

# GOLF

PROPOSAL: Change the state golf tournament to a 2 day 36 hole tournament.

RATIONALE: By having a 2 day tournament, there would be a better chance of the best player and team to win the tournament. A one day tournament has a chance of one average player having a great day and a good player to have a bad day and therefore the better golfer may not win. You would also have, on the second day, players grouped together by score from the previous day and therefore producing better competition on the second day.

SUPPORT: Given choices of a 2 day state tournament, a 1 day 36 hole tournament, a 1 day 27 hole tournament, or not changing the current format, of 118 coaches responding to the survey, having a 2 day state tournament was the first choice 80% of the time.

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PROPOSAL: Give team medals at the regional tournament.

SUPPORT: Of 118 coaches responding to a survey, 91% said that there should be team medals given at the regional tournament.

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PROPOSAL: Allow coaches to play golf socially with their players during the off season.

RATIONALE: In smaller towns and on smaller courses, many times this is hard to avoid. Also in many towns the golf coach is the only person who is able to help any player with their game.

SUPPORT: Of 118 coaches responding to a survey, 84% said that coaches should be allowed to play golf socially with their players.

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PROPOSAL: Markers (someone other than players to keep score) should be used at all state tournaments.

RATIONALE: By using markers at the state tournaments, the chances of stroke shaving and disruptive behavior are smaller. It would also allow each player to concentrate on their own game and not have to worry about counting each players strokes. (With the lower end of the girls tournaments, it is sometimes very difficult to count all the strokes and concentrate on your game.) It would also assure that all strokes are counted and that each player and each team would have an accurate score.

SUPPORT: Of 118 coaches responding to a survey, 77% said that there should be markers at the state tournament.

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PROPOSAL: Establish and enforce a stronger policy on course etiquette, club throwing, inappropriate dress, swearing, etc.

RATIONALE: Golf is a game of honor and integrity. Young players need to learn the proper way to act on the course. By having a guideline to follow and enforce the players would know what is expected and would know that there will be consequences. In the survey, many coaches responded with suggestions, some of which were: a) Have a dress code, mainly wearing collared shirts. b) For breach of etiquette, stroke shaving, club throwing, swearing or inappropriate behavior, first offense - 2 stroke penalty, second offense - disqualification.

Some suggestions of enforcement were: a) Have markers in every group (however this not feasible because finding people to serve as markers for every tournament is nearly impossible). b) Have two or more coaches patrolling the course in golf cart. c) Allowing the coaches to coach their players.

SUPPORT: Of 118 coaches responding to a survey, 85% said that there should be a stronger policy established and enforced.

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The following is a list of proposals to be sent to the state for changes in the sport of golf for the state of Kansas.

Please look them over and let me know of any suggestions.

Thanks,

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