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Fall Golf

Positive Developments and Highlights

After utilizing groups of four with our state tournament pairings since the start of the pandemic, we returned to threesomes this year for the State Golf First Round and Final Rounds. I've received only positive feedback about the change, which appeared to help with pace of play issues.

Issues of Concern (legal, playing Rules, fiscal management, etc.)

As discussed at the Board's September meeting, the golf coaches association is requesting that we review our policy on coaches' carts for the state tournament. We will follow-up with their representatives so they can provide a detailed request.

Championship Update/Review

The first round hosts and sites should be commended for their efforts in getting the courses ready for the State First Round following the severe storms that passed through the state on September 27. Each site had to deal with storm damage and heavy rainfall to make the courses playable, and we certainly appreciate all their hard work. Special thanks to Greg Gibson (Shelbyville CC), Tim Hezlep (Eagle's Nest CC) and Mark Pyle (Hopkinsville Golf and CC).

The final rounds at Bowling Green Country Club, meanwhile, benefitted from nearly perfect weather conditions. Changing the pairings to threesomes helped with pace of play and resulted in 15 tee times off #1 and #10. The only issue occurred on the first day of the boys' competition when the tee on #10 was too far back and caused delays. The issue was corrected on the second day.

The format of the event allowed for the competition to be completed without any concerns about running out of daylight, even with a three-hole playoff in the boys' final round.

As always, we are thankful for our partnership with Bowling Green CC and thank Daniel Soehren and his staff for all their efforts, not to mention our title sponsor Leachman Buick•GMC•Cadillac.

Officials Update/Review

I will work with Golf House Kentucky and the host courses in 2025 to refine expectations and roles when it comes to the setup and execution of each first round tournament.

Noteworthy Changes / Anticipates Changes

When the state tournament first round rotation was initially established, the following sites were selected for 2025:

Regions 1-4 - Drake Creek

Regions 5-8 - TBD

Regions 9-12 - Juniper Hill

At the 2024 State Final Rounds, I was notified that Juniper Hill was no longer interested in hosting the first round and would

prefer to host the region tournament instead.

Tasked with finding a replacement on short notice, I contacted Winchester Country Club, which hosted the event previously and had communicated a desire to host again in the future. On a recommendation from Golf House Kentucky, I had already contacted Pendleton Hills CC about hosting the event for Regions 5-8 in 2025.

Both sites have agreed to host the events in 2025 for their respective regions. Following this meeting, courses will be contacted about hosting the event in future years with the goal of developing a rotation across geographic regions.