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TO: CLASS B GOLF TOURNAMENT MANAGERS
FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR *Brian*
RE: TIE BREAKER FOR INDIVIDUAL PLACES AT DIVISIONALS

History is in the making, as you are about to host the first ever Class B Divisional Golf Tournaments. We have come across an error that needed to be addressed immediately before the beginning of your divisional tournaments. This language deals with breaking individual ties and can be found on page 137 of the *MHSA Handbook*. Please note the change which is bolded and underlined below:

Tie breaker places second through fifteenth:

A. The cards will be reviewed and compared by the golf pro. The golfers' accumulative score for ~~their last nine (9) holes~~ **holes 10 through 18** will be the first criteria used. The golfer with the lowest score on the last nine holes will be given the higher place. If there is still a tie, we will use the scorecard starting at the eighteenth hole and working back. The lower score on a given hole will determine the higher place.

This example shows why we needed to make this immediate change: "For example on Bridger Creek (Division II), a person who starts on hole number 4 has a par of 34 for their last nine, whereas a person who starts on number 13 has a par of 37. That is a big difference."

We recognize that it is not fair to add an accumulative score for "their last 9 holes" when a shotgun start is used. The original rule did not consider shotgun starts and this will clean up this language for the future. This change will go into effect immediately for the 2007 Class B Divisionals.

Have a great tournament and let me know if you have any questions.