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GOLF ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: December 14, 10:30am
SDHSAA Office & Zoom

The Golf Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 10:350 AM CT with the following representatives present via zoom or in person:

"B" Coach	Karren Rogers, Miller
"A" Coach	Jacob Sittig, West Central
"AA" Coach	Scott Amundson, SF Lincoln
Athletic Director	Terry Rotert, Huron
Principal/Supt.	Tom Cameron, White River
Native Am. Rep	Rob Mendoza, Little Wound

SDHSAA Staff members present included Randy Soma. Agenda was motioned for approval by Rotert, second by Amundson; approved unanimously 6-0. Meeting terms and committee terms were reviewed. Soma was selected as the recording secretary.

Committee action began with review of 2021-22 changes.

Review Rule Changes for 2020-21

1. Class A – Region qualifying now to include 50% of competing golfers
2. Class AA – Golfers qualify for state only with an 18-hole average that is less than or equal to the 75th percentile of State Golf Championships data for the past six years. Future years will use 75th percentile average of Six Best golfers from each team.
3. Classes A & B – Allow “Tee-to-Green” coaching by one coach per team at SDHSAA Postseason events.

Committee Members Report

Jacob Sittig – A Coaches Representative

- Biggest issues with Class A Coaches – the change form 60% to 50% qualifying for state.
- Lack of carts for coaches at state tournament
- Coaches would like to change it back to 60% for qualification for Class A State Tournament.

Scott Amundson – AA Coaches Representative

- Coaches felt the AA went well with the 75% qualification for state this past year.
- Looking at a change proposal for coaching on the course.
- Practice Rounds for state tournament. Can the SDHSAA reserve practice times on Sunday's before the state tournament so teams can practice rounds in.
- Allow coaches to set their lineups for the first day of AA state Golf Tournament.
- Girls Season – still would like to find a new date for state golf tournament.

Karren Rogers – B Coaches Representative

- Switching to lower # for qualification. Do not want to go lower.
- Possibility of super regionals. No action taken

Terry Rotert – Athletic Director

- Feels the 50% was just change last year and that we have not given it enough time to see if it can work.
- He felt the 75% for AA worked well – only concern is: Should there be a minimum number of meets that you must participate to be considered for qualification for the State Tournament.

Tom Cameron – Administrator

- Concerned that we did not have a coaches meeting last year for Class B in Brookings.
- Felt the Tee to Green coaching is a good thing.
- Is not in favor of reducing the number that qualify

Rob Mendoza – Native American Representative

- Informed us that 1-2 schools did not like the 50% change. More schools like it than did not like it.
- Would prefer going back to the 60% qualifier

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- The 50% qualifier has only been in place for 1 state tournament. Is there enough data to make a change back?
- In AAA, should they need more than one score to qualify for state tournament.

Rule Proposals

1. To Change the wording on the “Coaching on Course” Rule for all classes. The Coaches would be able to coach their players anywhere, except on the greens. This would include the teeing area, and those areas already allowable, and be allowed to coach players until all players are physically on the putting green. Motion by: Rotert, 2nd by Amundson. **Motion Carries to approved. 6-0 vote.**
Rationale – The coaches feel that this would help with pace of play and the student athlete experience.
2. Allow the SDHSAA to arrange practice round times for the state tournament. **No Motion to approve.** Randy will check with Brookings for AA Girls this Spring to see if they can set aside some blocked practice time rounds for state. (2 Tee times per school with 4 or more qualifiers, less than 4 the team will get 1 tee time, slot form 10:00am-1:00pm

3. Allow for coaches' discretion on placement of players in Day 1 only of the State Tournament for Class AA. Motion by: Rotert, 2nd by Amundson. **Motion Carries to approved. 6-0 vote.**
Rationale – The AA Coaches believe with only meets with greater than 4 teams used that players averages, there are additional smaller events that move those players in their respective teams. Thus, the coach should have the discretion to align his/her players as they choose as long as they are eligible for the competition.
4. Clarification on permissible electronic devices. Motion by: Cameron, 2nd by Rotert. **Motion Carries to approved. 6-0 vote.**
Rationale – The coaches believe with the ever-evolving technology, that Bluetooth headphones/earbuds be added to the list of prohibited devices while in competition. These devices are fine while prepping for any event, they should not be allowed during play.
5. Change to 60% from 50% for state qualifying field. Motion by: Sittig, 2nd by Mendoza. **Motion Carries to approved. 5-1 vote.**
Rationale – Competitive golfers are not making it to the state tournament. We have enough time and room to move it back to 60%.
6. If the 60% change does not get passed then they would like to go with the 50% and the Redistribution of Athletes to Participate at the State Tournament due to schools not filling their original quota for Region Tournament Participation. Motion by Rotert and 2nd by Sittig. **Motion Carries 6-0 only if the 60% does not pass**
Rationale - First, the SDHSAA already welcomes 37 Teams (Boys & Girls), to participate in their regions which if full, their numbers equate to a total of 185 players throughout the state. The current rate for qualifying for state is at 50%, with means the SDHSAA has already agreed to have 93 players at a Class A state meet. For various mute reasons, many schools are not fielding full teams. Compounding this issue, participation is not as cyclically valued per region. Therefore, the actual qualification totals are grossly unequal in both eligibility and quality. Again, it is not fault, nor alignment, nor value. It just is, what it is. The need is paramount. Currently, year after year, schools are leaving home players who shoot under bogey because our state tournament is not a full field. So, to ensure fairness for those players worthy of participating in any state tournament, and not affecting realignment, not affecting current region participation, and not taking away any player from qualifying for a state tournament under the current guidelines, we would like to propose a redistribution method, not to exceed an already welcomed field of approximately 93 players at a state tournament.

