



NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SECTION IX GOLF SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Welcome to a NHIAA Golf Tournament. Due to the physical size of the golf course and general absence of spectator viewing areas at these venues, the following guidelines will help to ensure both an equitable competition for the players and enjoyable viewing for the spectators.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Spectators are there to spectate and should not bring any equipment with them.
- A designated coach may give advice, of short duration, from the tee to the green and during the walk between holes. Once finished, coaches must return immediately to the cart path or rough.
- Coaches may not be on the teeing grounds or enter onto the green(s) at any time.
- Prior to any stroke, the coach must step back away from the player.
- Any violation of the coaching rule will result in the coach losing their privilege to communicate with players for the remainder of the event. Any subsequent violation of this rule will result in a two stroke penalty to the player receiving advice.
- All other school representatives, other coaches, parents, and guardians are considered spectators and are not allowed to give advice and must limit conversations to words of encouragement. Any other types of conversations could be considered advice, which could result in a two stroke penalty.
- Spectators must stay in the cart path or in the rough area. Please remain clear of the fairways, greens and tees.
- Keep a proper distance from the players (30 yard minimum is recommended).
- Do not give advice to any player. Advice is considered any counsel or suggestion, which could influence a player in determining his/her play, choice of club or method of making a stroke. The penalty is two strokes to the team or individual (see above).
- Applause or positive verbal reinforcement (i.e. "nice shot!") is appropriate as long as it is not disruptive to any other play on the course.
- Do not give interpretations on the USGA rules of golf. You may attempt to locate a coach or rules official, if practical. However, in stroke play, when a player is in doubt about a ruling, he/she may play two balls and report the facts to the Rules Committee before returning his/her official scorecard.
- Alcohol, drugs or use of tobacco products are not allowed at any NHIAA event.
- Please refrain from the use of cell phones and audible pagers during play.
- SPECTATOR CARTS ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
 - Accommodations may be made at the discretion of the host coach or tournament direction for spectators with disabilities, if available.
- Always remember that both players and spectators are guests of the host club and that any club rules and/or policies must be adhered to.

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