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Date: October 1, 2020
To: Coaches & Players, 2020 NSAA Girl's Golf Championship
From: NSAA Girl's Golf Rules Committee
Re: Tournament Reminders

As the 2020 State Golf Championship nears we wanted to offer some helpful reminders regarding your play in this championship. We hope both coaches and players take an opportunity to review this memo prior to their arrival at the tournament site.

ADVICE

During the round, you are only permitted to receive advice or counsel from a designated coach. Since the designated round is 18-holes please remember that this rule applies between the 9th and 10th holes just like it does between the 3rd and 4th holes. It's not uncommon for there to be interaction between a parent and player at the turn. If it involves any sort of counsel or advice it could be considered a breach of this rule.

STARTING PLAY

Prior to starting play it's necessary for the Starter to go through announcements with the players. Therefore, each player should arrive at their designated starting tee well in advance of their starting time. Please plan your pre-round practice routine accordingly and show up ready to play at least 5 minutes prior to your start time.

PACE of PLAY

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

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

In both Class A and Class B the field of players is small enough that there shouldn't 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 the Pace of Play Policy. If your group falls behind this prescribed schedule, and is out of position, the players in the group 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 acceptable, stopping to rest or visit with family at the turn is not.

SCORECARDS

Even though the official scoring process in 2020 will be electronic, paper scorecards will be distributed to assist player's in fulfilling their scoring responsibility. The starter will hand each player the scorecard of another player. As the Marker for another player, you are responsible for entering that player's hole scores on that player's scorecard and verbally certifying that scorecard following the round. After each hole during the round, the marker should confirm with the player the number of strokes on that hole (including strokes made and penalty strokes) and enter that score on the scorecard. In addition to recording another player's scores, the scorecard also has an area (called Marker's Notes) where you can record your own scores. Once play is complete and you report to the scoring area you will be able to compare your own hole by hole scores on your marker's notes to your own scorecard being kept by your marker to ensure the accuracy of your hole-by-hole scores.

Because official scoring is being done electronically, the scorecard verification process will be different than past years. Paper scorecards are now being used for reference only with the certification process which will be done verbally. As a player, you will be responsible for three things – 1. Ensuring that your hole-by-hole scores recorded in the electronic scoring application are accurate; 2. You must ensure that your marker verbally certifies your hole-by-hole scores; and 3. You must also verbally certify your scorecard. Verbal certification in electronic scoring replaces signatures that were once done with paper scorecards.

If you complete the scorecard verification process and exit the defined scoring area without you and your marker both verbally certifying the scorecard the penalty is disqualification. In addition, if you verbally certify a hole score lower than what you actually took you are disqualified; verbally certify a hole score higher than you actually took you must accept the score. Players are not responsible for 9-hole and 18-hole totals, that responsibility rests with the Committee.

ELECTRONIC SCORING

As noted above, electronic scoring and verbal certification after the round replaces paper scorecards as the official scoring process. Participants will be instructed to download a scoring application to their mobile device in order to record individual hole scores during the round. One player in each group will be assigned the responsibility of inputting each player's hole scores into the scoring application. Following the round each golfer and their marker will verbally certify their digital hole-by-hole scores in the scoring area. Complete details on accessing the scoring application will be provided to teams in advance of the state championship; each player is expected to download the scoring application and be prepared to input scores if necessary.

Thank you for your attention regarding these issues. Congratulations on qualifying for this state championship and our best to you and your teammates competing October 12-13.