



## **OVERVIEW OF IMPORTANT RETURN TO PLAY TOPICS**

*This document was updated on September 10, 2020. Over time this document will change – please check back frequently for updates. The first five pages of this document feature easy-to-understand overviews of Fall 2020 COVID-document related guidelines. For more detailed answers, read this entire packet. Fall athletics will not be risk-free, but by following the guidance in this document we all can help mitigate those risks. We also ask that you consider your interactions outside of sports during this season in order to limit the potential for exposure in other portions of your daily routine.*

**PROTOCOL FOR POSITIVE CASES:** A detailed and more complete version of these protocols can be found on page five of this document (“What to Do When Someone Gets Sick”).

1. Contact health department and follow guidance.
2. Close contacts MAY have to quarantine for 14 days – follow health department guidance. “Close contact” is defined as anyone who was less than six feet apart for more than 15 minutes, at any point from two days before symptoms until the time the individual is isolated.
3. Notify all schools, families and officials involved without identifying the person involved.
4. Student, coaches, officials and others at the event but NOT in close contact should be closely monitored for symptoms and may not need testing. Follow health department guidance.
5. Clean the area.

**FACE COVERINGS:** [Facial coverings are covered in detail in the guidance released on Sept. 10.](#) In general, facial coverings are not required for athletes in Cross Country, Golf, Tennis and Swimming & Dive, but are required for athletes in Football, Soccer and Volleyball. Bench personnel are required to wear face coverings at all times – this includes athletes not currently in the game, coaches, managers, trainers, statisticians, media and anyone else on the sideline. It is recommended that game officials wear face coverings, but it is not required when carrying out their duties. Management, school administrators, media and all staff are required to wear face coverings. Spectators are required to wear face coverings.

**REGULAR SEASON TOURNAMENTS, INVITATIONALS, MULTI-TEAM COMPETITIONS:** The following limitations are in place for regular season fall tournaments and invitationals, both home and away. Regular season dual/head-to-head matchups, between multiple levels of two different schools, are not affected.

- Cross Country – maximum of 70 runners are allowed in a race
- Golf – maximum of 72 competitors at an 18-hole site
- Football – two teams at a site
- Soccer – four teams at a site
- Swimming & Diving – four teams at a site
- Tennis – four teams at a site
- Volleyball – four teams at a site

When determining the number of teams present at a tournament, count the school’s varsity team as one team, and its JV team as a second team. The goal is to achieve physical distancing at all possible times; teams not in competition should be provided adequate space, and spectator limitations must be followed. Consider staggered contest and team arrival times to maintain physical distancing. Where two sites/facilities are used, there should not be any crossover competition between the two tournaments.

**SCRIMMAGES:** There are no scrimmages allowed for any sports this fall.

**SPECTATOR LIMITATIONS:** Limitations on spectators are based on the school's Phase in the MI Safe Start Plan, and updated based on Executive Order 176.

**PHASE 4 (Regions 1-5, 7)**

Each participant is allowed two guests for INDOOR sports.

Each participant is allowed two guests for OUTDOOR sports.

**PHASE 5 (Regions 6 & 8)**

Maximum of 250 spectators for INDOOR sports, or 25% of capacity (whichever is smaller)

Maximum of 500 spectators for OUTDOOR sports, or 25% of capacity (whichever is smaller)

Participants are defined as players, managers, coaches, officials and cheerleaders in uniform.

**ENTRANCE/EXIT STRATEGIES:** Consider strategies to prevent groups from gathering at entrances/exits to facilities to limit crossover and contact, including staggering starting/ending times.

**PRE-WORKOUT AND PRE-GAME SCREENING:** All coaches and students should be screened daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to participating, including with a temperature check. This check may take place onsite or be completed and verified prior to arrival onsite (at home, for example). Anyone with a temperature of greater than 100.3 degrees should not participate and be sent home. Responses to screening questions for each person should be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19. These records must be kept confidential. Any person displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should not be allowed to participate, should self-isolate and contact his or her primary care provider or other health-care professional. Continue to remind and insist that coaches and students disclose symptoms so all schools can compete safely. Involve local health departments if positive cases of COVID are discovered. Vulnerable adult individuals should not coach, supervise or participate in any competitions or workouts. School districts will make the decision on vulnerable individuals.

