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School Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches:

Congratulations on your school and student-athletes advancing to the 2023 MPSSAA State Golf Championships. As we prepare for next week’s championship rounds, the State Golf Committee would like to provide you with some important information and points of emphasis for the tournament.

STATE TOURNAMENT TIME SCHEDULE

The Maryland State Golf Tournament will tee off at **9:00 a.m. on October 23, 24, 25.** Please see the adjusted schedule.

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| Driving Range Opens..... | 7:00 |
| Coaches Registration | 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. |
| Coaches Scorers/Meeting | 8:15 a.m. |
| Driving Range/Putting Range Closed | 8:25 a.m. |
| Players Meeting/Instructions | 8:30 a.m. |
| Shotgun Start | 9:00 a.m. |

Driving Range

- Each player will be allotted a small or medium basket of balls for the driving range that can only be purchased in the pro shop for \$3.00 for a small or \$7.00 for a medium.
- Driving range assignments will be on the MPSSAA Golf Central webpage as well as posted on the wall inside the club house just outside of the pro shop.

Registration

- Coaches must check in around the back of the club house outside the pro shop by the practice green.
- **All coaches** in attendance will be given an assignment to assist with conducting the state tournament. Coaches may want to bring a chair as some coaches will be assigned to marshall. Re-designating assigned duties without prior approval of the State Golf Committee is subject to “misconduct detrimental to the tournament” and its penalties as found in the MPSSAA Handbook.

Scorers and Marshals for the Tournament

Coaches will be assigned to accompany participants to score and serve as markers during competition or marshal select areas on the course during each round of the tournament.

1. Accompany in an assigned cart to an assigned group around the course.
2. Forecaddie each hole played by the assigned group.
3. Record all strokes for each competitor playing with the assigned group.
4. Record hole by hole scoring in the Golf Genius app for unofficial scoring. All coaches should download the app on their phones prior to the tournament.
5. Marshal parents, spectators and any media who are following behind the group.
6. Submit a completed and signed score sheet at the conclusion of each round to the scoring area.

A coaches meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. each morning prior to competition on the patio above the University of Maryland Golf Team Offices. All coaches are required to attend this meeting. Scoring and marshal assignments will be provided at registration and again after the coaches meeting.

MPSSAA will provide a scorecard and golf cart to each Coach serving as a scorer. Each coach scoring or working as a marshal will receive a lunch. Coaches are advised to bring the following items to the MPSSAA Golf Championships:

- Extra pencils with erasers.
- Appropriate outerwear to protect against the elements.
- A chair to use if assigned a location to marshal during the round.

Refusal on the part of a Coach to score or marshal the day of the competition or re-designate assigned duties without prior approval of the State Golf Committee is subject to “misconduct detrimental to the tournament” and its penalties as found in the MPSSAA Handbook.

Golf Carts

- **Golf carts** will be provided for scorers. Spectators may purchase one cart per person on a first come basis.

During Tournament Play

- All participants and spectators are subject to the rules and regulations of the University of Maryland Golf Course and the MPSSAA.
- The MPSSAA State Golf Championships are an extension of the educational day. All local school system rules as well as MPSSAA rules regarding the use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, and alcohol are to be followed at all times.
- Spectators are restricted to the cart path and must remain off all fairways and greens.
- All food and drinks for participants must be distributed through the official scorer. Coaches or parents may not directly provide participants with any items during tournament competition.

- Coaches, parents, students, and/or spectators are prohibited from providing direct or indirect advice to players, scorers, and tournament officials throughout the tournament. Failure to comply may result in player disqualification and/or restricting the offending spectator to the clubhouse.
- Distance measuring devices, including portable electronic devices, are allowed and permitted to be shared with other competitors.
- Participants may not ride on golf carts to their opening tee or back to the clubhouse after completing their round.
- The use of a caddie or motorized golf cart is not permitted, unless approved for special accommodations by MPSSAA. Non-motorized push carts will not be available for rent at the state tournament.
- Pace of Play – The MPSSAA State Golf Committee reserves the right to time a group whenever the Committee deems the group to be out of position. Players should also be aware that under USGA Rule 5.6, the Committee may assess a penalty to a player in a group which is out of position if that player makes no effort to help the player’s group get back into position, e.g., such as when a player unduly delays play between shots.
- Regularly confirm scores after each hole with the scorer.

Post round of play

- *After each round scorers and all participants of each group must report to the scoring area to confirm and sign cards.*
- Scorers return carts to the same location where they were picked up.

Congratulations to the 2023 District Golf Champions

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| District 1 - South Carroll | Urbana |
| District 2 - Poolesville | Winston Churchill |
| District 3 - | Eleanor Roosevelt |
| District 4 - La Plata | Leonardtown |
| District 5 - Glenelg | River Hill |
| District 6 - Hereford | Towson |
| District 7 - North Harford | Bel Air |
| District 8 - Stephen Decatur | |