

Coaching Recommendations 2008 Class A Girl's Golf

Coaching Rule

Coaches like the coaching rule. They feel like they are truly able to coach along with support players when emotionally charged situations occur or are in need of a ruling or advice about a course situation. They feel this is a big confidence builder for girls and an opportunity to educate beginning golfers about course etiquette and rules.

Assistant Coach Issues

Assistant coaches are NOT following the designated coach rule. Assistant coaches should ONLY be able to talk to player on completion of the green at one hole and moving to the tee of the next hole.

If the designated coach changes from one day to the next other coaches should be notified.

Should there be a penalty if assistants are not following the rule??? (I think they should be asked to leave the golf course for the day....what example of integrity are we teaching them if they are not following the rule? Plus, golf is a game based on integrity and that should NOT be jeopardized.)

State Tournament Issues

Pairings Day 1

It has been decided for the first day of the state tournament the first and second place teams from the east and west will be paired together in foursomes. They will play in consecutive order from players 1 - 3 on the first tee and 4- 6 on the tenth tee. The same will take place for the third and fourth place teams and the 5th and 6th place teams. Any additional qualifiers we will make adjustments to the pairings accordingly. (They will try to play all number one golfers together.)

Pairings Day 2

Players will be paired by scores in threesomes.

Other general recommendations for the state tournament: the host course should be willing to host the regional tournament; start time for 10:00 on day one and optional on day 2 due to the weather. (I think we need to be careful of crossing a line of being respectful of the golf course managers/pros. Sometimes we should be more thankful for the opportunities that we have and this should be dealt with in a professional manner.)

Senior athlete will always be determined using the ballot system

Yardage issues for a course to host:

I think the minimum yardage issue should be discussed with ALL Class A coaches next year. There are many factors to consider and we haven't discussed it as a group.

Roped Off Areas

The putting greens and driving range be roped off with signs that say "Players and Coaches Only".

Spectators

As for getting the word out to spectators, the only way I can think of would be to have a table set up where guests of the tournament would "sign-in" or register and be given a copy of spectator guidelines. Another idea would be to publish a spot in the program that outlines spectator guidelines. Coaches have to help enforce it. I got after a few parents to get out of the way of the next group.

All State Team

Another thought for the remember list, when the listing of Awards Presentations is in the program, remember to include the "Coaches All-State Team" as part of the ceremony. We would prefer to refer to the top 10 at the tournament as the "All-Tournament Team"

The programs are really nice...I assume the NDHSAA publishes them. I appreciate the effort in putting them together.

Tournament Director

The tournament director should be at the coaches meeting.