

2020 Kentucky High School Golf Guidance from Golf House Kentucky

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AMENDMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL / MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

The following amendments are recommendations specific to high school and middle school team competitions only. COVID-19 Tournament Protocols are in effect for all match and invitational competitions except as noted below. Ultimately, KHSAA is the governing body for high school athletic sports and will outline and identify conditions and rules of competition.

- Tee times may consist of an entire 5-player team. The coach will accompany the team, maintaining social distance, and keep score for each player. The coach will attest the scorecard for all players and return the card to the scoring area upon completion of play.
 - Teams have commuted to the event together and would not be paired with players from other regions of the state. Collegiate events are strongly considering this pairing option for their events this fall.
 - If the team competes together, tee times intervals should be at a minimum of 12 minutes.
 - ***** (See All State Addendum - THIS WILL NOT BE AN ALLOWED OPTION IF A TOURNAMENT IS AWARDING ALL STATE POINTS) *****
- Tournament notices, including Rules of Play, starting assignments, etc., should be emailed to coaches in advance of the event. Coaches should provide copies of tournament notices to players prior to the start of play.
 - Scorecards will be distributed to the coaches once on site, for distribution to the players. Scorecards will be given to the player keeping score to reduce the need for exchanging of cards. For example, if player A is keeping score for player B, the coach of player A will give player A the scorecard for player B prior to starting the round.
- It is recommended ties be recognized as ties and not played off for final placings, including ties for first place (team and medal play). This will eliminate the potential for congregation of people and large numbers playing / following any playoff. If a tie must be broken, it is recommended to follow the USGA Rules of Golf recommendation for breaking ties.
- Per Golf House protocols as of August 3, 2020, these are the minimum required times between tee times for competitions.

Threesomes must be a minimum of 12 minutes apart.

Foursomes must be a minimum of 15 minutes apart.

*****These are as of August 3, 2020 but can be updated by Golf House should conditions change.*****

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are shotgun starts permitted?
 - o Shotgun starts are not permitted at this time for high school events. If one takes place, there are extensive restrictions around social distancing requirements, practice tee space allocations, points of congregation, and field limitations. Because of the guidelines on group gatherings, that would include no more than 50 total people, including players, coaches, tournament staff and spectators. This would likely limit a spaced shotgun start to about 5-6 teams. Please refer to executive orders issued by the Governor on social distancing and congregation of people.
2. Are double tee starts permitted?
 - a. Double tee starts may be permitted under social distancing and state issued guidelines. Please refer to those guidelines to ensure compliance if you are considering a double tee start.

Kentucky All State Golf Tournament Addendum for 2020 due to COVID-19

1. For 2020, the All State Committee has approved a change in the points structure:

Tier 1	60 players	Tier 3	40 players
Tier 2	50 players	Tier 4	Below 40 players
2. For 2020, there will be no playoffs held for first place or any other places. All ties will receive the same number of points for invitational tournaments.
3. *****To receive All State Points, a tournament MUST use groups of no more than 4 players, and players CANNOT be all from the same team. Care should be taken to avoid having multiple players from the same team in a grouping. Note that this is different from the Golf House Policy above. *****
4. An additional requirement for reporting All State Points will be a copy of the tee times and groups utilized by the invitational tournament. This must be provided with the scores and All State reporting form.
5. **Flag sticks must remain in the hole at all times and not be removed. Hosts should make certain that pool noodles are removed from the holes before play begins, and all shots must be holed in order to count.**
6. **There can be no alterations for the tournament to allow a supplemental rule for a ball striking the flagstick and bouncing off to be counted as holed.**
7. **There are no alterations allowed for not playing out of bounds as stated in the Rules of Golf.**
8. Spectators still need to remain 30 yards from players.
9. Scoring should use social distancing and large gatherings around the scoreboard should be avoided. Scorecards should not change hands repeatedly.
10. Tournament host is not responsible for taking temperatures for participants. This is the responsibility of the coach of each team.
11. **Any invitational found to be disregarding the Golf House Protocols or the changes listed here will not be granted All State Points for the tournament. If this happens, the All State Committee will notify the tournament host, and will refer any questions about this to that host.**

12. Note that this is not an exhaustive list, and additional protocols may be added to help prevent the spread of the virus. Even when taking precautions, there will still be a risk of transmission, and everyone should stay vigilant about the health of their student athletes. Also, remember that the situation with COVID-19 is rapidly changing, and these recommendations may be updated as needed. Please keep up with the latest recommendations from the CDC and your local health officials.