

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR COACHING (*ADVICE*) IN GOLF COMPETITION

The KSHSAA Executive Board has voted to allow golf coaches to coach (offer *advice*) to their athletes during all competitions (regular season and post-season), beginning with the 2007-08 school year. The following guidelines will be used:

1. USGA definition of “*Advice*” must be followed.

- ▶ “*Advice*” is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke.
- ▶ Information on the Rules or on matters of public information, such as the position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green, is not *advice*.

2. Coaches may not make rulings on matters of play that are the responsibility of the meet director, tournament committee, or rules officials.

3. One (1) Head Coach will be allowed to coach/give *advice* during a stipulated round.

A school “squad” coach is considered a head coach for that squad (var., jr. var., etc.). During a golfers stipulated round, they may not receive coaching or advice from anyone other than their head coach.

4. A Coaches Identification (ID) Badge must be worn and visible to the event/tournament manager.

Schools hosting regular season competitions are responsible to provide Coach ID Badges. The KSHSAA will provide Coach ID Badges for all Regional and State Tournaments.

5. All Head Coaches must attend the coaches meeting prior to the start of a golf event to receive their ID Badge and be identified by the tournament manager.

6. Coaches may coach (*advice*) from tee to green. All advice must cease when player steps on green and when players enter tee box.

A head coach may not coach/give *advice* to their player(s) until all of the golfers in a group have holed-out on a green. All coaching for all golfers in a group will cease when the first golfer in the group steps on the teeing ground of the next hole. In addition, only head coaches may coach/give *advice* to their golfers at the clubhouse turn.

7. Players must proceed immediately to the next hole without delay.

A player in violation of USGA Rule 6-7, “Undue Delay” will be assessed a two-stroke penalty for the first offense and disqualified from competition for the second offense.

8. Coaches may use golf carts during regular season competition while coaching /supervising their players. Due to cart availability, coaches may not use golf carts during post-season tournaments.

9. Coaches may not use electronic communication devices to coach/offer advice during competition.