

Class A girls' golf coaches proposal changes:

Proposal #1

Coaching

1. Each team shall designate TWO COACHES (head & assistant) who will be able to offer advice at any point during a round. A COACH is defined as a person that is a paid or non-paid employee designated as a golf coach by the school's coaching staff.
2. Coaches will not be allowed on the green or in the bunker during play of a hole.
3. The coach does not give advice to or ask for advice from another team's player or coaches.
4. The advice is given in a private manner that does not disrupt or slow down play.
5. Players receiving advice during a hole will still be bound by the 40-second time limit to play a shot.
6. Each tournament shall have a tournament manager who has the authority to enforce the slow play rule and oversee the coaching rule.

Violations/Penalties

1. By a coach—two-stroke penalty with a maximum of four-stroke penalty to a team, followed by a team disqualification.
2. By a player—two-stroke penalty with a maximum of four-stroke penalty to a player with final disqualification.
3. The tournament manager is responsible for assessing the penalty.

Point of Emphasis: Slow Play & Scoring accuracy and accountability

1. All coaches are responsible to help on pace of play issues in an effort to determine an equitable policy that takes course conditions, a variety of abilities and enforcement issues.
2. All coaches are responsible to help with rules issues, with each team having 2 coaches being allowed to be in the fairway to assist players when needed would help in both if these points of emphasis to speed up play, rules and scoring accuracy.

Rationale:

1. We would like to see the one coaching rule changed to two to help all players in situations that may actually help speed up play.
2. With 10 players or more in some tournaments we feel it would be a benefit both to the players and speed of play to allow both coaches the freedom of helping players at any point during the round to help with rules, pace of play, settle nerves, etc.
3. This is designed to combat the perception that coaches are not doing enough to assist players during the course of a round. This was brought to the attention of the NDHSAA by concerned parents during the 2007 regular season.
4. As a paid coach, we should not have to tell a player that is asking for advice about a shot that we can't because the other coach is the designated "fairway coach today" and he happens to be with other players at the time. If this is a critical point of the round telling the player to wait until you can get the other coach to give her help would actually slow down play until that coach can get there to help her.
5. There is no other high school sport that has this type of restriction, the only reason we have it is because when we changed the rule is because we copied what the NCAA does. The NCAA has since changed the one coach rule as well.

Proposal #2...Scoring at Tournaments

Scoring for tournaments shall be done as it was at the 2007 state tournament with each player in a group responsible for one other players' score in the group. Each player would have their own score on the card as well as one other competitor. For example, in a group of 4, player A would keep track of player B, B keeps track of C, C keeps track of D, and D keeps track of A. **If possible, when setting up the tournaments all groups should be in 3's to insure the accuracy of the scores.**

We would like to see this changed back since the USGA does not recommend the current scoring that the NDHSAA has in place that all players need to be on the card. This has created problems in the past that all players in the group be disqualified for signing an incorrect card and has not improved the accuracy of the scores. We feel as coaches that it is a much easier and a more accurate way to have each girl keeping track of only 1 score (the person she exchanges with) and her own on the bottom. At the conclusion of the round those 2 players get back their own cards and compare hole by hole scores before they sign the score cards.

Rationale:

- 1) With scores being sometimes in the 100's players just trust what that person tells them at the conclusion of the hole without really keeping track of their score much less 3 other girl's scores.
- 2) In reality over the past 3 seasons the scoring accuracy has actually been less accurate and has caused players to be disqualified that should not have been.
- 3) With the proper way of (USGA) scoring this would keep each person accountable for the person's score that they exchange with and if there are problems it would only involve those players and not the other 2 that just happened to be in the group.
- 4) Bottom Line: keeping 1 score and your own would be an efficient and accurate way of holding the players accountable for their scores than your own and 3 other scores.

Proposal # 3 ...Subbing a player for 2nd day of a State Tournament

We would like to have the option to sub a player in the line-up at the coach's discretion. As coaches we feel this would allow us the freedom to play another golfer for experience, injury, etc. The player would not be able to win individual awards since they would not be posting 2 scores. The players score could count for the team on the day they play. Coaches would also ask that the state per diem be waived if a school has elected to take 7 golfers.

Rationale:

- 1) Most teams have at the most 2 or 3 golfers that are always in the top 6 positions on a team. We feel it would help teams bring a player that has just outside the top 6 but is a sophomore or junior that will be one of your top players the following year. We feel it would be beneficial to that golfer and the program to have her play 1 day of the tournament.
- 2) Since most golfers in the 4-5-6 positions struggle with being consistent this would give coaches another option during the most important tournament of the year.
- 3) During my 10 years of coaching girls golf, I have had in at least 3 or 4 seasons that the golfers in the 4-5-6 positions have been very close and it is sometimes very hard to leave a girl home that missed your "top 6" qualifying list by just a couple of shots.
- 4) We DO NOT want the state to provide another per diem for this golfer.
- 5) Since we currently have 6 golfers and we need 2 hotel rooms (3 to a room) this would not cause the state to provide for another room since all rooms are large enough to sleep 4 to a room.
- 6) Once again, as with the coaching rule, there is no other high school sport that doesn't have the option to

sub another player in their line-up if needed.

Coaches in agreement of these proposed changes at the coaches meeting during the West Region and or State girl's golf tournaments in Jamestown on Monday September 27th and October 4, 2010.

Bismarck: Brandon Bondley

Century: Lynn Gress

Dickinson: Olivia Wellenstein

Mandan: Dean Johs

Minot: Eric Hendrickson

Jamestown: Dean Kraft

Turtle Mt.: Gary Thomas

Williston: Dennis Healy

Fargo Shanley: Don Johnson

Heather Yarber: Fargo Davies

SueAnn Lund: Grand Forks Red River

Dan Wolf: West Fargo

Wahpeton: Jeff Ralph

Grand Forks Central: Tom Winger

Fargo North: Jolene Schue

Fargo South: Josh Dunnell