

**To:** OHSAA Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

**From:** Tyler Brooks, Senior Manager of Officiating & Sport Administration

**Re:** July Update - Part 2

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### **1 - Online State Rules Meeting Delayed**

As shared in my previous update to golf coaches ([link here to July 12 update](#)), the mandatory online state rules interpretation meeting was scheduled to go live this morning at 9 AM.

However, the meeting will not go live this morning at 9 AM. As many of you may already know, PGA rules official Randy Iceman provided narration for the USGA rules portion of the online meeting in previous years, but Randy tragically passed away last year. It has been more difficult than I expected to find a replacement for Randy's vacated role in the online presentation and that has caused this delay in the online meeting.

I expect the meeting to be live sometime next week, and I will email all coaches once the meeting is live and available through myOHSAA. I apologize for the delay.

### **2 - Coaches Manual Now Available**

The 2021 Golf Coaches Manual is now available on the OHSAA golf webpage. A link directly to the manual is below:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/2021/2021manual.pdf>

### **3 – State Tournament Venues**

The state tournament sites will be as follows:

- October 15-16, 2021: Division II Boys - North Star Golf Club  
Division III Boys & Division II Girls – Ohio State University Golf Course.
- October 22-23, 2021: Division I Boys – Division I Girls – Ohio State University Golf Course

### **4 - Sponsor Logos and the OHSAA Uniform**

A popular preseason question has been "Can we get our team's uniforms paid for by placing a sponsoring logo on the team's shirt?"

The answer is no, please reference the coaches manual regarding "Uniforms" on page 6. Although sponsor logos cannot be placed on the uniform itself, we do allow sponsor logos to be placed on the golf bag.

### **5 - Coaching Regulation**

This is a reminder that golfers are only permitted to receive instruction from one school board-approved during competition. Golfers are not permitted to receive instruction from spectators during competition. Any observations of coaching being received from spectators should be reported to the home school's head coach to assess if a penalty should be applied in accordance with OHSAA golf regulation 1.12:

*1.12) Coaching — The coaching regulation permits one school board-approved coach/designee assigned to the event to speak with his/her player(s), without delay of play at any time. During the*

*player's stipulated round, coaches are not permitted to physically stand on any green or in any sand bunker. The player must walk off the green or stand outside the bunker should he/she wish to converse with his/her coach at these particular times. Participants will be assessed the general penalty if any other individual assists the participant by coaching and giving advice which could influence a player in determining play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke (Rule 10.2).*

Please review the coaching regulation in the coaches manual on pages 6 and 9 for additional details.

### **6 - Exhibitions vs. Scrimmages**

Recently I had a coach ask about the differences between a scrimmage and an exhibition.

The scrimmage and exhibition are similar in several ways; only one of each are permitted each season, they both can occur any time in the season, and both do not count against your team's win/loss record. Where they differ is that an exhibition is expressly competed against individuals who are not part of a school team, whereas a scrimmage could be competed against either a school team or non-school team. Also, an exhibition is limited to 18 holes whereas a scrimmage is not limited to 18 holes.



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