

KPGA Middle School Championships

Information Sheet for Coaches

Event specifics for the Regional Championship are listed below. Coaches should share this information with players and parents before play begins.

Rules for Players

- Caddies are not allowed.
- Regional competitions consist of 9-holes of stroke play.
- The maximum score is +4 on each hole. When a player reaches that maximum score, they **MUST** pick up and move on to the next hole.
- Players must walk and carry or push their own clubs at all times.
- Player transportation in carts is only allowed to the player's starting hole and after they finish their final hole.
- Pace of play expectations are 2 hours and 15 minutes that includes 12 minutes on Par 3s, 15 minutes on Par 4s, and 18 minutes on Par 5s. Groups should maintain position (seeing next group on hole when reaching teeing ground) with the group in front of them and remain ahead of the pace of play guidelines listed on each scorecard.
- Players will switch scorecards with another player in the group keeping score for the other player on the top portion of the scorecard, and their own score on the "Marker Score" line at the bottom.
- Only designated Rules Officials may give rulings to the participants at the request of the **player**. Players should be taught to ask "What are my options?" when asking designated officials for assistance.
- Players should review the Notice to Competitors for important information about each event including any drop zones, local rules, or special conditions.

Guidelines for Coaches

- Designated coaches must register, obtain, and wear a wristband that is clearly visible to officials on the course.
- Coaches will have the chance to attend a certification class before the Regional and State Championship begins. Certified coaches will be allowed to talk to their players during the play of the hole without interrupting the expected pace of play.
- Non-Certified Coaches may only talk to players between the putting green and the teeing ground on the next hole. Non-Certified Coaches may not coach the players, give advice, or provide rulings during the play of a hole.
- The number of qualifying positions will be posted in the scoring area. All ties for the final qualifying position will advance to the State Championship.

Guidelines for Parents & Spectators

- Parents and spectators must keep their distance from the players by remaining on the cart path and at least 30 yards from the players at all times except when delivering food or drink or assisting with a search for a ball. Once the ball is found, the parents or spectators must leave the area immediately without imparting advice.
- Parents and spectators must be respectful of all competitors during the course of play. They must observe proper etiquette to avoid being a distraction during play. All cell phones should be silenced, and conversations should not interrupt play.
- Parents and spectators may not coach the players, give advice, walk with the players, or provide rulings during play. Parents and spectators should not inject themselves into the competition by attempting to record scores and report penalties.
- Parents and spectators are encouraged to be cheerleaders while focusing on the positives during the round. Comments such as "What are you doing?", "I can't believe you did that!", and "That's not what I told you to do!" have no place during the competition.