

Clarification on COVID-19 High School Golf Policies

1. KHSAA Board adopted the guidances that were being used by Golf House of Kentucky when golf was given the approval of beginning play.
2. Golf House Kentucky did not write these protocols for the KHSAA, but for the tournaments they were conducting for amateur and junior programs.
3. In order to assist in clarifying policies that would pertain to high school golf, the Kentucky Golf Coaches Association worked with Golf House Kentucky to find policies that would more closely fit with high school invitational tournaments, and could be used for tournaments earning All State Points.
4. The Tee Time requirements are those which are currently being used by Golf House Kentucky, and the KHSAA has told us that events under the KHSAA must follow the Golf House protocols in order to be a sanctioned event. Golf House did not set these times for high school, but for their own events. However, because the KHSAA has stated that the protocols Golf House Kentucky is using for their golf events, those times are what high schools are to follow in order to be sanctioned under the KHSAA.
5. The coaches association (KGCA) has been sending these updates out as we have been able to respond quickly, while the KHSAA is finalizing guidance to send out to schools and coaches regarding golf rules and regulations for this year due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19.
6. The final authority for all rules regarding high school golf is the KHSAA. Golf House has only been utilized by KHSAA for this. Again, the framework of the Golf House protocols is for their own tournament play, including Professional, Amateur and Junior tournaments. These were not written for the large numbers found in some high school events which normally used shotgun starts for the large fields.
7. The request for tee times for All State Points tournaments to be counted was made to ensure that the events were in compliance with KHSAA mandates in order to be a sanctioned high school event. This was not a Golf House decision.
8. Both the KGCA and Golf House are working to make sure that all events held for high school golf stay sanctioned by KHSAA, and the KGCA has done its best to communicate updates to coaches and tournament hosts as soon as we receive new information and updates.
9. All three groups, the KHSAA, Golf House Kentucky and the KCGA are working to make sure that golf and golf competitions can continue to be played in the current circumstances.
10. Any questions about following the protocols should be addressed to the KHSAA, as they are responsible for high school golf rules in the state. Golf House Kentucky is not writing these protocols to oversee the high schools. And the KGCA is making sure its members are following the requirements the KHSAA has stated will govern golf play during the season at this time.