GOLF

SPECTATOR RULES

- **All spectators are required to behave in a manner that reflects the standards, traditions, and sportsmanship associated with the sport of golf.**
- **Ringers on electronic devices must be turned off.**
- **Smoking or any other use of tobacco and alcohol is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events.**

No Advice:

- Spectators may not give advice to players at any time during play. **This includes communicating with players electronically while they are on the course during competition.**
- Players are not allowed to ask spectators for advice.

Penalties for Violations:

- Giving or receiving advice will result in penalties *to the player* under MHSAA & USGA Rules & spectators who violate these guidelines will be asked to leave by tournament officials & the school's administration will be notified.

Keep a Safe Distance:

- **Spectators must remain on cart paths or in the rough & must maintain a minimum distance of 25 yards from all players while observing play – this applies from the teeing area through the putting green.**

Helping Locate Golf Balls:

- Spectators are **encouraged** to help locate golf balls but should not intentionally touch or move a ball.
- A spectator may ask, "What type of ball are you playing?" to assist with the search.
- When a ball is found, simply point it out and allow the player to identify it.
- Once identified, spectators must clear the area (25 yards away) and allow the player to proceed without further assistance or advice.

Encouragement:

- General encouragement (such as applause or positive support) is welcome.
- No direct communication with players during play.

At the Turn:

- Spectators or family members may have brief, appropriate communication with players.
- This is limited to non-golf topics and must not include advice related to play (per Rule 10.2a).

Thank you for helping maintain a positive championship atmosphere!