

## **GOLF RANGE FINDER SURVEY**

### **DESCRIPTION**

The KHSAA Board of Control received a recommendation from the Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Golf that would allow the use of range finders at the high school level. At the time of the recommendation, Board members expressed concern about the equity, cost and availability of the devices throughout the state, and chose to defer a final decision on the use of range finders until further data could be collected.

Before making a final recommendation to the Board of Control, it is the desire of the Commissioner to determine the feelings of the membership, including elements such as cost and availability. The genesis of the recommendation dealt with improved pace of play as well as potentially having a positive impact on the quality of play. While the Commissioner's Advisory Committee has done a great job of relaying many of the feelings of the constituency as a whole, it is important that all members have input on this particular change. For that reason, we ask that you complete this brief survey.

### **QUESTION ON REGULAR SEASON:**

The KHSAA is considering modifying its hard card of regulations for regular season tournament to allow event organizers the opportunity to allow range finders by high school participants.

Without such modification, local events cannot allow for such usage.

Would you favor this modification to allow local event organizers to make the decision regarding range finders being allowed?

### **QUESTION ON REGION TOURNAMENT**

Would you favor the KHSAA amending the competition rules to allow for the use of range finders by the participants at the KHSAA regional tournaments?

### **QUESTION ON STATE TOURNAMENT**

Would you favor the KHSAA amending the competition rules to allow for the use of range finders by the participants at the State Tournament

Name	Position	School	Regular Season	Comment	Region Tour	Comment	State Tour	Comment
Brent Campbell	Athletic Director	Adair County	No	We think that it would take away from the way the game was meant to be played. My opinion and coach's opinion.	No		No	
Larry D. Maynard	Principal	Allen Central	Yes		Yes		No	
Rick Sallee	Athletic Director	Anderson County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jon Boultinghouse	Athletic Director	Apollo	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Derek Runyon	Principal	Ashland Blazer	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Debbie Beichler	Athletic Director	Atherton	No		No		No	
Chris Kinney	Athletic Director	Ballard	Yes		Yes		Yes	
BOB BLAIR	Athletic Director	Barren County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jeremey Booher	Athletic Director	Bath County	No		No		No	
Suzy Wera	Athletic Director	Beechwood	No		No		No	
Rod Varney	Principal	Belfry	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Dave Eckstein	Principal	Bellevue	Yes		Yes		Yes	
luke wright	Athletic Director	Berea	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Brad Morgan	Athletic Director	Beth Haven	No		No		No	
Ricky Thacker	Athletic Director	Betsy Layne	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jon Smith	Athletic Director	Boone County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
D.G. Sherrill	Athletic Director	Bowling Green	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Rhonda Salisbury	Principal	Boyd County	No		No		No	
Chris LeMonds	Athletic Director	Boyle County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Walt Hildenbrandt	Athletic Director	Breckinridge County	No		No		No	
Chad Luhman	Athletic Director	Bryan Station	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Bob Blackburn	Athletic Director	Bullitt East	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Mike Crawley	Athletic Director	Butler	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Ryan Emmick	Athletic Director	Butler County	No		No		No	
David Barnes	Athletic Director	Caldwell County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
James "Chip" Gray	Athletic Director	Calloway County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jeff Bowers	Athletic Director	Calvary Christian	No		No		No	
Steve Hensley	Athletic Director	Campbell County	No		No		No	
Tim Davis	Athletic Director	Campbellsville	No	Either all tournaments or none.	Yes		Yes	
Brian O'Neill	Athletic Director	Carlisle County	No		No		No	
Paul Stone Jr.	Athletic Director	Carroll County	Yes		Yes		Yes	Knowing the distance only helps with club selection. You still have to swing the club and strike it well to play well.
Victor Black	Athletic Director	Casey County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Nick Stephens	Athletic Director	Caverna	No		No		No	
Chris Bauer	Athletic Director	Central Hardin	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Darin Long	Athletic Director	Christian Academy-Louisville	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Steve Lovelace	Athletic Director	Christian County	Yes		Yes		Yes	

