



Re: HS Golf season

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To: Julian Tackett <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Sun, Jun 23, 2019 at 9:11 PM

Sorry if it seemed personal but it is when you are taking what is supposed to be a team sport and making it about more individuals. This is the only time they get to play as a team and that is being taken away from them to that extent. Ask any kid who plays in the tournament and ask them how it is to play individually or as a team and almost every kid would prefer to be there with their team. Are we taking the kids into consideration or as I have heard trying to make it play faster. Are you a golfer? Do you think because someone plays bad they play slow or because they play well they play fast? If you think that is true you don't play or watch junior golf. If you have kids who are shooting that high where it takes forever there are other options, after the 2nd or 3rd 10+ score on a hole they have a max score then their score isn't counted for the team. Taking one team from a region without taking any at large teams ultimately may decide the state at an 18 hole regional rather than the state tournament, I have heard you all aren't interested in making the state tournament exciting but I would say why wouldn't you? Great chance to showcase your student athletes to college coaches, why not represent all of the state as well as the state's best. College is played as a team sport and we are going to have a state tournament with 12 teams and 84 individuals? Nothing appealing about that format at all. Very sad for the kids and KY golf that these radical changes have been made and not in the athletes or HS golf in KY's best interest. Maybe someday we will really be progressive and mimic college golf and do away with the practice round and have the third day be match play between the top four teams, now that would be exciting. KY Cup the last several years has been the best tournament in the state too bad that can't be incorporated into state championship format.

On Sun, Jun 23, 2019, 10:53 AM Tackett, Julian <jtackett@khsaa.org> wrote:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. Though your note appears to have gone down a personal path unrelated to the issues you have mentioned, I will not dwell on those points. Instead I will simply tell you that I will be glad to forward your comments to the people who actually make the decisions you are concerned with, decisions that are clearly not in the Commissioner's final authority.

Again thank you for sharing your concerns.

On Fri, Jun 21, 2019 at 10:39 PM Kurt Hummel <kurthummel729@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Tackett,

I really don't know what you based your decisions on for the changes in golf but it appears that the decision makers see golf as a sport that is a big inconvenience to you all and make decisions based for your ease and not what is best for the golf "teams".

When you take one team of 5 and 7 individuals are you seeing this as a team sport or individual sport? Think the numbers speak to that. It is nice to have an individual champion but the true excitement is the team champion and once again you all have found a way to diminish that excitement. Often now the championship will be determined at regional not state, your prior format was so much better but thanks for truly screwing up what was exciting for players and fans.

The true golfers don't need any more individual tournaments they have the rest of the year to do that, it is great to play as a team and you are taking that away from the kids and you should be ashamed of yourselves. All season they play as a team and now state is about the individuals. Very very disappointing and shocked you keep a job making such poor decisions. You will probably see many of the best golfers stop playing and just play in the national tournaments as you have made it individual focused, they play in HS for the team aspect, much better tournaments through the AJGA and other national tours.

Kurt Hummel

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are," Coach John Wooden

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