**COVID GAME CANCELLATIONS:** Except for football, any game cancelled because of COVID issues is not considered a forfeit. It is considered a no play provided the contest has not started. For official's payment purposes this is considered an act of God.

**TICKETS:** Schools should strongly consider using a digital ticket or cashless system. Schools must work together to develop a distribution plan for the limited amount of tickets available per game. If a physical ticket is used, each school should consider conducting a pre-sale, with no on-site ticket sales – only tickets, not money, is collected at the event site.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The use of buses is a local school district decision. Cleaning and ability to physical distance should be part of the decision. Schools should also consider length of trips when determining the season schedule. When feasible, consider having parents drive athletes to and from games.

**LOCKER ROOMS:** Home teams are not required to offer locker room access. Visiting teams should arrive dressed and ready to play. Locker room restrooms should be available, and a cleaning schedule should be created.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Have an action plan ready for outdoor sports that go into a weather delay. Determine where teams should go in the case of lightning or thunder.

**FACILITY CLEANING:** Adequate cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all athletic facilities. Prior to an individual or groups of individuals entering a facility, hard surfaces within that facility should be wiped down and sanitized (bleachers, chairs, furniture in meeting rooms, locker rooms, weight room equipment, bathrooms, athletic training room tables, etc.). Individuals should wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before participating in workouts. Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available to individuals as they transfer from place to place.

**CONCESSIONS:** Concessions stands are not allowed at indoor venues. Concession stands may be open with appropriate physical distancing for outdoor venues.

## **BEST PRACTICES FOR NON-ATHLETES – THIS IS NOT SPORT SPECIFIC**

### **Administrators/Host Management**

- Administrators must wear face coverings and practice physical distancing.
- Obtain officials' information in order to trace contacts if necessary. (This information may be accessible through Arbiter.)
- Provide clear instruction to teams in advance of contests about entrance and exit points of the facility.
- At larger spectator events, consider providing volunteers to monitor entrances and spectator seating areas who can promote physical distancing and face coverings.
- When possible, officials and teams should be provided separate bathrooms and/or gathering areas.
- Scorer's Table/Press Box – essential personnel should be 6 feet apart when possible.
- A cordless microphone could be used.
- Cleaning supplies should be available on site with devices sanitized between uses.

### **Coaches**

- Coaches must wear face coverings and practice physical distancing.
- Provide and review NFHS Playing Rule modifications with players and parents.

### **Officials**

- Officials are not required to wear face coverings, but must practice physical distancing.
- Electronic whistles are permitted.
- Officials must come dressed to officiate; a locker room will not be provided.
- Officials should bring their own food and water, and their own pen to sign lineup sheets, scorebooks, etc.
- Officials will not be expected to monitor physical distancing; each person is responsible.

### **Spectators**

- Spectators must wear face coverings and practice physical distancing.
- Entrance and exit protocols, and posted signs by host management must be obeyed.

### **Media Personnel**

- Media must wear face coverings and practice physical distancing.
- Press box/table accommodations should allow for appropriate physical distancing.
- Promote to local media the need to call in advance of the event to secure accommodations.
- Designate locations where photographers may shoot from and enforce it. Make sure photographers are aware of restrictions when they arrive. Photographers must be kept out of team box (football) and bench areas (basketball, volleyball, other sports).
- Limit postgame interviews to open air areas. No locker room access.
- Establish times when the venue will become available to the media and when it will close.



