A meeting of the MPA Golf Committee was held on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Cullen, Jim Leonard, Tim Spear, and Joel Stoneton.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Britt Wolfe.

**LIAISON PRESENT:** Gerry Durgin.

**LIAISON ABSENT:** Dick Browne.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was MOVED (Cullen), SECONDED (Stoneton), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the minutes of November 30, 2018.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The golf correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.

**TEAM QUALIFIERS/QUALIFYING SCORE:** After discussion, on a MOTION by Cullen/Stoneton, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, the following team qualifiers/qualifying score modifications were made for the team championships:

- Any school that shoots a qualifying score in their qualifier will automatically qualify for the team championships regardless if they are in the top 1/3 of teams.
  
  Class A – 335  
  Class B – 340  
  Class C – 345

On a MOTION by Leonard/Stoneton, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED:

- Any school that shoots a qualifying score in their league qualifier higher than the maximum score will not advance to the team championships.

  Class A – 380  
  Class B – 390  
  Class C – 400
INDIVIDUAL GOLFERS WITHOUT A COACH PRESENT: After discussion, on a 
MOTION by Stoneton/Leonard, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, it was decided that 
a recommendation will be made that a $100 fine be established for a school that fails to 
have a coach present with individual athletes.

CLASSIFICATION: After discussion on A MOTION by Leonard/Cullen, and 
UNANIMOUSLY, a 2019-2020 golf classification proposal was developed and will be 
sent to the MPA Classification Committee.

COACHES’ MEETING: Mr. Cullen met with a representative from the golf coaches and 
brought the following back to the committee for discussion.

- **Coaches’ Liaison** – Why is there no coaches’ liaison on the committee? *The 
  committee would welcome a coaches’ liaison and asked that the coaches select a 
  liaison prior to the next meeting.*

- **Dates and Times at Meeting** – Why are the dates and times of the meetings not 
published? *All meetings are open to the public but minutes cannot be posted until 
approved by the committee. This communication should improve with the 
appointment of a coaches’ liaison.*

- **College Coach Representative** – Should a college coaches’ liaison be added to the 
  committee? *After discussion, this idea was not supported.*

- **Rules** – Should there be a mandatory rules seminar for the coaches? *The rule 
  changes for the 2019 season will be available through a link on the MPA Golf 
  Bulletin and a rules video can be provided for coaches.*

- **Coaching** – Coaches requested that they be allowed to coach at any time and that 
  “rules certified” coaches be allowed to assist with basic rules. *After Discussion, the 
  committee did not feel that these changes were necessary and agreed to leave the 
  rules the same.*

- **Tournament Play** – Coaches requested that the committee look at holding the team 
  and individual championships on the same day and that teams be allowed to bring 
  their top six players rather than the top five. They also asked that the committee to 
  look at a later start time, have enough medals available for the entire team, and 
  allow line-up changes to be made until tee time. *After discussion, the committee felt 
  that expanding from five players to six may be possible and that Dick Browne would 
  be contacted to see if Natanis could accommodate the additional players and that a 
  later start time would be discussed at the next meeting. On a MOTION by 
  Stoneton/Leonard, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, two additional medals will 
  be ordered with the expansion from five to six team members participating.*

- **Technology** – Coaches would like to see an expanded use of technology. The 
  committee will continue to look for opportunities to utilize technology during both the 
  team and individual championships.

REVIEW OF BULLETIN: The 2019 MPA Golf Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

- A link to the new rule changes be added to the Golf Bulletin.
- A request for a rules video to be viewed by all coaches will be forwarded on to Mr. 
  Doyan.
OTHER: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business before the committee, it was MOVED (Stoneton), SECONDED (Leonard), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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