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Assistant Executive Director

## GOLF ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: December 11, 2024

10:30 AM CT Zoom

The Golf Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM CT with the following representatives present via zoom

"B" Coach	Karren Rogers, Miller
"A" Coach	Jacob Sittig, West Central
"AA" Coach	Scott Amundson, SF Lincoln
Athletic Director	Jeff Heisinger, Montrose
Principal/Supt.	Tom Cameron, Lower Brule
Native Am. Rep	Rich Crow Eagle, Tiospa Zina

SDHSAA Staff members present included Dan Swartos, Kristina Sage and Randy Soma. The agenda was motioned for approval by Amundson, second by Cameron; approved unanimously 6-0. Meeting terms and committee terms were reviewed. Soma was selected as the recording secretary.

### Committee action began with review of 2024-25 changes.

#### 1. Review Rule Changes for 2024-25

- A. Class A & B schools will receive a **2<sup>nd</sup> badge for coaches per gender** for the state tournament as long as the following criteria is used and followed.
  1. Coach must complete all the SDHSAA/NFHS required Coaching Classes
  2. Coach must be contracted by the school as a golf coach or as a volunteer golf coach
  3. Coach must be listed on the school's team roster on the SDHSAA web site by posted date in the SDHSAA Golf Handbook.
- B. Class B - ***Alternate Golfer at the State Meet (5<sup>th</sup> Golfer)*** This proposed rule change would allow an alternate golfer at the state for teams that qualify as a team (can be subbed in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day for any reason). This is team only and the alternate must be declared before the region golf tournament.
- C. Class A –State Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> Day - **Team Waves off the Back (when Applicable)** Allow all teams who qualified a scoreable team (4 or 5 players) to play in waves on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the State Tournament, even the teams that will tee off the back 9. We will continue to have the teams that qualify out of their regions as a team off the front and those teams that qualify with individuals teeing off in teams off the back 9 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day



Jeff Heisinger – Athletic Director

- Class B Boys Golf Calendar
  - a. Is there a specific reason why Class B Boys can't compete in the fall alongside Class A/AA Boys. Issues with participants playing other fall sports, coaches and schools being able to afford to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> coach or someone else in the Fall.
  - b. Pin Placements and proposal

Tom Cameron – Principal/Superintendent

- Discussion on carts and the possibility of coaches using carts.
- Moving the State Championship in the spring back into May

Rich Crow Eagle – Native American Representative

- Class 55% qualifications from region. Discussion on that number moving to 60%. Currently we have only run 1 tournament we need to run it for a 2-year cycle before we make another change.
- Cuts made at the state tournament for day 2 – Discussion only

### **Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for Golf**

**Randy Soma**

- Discuss some of the changes in the handbook to make sure it reflects what we are following. Specifically in the Individual and team state qualifications.

Proposals are on the next 3 pages.

## Rule Proposals

**Proposal 2** - All host courses shall provide pin sheets to practice rounds for all participants in SDHSAA State Championships. These should be emailed out to Coaches and Athletic Directors the day before State practice takes place. (Vote 5-1)

### Proposal #2

## ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE



Schools wishing to make a rules proposal change for the advisory committee to consider shall complete this form and submit to the SDHSAA office preferably two weeks PRIOR to the meeting date so the proposal may be added to the agenda.

Please select the sport in which the rules proposal is being submitted.

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| <input type="radio"/> Basketball          | <input type="radio"/> Football        | <input type="radio"/> Soccer   | <input type="radio"/> Volleyball       |
| <input type="radio"/> Comp. Cheer         | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Golf | <input type="radio"/> Softball | <input type="radio"/> Wrestling        |
| <input type="radio"/> Comp Dance          | <input type="radio"/> Gymnastics      | <input type="radio"/> Tennis   | <input type="radio"/> In/Out-of-Season |
| <input type="radio"/> Cross Country/Track |                                       |                                |  |

**Title of Proposal:** Pin Sheets be provided by host course for all SDHSAA Events

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- Class B
- Class A
- Class AA

**Proposed Rule Change:**

All host courses shall provide pin sheets prior to practice rounds for all participants in SDHSAA Events.

**Rationale for Rule Change:**

To provide as equitable information for all participants.

R. Scott Amundson  
Print Coach Name      Lincoln High School  
Member School

Coach Signature

David Maxwell  
Print Athletic Director Name      Lincoln High School  
Member School

Athletic Director Signature

**Proposal 3** - Regions that have 8 or more teams competing in the Region Tournament will automatically qualify the top 4 teams plus ties. (Vote 5-1)

**Proposal #3**

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**Title of Proposal:** State Tournament Team Qualifying

**Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):**

- Class B
- Class A
- Class AA

**Proposed Rule Change:**

Regions that have 8 or more teams competing in the Region Tournament will automatically qualify the top 4 teams plus ties.

**Rationale for Rule Change:**

In past seasons, some Class A regions will have 6 teams competing at the Region Tournament with 3 teams automatically qualifying for the state tournament, 50% of the total teams.

Other regions will have 9 teams competing at regions and still can only qualify 3 teams automatically, 33% of the total teams.

This proposal ensures that a closer percentage of teams from each region can automatically qualify for the state tournament.

Jacob Sittig  
Print Coach Name

West Central  
Member School

[Signature]  
Coach Signature

Andrea Johnson  
Print Athletic Director Name

West Central  
Member School

[Signature]  
Athletic Director Signature

Proposal 4 – Coaches Cart at the State Meet – Class A only (Vote 5-1)

Proposal 4

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- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- In/Out-of-Season

Title of Proposal: Coach Cart at the State Tournament

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- Class B
- Class A
- Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Allow for each school to be given one cart at the state tournament. Schools who have two coaches will still only be provided one cart. Schools will share the funding to provide the extra carts needed.

Rationale for Rule Change:

Not all schools can pay/find a second coach. This levels the playing field and makes it easier for schools that only have one coach to reach all of their players. It also reduces the need for teams waves if that change is made in the future.

Jacob Sittig  
Print Coach Name

West Central  
Member School

[Signature]  
Coach Signature

Andrea Johnson  
Print Athletic Director Name

West Central  
Member School

[Signature]  
Athletic Director Signature

**Other Items to Bring Forward to the Athletic Directors Conference:**

1. Looking at Class "B" Boys in the Fall
2. Moving the State Tournament back into May
3. Proposal #1 - It did not get a motion – Class "B" waves They want to wait to make sure Class A have worked out the kinks and to see how it works before they put another proposal in.

Adjourn **Motion by Amundson**