



Girls Golf Information



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Important Practice Round Information:

Girls Golf State Final Qualifiers,

Congratulations on advancing to the Girls Golf State Tournament. I'm excited for you to join us for a weekend of golf in Decatur. A few quick reminders about the practice round for the Girls Golf State Series on Thursday:

- Parents are allowed to spectate, however they cannot caddy, coach, advice, etc. This is an official practice to be conducted by the certified, school hired coach only.
- Swing coaches, personal coaches, private lesson coaches are not allowed to coach an individual player or a team during the practice round. This is an official practice to be conducted by the certified, school hired coach only.
- In order for a coach of a team to use a cart during the practice round their cart form must have been sent to the IHSA for approval.

As you may have seen in the State Final Qualifiers Mailing, pin locations for Friday and Saturday's rounds will not be marked for Thursday's practice round.

Several factors have played into the decision to not mark the pin locations. After last year's advisory committee meeting it became obvious that the practice rounds were moving too slow and some competitors were finishing in the near dark or not finishing at all. The greens are also impacted negatively due to the additional play around the future pin locations.

In an effort to help all players to finish the practice round and keep the green in championship form, the pin locations will not be marked during Thursday's practice round. Coaches are asked not to put anything into the greens, any kind of device or instrument that can be used to simulate a flagstick so that players can practice playing shots to different areas of the greens. Such actions only slow down the practice round and disadvantage those players with the later practice round tee times.

Coaches are encouraged to work with their players to maintain an appropriate pace of play during the practice round so that all competitors are afforded the opportunity to play out all 18 holes.

During state final competition, please remember that distance measuring devices can only measure distance. They can be point and shoot or GPS as long as they only measure distance. If a device accounts for slope, wind speed, or shows the layout of a green it would not be legal.

Cell phones or any device that can transmit information to the player would still be illegal per the IHSA Terms and Conditions.

Again, congratulations and welcome to Decatur. I hope your experience is a great one!

Good luck to your teams!

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