

KCAA Golf Guidelines for Athletic Directors, Coaches, and Players

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It is the responsibility of coaches to teach their players the Rules of Golf.

- KCAA uses the USGA Rules of Golf (as do the KHSAA and NFHS)

It is the responsibility of players to apply the Rules to themselves during tournament play.

Play **READY GOLF!** but do not stand directly in front of other players in your group that are behind you.

Limit searching for a “lost” ball to 3 minutes. If in a hazard area, play a second ball near the point of entry and no closer to the hole, take a stroke penalty. If lost in a fairway or rough area and unfound, player should return to the location they hit from, take a stroke penalty, and re-hit the shot.

Players may play the ball “up”, lift, clean, and place ball only within a scorecard length distance from original lie but no closer to the hole.

Players may seek relief from abnormal course conditions, such as ground under repair or standing water in the fairway following a rain and may use up to one club length in distance from the point of entry but no closer to the hole. Traditional hazards, cart paths, etc. on the course should be played as Rules dictate, please contact a coach for these clarifications if needed.

KCAA will use 9-max scoring system. If after 8 strokes your ball is not in the hole, player is to pick up ball and score a 9 on the hole. Stay with your group until they finish the hole. **DO NOT CONTINUE TAKING STROKES AFTER THE 8TH STROKE ON ANY GIVEN HOLE.**

Players are responsible for keeping the score of a designated opponent on each hole. At the completion of the hole, players should report what they recorded for each other. If there is a discrepancy, they should recount the shots before leaving the putting green.

Before leaving the green, players should return the pin to the hole and help each other not to forget wedges used from a shot prior to putting.

Players are allowed to keep their own score at the bottom of the card they are keeping for their designated opponent.

Players are responsible to ensure the scorecard turned in is legible and has the appropriate signatures.

Players do not need to total the score for the round.

Players may only allow scorecards to be viewed by a coach.

All scorecards must be submitted to the tournament official at the conclusion of play and signing.