

<b>Name</b>	Associate Commissioner Butch Cope
<b>Topic</b>	Sports Report
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<b>Sport</b>	Fall Golf
<b>Positive Developments and Highlights</b>	<p>Golf postseason with the State First Round and State Championships were an overall success in allowing the students time to finish rounds without issues of weather or darkness.</p> <p>Positive feedback on the additional individuals that, under the new format, qualified as well as the state round and all participants able to compete two days.</p>
<b>Issues of Concern (legal, playing Rules, fiscal management, etc.)</b>	<p>The only issues communicated dealt with the Postseason and are outlined below.</p> <p>Concerns with regard to the State First Round Sites on the practice rounds fees and access to a practice round were expressed.</p> <p>Staff will work with future sites to establish a threshold to help contain costs while acknowledging courses closing to provide the facility to host the event. Although sites were approved in May to help schools and sites host events to allow students to have an opportunity to play the course, many did not take advantage of this.</p> <p>This is why it is important to get an advance rotation to help address access. Due to the turnaround between region and state first rounds, expecting course access during that window is limited but staff will continue to work with facilities on these two issues.</p>
<b>Championship Update/Review</b>	<p>Concerns over coaches carts were also expressed. At the State First Round and Championship rounds, due to several factors, there are no coaches carts. Only for ADA accommodations and for Rules Officials and limited media. This comes from input from rules officials, course staff, and staff to help provide an environment for the students to participate.</p> <p>This topic is discussed annually at the NFHS Summer Meeting and less than half of the states nationwide permit coaches carts. To address the concern of coaches that may qualify a team where in the past only one coach could be designated to give advice, staff discussed and it was permitted that provided any coach (head or assistant) had met all coaching requirements, those individuals could give advice however only one at a time. This did not seem to affect pace of play and helped with the concern.</p>
<b>Fiscal and Budget Issues and Review</b>	When combining the State First Round and State Final Rounds attendance was comparable to previous year.

(attendance, etc.)

**Noteworthy Changes /  
Anticipates Changes**

Continue to work with State First Round Courses to address issues.