

CONCUSSIONS

Iowa Code Section 280.13C continued –

• “If a student’s coach or contest official observes signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury in an extracurricular interscholastic activity, **the student shall be immediately removed from participation.**

• A student who has been removed from participation shall not recommence such participation until the student has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and other brain injuries and **the student has received written clearance to return to participation from the health care provider.”**

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- **Coach Removal** – Iowa law requires a **student’s coach who observes** signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury, during any kind of participation, i.e. practices, scrimmages, contests, etc., **to remove the student from participation immediately and the student shall not return until the coach, or school’s designated representative, receives written clearance to return** from a licensed health care provider.

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- **Contest Official Removal** – Iowa law requires a **contest official who observes** signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury during scrimmages, contests, etc., **to remove the student from participation immediately and that official, or a designated contest official at the contest/event, must receive the written clearance to return** from a licensed health care provider **before the student can return to participation in that contest/event**, including an event that takes place over multiple days.

Concussion Recognition & Management

Description and Management
 The following information is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be used as a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health care provider with any questions you may have regarding a medical condition. Never disregard professional medical advice or delay in seeking it because of something you have read in this document.

Symptoms
 Headache
 Nausea
 Balance problems or dizziness
 Double or blurry vision
 Sensitivity to light or noise
 Fatigue
 Irritability or anger
 Disorientation or memory problems
 Confusion

When in doubt, sit them out!

- Complete information on concussions can be found at www.iahsaa.org. Click on “Information on Sports Concussions” on the IHSAA home page.

LIGHTNING GUIDELINES

ALL thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous.

Lightning often strikes as far as 10 miles away from the storm.

Each school should have a lightning safety plan, which includes knowing where teams & spectators will go and how long it will take them to get there safely.

LIGHTNING GUIDELINES



Guidelines for Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances

- If thunder is heard, or lightning is seen, immediately suspend the contest and instruct everyone to take safe shelter.
- Once the contest is suspended due to lightning, wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder or seeing lightning before having teams & spectators, leave safe shelter and resuming the contest.
- Complete guidelines regarding lightning safety appear on the IHSAA web site.
- Remember, lightning kills, play it safe!

IHSAA Spring Golf Manual

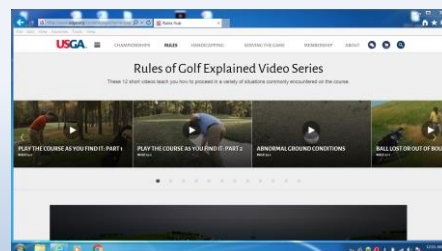
- Spring Golf Manual Posted Online Under Golf
- Postseason Golf Manual: A postseason manual for golf will be published online and notice sent via email to Spring Golf Schools once the regular season has begun. The Postseason Golf Manual will contain information related to sectional, district and state tournament play along with tie-breaker procedures, awards, expense allowances, and other pertinent postseason tournament information.

Postseason Qualifying

- The process for individual qualifiers from Sectional to District to State has changed for 2017. The top two individual players from non-qualifying teams (plus ties) will advance from a given Sectional to District tournament. Similarly, the top two individual players from non-qualifying teams (plus ties) will advance from a given District to the State Tournament. This creates a uniform qualifying process in the postseason and eliminates the need for individual tiebreakers.
- The process for team qualifiers from Sectional to District to State remains the same as in the past.

USGA Resources

- <http://www.usga.org/>



Iowa PGA & Iowa Golf Association

The IHSAA along with the IGHSAU will be working with the Iowa Section PGA as well as the Iowa Golf Association (IGA) to provide increased opportunities for rules review and online training resources. More details will be forthcoming for the 2017 Spring Golf Season.

STROKE PLAY

- USGA playing rules will be followed unless modified by the host school and/or conference during regular season play. Modification changes must be in writing and agreed upon by all schools involved, otherwise USGA rules apply.
- All IHSAA sanctioned tournaments will follow USGA playing rules unless otherwise specified in the IHSAA Spring Golf Manual.

STROKE PLAY

At the conclusion of play (each day, one or two day tournament) **every player in the group needs to verify that all scores are correct, attested to, and signed by each member in that group.**

STROKE PLAY

If a player turns in his scorecard and any score for any hole is lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. If he turns in a score higher than actually taken, the score turned in stands.

