



Spring Golf Memo – 5/3/24

- Coaches, please be sure to continue to enter all scores into Bound upon completion of each meet/event, including the postseason events.
- [Entry forms for the Sectional meet and District meet](#) are posted on the IHSAA Golf website. Coaches need to be sure to get those completed and submitted to the hosting school's A.D. or coach in a timely manner! Sectional entry forms are due immediately! Qualifiers for District meets need to have entry forms submitted by May 10!
- If you plan to get in a practice round at the State or District site, be sure to contact that course directly to make arrangements. There is no special pricing on green fees for practice rounds.
- The [IHSAA Spring Golf Postseason Manual](#) is posted on our website. Be sure to look that over in advance of the Sectional meets. Green fees for the postseason events are \$15 per player, with payments being due by the time you arrive.
- The State Golf Championships will be held in Ames on May 20-21. Class 3A will compete at Veenker Memorial Golf Course, Class 2A at Coldwater Golf Links, and Class 1A will compete at Ames Golf & Country Club. Tee times begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20 and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21. Spectator entry will open on those two dates at 9:00 and 8:00, respectively.
- Coaches of State Qualifying Teams and Individuals will have a Zoom meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 15. Class 3A coaches will begin their meeting at 6:30 p.m. Class 2A coaches will begin their meeting at 7:30 p.m. Class 1A coaches will begin their meeting at 8:30 p.m. Links will be sent out.

- Spectator Golf Cart Rentals will open on Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. Please inform your parents and spectators of this date and time. One cart rental per reservation.
 - Please encourage your own fans to be kind to golf course personnel when communicating with them.
 - Because all reservations are being done via online or digital communications, phone calls to the golf courses are not necessary.
 - Once the carts have been rented, they are out. It is a first-come, first-served method.
 - Increasingly, golf courses are not interested in putting their staffs through phone calls that are rude or belligerent, nor should they!
 - If this continues to be the trend, cart rentals will be removed from the state competitions.
- GOLF: A GAME OF INTEGRITY
 - USGA Rule 1.2 addresses Standards of Player Conduct.
 - It states - All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:
 - Acting with integrity – for example, by following the rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
 - Showing consideration for others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
 - Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.
 - Golf coaches – please take time before the sectional tournament to discuss this rule with your participating players. Particularly, address the first bullet point as it relates to keeping score within your group of players. A reminder to your players that all members of the playing group are responsible for marking their own score as well as the score of the others in the group. Keeping track of strokes for yourself is important, but watching others and being available to help with their recollection of strokes is also important.
 - Trustworthiness and honesty must be cornerstones of the game of golf. Please be sure to emphasize this with your players prior to participating in an IHSA event!

- Hotel reservations for the IHSAA Spring Golf Championships can be made in the Ames area. [Hotel reservation information can be found here.](#) Discover Ames is the local visitor's bureau that assists with arranging discounted hotel rates as well as finding volunteers to help the golf tournaments run smoothly. Visit their website at www.discoverames.com
- The [2024 State CoEd Golf Entry Form](#) is available for schools interested. This event will be held on Monday, June 3 in both Indianola and Carroll. These forms get returned to Ben Van Wyk at the IGHSAU. These golf meets will start at 10:00 a.m. (change from previous years).

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