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Billy Hodge	Athletic Director	Christian Fellowship	No	I think allowing organizers to make a decision will cause some to use it other not. This should be one or none.	No	This is a cost problem for players and school. Not all range finders are equal. I think if allowed the KHSAA should decide on one and everyone would have to use it. Not all players and schools can afford these extras.	No	Goes back equality
Robert Nicholson	Athletic Director	Clay County	Yes	If it doesn't slow down play!	No		No	
Mike Beard	Athletic Director	Clinton County	No		No		No	
Mike Zoeller	Athletic Director	Collins	No		No		No	My response is that the pace of play is so slow for high school golf, if the range finders speed up the place of play, then fine, but what I have notice for most is that slows down their pace of play and that would not be a good thing for high school golf
Randy Borchers	Athletic Director	Cooper	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Thom Smith	Athletic Director	Corbin	No		No		No	
Gene Morrison	Athletic Director	Covington Latin	No		No		No	
Angela P. Starnes	Athletic Director	Crittenden County	Yes	Only if range finders will be allowed at the Regional and State Tournaments	Yes		Yes	
Wes Stephens	Athletic Director	Cumberland County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Matt Mason	Principal	Daviess County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Lesley Mills	Athletic Director	Dawson Springs	No		No		No	
Rick Wolf	Principal	Dayton	Yes		Yes		Yes	
rodney.massey	Athletic Director	Deming	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Sam Gilbert	Athletic Director	DeSales	No		No		No	
Matt Wilhoite	Athletic Director	Dixie Heights	No		No		No	
Kevin Salyer	Athletic Director	Doss	Yes		Yes		Yes	
David Zuberer	Athletic Director	DuPont Manual	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Daniel Sandlin	Athletic Director	East Jessamine	Yes		Yes		Yes	
ANTHONY HOWARD	Athletic Director	Eastern	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Brian Alexander	Principal	Edmonson County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Doug Barnes	Athletic Director	Elizabethtown	Yes	Speed play.	Yes	Speed play.	Yes	Speed play.
Zachary Mayse	Principal	Elliott County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
blain click	Principal	Estill County	Yes		Yes		Yes	it speeds up play
Ernest Smith	Athletic Director	Fairdale	No		No		No	

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troy	Principal	Fern Creek	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Patricia Keenan	Athletic Director	Fort Campbell	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jackie Prather	Athletic Director	Fort Knox	No		No		No	
Steven Spadafino	Athletic Director	Fulton County	No		No		No	
Kalem Grasham	Athletic Director	Garrard County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Ryan Nolan	Athletic Director	George Rogers Clark	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Steve Thompson	Athletic Director	Grant County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Doug Gloyd	Athletic Director	Graves County	No		No	This will be an advantage for schools that can afford it. As you know, not all schools can afford devices such as this.	No	This will be an advantage for schools that can afford it. As you know, not all schools can afford devices such as this.
Josh Basham	Athletic Director	Grayson County	No		No		No	
Tim Deaton	Athletic Director	Green County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jerry Allen	Athletic Director	Greenup County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
David Hobbs	Athletic Director	Hancock County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
James B. Donahue	Athletic Director	Harlan	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Fred McCreary	Athletic Director	Harlan County	No		No		No	
Brad Allison	Athletic Director	Harrison County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jerry Taylor	Athletic Director	Hart County	No		No		No	
happy mobelini	Principal	Hazard	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Mary Lee Cooper	Athletic Director	Heath	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Vivian Tomblin	Athletic Director	Henderson County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Amanda Christensen	Athletic Director	Henry Clay	Yes		No		No	
Todd Gilley	Athletic Director	Henry County	Yes		No		No	
Henry Edwards	Athletic Director	Hickman County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
dale mueller	Athletic Director	Highlands	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Anne Julian	Athletic Director	Holy Cross (Covington)	No		No		No	
Jody Thornsberry	Athletic Director	Holy Cross (Louisville)	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Nancy Oldham	Athletic Director	Hopkins County Central	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Keith Kelley	Athletic Director	Hopkinsville	Yes		Yes		Yes	
John Couch	Athletic Director	Jackson City	No		No		No	
Wes Bishop	Athletic Director	Jackson County	Yes	For all events.	Yes	For all events.	Yes	For all events.
Steven Wright	Athletic Director	Jenkins	Yes		Yes		Yes	
JR Hammond	Athletic Director	June Buchanan	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Dr. Tim Green	Athletic Director	Kentucky Country Day	No		No		No	
tom smith	Athletic Director	Knox Central	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Michael Kinnwy	Athletic Director	Lafayette	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Lonnie cook	Principal	Lawrence County	No	Expense	No	Expense	No	Expense
Ozz Jackson	Athletic Director	Letcher County Central	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Joe Hampton	Athletic Director	Lewis County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Sally Stevens	Principal	Lexington Catholic	No	Range finders are very expensive and the cost may be prohibitive for many programs.	Yes	If provisions are made to be certain that all teams have equal access to the devices.	No	Does the data support the contention that they speed up play?
jeff jackson	Athletic Director	Lincoln County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jim Larson	Athletic Director	Livingston Central	No		No		No	
Hugh McReynolds	Athletic Director	Logan County	Yes		No		Yes	
Mike Murphy	Athletic Director	Lone Oak	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Chad Wabrek	Athletic Director	Louisville Collegiate	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Danny Green	Athletic Director	Lynn Camp	No		Yes		Yes	
Jonathon Blackman	Athletic Director	Lyon County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Philip Todd Wilson	Athletic Director	Madison Central	No		No		No	
mike quinn	Athletic Director	Madisonville-North Hopkins	No		No		No	
JOHN KELSEY	Athletic Director	Male	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Stacey Hall	Principal	Marion County	Yes		Yes		Yes	

