

## **RULES & REGULATIONS FOR COACHING (*ADVICE*) IN GOLF COMPETITION**

The KSHSAA Executive Board has voted to allow golf coaches to coach (offer *advice*) to their athletes during all competitions (regular season and post-season), beginning with the 2007-08 school year. The following guidelines will be used:

**1. USGA definition of “*Advice*” must be followed.**

- ▶ “*Advice*” is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke.
- ▶ Information on the Rules or on matters of public information, such as the position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green, is not *advice*.

**2. Coaches may not make rulings on matters of play that are the responsibility of the meet director, tournament committee, or rules officials.**

**3. One (1) Head Coach will be allowed to coach/give *advice* during a stipulated round.**

A school “squad” coach is considered a head coach for that squad (var., jr. var., etc.). During a golfers stipulated round, they may not receive coaching or advice from anyone other than their head coach.

**4. A Coaches Identification (ID) Badge must be worn and visible to the event/tournament manager.**

Schools hosting regular season competitions are responsible to provide Coach ID Badges. The KSHSAA will provide Coach ID Badges for all Regional and State Tournaments.

**5. All Head Coaches must attend the coaches meeting prior to the start of a golf event to receive their ID Badge and be identified by the tournament manager.**

**6. Coaching (*Advice*) may be given from green to tee and at the clubhouse turn.**

A head coach may not coach/give *advice* to their player(s) until all of the golfers in a group have holed-out on a green. All coaching for all golfers in a group will cease when the first golfer in the group steps on the teeing ground of the next hole. In addition, only head coaches may coach/give *advice* to their golfers at the clubhouse turn.

**7. Players must proceed immediately to the next hole without delay.**

A player in violation of USGA Rule 6-7, “Undue Delay” will be assessed a two-stroke penalty for the first offense and disqualified from competition for the second offense.

**8. Coaches may use golf carts during regular season competition while coaching /supervising their players. Due to cart availability, coaches may not use golf carts during post-season tournaments.**

**9. Coaches may not use electronic communication devices to coach/offer advice during competition.**