

Play is governed by the current Rules of Golf and the Decision based on them published by the United States Golf Association and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Definitions, subject to changes for particular tournaments by the KHSAA Rules Committee. Appendix I refers to Appendix of Local Rules in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a
Local Rule or condition is:
Stroke Play – Two Strokes Match Play – Loss of Hole

- 1. Coaching Advice Rule:** 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 prohibits coaches from entering all hazards (other than to search for golf balls).

A BREACH OF THIS ADVICE RULE BY ANY COACH WILL RESULT IN A 2 STROKE PENALTY FOR THE PLAYER. FOR EACH ADDITIONAL BREACH BY A COACH, A 2 STROKE PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED TO THE PLAYER.

PLEASE NOTE: COACHES MAY NOT USE ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES DURING COMPETITION OF KHSAA REGIONAL, STATE OR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS RULE IS DISQUALIFICATION OF PLAYER FOR WHICH BREACH OCCURRED.

PLEASE NOTE: A PLAYER MAY HAVE THE LINE OF PLAY INDICATED TO HIM BY A COACH, BUT HE/SHE MAY NOT BE POSITIONED BY THE PLAYER ON OR CLOSE TO THE LINE OR AN EXTENSION OF THE LINE BEYOND THE HOLE WHILE THE STROKE IS BEING MADE. COACHES (INCLUDING THEIR GOLF CART) ARE CONSIDERED AN OUTSIDE AGENCY AND WOULD NOT BE PENALIZED IF THEIR PLAYER'S BALL STRUCK THEM OR THEIR CART.

- 2. Time of Starting:** Note under Rule 6-3 and Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.
- 3. List of Conforming Golf Balls:** Option Condition prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.
- 4. Conformity of Golf Clubs:** The player's clubs shall conform with Rule 4, provisions, specifications and interpretations set forth in Appendix II.
- 5. Pace of Play:** See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play guidelines.
- 6. Practice Between Holes:** Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played.
- 7. Lifting an Embedded Ball Through the Green:** Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.



- 8. Tree Wrappings, Electrical Wires and Cables – Closely Attached to Trees:** Such wires and cable are not obstructions. No relief without penalty.
- 9. Staked Trees:** Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect. Relief may be taken without penalty.
- 10. Permanent Elevated Power Lines and Cables:** Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.
- 11. Out of Bounds:** Defined by the inside edge, at ground level, of white stakes and/or white lines and/or fence post. When a white line on the ground defines Out of Bound the line itself is Out of Bounds. **Please Note:** "A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course."
- 12. Water Hazards:** Defined by yellow lines and/or identified by yellow stakes. When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin. When water hazards are bounded by out bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.
- 13. Lateral Water Hazards:** Defined by red lines and/or identified by red stakes. When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin. When a lateral water hazard is defined only one side, its margin is deemed to extend infinitely. When lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.
- 14. Loose Impediment:** Rule 23 - shall include wood chips and mulch.
- 15. Ground Under Repair:** Defined by white lines. French drains and fire ant mounds are ground under repair areas.
- 16. Sodded Areas:** Relief may be taken from sodded areas if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam. A player may also take relief if the intended area of their swing may be interfered by a sod seam. They player shall drop the ball as near to where it originally lay, which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.
- 17. Roads and Paths – White Lines:** White-lined areas tying into roads or paths have the same status as the roads or paths, that of obstructions.
- 18. Automotive Transportation:** Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players shall not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round. Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.
- 19. Discontinuance of Play:** When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in the group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:
Disqualification**

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