

Scoring, Attesting, and Coaching Suggestions

by MIGCA Executive Board

Summary

- Use iWanamaker/MHSAA Golf App for all varsity and junior varsity events.
- Read the Player Scoring Responsibilities Statement to players at all events.
- Players must attest the rounds using the MHSAA Golf App with a coach at the completion of the players' round. Players are to confirm that the hole-by-hole scores in the MHSAA App are accurate before attesting.
- 2 Coaches make sure the coaches are aware that the 2nd Coach's main responsibility (set by the MHSAA) is to help with the accuracy of scoring.
- Coaches should be counting strokes and verifying that the correct scores are entered throughout the tournament.

1. iWanamaker / MHSAA Golf App

- Must be used in all matches, events, and tournaments, including scrimmages, by varsity and sub-varsity teams
- Please contact the MIGCA Executive Board if you are aware of an event that did not use the MHSAA Golf App.

2. Player Meeting

- Player Scoring Responsibilities Statement - (read this to all players; parts of this are from the MHSAA):

All players in the (MHSAA) Tournament are responsible for the accuracy of their own score and that of the player(s) for which they are scoring. Players who record false scores for themselves, knowingly allow other members of their group to record false scores, or violate USGA rules, are subject to penalty and/or disqualification. This means that you are to be honest about your scores and the scores of your competitor. Golf is a game of Honesty, Integrity, and Respect, Playing by the Rules, Good Sportsmanship and Friendship.

- At the end of each hole, the scorer should tell their competitor what score they had on their hole. Specifically, the scorer should NOT ask what score they had. If there are any disagreements with the number of strokes, the player and scorer should count back the number and location of each shot. All questions on number of strokes shall be settled before starting play on next hole (MHSAA Guideline). Score must be verified in the MHSAA Golf App before the first tee shot is made on the next hole (MHSAA

Guideline). If a group cannot come to an agreement on the number of strokes, then a coach or referee must be called before teeing off on the next hole. Players are to also attest their scores accurately before teeing off on the next hole. No changes should be made on any scorecard after those players have teed off on the following holes. If a mistake was found after teeing off, the players are to call a coach and/or referee to explain why the score was not accurately entered and not accurately attested. This is to keep players from changing scores 3-4 holes later where the accuracy of the score could be in question.

- At the End of the round, all players are to report to a scoring area with their playing group to attest their complete round using the MHSAA Golf App with a coach.
- Coaches & players should verify that all hole scores are correct. Players can click on their name in the MHSAA Golf App and it will show all their hole-by-hole scores and total.
- Coaches should ask if a 2nd ball was played.
- Coaches should ask if there were any rules questions.
- In the MHSAA Golf App-Players should then press the button “Attest: Touch to Sign Your Scorecard”. This equates to signing their scorecard. If they don’t Attest using the MHSAA Golf App,, the player is subject to Disqualification.

3. **Coaches Meeting:**

- Read the Player Scoring Responsibility Statement so coaches can make sure they inform their players (see above).
- Ask that each coach observe strokes and check on the app or listen at the end of the hole for at least 3 holes to help with the accuracy of the scores being recorded.
- Remind coaches of the 2021 MHSAA Advisory Committee's decision on the 2nd Coach: "The 2nd coach's primary responsibility will be checking in with players regarding scores". Refer to the complete decision below. You may even go as far as to say that the 2nd coach's responsibility isn't actually coaching their players and the 2nd coach must be school approved and have taken the MHSAA Golf Rules test.

From the MHSAA Golf Advisory Committee from 2021 - The committee discussed at length scoring integrity and continues to believe strongly that coach involvement is the key to solving this dilemma. The committee recommended that each MHSAA golf program be allowed to have two “school approved” coaches at the MHSAA tournament. This increase from one allowed school coach was met with some trepidation among committee members who feel it may be abused but the committee sentiment is that involving more coaches’ eyes on scores will help with scoring integrity and violations of having non-approved coaches will result in loss of all coaching privileges. The extra coaches’ primary responsibility will be checking in with players regarding scores, iWanamaker usage and with players on the protocols associated with scoring a round.

Additional coaches will need to be school approved, and names placed upon the official MHSAA roster upon tournament entry. A lanyard or wristband will identify all coaches to ensure compliance. Coaches' carts will be provided with the entry fee into Finals to ensure coaches get on the course and "check in" with players. These additional steps for coaches were approved by committee for MHSAA tournament play.