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Topic

Sports Report

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Sport

Fall Golf

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

There have been a few instances this year of tournaments allowing a student-athlete to utilize a golf cart during an event without prior authorization from this office.

The information below was included in the 2026 online rules clinic, which is a requirement for all coaches, as a point of emphasis:

Except for golfers with documented disabilities, as recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, the use of golf carts by competitors is prohibited during the regular season and in the Tournament Series. A golfer with a documented disability seeking the use of a golf cart must apply for a waiver, verify the existence of the disability and show proof of the disability by a doctor's statement or a government-issued permanent disabled car placard or other identifying information which may reasonably be accepted as valid.

* Under the ADA, an individual is considered to have a "disability" if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as seeing, hearing, speaking, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, learning, caring for oneself, and working. An individual with epilepsy, paralysis, or a substantial hearing or visual impairment is covered, but an individual with a minor, non-chronic condition of short duration, such as a sprain, broken limb, or the flu, generally would not be covered.

The use of a golf cart by student-athletes during competition is not permitted by the playing rules and could only be considered if the conditions above are met.

**Championship
Update/Review**

Region Tournaments get underway next week (Sept. 21-23) followed by the Leachman Buick GMC Cadillac State First Round events the following week (Sept. 28-30). The three locations for this year's first round events are Bardstown CC, Kenton County GC and StoneCrest GC.

Regions 9-12 were originally scheduled to compete at Boone's Trace GC, but the event was relocated to StoneCrest due to concerns over the course conditions. StoneCrest was already scheduled to hold the event in 2027 and graciously agreed to host this year's tournament as well.

I have received similar concerns over the course conditions of a few of the greens at Bardstown CC, but have had multiple discussions with the course GM and Golf House Kentucky, and have been assured that the course will be ready to host the state first round event.

The final rounds of the Leachman Buick GMC Cadillac State Golf Championships will once again be played at Bowling Green

Country Club, with the boys' competing Oct. 5-7, followed by the girls' tournament on Oct. 8-10.