Explanation & Method of Calculation: In the future the number of participating schools could change, the percentage rate of qualifying could change, and really anything could change. So, our proposal will not include actual numbers, but rather a method of calculation.

Step 1: For each individual region, the first step in redistribution is to calculate everything the way it is currently being done. Simply multiply the number of participants at region by 50% and after rounding up at .5, that is the number of qualifying participants at state, plus ties, plus fifth team member. It does not matter if a region is at full capacity or did not fill their expected maximum number of participants. This is done for all four regions.

Example: This year Region 1A fielded an actual number of participants at 45 players. With 10 teams, the SDHSAA was welcoming a full field of 50 players in their region.

Step 2: For each individual region, the second step in redistribution is to now calculate the number of region participants should every school have fielded a full team. This adds a step in the calculation, but it is done by first multiplying the number of schools by the maximum number of team members per school at five to get the maximum number of region participants already approved and welcomed by the SDHSAA.

Example: This year Region 1A had ten schools. Multiply those 10 schools by the maximum number of team members per school (5) to calculate the maximum number of already accepted region participants which would be at 50.

Step 3: For each individual region, the third step is to now calculate the number of state participants per region based on a hypothetical full field using the same method in step 1. Simply multiply the number of hypothetical maximum number of participants at any given region by 50% and after rounding up at .5, that is now the maximum number of hypothetical participants that would have qualified for state.

Example: Region 1A’s maximum number of hypothetical region participants would have been 50, and that number would have to be multiplied by 50% to get 25, with no rounding necessary, to reach the hypothetical maximum number accepted, and welcomed, state qualifiers.

Step 4: For each individual region, the fourth step is to compare and contrast the difference between the two numbers as part of a subtotal between all four regions: (1) The actual number of state qualifiers against (2) the maximum potential number of state qualifiers.

Example: Region 1A actually qualified 23 participants for the state tournament. Region 1A should have qualified 25 participants in a full field. The difference between the actual and the potential is that two additional players should have been able to participate in the state tournament. The number two (2) would only be part of a subtotal when adding up all four regions.

Step 5: After calculating each of the region differentials, sum all four regions. This give you a total number to be redistributed throughout. The total number to be redistributed evenly throughout the region is +13.

Example:

Region	#Schl’s	Ea/Tm	Max	*50%	Round	Minus	#Showed	*50%	Round	Diff	-Xtras	Net Diff	
1A	10	5	50	2 5	25	-	45	22.5	23	2	-2	+0	
2A	9	5	45	2 2. 5	23	-	45	22.5	23	0	-4	-4	
3A	9	5	45	2 2. 5	23	-	18	09.0	09	14	-2	+12	
4A	9	5	45	2 2. 5	23	-	31	15.5	16	7	-2	+5	
Max Total Eligible					94	Total Differential – Extras = Net					23	-10	+13

Note: Ties are not figured in, however extra players who qualified with their team, but not as an individual will be subtracted.

Step 6: Once a figure is determined for redistribution, divide the amount(dividend) by the number of regions (divisor) and drop any remainder making the quotient evenly distributable. This quotient is then applied to each of the regions.

Example: The Net Difference in the above table is 13 (dividend) and is divided by the 4 regions(divisor) calculating a quotient of 3 with a remainder of 1. The remainder is dropped and at least three more players will be added to each region. (i.e. Regions 1-4 each get three more players plus ties)

Step 7: The players within each region to be added under this Net Differential Redistribution Proposal are to be only the best players who did not qualify individually, plus ties, no matter their score, and they can now qualify their school to be eligible for team awards.

Example: The cutoff in Region 2A was 88. Region 2A is not eligible to add three players under the Redistribution Proposal. The next best scores for Region 2A were four players tied at 89. All four players now make the state tournament. In addition, if any of these players represent a school that had previously only qualified three players before redistribution, they are now team eligible too.

Step 8: If each school in each region fields a full team, there will be no Net Differential to be Redistributed. However, if there is a redistribution plan, schools must submit their rosters in advance. The deadline for submitting roster must be noon, the Thursday before any Region Event is scheduled to take place. The rosters will be used to determine calculations for any possible redistribution plan. Any no

shows, nor additions, will affect the calculations and Regions will be notified by the SDHSAA by noon the Friday before any Region Event is scheduled.

Example: Region 4 has their event scheduled for Monday and Regions 1-3 have their events scheduled for the following Friday. All four regions must submit their rosters (not just a number) by Thursday, the noon before Region 4's event. This is the concrete number used for all calculations

7. Region Re-Alignment w/60% qualifying in the 3 regions to State Tournament. Motion by Amundson, 2nd by Sittig. **0-6 vote motion fail**

Motion to Adjourn (Rotert and 2nd by Amundson) Motion carries 6-0