

SOUTH DAKOTA

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GOLF ADVISORY AGENDA

Meeting: November 29, 2017
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

Golf Advisory Committee Members:

"B" Coach	Tim Koisti, Hamlin
"A" Coach	Jeff Keyman, Canton
"AA" Coach	Kim Zimmerman, Aber. Central
Athletic Director	Terry Rotert, Huron
Principal	Paul Nepodal, Deubrook
Native Am. Rep	Rich Crow Eagle, St. Francis

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM, with all committee members present, as well as John Krogstrand from the SDHSAA and Ben Larson from the SDGA.

Krogstrand was selected as recording secretary and terms of the committee and roles of the committee members were reviewed.

Rules adopted for 2016-17 were reviewed, as minimal changes were taken. Also noted were the upcoming USGA rule changes for 2019, with more information forthcoming on those as we get to that switch in two seasons.

Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration

- Coaches Reps
 - Kim Zimmerman – AA – Aberdeen Central: Many items of discussion that weren't formal proposals; pairings and flow on the course; team waves versus individually seeded pairings – team v individual; five players v six players & option for regional/qualifying tournament, committee agreed that further discussion needs to take place as courses are getting 'maxed out' by the field to some extent, causing undue delays in play;

Discussion held on different proposals to change the season in the spring. Proposal on season change reverting to May weekend. The committee remains unanimously *opposed* to an earlier tournament for a number of reasons, including: chances of

better weather for the state tournament (as evidenced each of the past two years), teams miss less school time and do not have semester testing/finals during the last two weeks of the season, golf courses are in much better shape for play as the spring gets later, especially at the state tournament venues – noting that tournaments were shortened or hampered by weather in the previous springs prior to the swap, ability to avoid practice rounds and State Tournament conflicts on the weekend of graduation, the later start date allows for more practice and event time outdoors – earlier start usually meant time spent indoors during the season, especially for teams further north in our state, when asking the girls/golfers themselves, committee members reported a vast majority in favor of the later date, courses still are lining up to host the state tournaments for us, and in fact, more have become available with the later date for consideration, to those who argue that we finish when not in school: many/all fall sports start prior to school starting, and the committee feels that many of the reasons given for switching back to May are doing so for a personal agenda as opposed to what is truly best for our athletes. Additional considerations include equity concerns voiced by some parents in the past of scheduling a season for our female athletes (Class AA & A) where we generally know that part of the season will be held with few or no courses available for play in-state as well as an extension of the season for the boys' division earlier into the fall b/c of weather concerns, but apparent disregard for the same concern on the female side, championship scores have been significantly better as a whole since the season switch, and spectator attendance has dramatically increased based upon car counts and cart rentals from previous season to current. However, based upon the request of coaches, the committee recommends sending the issue to the AD's to a vote. **Motion was made by Rotert, second by Zimmerman to note the committee's unanimous opposition to the reversion of the season to May, but allow schools to vote at the AD's conference on the topic. Motion passed 6-0.** Additional discussion was held on a variety of SDGA Events that happen in-season, specifically including the Men's Amateur (Stroke Play) that conflicts with the first week of boys' fall practice, as well as the US Open Qualifier held in May that is not an option for Class 'B' Boys' Golfers to participate in. **Motion by Zimmerman, Second by Koisti to allow the SDGA to apply for a "sanction" for these events that are SDHSAA In-Season conflicts in the same manner that 5K's are handled during Cross Country, allowing kids to participate without being in violation. Motion passed 6-0.**

- Jeff Keyman/Rich Crow Eagle – A – Canton/St. Francis: Discussion of scorecard vs marker's card being official for the event; Discussion of teammates playing with one another during the state meet; Field size at State Tournaments; Consideration from 'A' coaches on playing State golf on the Weds-Thurs of Memorial Day week – Issues w/ State Track Meet on every 4th year: Motion by Keyman – Motion Dies for a lack of a second; Discussion of State Tournament Sites East/West 2:1 ratio East:West, noted that the scope of advisory is not site selection regulations, as those are now subject of the Site Selection Committee as appointed by the Board of Directors chairman each year; Reduction of field question – options to help reduce the numbers as possible, potential that shrinking the field of players may also assist with pace of play, rules issues, etc.,; future discussion to occur on options with the percentages of qualifiers and/or number of teams that advance from regions
- Tim Koisti – B – Hamlin; No additional items other than what has been discussed

- Administrative Reps
 - Paul Nepodal – Principal – Deubrook; discussion on season concerns and switches; Allowing coaches to coach at events at Class A/B levels – is marking a full issue, or can we find a solution to allow coaches to coach? Preference of Green to Tee to minimize issues of pace of play and interference with play by coaches; Discussion of logistics in the operation of a tournament if coaches are required to work; **Motion by Roter, second by Nepodal to allow Class A & B Coaches to Coach from “Green to Tee” as was the rule for AA coaches in the first year of allowed coaching. Each school would be allowed one coach per team (one for girls, one for boys) during events to coach, and would be provided a specific badge to signify this position. Schools would need to still fulfill marking duties, if necessary. If a school is selected to mark and no other responsible individual is available, a coach would not be allowed to coach instead of fulfilling the marking duty. Motion passed 5-1 with Keyman dissenting.** Keyman noted that his objections were due to coaches not being able to see and discuss the change to how tournaments are run before it came to the advisory, due to potential logistical issues in conducting tournaments and the potential financial impacts to school districts. Keyman felt those issues needed to be further discussed among coaches locally before proceeding through the change process.
 - Terry Rotert – AD – Huron – No additional items other than what has been discussed.
- Official Reps
 - Ben Larson – 2019 Changes – Creation of rules cards to carry during the championship rounds; Rules info sharing out to groups; cooperative work to draft information prior to the 2019 changes that we can share around; SDHSAA and SDGA will work together on providing information that can be carried/shared by golfers during events to help with simple rulings, as well as proposed 2019 changes once they take effect.
- SDHSAA Representatives
 - Note of switch from BirdieFire to Golf Genius software beginning with the Spring of 2018 – ramifications of switch; All clubs have some version of the free software that coaches/clubs can utilize during the season to see how it works; SDHSAA events will now be presented much like SDGA events and coordination will hopefully further improve live scoring of our events on an ‘unofficial’ basis between SDHSAA/SDGA/SDPB

Being no further business for the committee, Nepodal moved, Rotert seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 John Krogstrand
 Asst. Executive Director
 SDHSAA