

## 2021 KSHSAA BOYS GOLF CONSIDERATIONS

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With support of the NFHS, the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Committee and the KSHSAA Executive Board, we offer this document as guidance to the member schools of the KSHSAA to consider for the 2021 boys golf season. The considerations outlined are intended to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging physical distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel, and allowing for appropriate and reasonable protective equipment. The KSHSAA believes these reasonable accommodations will help with risk mitigation for the upcoming boys golf season.

These protocols should be implemented along with other considerations, including but not limited to KSHSAA general mitigation protocols detailed in [Considerations for All Activities](#).

For as long as group size restrictions and social distancing are in place, the following best practices are recommended on an activity specific basis.

### Face Coverings:

All participants (including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, support staff and all others attending/participating in school activities) shall wear a face covering in the manner it is intended to be worn (for purpose of COVID-19 risk mitigation) while at the event venue and for duration of the event. The only exception is provided for athletes during the time they are competing and for officials during active play. Participants and/or officials may choose to wear a mask during active play unless it poses a safety risk.

**(New 3/23/21):** *KSHSAA Executive Board interpretation (March 23, 2021): Any participant (including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, support staff and all others attending/participating in school activities) **outdoors, who is able to maintain a minimum of six feet of social distancing** would not be required to wear a face covering. Adherence to a more restrictive local health authority or school district policy is supported and expected.*

### Equipment/Facility Considerations:

- Golfers have their own equipment.
- If school-owned and shared between squads, equipment must be cleaned/sanitized after each use.
- Driving range is to be determined by golf course.
- Much of the facility information will come from the golf course.
- If bad weather occurs all should return to their vehicles rather than the clubhouse.

### Practice Considerations:

- Maximize distance and limit groups on one hole/area as much as possible.
- If a team of more than 10 is at practice split up areas and rotate "stations."
- Keep the same groups each day.

**Contest Warm-Up Considerations:**

- Driving range regulations determined by golf course.
- Consider having a rotation of use to limit number on the range and putting green at one time.

**Competition Considerations (as allowed by Allied Partners of “Back2Golf”):**

- The allied partners of golf have produced a “Back2Golf” document that most golf courses are following for events at their course. Document includes what clubhouses should consider based on the phase they are in currently.
- All events will utilize shotgun start to get all persons out on the course at one time to avoid gatherings in and around the clubhouse.
- If event is scheduled at a 9-hole course, participants shall not exceed 27 participants.
- If event is scheduled at an 18-hole course, participants shall not exceed 54 participants. (Numbers are based on 3 participants per hole.)

**End of Match Considerations:**

- In lieu of handshakes, please develop and utilize an appropriate sign of respect and sportsmanship that does not include handshake or other physical contact; suggestions include head nod, chest thump, salute, etc.

**KSHSAA Protocol Modifications:**

- Postseason will utilize tee times. Teams will not arrive until 45 minutes before their scheduled tee time.
- Communicate details of the event prior to the day of the event so schools can plan their arrival and competition with minimal gatherings to discuss the event details.
- At the conclusion of the event no awards ceremony will take place. Record/sign your scorecard and submit to event manager. Event manager will communicate results to schools and delivery of awards appropriately. Set up an outdoor area to sign scorecards.
- If severe weather delays the event, participants shall go to their vehicles. Avoid large gathering indoors.
- Athletes should provide their own water bottle.
- KSHSAA will consider waiving the requirement for a marker this year in the postseason.