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Date: September 26, 2017
To: Players Participating in 2017 NSAA Girl's Golf Championship
From: NSAA Girl's Golf Rules Committee
Re: Tournament Reminders

As the 2017 State Golf Championship nears we wanted to offer some helpful information regarding play in this championship. We hope each player takes an opportunity to review this memo prior to their arrival at the tournament site.

RULES OF GOLF

Be sure to read the Notice to Players for your site and the NSAA Local Rules and Conditions prior to the event. The **Notice to Players** is a rules document that pertains strictly to your golf course. The attached version is a draft. A final version will be distributed on the reverse side of your hole location sheet at your starting tee. The **NSAA's Local Rules and Conditions** highlights general rules in place for all NSAA golf events.

OBTAINING RULINGS

Do not hesitate to call for a Rules Official. Those authorized to give rulings are in carts with bicycle flags labeled "Rules". Do not accept rulings from spectators or scoring monitors. Rule 3-3 authorizes play of a second ball when doubtful of your rights or procedure. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, you must announce to your marker or fellow-competitor your decision to proceed under this rule and which ball you will score if the Rules permit. You must report the facts immediately to the Committee before returning your score card. If you fail to do so, you are disqualified.

ADVICE

During the round, you are only permitted to receive advice or counsel from your designated coach. The designated round is 18-holes so understand the rule applies between your 9th and 10th holes just like it would between your 3rd and 4th holes. Breach of this rule could result in a two-stroke penalty. Often we've witnessed parents or coaches carry or push a competitor's golf bag from a recently finished putting green to the next tee, mostly between the player's 9th and 10th holes while the player is in the clubhouse. Again, since you are participating in an 18-hole round, the player is responsible for carrying or transporting their own clubs during the entire round, including the turn. Breach of this rule could result in a two-stroke penalty. Coaches are prohibited from the putting green surface and all hazards (other than search).

STARTING PLAY

Prior to starting play it is often necessary for the Starter to go through some announcements with the players therefore it is necessary for each player to be at their designated starting tee well in advance of their designated starting time. Please plan your pre-round practice routine accordingly and arrive ready to play at least 5 minutes prior to your time.

PACE of PLAY

To be held up on the golf course by slow play is frustrating. Once you start your round please stay with the group in front of you, look forward, not back. Walk briskly between shots and be prepared to play when it is your turn. Exit the putting green immediately when play of the hole is complete.

As a player, you'll serve as a marker for another player in the group, when you complete a hole compare scores with the competitor whose card you have while walking to the next hole so you're ready to play when you arrive. If need be play ready golf.

In both Class A and Class B the field of players is small enough that there should not be any pace of play issues. The committee designates what they feel is an appropriate amount of time to play each hole on the course and the entire round itself in their pace of play policy. If your group falls behind this prescribed schedule it may be timed by an official and each individual player subject to penalty if they are taking more than the prescribed time for each stroke.

Because of the number of players in Class C it is more difficult to stick to the prescribed schedule. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for groups to maintain their position on the golf course. Any sort of gap (open hole) creates a negative impact on the entire field.

Finally, as stated earlier this is an 18-hole round. We fully expect players to go from their 9th green to their 10th tee just like they would from the 2nd green to the 3rd tee. Restroom breaks are understandable as they would be on the course. Stopping to have lunch or visit with family at the turn is not acceptable.

SCORING

Scoring monitors are present with each group to insure the accuracy of each player's score. Each player serves as a marker for another player in the group. When comparing scores after each hole do so in a timely manner, we suggest doing it as you walk between green and tee. Stopping next to green just completed or on the next tee for several minutes delays play. Often times the Scoring monitors slow this process down but with your assistance the flow can be better.

Each scorecard has a place for you to record hole by hole scores for the player whose card you have. In addition, there is also a place for you to record your own scores, we call this area on the scorecard marker's notes. Following the round you are able to tear off your marker's notes and strip it against your own scorecard to ensure the accuracy of your hole-by-hole scores.

When the round is complete you will report to the scoring area. This area will be somewhat private to avoid any distractions when going through your scorecard. As a player, you are responsible for three things – 1. your correct hole-by-hole scores must be recorded; 2. you must ensure that your marker signed your scorecard; and 3. you must sign your scorecard yourself. If you submit your scorecard and leave the scoring area missing one of these signatures the penalty is disqualification. In addition, if you sign for a hole score lower than what you actually took you are disqualified; sign for a hole score higher than you actually took you must accept the score. Players are not responsible for 9-hole and 18-hole totals on the scorecard, that responsibility rests with the Committee.

Real-Time Scoring - Please note that the NSAA collects each players hole-by-hole scores following the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes for informational purposes only. These scores will be collected from the scoring monitors allowing golfers to move quickly from green to tee without delay.