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## Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

### **Precautionary Measures (in addition to other protocols and precautions)**

- Anyone attending or participating in an MHSAA regular season or tournament event should check his/her temperature before arriving. Spectators, participants or personnel displaying COVID-19 symptoms (*e.g., fever, cough or shortness of breath*), or with temperatures of 100.3F or greater, should stay home and consider coronavirus testing if symptoms persist.
- Prior to participation, the COVID-19 athlete/coach monitoring form should be used, which includes five questions plus a temperature check. **NOTE: Athletic Directors should consider requiring similar precautions for game officials.**

### **Protocol for Suspected Cases of COVID-19**

- All schools should have an emergency action plan in place for each site. If a student, coach or official is or becomes sick on site with symptoms of COVID-19, they should be placed in a clearly identified and designated quarantine area with a mask in place until they can be picked up. Staff who are identified to care for students must wear a mask.
- A symptomatic student should be sent home with a parent or designated adult until they have tested negative or have been released from isolation according to the local health department's protocols.
- Students, coaches, and/or officials should be transported by their parent or guardian, emergency contact or ambulance (if clinically unstable) for off-site testing. If an ambulance is called, or someone is being brought to the hospital, there should be an attempt to call the hospital first to alert them that the person may have COVID-19. If a student, coach or official becomes sick, they must not use group transportation to return home.

### **Protocol for Positive Cases of COVID-19**

- The local health department should be contacted by the school for further direction. They likely will initiate contact tracing, following regular public health practices.
- All schools, public and private, must cooperate with the local public health department if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, and collect the contact information for any close contacts (*i.e., individuals less than six feet apart for more than 15 minutes*) of the infected individual from two days before he or she showed symptoms to the time when he or she was last at the event. Close contacts should be quarantined for 14 days at home. Local health officials may identify other contacts who require quarantine.
- Administrators of the schools involved, as well as students/families/officials in attendance, should be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 so there continues to be awareness and close observation of any symptoms. **NOTE: Student communicable disease related information is protected health information. The individual with COVID-19 should not be identified by name to non-family or non-health department officials. Even if a family/student acknowledges and publicly discloses a positive test, school staff and officials must not participate in discussion or acknowledgement of a positive test by identifying a specific student.**
- Students, coaches or officials who were at the event, but not in close contact with a positive case, should continue to be closely monitored for any symptoms of COVID-19. At this time, these individuals are not required to receive testing unless they develop COVID-19 symptoms.
- Areas that were used by the sick person should be closed off and should not be used until after cleaning and disinfecting them (this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area). If possible, cleaning and disinfecting of the area should not occur until at least 24 hours has elapsed. If 24 hours is not feasible, as much time possible should be allowed to pass before cleaning or disinfection occurs.



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Considering all recommendations by the [MISafeSchools Return to School Roadmap](#), [MHSAA Re-Opening Guidelines](#) and the Sports Medicine Advisory Committees, the following are the specific guidelines for Golf:

**The MHSAA/NFHS Guidance For Re-Opening School Sports lists Golf as a low risk sport.**

*Low risk sports can be done with physical distancing or individually with no sharing of equipment or the ability to clean the equipment between use by competitors.*

**Competition and Spectator Limitations**

- 2020 Fall regular season tournament competition limit – no more than 72 competitors at a site.
- No scrimmages allowed.
- Limitations on spectators are based on the school’s Phase in the MI Safe Start Plan, and updated based on Executive Order 176. In Phase 4 schools, each participant is allowed two guests. In Phase 5 schools, a maximum of 500 spectators is allowed or 25% of capacity (whichever is smaller).

**Special Equipment and Facility Considerations for Girls Golf**

Sports Equipment	Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golf Balls</li> <li>• Clubs</li> <li>• Tees</li> <li>• Ball Markers</li> <li>• Bags</li> <li>• Towels</li> <li>• Water Bottles</li> <li>• Scorecards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flags, Pins</li> <li>• Bunker Rakes</li> <li>• Ball Cleaning Devices</li> <li>• Carts</li> <li>• Bathrooms</li> <li>• Warm-Up Areas (Driving Range, Chipping/Putting Green, Practice Bunker)</li> <li>• Clubhouse</li> </ul>

