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North Carolina High School Athletic Association

Raleigh, N.C. – My office has been made aware of a situation involving the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and a Midway High School golfer. The player and his entire team were disqualified from a tournament after attempting to correct an error on his scorecard. This correction, which would have added one stroke to the player's score and changed nothing about the outcome of the tournament, was deemed a violation of the rules and the entire team suffered for that decision.

In the time since this incident, we have been in contact with Midway High School, the CGA, and the NCHSAA to no avail. The decision to begin the appeals process for such an incident is solely at the school's discretion and I would encourage all the relevant parties to continue working towards a fair resolution. Students deserve an Athletics Association that supports their hard work, determination, and dedication to honesty.

Senator Jackson said, **"High School athletics should be an opportunity to let students compete in a fair environment and learn important values for life. Among them are the importance of honesty and integrity. This decision punishes a student for correcting a mistake and choosing to be honest. The NCHSAA is funded by taxpaying parents and schools and has an obligation to provide support and guidance to players. There is clearly a problem if the Association is more concerned with throwing the rulebook at student-athletes for being honest rather than enriching the experience of students and upholding their mission statement. I am dedicated to supporting student-athletes and hope that situations like this one can be resolved without such harsh and absolute measures."**