

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING GIRLS GOLF RETURN TO PLAY GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

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How many spectators are allowed at a Golf match?

By Executive Order, outdoor competition in Regions 1-5 and 7 may have 100 people present. For all outdoor sports, including Golf, the total numbers of people allowed to be present include all participants, officials, school and game personnel, media and fans.

By Executive Order, outdoor competition in Regions 6 and 8 may have up to 500 people present. For all outdoor sports, including Golf, the total number of people allowed to be present include all participants, officials, school and game personnel, media and fans.

Do you have any other information on iWanamaker and how do I get my team registered?

Registering as a golf coach, AD, golfer or spectator is done with the MHSAA Golf (not the iWanamaker) app from the app store. ADs, Coaches and Golfers are added automatically to their respective schools when they get the MHSAA Golf app from the app store. During the registration process you will be added with the appropriate permissions based on your user type.

After you register using the MHSAA Golf App you will go to <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/c2fb22ee/DOMCuxqWPESHnQIKCDENrg?u=https://iwanamaker.com/> to manage your schedule and roster. To navigate to your school you can click on LEAGUES then Michigan High School Athletic Association then find your school. You can also click on your school under the heading labeled "Your Teams". We highly recommend you watch the first 4 video tutorials by clicking on HELP to learn how to navigate and use the platform.

Please refer to the documents below for additional information and feel free to forward these links to all those involved with golf at your school and email us with any questions. If you have already installed the IHSA Golf app and are still having difficulties please contact iWanamaker support.

[MHSAA iWanamaker Top 10 for Coaches](#)

[MHSAA iWanamaker Coaches manual](#)

[MHSAA iWanamaker Ticket Information](#)

[MHSAA iWanamaker Golf Follower Script](#)

Updated 8/13/20 – Please check the following documents for continued updates regarding Girls Golf

Full Return to Girls Golf guidance document: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20GGF.pdf>

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Up to 72 competitors are allowed in an 18 hole match, yet the guidance recommends threesomes be used – the numbers don't add up, how does this work for matches? The regulation allows for up to 72 competitors in a golf match, it does not say that you have to go all the way to 72 competitors for an 18 hole match or 36 for a 9 hole match. In fact, the recommendation is to start with a Dual match, not an invite. Consider using no more than threesomes when you start matches as a way to responsibly get back into golf and keep numbers of participants small and manageable in your groupings. Start small, grow from there.

Can we have a Golf invitational AND conduct it the same way that we have done it in the past? The short answer is NO. Start with a **DUAL MATCH** first and build from there. What has helped in answering this question is a mindset switch that needs to occur. We

need to operate from the standpoint that we do not have school sponsored girls golf at this time. We have nothing, but want to build on that to get to something using common sense, care and caution. Start with a dual match and build from there, not from an invite working backwards. The spirit and intent of the rule is important to consider when planning. Everyone needs to be responsible in order for us to come back to Girls HS Golf. There is not a specific restriction on invitationals, but the strong recommendation is NOT to conduct them early on in the season. The guidance is very clear that there are to be no large-scale events and we must use caution instead of just thinking we are back to normal. We are not!

There is not a mention of the MHSAA Girls Golf Regional or Finals in the document. What is the plan for those events?

MHSAA tournaments including Regionals and Finals for Girls Golf was purposefully left out of this initial document and plan. By design, the focus of these documents is on the start of the regular season for schools, administrators, coaches and athletes. MHSAA Girls Golf Regionals and Finals are being planned. What they will look like is still a decision to be made. The desire of the MHSAA is to have these events as a culmination of the season. If we resume our regular season in a safe way and show that Girls Golf can be conducted responsibly with care and caution it is much more likely that a postseason will occur.

We have a match scheduled for Aug. 19. Can we compete in this?

As of today, this is the plan. August 19th is the first allowed date of MHSAA Girls Golf competition. Competition is an individual school and team decision made in the best interests of the students involved by the school district. As with all other aspects of our lives during this time, this is contingent on the plan being followed and subject to change including changes to the MHSAA status of sports. The MHSAA Representative Council continues to meet and will continue to provide guidance. Stay tuned to MHSAA.com for further updates.

How do we handle food for players during a match? The guidance states that team coolers should not be used and the sharing of food or drink is not be allowed. This guidance needs to be followed. The traditional team coolers or food bags that are shared need to be discontinued in golf this fall. This contradicts the best known health and safety protocols. Some suggestions include to individually place a player specific food bag for each player at spots on the course or at the turn or have a player bring their own cooler to keep drinks and food cold for their own consumption. Prepackaged individual food packages or commercially prepared food could also be an alternative if done individually.

How many spectators can come to events and matches, and does that number include participants, coaches, workers and officials? As of this date, this is an unknown. We are seeking clarification from the Governor's office as the current guidance is not clear as to the exact number or who is included in that number (participants, coaches, workers, officials, etc.) Please stay tuned for this important update that will be forthcoming. It is our recommendation that as of today, you make plans to not allow spectators at your Girls Golf events to ensure that you will be able to participate.

The MHSAA Golf Guidance document recommends using electronic scoring – what are some programs we should be considering?

There are several different companies that provide online options for scoring, statistics and live updates and you are free to use whatever one works for you, your school and your league. The MHSAA has begun work with the iWanamaker <https://iwanamaker.com/> platform and their associated MHSAA Golf app they have developed for the MHSAA. Please feel free to email support@iwanamaker.com with any question you might have and how to get started with this program. Here are some links if you have questions about the software.

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Do coaches need to wear masks at all times while on the course at a match? The short answer is YES. Masks and facial coverings are required for all non-players associated with a golf match or competition. There is some common sense that needs to come into play as well. If a coach is alone with no one near them watching a golfer from a safe distance and takes his or her mask off that would not be considered a violation of this policy. Again, common sense should rule in these uncertain times. If a coach does not feel that they can coach with a mask on or follow this requirement, then one should consider not attending that match or competition.

The guidance document recommends not touching flagsticks, rakes in the bunker or ball cleaning devices during practice or during a round of play unless they have been sanitized, how do we handle potential issues regarding these objects during a round? Each can be determined individually and locally. For example, flagsticks can be sanitized prior to a high school match by golf course personnel or the school in charge of the event as an additional precaution. Flagsticks can also be mandated to not be touched and must be left in place. Hand sanitizer will need to be available for players in either case. Rakes in the bunker that may have to be moved, may need a ruling. Local rules allow a school, league or invite to determine how they will play hazards when it comes to hazards not being raked or if there is not a rake. Local rules also can be used to adjust for holes that have "Styrofoam, pool noodles or other items in the hole". In all case, care, caution and common sense should be used to ensure player and field safety.