Limited Exception to Disqualification Penalty for Submission of Incorrect Score Card - A new exception has been introduced to Rule 6-6d (Wrong Score for Hole) to provide that a player is not disqualified for returning a lower score for a hole than actually taken as a result of failing to include penalty strokes that the player did not know were incurred before returning the score card. Instead, the player incurs the penalty under the Rule that was breached and must add an additional penalty of two strokes for the score card error. In all other cases in which a player returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, the penalty will continue to be disqualification.

ERRORS/DISCREPANCIES

Any errors or discrepancies that take place during play are to be corrected prior to signing the scorecard and turning in the scorecard.

ERRORS/DISCREPANCIES cont...

If at any time during play an interpretation arises, the individual should confer with his group, and if all are not in agreement, the individual should play a second ball. When the hole is completed and the group is confirming scores, if any score discrepancy arises, players should make every effort to resolve the discrepancy before playing the next hole.

COMPETITION

- During the regular season or IHSAA sanctioned tournament play (sectional, district or state competition), players are not allowed to chip or putt on any hole on the course before competition begins, except practice greens. This also applies once competition play begins, regardless if you have already completed a hole in tournament competition. This is a safety concern.

RANGEFINDERS

The Use of Rangefinders: Rangefinders are permitted, but no cell phones are allowed. Rangefinders are permitted for use during regular season and IHSAA tournament competition to measure distance only.

RANGEFINDERS continued...

Players and designated head coaches (same designated coach who can coach from tee to green) are encouraged to share distance information upon request. Players will not go out of their way to hold up play, but can shoot distance from their position on the course and relay that information to another player upon request.

SPORTSMANSHIP

"ALWAYS A POINT OF EMPHASIS"

- Participants, coaches/sponsors, spectators, administrators and contest officials each play a vital role in the promotion of good sportsmanship.
- Acts intended to create ill will toward individuals/teams have no place in educational activities.
- Information focusing on Sportsmanship have been sent to schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

VARSITY GOLF SHIRT REGULATION

All **VARSITY participants** are required in regular season and tournament competition to wear the same (color and style) school issued/school approved **golf uniform shirt (collared or non collared), during competition.**

PLAYER DISQUALIFICATION

If a player is disqualified for any unsporting like act, he is ejected from the entire one or two day tournament. If a player is deemed disqualified from any two day tournament on day one, for a misapplication of a rule (not unsportsmanlike conduct), the player is disqualified and his score will not count only on the day he is disqualified.

PARTICIPATION

- If a player becomes ill or injured during competition on day one of our state tournament, and the player withdraws, his score will not count on day one.
- If this individual is able to participate on day two of the state tournament, his score will only count if used on day two. Obviously, he would not be eligible for any individual honors.

COACH/SPECTATOR CELL PHONE

If a coach/spectator cell phone rings while a player's swing is in progress, the player may take his original shot or hit a second ball. If the player elects to hit a second shot, the player must take the second shot regardless of the outcome. Understand, if a **player's cell phone** rings during competition the player is disqualified.

PLAYER CELL PHONE

The use of cell phones is prohibited during regular season and tournament play. Penalty will result in disqualification of that player. Coaches are encouraged to collect the cell phones before the competition begins. No cell phones may be used by a player until his round is completed and the scorecard is turned into the official scorer. One exception to player use of a cell phone is in case of an emergency during the course of play.

FOOD AND DRINK

Food and Drinks At Golf Sites: Coaches may provide water or sport drink for the players throughout a one or two day event. Coaches will be permitted to provide a sandwich or energy bar for the players. Golf courses are hosting events for a minimal green fees.

Coaches are not to place coolers out on the course, they are to keep them in their car or on their cart.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are not to interfere in any way, should not carry on conversations with players, should keep their distance from the players, and have no influence on the results. If interference occurs, spectators may be asked to leave.

COACHING RULE

The **Designated Head Coach** is allowed to coach a player up until the player and the player's ball are on the green. **If any part of the player's ball is on the actual green, the ball is considered on the green.**

COACHING RULE cont...

Keep in mind each team and or individual(s), are only allowed **one designated coach** to communicate with players while competition is in progress. **Assistant Coaches** are **NOT** allowed to communicate with competing player(s) while competition is in progress.

COACH INFORMATION

Coaches must understand that they are **not** rules consultants. **Coaches are not to rule on something they see, even if you feel it may have been a rules infraction.** Let the players play and if any questions arise, players should notify members in their group and resolve the problem or play a second ball. If a ruling is needed, before signing off on any scorecard(s), get a final ruling from the rules jury/club pro, then all members in the group sign off.