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Jeff Stokes	Athletic Director	Marshall County	Yes		Yes		Yes	I think we are behind the times in making this rule change. I believe the NCAA allows this in there tournaments. I believe this will speed play up for all players involved.
Fred Hester	Athletic Director	Mason County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Joe Morris	Athletic Director	Mayfield	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Robert Jones	Athletic Director	McCreary Central	No		No		No	
Jaziel Guerra	Athletic Director	Mercer County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Fred Harbison	Athletic Director	Metcalfe County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Bill Jones	Athletic Director	Middlesboro	No		No		No	
James Dantic	Principal	Model	No		No		No	
Gene Heffington	Athletic Director	Montgomery County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
STEVEN SILVANO	Athletic Director	Moore	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Ralph Hamilton	Athletic Director	Morgan County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Donna Bumps	Principal	Muhlenberg County	No		Yes		Yes	
Eric Gilpin	Athletic Director	Nelson County	No		No		No	
Rob Detzel	Athletic Director	Newport Central Catholic	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Robert Hopkins	Athletic Director	Nicholas County	No		No		No	
James Slaven	Athletic Director	North Hardin	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Tom Clemons	Athletic Director	North Oldham	Yes	This would speed up play and should improve scores.	Yes	Same as above	Yes	Same as above.
Kim Gunning	Athletic Director	Notre Dame	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Charles W. Patton	Athletic Director	Ohio County	Yes		No		No	
Chris Gaddis	Athletic Director	Owensboro	No	Our concern is that not all golfers could afford the cost of a range finder	Yes		Yes	
Jack Ousley	Athletic Director	Paintsville	No		No		No	
Cary Barr	Athletic Director	Paris	No		No		No	
Andy Sirginnis	Athletic Director	Paul Laurence Dunbar	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Keith Smith	Athletic Director	Pendleton County	Yes	Used correctly, it should speed up play and prevent the players from having to pace off and take the time to figure distance. With the large field of tournaments this should help address the 6+ hour rounds	Yes	Same reason as in #4.	Yes	At the state tournament especially, players are stepping off distances and with the large field that puts in danger the last players getting finished, this should help address the long rounds.
Eugene Lyons	Athletic Director	Pike County Central	Yes		Yes		Yes	

