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Dear Fellow Golf Coach,

It is an honor to be selected to represent fellow golf coaches across Maine on the Maine Principals Association Golf Committee.

My goal is simple....to be a conduit for coaching issues, needs and concerns. To communicate changes in "everything" golf and be a sounding board for those who might not know how to address a certain situation.

For starters, this year is very different than past years. Why?

- The ***Rules of Golf*** have been rewritten and the changes are SIGNIFICANT. Players will look to you to be the expert in the new rules. You don't need to know them all but please know where to look them up. I encourage you to review the following 3-page link and go over it with your team.  
[http://www.mpa.cc/images/pdfs/golf/golf\\_2019\\_rule\\_changes.pdf](http://www.mpa.cc/images/pdfs/golf/golf_2019_rule_changes.pdf)
- Technology is providing opportunities in golf like never before. With the advent of Golf Genius, we can score many league and state championships simultaneously while making communication simpler and more meaningful for coaches, players, parents and fans.

I will be forwarding a quick survey. I know...another survey! **BUT THIS SURVEY IS DIFFERENT**...it's between coaches for coaches and the results will be acted upon! So take 5 and fill it out. Give me your thoughts...and let's get some items on the table! I will send it out next week.

Let me be your voice on the MPA Golf Committee and please introduce yourself anytime. My number is 207-272-2249 and my email is [bbickford@pga.com](mailto:bbickford@pga.com) . I want to hear from you!

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