## GIRLS GOLF – Return to Play Guidelines

### **PRACTICE**

- Team Meetings prior to Practice- Observe social distancing/ wearing of face masks recommended.
- Handouts/Rule Books- use of online materials, emails and other electronic communication is recommended
- Hydration/Food, Snacks- All players must provide their own water bottles or drinks and snacks. There is to be no sharing of food or drink. Also, public drinking facilities should not be used. Coaches should not provide food or drink to players.
- Workouts should be conducted in “pods” of students with the same 5-10 (includes coaches and participants) always working out together. This ensures more limited exposure if someone becomes ill.
- When engaging in multiple drills or stations, ensure that players are properly spaced out and there is no congregating of players while waiting to hit or perform drills.
- There must be a minimum distance of 6 feet between each individual at all times.
- There should be no shared athletic equipment (towels, clothing, shoes, rangefinders or specific equipment) between students.
- Do not touch flagsticks, rakes in the bunker or ball cleaning devices during practices unless they are sanitized after contact.
- Players should only touch and use their own golf ball and not touch other players golf balls or equipment.
- Players licking fingers – If a golfer touches their mouth, practice is stopped and the player must sanitize their hands.
- Students should wear their own appropriate clothing (do not share clothing.)
- Individual drills requiring the use of athletic equipment are permissible, but the equipment should be cleaned prior to use by the next individual. Cleaning/ sanitizing supplies should be readily available on site.
- Coach Modeling- Coaches should be great role models for their players and observe all of the stay safe, stay healthy guidelines.
- Player habits – Coaches should work to continue to reinforce safe and healthy habits. This includes staying away from touching their face, social distancing of 6 feet between individuals, and constant hand washing.
- Hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes – Players, coaches, and officials are encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) and/or sanitizing wipes.

### **COMPETITION**

- Field size should not exceed 72 competitors at a course. Player groupings of no more than threesomes are recommended.
- Team issued uniforms, umbrellas, golf bags, competition golf balls, towels, etc. must be sanitized before handing out and if possible, players would be advised to use their own equipment or keep it for the duration of the season.
- Provide clear instruction to teams in advance of contests about entrance and exit points of the facility.
- Provide clear instruction regarding suggested arrival time and protocols for clubhouse, restrooms and practice facilities. When using the restroom, maintain social distancing while waiting and avoid congregating in the rest room.
- Arrivals of participants are not be prior to 30 minutes before tee time (limit practice time).
- Each team is responsible for its own hand sanitizer and its own med kit.
- All players are encouraged to have their own hand sanitizer in addition to what coach has available.
- There is no prohibition on the color of the mask.
- Consideration should be given to limiting or restricting access to driving ranges and putting greens.

- Warm-up facilities-Coaches are responsible for ensuring physical distancing is maintained. Host school should set up practice facilities to ensure physical distancing.
- Range Balls should be sanitized if possible prior to being put on range.
- Coaches carts should be sanitized prior to use and their use may be restricted.
- No gathering points for registration.
- Coaches meeting- It is encouraged that coaches wear a mask and social distancing is set up.
- Coaches coffee and donuts during coaches meeting should not be shared and may have to be eliminated.
- Handouts/Tournament information/ Local rules given to coaches via electronic communication or verbally at the coaches meeting. Team packets may have to be eliminated or reduced.
- Players meetings should be changed and/or cancelled instead relying upon each coach to share tournament information to their players in a physically distanced manner while everyone wears a mask.
- If players meetings do become necessary, face coverings must be worn during any players meeting.
- No pre-match and post-game handshakes/high-fives/fist bumps.
- Consideration should be given to reducing the amount of shuttling between and to holes.
- Consideration should be given to not exchanging scorecards but instead using electronic scoring via cell phone if available. This includes programs like iWanamaker, BirdieFire and Golf Genius to score events. A process for verifying, collecting player and team scores should be determined prior to competition by administration and/or coaches.
- Consideration should be given to alternative end of round procedures to ensure golfers do not congregate.
- Golf equipment – Players should use their own equipment and golf balls. Players should not touch other players equipment or golf balls.
- Course equipment – Players should not touch the flagstick, bunker rakes or ball cleaning devices on the course.
- All players shall bring their own water bottle or drinks. Water bottles must not be shared.
- Public water facilities should NOT be utilized. Bottled water or individual water bottles should be used.
- Use of team coolers is not recommended.