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Kevin Garris	Athletic Director	Pikeville	Yes		Yes	Most players have them now and this would help speed up play at the regional level	Yes	This would help in all situations at the State level for Girls and Boys competitions
Craig Webb	Athletic Director	Pleasure Ridge Park	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Kyle Lively	Athletic Director	Powell County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Carole Dutchka	Athletic Director	Presentation	No		No		No	
Jackie Crisp	Athletic Director	Prestonsburg	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Randy Elmore	Athletic Director	Pulaski County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Bill Farley	Athletic Director	Raceland	No	My coaches are divided on this issue	No	My coaches are divided on this issue	No	My coaches are divided on this issue
Barry Noble	Athletic Director	Rockcastle County	No		No		No	
Ray Ginter	Athletic Director	Rowan County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Sam Sparks	Athletic Director	Russell	No		No		No	
Keith Ellis	Principal	Russell County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Nathan Thompson	Athletic Director	Russellville	No		No		No	
Donna Moir	Athletic Director	Sacred Heart	Yes	Bushnell has a high school program that makes the range finders affordable to high schools. I feel it will speed up play. And most people have them anyway	Yes		Yes	
erik johnson	Athletic Director	Sayre	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Scott Ricks	Athletic Director	Seneca	No		No		No	
Dwight Bransford	Athletic Director	Shawnee	No		No		No	
Sally Zimmerman	Athletic Director	Shelby County	Yes	Colleges use range finders. Also speeds up play on long tournaments	Yes		Yes	
Robin Newsome	Athletic Director	Sheldon Clark	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jane Eltzroth	Athletic Director	Silver Grove	No		No		No	
Jeff Marksberry	Athletic Director	Simon Kenton	No		No		Yes	
Wesley M Cornett	Principal	Somerset	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Barry Hall	Athletic Director	South Floyd	Yes		Yes		Yes	
keith gilbert	Athletic Director	South Laurel	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Chris Decker	Athletic Director	South Warren	Yes		Yes		Yes	
David A. burns	Athletic Director	Southern	No		No		No	

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Jay Graue	Athletic Director	St. Henry District	Yes		Yes	But only if a clear majority (2/3) of participating schools are in agreement. Also each region (boys' and girls') should be able to make that choice independently of each other.	Yes	But only if the large majority (2/3) of the regions allow the use of the similar devices. If golfers are allowed to use these type of range finders over the course of the year and then are not allowed to use them at Regional and State Tournaments it could make a difference in the competition.
Tony Burkeen	Athletic Director	St. Mary	Yes	your concern about the equity, cost and availability of the devices would not be valid due the fact that you could use the same argument in regards to a players clubs, balls, shoes and other such equipment.	Yes		Yes	
Robert Farquhar	Athletic Director	Tates Creek	No		No		No	
Jeff Gumm	Athletic Director	Taylor County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Carlton Evans	Athletic Director	Todd County Central	No		No		No	
Marty Jagers	Athletic Director	Trigg County	No		No		No	
Frank Ragland	Athletic Director	Trimble County	No		No		No	
Dennis Lampley	Athletic Director	Trinity (Louisville)	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jeremy Tackett	Athletic Director	Union County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Pam Nunn	Principal	University Heights	No		No		No	
William Raleigh	Athletic Director	Valley	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Larry Cox	Athletic Director	Villa Madonna	No		No		No	
James Dumstorf	Athletic Director	Waggener	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Todd Steward	Athletic Director	Warren Central	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Damon Tabor	Principal	Warren East	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Rodney Woods	Athletic Director	Wayne County	Yes		Yes		Yes	

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Matt Bell	Athletic Director	Webster County	Yes		Yes		Yes	I'm not sure you can say there would be an unfair advantaged gained by those who may purchase or have access to a range finder when we do not have limits or restrictions for golfers on the type of clubs/equipment that are being used. Personally I don't see a difference.
Brian Brown	Athletic Director	West Carter	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Dean Geary	Athletic Director	West Jessamine	Yes		No		No	
Robert johnson	Athletic Director	Western	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Craig Fry	Athletic Director	Western Hills	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Mike Campbell	Athletic Director	Whitley County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
TOMMY WEST	Athletic Director	Williamstown	No		No		No	
Robert Scott Creech	Athletic Director	Wolfe County	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Bob Gibson	Athletic Director	Woodford County	No	It will cause an unfair competitive advantage for some as not everyone can afford to purchase one.	No		No	
		YES TOTAL	120		119		119	
		NO TOTAL	64		65		65	
		YES %	65.2%		64.7%		64.7%	
		NO %	34.8%		35.3%		35.3%	