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Date: September 29, 2023  
To: Players Participating in 2023 NSAA Girl's Golf Championship  
From: NSAA Girl's Golf Rules Committee  
Re: Tournament Reminders

As the 2023 State Golf Championship nears we wanted to offer some helpful reminders regarding your play in this championship. We hope each player takes 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> holes just like it does between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> holes. It's not uncommon for some sort of interaction between a parent and their player at the turn. If it involves any sort of counsel or advice it would be a breach of this rule.

### **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. Be prepared to play when it is your turn. Exit the putting green immediately when play of the hole is complete.

Don't huddle to determine scores on the next tee if the landing zone is clear. 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. The number of groups, in most cases, is increased. 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 9<sup>th</sup> green to their 10<sup>th</sup> tee just like they would from the 2<sup>nd</sup> green to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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 is not acceptable. Often times the Scoring monitors slow down this process but with your assistance the process can be smoother.

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 2-strokes. 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.

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 9-10.