



COACHES POLICY

Coaches are expected to uphold these policies; failure to do so may result in loss of coaching privileges, possible penalties to players, or other actions as deemed appropriate by the Committee.


ROLE OF THE COACH

Coaches are designated advice-givers under the Rules of Golf (Rule 10.2 and Model Local Rule H-2). Their role is to support players while maintaining both the integrity of the competition and the pace of play, including entering scores into the OHSAA Scoring App powered by iWanamaker.

PERMITTED ACTIONS

- Provide verbal advice to their players, including club selection, strategy, and decision-making.
- Carry and provide support items such as food, drinks, umbrellas, towels, medical supplies, and scorecards.
- Use and share distance information through distance-measuring devices (DMDs), provided the device only measures distance (not slope, wind, or other conditions).
- Assist with Rules questions, pace of play reminders, and general encouragement.
- Enter a bunker only after the player's ball has been played out, for the sole purpose of raking.
- **When specifically authorized**, a coach may perform limited, situational tasks such as pulling a club from a player's bag, marking, placing, or cleaning a golf ball, tending the flagstick, or moving equipment or other movable items to prevent interference.
- Move freely on the course unless otherwise restricted by the Committee.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- A coach may not serve in the role of a caddie. This includes carrying or transporting a player's clubs, pushing/pulling a bag, or providing continuous handling or management of the player's equipment during play.
- Assisting with alignment, such as standing on the line of play, line of putt, or directly positioning the player. 
- Using or providing non-conforming devices, such as rangefinders with slope, wind, or club-selection features.
- Entering a bunker during a player's stroke or before the ball has been played onto another area of the course.
- Supplying or encouraging use of non-conforming equipment, including prohibited green-reading materials, clubs, or balls.
- Offering advice or assistance to players outside their team.
- Other Prohibited Actions include teeing pp the Golf Ball, dropping the Golf Ball.



CLARIFICATION

Coaches may provide limited, situational assistance (as outlined under Permitted Actions), but this does not extend to ongoing duties that constitute "acting as a caddie." The distinction lies between occasional support at a player's request versus continuous responsibility for a player's equipment.