

## KSHSAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG. –4/28-29/16

### **RANGE FINDERS PERMITTED DURING COMPETITION**

Per Local Rule USGA Rule 14-3, range finders and GPS devices THAT MEASURE DISTANCE ONLY will be allowed during KSHSAA regular season competition and post-season tournaments with the following stipulations:

- Range finders and other multi-functional devices that calculate slope, wind speed/direction, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are not permitted. Possession of said device, even if disabled, will result in disqualification.
- Cell phones, Smart Phones, etc. that have apps for measuring distance are not permitted.
- If any player in a group uses a range finder/GPS device, all players in the group must have access to the information. If the player uses the device but does not provide information to the other players in their group, said player will be disqualified for a serious breach of etiquette (USGA Rule 33-7).
- Parents and spectators will not be allowed to provide any information from a range finder/GPS device to any player.
- Coaches may use a range finder to offer DISTANCE ONLY advice to their player and all players in the group.

#### **Penalty for Breach of Rule 14-3:**

First offense = 2 stroke penalty; Subsequent offense = Disqualification

#### **Rationale for use of Distance Only range finder/GPS device:**

- Golf is a challenging game in which success should depend on the judgement, skills and abilities of the players. The USGA governs the use of equipment and devices that might assist a player in making a specific stroke or generally in their play.
- With the USGA and KGA allowing the use of range finders/GPS devices for measuring distance, more players are now in possession of these devices.
- With factors of daylight and course availability/restrictions, use of this device will speed up play.
- The game of golf 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 sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.