bylaw 27).

Golf Participation

Q. Can a girl play for the boy's golf team?

A. Yes, if there is no girl's team, then girls can play for the boy's team, but boys cannot play for girl's teams. If a school has a girl who desires to play golf, the school should make every effort to provide the required high school coach that will enable her to participate in girl's regular season and post season golf.

Q. If a girl plays for the boy's golf team does she tee off from the boy's tees or the girl's tees?

A. If she competes against the boys she must tee off from the boy's tees.

Q. If my girl golfer plays on the boy's team, and she meets the four competition qualifications by competing in boy's play, will she compete in the boy's regional or girl's regional?

A. She will compete in the girl's regional.

Q. What are the requirements for being eligible to compete in post season play?

A. To be eligible to compete in regional or state tournament competition, a contestant shall have competed in at least four matches representing a member school during the regular season. Coaches should maintain, and have available copies of all results for the regional manager to verify post season participation qualifications have been met.

Q. What if my boy's team has only three players. Can they qualify for the post season tournament?

A. No. While they may not accumulate points as a team and qualify as a team, they may possibly qualify as individuals. In either case, to qualify for post season tournaments, they must have competed in a minimum of four regular season matches.

Q. If we do not have golf at our school, can our students compete with/for a nearby member school?

A. No. High school athletes may not compete for any school other than the one they attend full time.

Q. If I as the team coach am playing in an event during the KHSAA "dead period" may my team members also play in the event?

A. No. It is conceivable that coaches and players from the same school could end up being paired or grouped together and this participation/observation would be in violation of the KHSAA "dead period". However, if coaches and players can be assured of not being paired together then they can participate in the same tournament during the "dead period". Participating coaches, who might have their team members/players in the same "dead period" tournament, may not finish their own tournament round and then go observe those participating school team members.

Q. I have five golfers on my girl's team and one (the only Senior on the team) is an excellent player. I want to send the Senior, representing our school, to several tournaments in an individual capacity (helps her gain All-State points) while I take my other four poor golfers to other tournaments. When my four poor golfers play in a tournament and the Senior plays in a separate tournament on the same day is that two matches against the team and individual limit of twenty?

A. Yes, it is two matches against the team and individual limit. Currently, anytime an individual team member is playing in an event representing their school, it is a match counted against the limit of twenty.

Q. During the season one team member, not representing his/her school, travels to another part of the state and plays in a tournament not high school related. Is this one of his/her or the team's twenty allowable matches?

A. No. Playing outside of the school related environment, while not representing your school, is not considered one of the twenty allowable individual matches.

Q. What constitutes a match?

A. Under most circumstances, a match is considered at least nine holes, but not more than eighteen holes in one day. While anything less than nine holes is not counted against the overall limit of twenty matches, one must also remember that anything less than nine holes cannot count as one of the allowable qualifying four required matches to be eligible for post season play.

Qualifiers for State Tournament

Q. May substitutes be allowed?

A. Any player whose name is on the school's Certificate of Eligibility List (KHSAA Form GE 15) may be substituted on the team prior to the start of play. There will be no substitutes for individual qualifiers. In that case, the individual player with the next lowest regional score may be substituted prior to the state tournament pairings being set. This must be done and verified by the respective Regional Manager.

State Tournament

(See www.khsaa.org/golf for more details)

NO personal coolers will be allowed on the course. NO pets will be allowed on the course.

Coaches must accompany their teams/players during the state tournament practice round. Contact Bowling Green County Club PGA Professional Jeff McGill for practice times (270-842-4581) or (FAX 270-842-8339).

State Tournament Teams/players pay their own state tournament expenses.

For the first round, the players will be grouped in threesomes based on their regional team/individual scores. The second round pairings will be made at the close of the first 18 holes of tournament play.

In case of inclement weather at the State Tournament, the champion may be determined after 18 holes, if the second round is cancelled or not entirely completed.

Cut: After the first day of play there will be a cut in the number of participants allowed to play on the second day.

- In boys' play the 12 teams with the lowest scores and the 20 individuals with the lowest scores will advance to the second day.
- In girls' play the 11 teams with the lowest scores and the 20 individuals with the lowest scores will advance to the second day.
- All teams and individuals tying for the last spot advance.

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