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AGENDA (Minutes begin on next page)

1. Review regular-season competition schedules / formats of play by individual leagues/regions; **3**
2. Review of NIAA Handbook's golf regulations; **4**
 - a. Consideration of mandating one course only for two-day state tournament
 - b. Consideration of eliminating seven-day blackout period for two-day state / region tournaments
3. Review of NIAA golf policy (Reference Manual information); **6**
4. Review of Spectator Waiver; **18**
5. Discussion of establishing Monitor guidelines; **20**
6. Review of a tournament information packet; **21**
7. Discussion of establishing a minimum scoring requirement for post-season tournament qualification (individual handicaps / maximum scoring limit). **31**

I. REGULAR-SEASON COMPETITION SCHEDULES

This information is to assist leagues/regions in the formation of their regular-season schedules and tournament qualifying procedures. As you can see, we have many different formats being used. Obviously, some things work better for some leagues/regions than others based on course availability, loss of school time, etc.

- A. The **2A Northern League** boys & girls and **2A Southern League** boys & girls will play their own full-field, regular-season schedules. There will be little combining now with the 3A leagues; the 2A schools will not factor into the 3A standings. The 2A tournaments have no effect on qualifying for the post-season. All boys teams, in both leagues, qualify for their league championship / state qualifying tournament. All girls teams, as a trial in 2008, advance to the state championship tournament.
- B. The **3A Northern League** boys & girls will play their own full-field, regular-season schedule. The league will NOT conduct a league championship / state qualifying tournament. State qualifying will be based on the team and/or individual stroke averages achieved during those matches.
- C. The **3A Southern League** boys & girls will play their own full-field, regular-season schedule. The tournaments have no effect on qualifying for the post-season. The league will conduct championship / state qualifying tournaments.
- D. The **4A Northern Region** boys & girls will play their own full-field, regular-season schedule. The region is divided into two leagues and will use Nevada Cup point standings to determine its top four teams and top five individuals from non-qualifying teams, per league, for the region championship / state qualifying tournament.
- E. The **4A Sunrise Region** and **Sunset Region** boys & girls will play their own full-field, regular-season schedule. The regions are divided into two leagues and will use qualifying standards (averages and tournament bests) to determine its top eight teams and top 10 individuals from non-qualifying teams, in totality (both leagues combined in a particular region), for the region championship / state qualifying tournament.

II. HANDBOOK REGULATIONS

The Committee has asked that the following items be discussed at the next NIAA Board of Control meeting (October 10, 2008 in Reno):

1. Eliminating or at least modifying the 7-day blackout period / rule for two-day / 36-hole tournaments. Also, the Sunday non-practice rule needs to be clarified for those teams traveling for a Monday-Tuesday state tournament.

2. The allowance of additional team members in the region and state tournament(s) beyond the six team members should those “independent” qualifiers earn a berth in the region tournament. It is possible in the 4A that additional individuals could qualify via Nevada Cup point standings (4A Northern Region) and/or through stroke averages / seasonal bests (4A Sunrise and Sunset regions).

III. REVIEW OF NIAA REFERENCE MANUAL INFORMATION

1. It will be added to boys & girls policy sections and post-season tournament information packets that motorized carts (gas and/or electrically operated) will not be permitted in high school play with the following exceptions: a) carts are allowed for the full field when the golf course necessitates as such; b) shuttling is permitted by the tournament staff; c) appeals are granted by the NIAA in the cases of medical requirements.
2. The Class 4A’s Coaching Regulation will remain the same; the 2A and 3A will not adopt such regulation.
3. Post-season tournament tee times for the Class 4A will reflect a team concept for the first day (or only day). Second-day tee times will be based on individual results from the first day.
4. The individual leagues/regions will be responsible for establishing / determining scoring requirements for post-season qualification. The individual leagues/regions will also have latitude to establish a maximum hole score for regular-season matches. It will, however, remain a requirement that each player finish each hole in post-season tournaments.
5. Nevada high school coaches should be aware of opportunities offered through the Scholastic Golf Coaches Network (www.sgcnc.org).

IV. REVIEW OF NIAA GOLF SPECTATOR WAIVER

The Waiver will include new language to reflect the growing problem with mobile phones (these not allowed).

V. MONITOR GUIDELINES

The NIAA will create a “Monitor Guidelines” sheet to specifically outline what a group monitor can and cannot do to facilitate play.

VI. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PACKETS

Post-season tournament information packets will continue to include the basic information (date, site, directions), tournament schedule, tee times, qualifying procedures, tie-breaking procedures, specific tournament rules, coaching regulations, etc.