

**2017-2018 KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR KHSAA EVENTS**

- 1) Play is governed by the current Rules of Golf and the Decision based on them published by the United States Golf Association and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Definitions, subject to changes for particular tournaments by the KHSAA Rules Committee. Appendix I refers to Appendix of Local Rules in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet.
- 2) Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or condition is:
 - a) Stroke Play – Two Strokes
 - b) Match Play – Loss of Hole
- 3) Coaching Advice Rule**
 - a) The Committee may, in the conditions of a team competition (Rule 33-1), permit each team to appoint a coach, who has met all KHSAA coaching requirements and who is appointed by the school and is listed within the school information on file with the KHSAA, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team.
 - b) The Committee may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.
 - c) There are no conditions on conduct of a coach in this regard, other than requiring advice to be given in a private manner and requiring that the advice does not unduly delay play.
 - d) Coaches are prohibited from being on the putting greens and prohibits coaches from entering all hazards (other than to search for golf balls).
 - e) A breach of this advice rule by any coach will result in a 2-stroke penalty for the player. For each additional breach by a coach, a 2-stroke penalty will be assessed to the player.
 - f) A player may have the line indicated to him by a coach, but he/she may not be positioned by the player on or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hole while the stroke is being made. Coaches (including their cart) are considered an outside agency and would not be penalized if their ball struck them or their cart.
 - g) Further rules regarding the Advice Rule may be developed for KHSAA Region and State Tournaments and shall be distributed to the competing teams.
- 4) List of Conforming Golf Balls**

Option Condition prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.
- 5) Conformity of Golf Clubs**

The player's clubs shall conform to Rule 4, provisions, specifications and interpretations set forth in Appendix II.
- 6) Pace of Play**

See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play guidelines.
- 7) Practice Between Holes**

Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played.
- 8) Lifting an Embedded Ball Through the Green**

Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.
- 9) Tree Wrappings, Electrical Wires and Cables, Closely Attached to Trees**

Such wires and cable are not obstructions. No relief without penalty.
- 10) Staked Trees**

Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect. Relief may be taken without penalty.
- 11) Permanent Elevated Power Lines and Cables**

Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.
- 12) Out of Bounds**
 - a) Defined by the inside edge, at ground level, of white stakes and/or white lines and/or fence post.
 - b) When a white line on the ground defines Out of Bound the line itself is Out of Bounds. Please Note: "A ball which crosses a public road deigned as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course."
- 13) Water Hazards**
 - a) Defined by yellow lines and/or identified by yellow stakes.
 - b) When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin.
 - c) When water hazards are bounded by out bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.
- 14) Lateral Water Hazards**
 - a) Defined by red lines and/or identified by red stakes. When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin.
 - b) When a lateral water hazard is defined only one side, its margin is deemed to extend infinitely.
 - c) When lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.
- 15) Loose Impediment**

Rule 23 - shall include wood chips and mulch.
- 16) Ground Under Repair**

Defined by white lines. French drains and fire ant mounds are ground under repair areas.

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- 17) Sodded Areas**
 - a) Relief may be taken from sodded areas if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam.
 - b) A player may also take relief if the intended area of their swing may be interfered by a sod seam. They player shall drop the ball as near to where it originally lay, which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.
- 18) Roads and Paths – White Lines**

White-lined areas tying into roads or paths have the same status as the roads or paths, that of obstructions.
- 19) Automotive Transportation**
 - a) Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players shall not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round.
 - b) Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.
- 20) Discontinuance of Play**

When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in the group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.
- 21) Distance-Measuring Devices:**
 - a) For all KHSAA postseason competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device measuring distance only.
 - b) If, during a stipulated round, a player uses any other function that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient/slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is 2 strokes for the first offense, and disqualification for any subsequent offense.

NOTE: The restriction on the use of distance-measuring devices that are capable of measuring anything but distance will be reiterated in the published instructions and KHSAA hard card, and golfers are directed to not use any restricted function of the device while they are on the course.

 - c) Helpful information concerning the use of these devices can be found on the KHSAA website at <http://khsaa.org/golf/> under General Information.
 - d) For all regular season competition involving KHSAA member schools, host facilities are permitted to address the permissive or restrictive use of distance measuring devices, but are not permitted to allow any function of a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient/slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.).

NOTE: Tournament directors are encouraged to take all preventive steps possible including notification to coaches and players to prevent violation, but failure to issue such notice shall not constitute a waiver of the restriction.
- 22) Communication Devices:**
 - a) For all KHSAA postseason competition, voice communication devices (including all types of cell phones, two-way radios, and other devices) may not be turned on or used by a player, his side or caddie during any stipulated round or match.
 - b) If used during a round or match, for anything other than at the direction of tournament management or a life or health and safety threatening emergency, the player is in breach of Rule 33-7, for which the penalty is: 1st Offense, Warning, 2nd Offense, Disqualification for serious breach of etiquette.

NOTE: The restriction on the use of voice communication devices will be reiterated in the published instructions and KHSAA hard card, and golfers directed to ensure that if the device is in the bag of the golfer for use at the direction of tournament management or in an emergency, it remain in an off position and available solely for use in the case of an actual emergency.

 - c) For all regular season competition involving KHSAA member schools, host facilities are encouraged to address the permissive or restrictive use of communication devices, but are not permitted to allow any communication device during play unless it is at the direction of tournament management or a life or health and safety threatening emergency.

NOTE: Tournament directors are encouraged to take all preventive steps possible including notification to coaches and players to prevent violation, but failure to issue such notice shall not constitute a waiver of the restriction.
- 23) Ball Accidentally Moved By The Player On The Putting Green**
 - a) When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.
 - b) The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.
 - c) This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.
- 24) KGA Rules Help Line (800-254-2742)**

FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE COACHING ADVICE RULE IN REGARD TO PENALTIES, PLEASE REFER TO THE COMPETITION RULES.

