

MPA HIGH SCHOOL HEAD GOLF COACHES EXAM

The MPA Golf Committee requires all senior high school varsity head golf coaches to satisfactorily complete an “open-book” exam over the contents of the Golf Manual.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please study and answer the following questions. Questions are True, False; mark “T” for True and “F” for False. Please retain the questions for further study.

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1. A high school golfer shall participate in no more than eight (8) semesters during his/her high school career.
2. On days when school time is used, start times at 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. is recommended.

ATTIRE

3. Appropriate attire must be worn in the playing area at all times, including the awards presentation.
4. A manufacturer’s logo/trademark (i.e., a Nike symbol) may not be worn by a golfer on their clothing.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

5. Unless permission is given by the MPA, participants may not be in possession of or use cell phones or electronic communication devices during competition.
6. Penalty for golfers in possession of cell phone during competition without permission from MPA is disqualification.

CADDIES AND MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS

7. Unless permission is given by the MPA, no golfer may ride in a golf cart.
8. Coaches may use golf carts during regular season competition while coaching/supervising golfers.
9. Players may not use pull carts.

MPA RULES & REGULATIONS

10. During the school year season a player may participate in an outside tournament as part of a four person scramble.
11. Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quads or smaller events as possible.
12. A student golfer may take a private lesson during their school season.
13. A student who is enrolled at the start of the season must be a member of the squad for the majority of the scheduled varsity contests in order to be eligible for post-season competition
14. A student who receives pay for participation in athletics is ineligible in that sport.
15. During the school year, a coach may only be involved with their athletes in a sport during the season of sport.
16. Players receiving advice on the course from anyone other than their coach at the prescribed time, will be given a warning.

COACHES; COACHING DURING COMPETITION

17. If coaches want to give “advice” on the course they must wear a coach identification (ID) badge.
18. One head coach will be allowed to coach/give advice during a stipulated round.
19. Coaches will not use tobacco products while directly involved in interscholastic activities.

CARE OF COURSE, COURSE RULES

20. Players do not need to rake bunkers after hitting out of them or walking through them.
21. If the tournament manager & course management deem the course unplayable, they may order a temporary suspension of play.

USGA RULES

22. A ball will be played down (as it lies) unless the club professional rules otherwise.
23. A stroke is any forward movement of the club with the intent of hitting the ball.
24. A ball may not be picked up and cleaned on the putting green.
25. After finishing a hole it is permissible to practice missed putts until the players can make them.
26. USGA Rule 9-1: It is the player's responsibility to know the playing rules.

POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

27. Qualifying results are due to the Regional Tournament directors on the Wednesday before the tournament.
28. Schools may substitute a player(s) listed on their regional entry card no later than noon on Thursday before the tournament.
29. State qualifying teams may change their team members from regional to state.
30. If a team qualifies for state, all five members shall qualify. NOTE: Due to tournament course time constraints and factors of nature that impact the pace of play, schools with qualifying teams are encouraged to send only experienced golfers to the state tournament.
31. The regional and state golf tournaments are conducted in one day and consist of 18 holes of medal play.
32. Ties are broken in the state team tournament by using the 5th score.

WEATHER/SAFETY TIPS

33. All tournament directors are encouraged to have a lightning meter for use the day of the tournament.
34. When lightning is detected in the playing area, players should avoid open areas, water, metal, wire fences, overhead/power lines, isolated trees, elevated ground, maintenance equipment and golf carts.

WHAT ALL GOLFERS SHOULD KNOW

35. Coaches should discuss appropriate attire, conduct/sportsmanship and off-season rules/regulations.
36. Golfers may visit with their parents and other spectators during competition if they want to.
37. Disqualification of a golfer from competition includes, but is not limited to cheating, use of profanity, throwing clubs, and disrespecting the course.

MPA WEBSITE

38. State tournament information, specific to each classification, will be posted on the MPA website 4-6 weeks in advance of the tournament date.

MARKERS

39. Markers are referees and must enforce playing (USGA) rules. They may also offer advice to golfers.

BUNKERS

40. You may ground your club in a bunker.
41. You can take a practice swing and hit sand in the bunker.
42. If you brush the sand with your backswing it is a 2 stroke penalty.
43. You may not remove loose impediments in a bunker if your ball and the loose impediment lie in the same bunker.

RELIEF FROM CART PATHS

44. You are allowed relief if the ball lies in the path or if you have to stand on path.
45. You drop from the nearest point of relief.
46. You measure one club length from that point.

WATER HAZARD OPTIONS

You can do one of three things when your ball comes to rest in a water hazard:

47. Ball is playable – go right ahead and play it without penalty.
48. Running from the hole to the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, you can drop any place on the course on an extension of that line without penalty.
49. Hit from original tee box – stroke and distance.

CORRECT DROP

50. You may face any direction for a drop.

51. Prior to drop – ball must be held at arm's length and shoulder height.

PROVISIONAL BALL

52. The "Provisional Ball" may be invoked when your ball is or may be out of bounds or lost outside a water hazard.

53. You do not need to announce your intention to your competitor(s) that you intend to play a "provisional ball."

NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF

54. In finding the "nearest point of relief" you may cross over, under, or through an obstruction.

Coaches should review the correct procedures for the following:

1. Lost ball and out of bounds.
2. Water hazards and lateral water hazards
3. Obstructions – moveable and unmoveable.
4. ETIQUETTE! Speed of Play!