RULES FOR PLAYERS

Golf is a sport that relies on the **integrity** of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules.

All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive he may be. This is the spirit of the game.

RULES FOR PLAYERS

The following items would **disqualify** an individual from competition:

- Use of a cell phone until all competition is completed
- Gambling
- **Cheating**
- Use of tobacco (including smokeless)
- Failure to finish a one or two day tournament, (exception illness or injury).

RULES FOR PLAYERS

- Non-motorized golf carts are permitted. Individuals desiring to use pull carts must supply their own non-motorized pull cart at each meet. You may rent a pull cart at the course if available, but courses are not responsible for this opportunity to rent a cart.
- This rule applies to regular season and tournament play.
- Motorized golf carts are only afforded for **disability reasons**, & must have IHSAA approval.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

In regular season meets or IHSAA sponsored tournaments, a two-stroke penalty will be assessed for conduct unbecoming of high school players. Such conduct shall include, but not limited to:

- Club throwing, defined as releasing the club in a manner to cause harm to any person or the course
- Ball throwing, defined as could cause harm to another participant, spectator, course or means of releasing frustration
- Use of abusive language, willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course and any other unbecoming conduct as determined by the golf rules committee
- **A participant's second offense will result in a disqualification**

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS/COACHES

If a **code of conduct violation** is observed (not heard about later) by a head coach and the group involved does not enforce the conduct violation, the head coach observing this inappropriate action should get the players together at the conclusion of that hole and have the players discuss the situation and enforce the proper ruling. If a code of conduct rule has been violated, a two-stroke penalty should be assessed to the violating individual(s).

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS/COACHES

If a head coach observes any behavior that could lead up to a code of conduct violation, the coach should professionally warn the player of his inappropriate action and inform the player's coach and notify a rules jury member.

TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE ROUND--DEPARTURE TIME RULE

When a golf team or individual desires to go to an IHSAA tournament site for a practice round during school time, the coach needs to have **local school administrations approval**. If you desire to practice during school time, this practice round policy is now a local school administration decision.

COACH STATISTIC MANDATE

VARSITY GOLF COACHES:

- Are required to post your team and individual varsity meet STATISTICS on www.quikstatsiowa.com following each contest.
- Please keep in mind that golf coaches who do not meet this requirement will be held accountable for failure to fulfill this requirement.

GOLF STATISTICS MANDATE

- **FIRST OFFENSE:** Letter/ email to head Golf Coach and Athletic Director.
- **SECOND OFFENSE:** Letter to A.D., with copy sent to Principal and Superintendent, from the IHSAA Executive Director.
- **THIRD OFFENSE:** IHSAA member school tournament expense allowance will be withheld by the IHSAA.

GOLF STATISTICS MANDATE

Statistics must be completed by 3:00 PM on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, April 11 for meets through April 8**
- **Tuesday, April 25 for meets through April 22**
- **Tuesday, May 9 for meets through May 6**

In addition, final stats need to be entered at the conclusion of your regular season and after the Sectional, District and the State Meet.

STATISTICS MANDATE

- In addition, stats need to be entered following District & State competition.
- **Thank you for your cooperation on this.**
- **Quik-stat questions should be directed to Jared Chizek or Bud Legg in the IHSAA office.**

USGA Changes to 2016 Rules of Golf:

- *Withdrawal of Rule on Ball Moving After Address - Rule 18-2b*
- *Limited Exception to Disqualification Penalty for Submission of Incorrect Score Card*
- *Modification of Penalty for a Single Impermissible Use of Artificial Devices or Equipment*
- *Prohibition on Anchoring the Club While Making a Stroke*

<http://www.usga.org/rules-hub.html>

IHSAA Local Rule Allowance

- The IHSAA will employ the Local Rule that modifies Rule 18-2 by providing that there is no penalty if a player accidentally causes his ball on the putting green to move. Thus, any accidental movement of the ball or ball marker on the putting green will require the player to replace it, but without a penalty shot.

IN CLOSING

- Please understand this presentation in no way covered all the USGA Rules of Golf or the Iowa High School Athletic Association 2017 Spring Golf Manual regulations.
- It is the responsibility of the head coach to read and understand the IHSAA Spring Golf Manual. This manual may be obtained online www.iahsaa.org by clicking on the golf link.

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