#### **ON COURSE PLAY**

- Only essential personnel are permitted on the course. These are defined as players, coaches, athletic trainers, and officials. All others, i.e., managers, video people, media, photographers, etc. are considered non- essential personnel and are to be in the gallery remaining by the cart path (when present) or remaining at least 25 yards from the players.
- Shotgun starts are allowed with strict social distancing and staging that eliminates the potential for large gatherings. Alternative tee time starts are still recommended.
- Gatherings no larger than 72 players may be held, though it is recommended to keep these gatherings to a minimum. (ex. scoreboard area, clubhouse, registration, etc.).
- Award ceremonies may have to be modified or eliminated. No gathering points for awards ceremony. Functions may be held following physical distancing protocol and local guidelines.

#### **GIRLS GOLF – USGA/PGA Playing Rule Modifications**

- Follow the USGA Back2Golf Operations Playbook and PGA Jr. League Guidelines:
  - USGA Back2Golf Operations Playbook - <https://www.usga.org/course-care/covid-19-resource-center.html>
  - PGA Jr. League Guidelines - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQ1oEw931iYxsVlBfmUtqcrOSTvlq2LX3ECgOyTSYADFFtEF0RATa5segvSi\\_zf4MchVFVpFxFx51D/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQ1oEw931iYxsVlBfmUtqcrOSTvlq2LX3ECgOyTSYADFFtEF0RATa5segvSi_zf4MchVFVpFxFx51D/pub)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING GIRLS GOLF RETURN TO PLAY GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

**Updated 8/28/20**

### **How many spectators are allowed at a Golf match?**

*By Executive Order, outdoor competition in Regions 1-5 and 7 may have 100 people present. For all outdoor sports, including Golf, the total numbers of people allowed to be present include all participants, officials, school and game personnel, media and fans.*

*By Executive Order, outdoor competition in Regions 6 and 8 may have up to 500 people present. For all outdoor sports, including Golf, the total number of people allowed to be present include all participants, officials, school and game personnel, media and fans.*

### **Do you have any other information on iWanamaker and how do I get my team registered?**

Registering as a golf coach, AD, golfer or spectator is done with the MHSAA Golf (not the iWanamaker) app from the app store. ADs, Coaches and Golfers are added automatically to their respective schools when they get the MHSAA Golf app from the app store. During the registration process you will be added with the appropriate permissions based on your user type.

After you register using the MHSAA Golf App you will go

to <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/c2fb22ee/DOMCuxqWPESHnQIKCDEng?u=https://iwanamaker.com/> to manage your schedule and roster. To navigate to your school you can click on LEAGUES then Michigan High School Athletic Association then find your school. You can also click on your school under the heading labeled "Your Teams". We highly recommend you watch the first 4 video tutorials by clicking on HELP to learn how to navigate and use the platform.

Please refer to the documents below for additional information and feel free to forward these links to all those involved with golf at your school and email us with any questions. If you have already installed the IHSA Golf app and are still having difficulties please contact iWanamaker support.

[MHSAA iWanamaker Top 10 for Coaches](#)

[MHSAA iWanamaker Coaches manual](#)

[MHSAA iWanamaker Ticket Information](#)

[MHSAA iWanamaker Golf Follower Script](#)

**Updated 8/13/20 – Please check the following documents for continued updates regarding Girls Golf**

**Full Return to Girls Golf guidance document:** <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20GGF.pdf>

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**Up to 72 competitors are allowed in an 18 hole match, yet the guidance recommends threesomes be used – the numbers don't add up, how does this work for matches?** The regulation allows for up to 72 competitors in a golf match, it does not say that you have to go all the way to 72 competitors for an 18 hole match or 36 for a 9 hole match. In fact, the recommendation is to start with a Dual match, not an invite. Consider using no more than threesomes when you start matches as a way to responsibly get back into golf and keep numbers of participants small and manageable in your groupings. Start small, grow from there.

