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Motorized/Electronic Push Carts

General Commentary

An inquiry was submitted to this office a few weeks back about the use of motorized/electronic push carts in high school competitions. While there is nothing in the Rules of Golf that make electric push carts illegal, these are typically banned in competitions through a tournament's notice to competitors. It is the belief of the representatives from Golf House of Kentucky that these should be banned in high school competition. They stated that the electronic carts can hurt pace of play and could cause damage to the course itself.

Competitors have more control of the ones they push manually, and because they go at a slower speed, are less likely to cause much damage.

Additionally, it is my belief that this could cause a competitive disadvantage between those individuals that can afford the carts and those that cannot, as those utilizing the electronic carts would no longer be burdened by transporting their equipment. Motorized/electronic push carts would still be permitted in cases where a medical accommodation was requested through our office.