



**KHSAA
GOLF RULES CLINIC
2007-2008**

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Counting Matches

Q. How do you count matches?

A. All dual matches (or tri-matches) count as one (1) match against the limit of twenty (20) matches. Matches are defined as a minimum of nine holes and a maximum of eighteen holes.

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 match. 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 Frosh 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. Keep in mind that no team member may personally participate in more than twenty matches (Varsity, JV or Freshman) during the regular season.

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

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 Advice Rule

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

A. Advice must be given in a private manner that will not disrupt play. Coaches may give advice prior to the beginning of any stipulated round, the time between the end of one hole and the start of the next (before the ball is put in play from the teeing ground), and between rounds if more than one round is to be played on the same day. Once the player's ball is in play (the first stroke from the teeing ground), coaches may not give advice, and should remain a minimum of 20 yards from the player (unless assisting the player to look for a ball), until the hole has been completed. 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. 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.

Playing Rules

Q. What rules are followed for post season play?

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

All-State Information

Q. Is the KHSAA involved in the selection of the All State Team members?

A. No. However, the KHSAA does have a Link on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org/golf - Non KHSAA Links) that provides for information relating to All State play, selection procedures and contact personnel.

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.

Admission: \$5 per car per day.

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 hotel accommodations can be found on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org/golf). 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 will 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 10 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.