**Can we have a Golf invitational AND conduct it the same way that we have done it in the past?** The short answer is NO. Start with a **DUAL MATCH** first and build from there. What has helped in answering this question is a mindset switch that needs to occur. We

need to operate from the standpoint that we do not have school sponsored girls golf at this time. We have nothing, but want to build on that to get to something using common sense, care and caution. Start with a dual match and build from there, not from an invite working backwards. The spirit and intent of the rule is important to consider when planning. Everyone needs to be responsible in order for us to come back to Girls HS Golf. There is not a specific restriction on invitationals, but the strong recommendation is NOT to conduct them early on in the season. The guidance is very clear that there are to be no large-scale events and we must use caution instead of just thinking we are back to normal. We are not!

**There is not a mention of the MHSAA Girls Golf Regional or Finals in the document. What is the plan for those events?**

MHSAA tournaments including Regionals and Finals for Girls Golf was purposefully left out of this initial document and plan. By design, the focus of these documents is on the start of the regular season for schools, administrators, coaches and athletes. MHSAA Girls Golf Regionals and Finals are being planned. What they will look like is still a decision to be made. The desire of the MHSAA is to have these events as a culmination of the season. If we resume our regular season in a safe way and show that Girls Golf can be conducted responsibly with care and caution it is much more likely that a postseason will occur.

**We have a match scheduled for Aug. 19. Can we compete in this?**

As of today, this is the plan. August 19<sup>th</sup> is the first allowed date of MHSAA Girls Golf competition. Competition is an individual school and team decision made in the best interests of the students involved by the school district. As with all other aspects of our lives during this time, this is contingent on the plan being followed and subject to change including changes to the MHSAA status of sports. The MHSAA Representative Council continues to meet and will continue to provide guidance. Stay tuned to MHSAA.com for further updates.

**How do we handle food for players during a match?** The guidance states that team coolers should not be used and the sharing of food or drink is not be allowed. This guidance needs to be followed. The traditional team coolers or food bags that are shared need to be discontinued in golf this fall. This contradicts the best known health and safety protocols. Some suggestions include to individually place a player specific food bag for each player at spots on the course or at the turn or have a player bring their own cooler to keep drinks and food cold for their own consumption. Prepackaged individual food packages or commercially prepared food could also be an alternative if done individually.

**How many spectators can come to events and matches, and does that number include participants, coaches, workers and officials?** As of this date, this is an unknown. We are seeking clarification from the Governor's office as the current guidance is not clear as to the exact number or who is included in that number (participants, coaches, workers, officials, etc.) Please stay tuned for this important update that will be forthcoming. It is our recommendation that as of today, you make plans to not allow spectators at your Girls Golf events to ensure that you will be able to participate.

**The MHSAA Golf Guidance document recommends using electronic scoring – what are some programs we should be considering?**

There are several different companies that provide online options for scoring, statistics and live updates and you are free to use whatever one works for you, your school and your league. The MHSAA has begun work with the iWanamaker <https://iwanamaker.com/> platform and their associated MHSAA Golf app they have developed for the MHSAA. Please feel free to email [support@iwanamaker.com](mailto:support@iwanamaker.com) with any question you might have and how to get started with this program. Here are some links if you have questions about the software.

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**Do coaches need to wear masks at all times while on the course at a match?** The short answer is YES. Masks and facial coverings are required for all non-players associated with a golf match or competition. There is some common sense that needs to come into play as well. If a coach is alone with no one near them watching a golfer from a safe distance and takes his or her mask off that would not be considered a violation of this policy. Again, common sense should rule in these uncertain times. If a coach does not feel that they can coach with a mask on or follow this requirement, then one should consider not attending that match or competition.

**The guidance document recommends not touching flagsticks, rakes in the bunker or ball cleaning devices during practice or during a round of play unless they have been sanitized, how do we handle potential issues regarding these objects during a round?** Each can be determined individually and locally. For example, flagsticks can be sanitized prior to a high school match by golf course personnel or the school in charge of the event as an additional precaution. Flagsticks can also be mandated to not be touched and must be left in place. Hand sanitizer will need to be available for players in either case. Rakes in the bunker that may have to be moved, may need a ruling. Local rules allow a school, league or invite to determine how they will play hazards when it comes to hazards not being raked or if there is not a rake. Local rules also can be used to adjust for holes that have "Styrofoam, pool noodles or other items in the hole". In all case, care, caution and common sense should be used to ensure player and field safety.

