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TO: CLASS B AND CLASS C GOLF COACHES
FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
RE: 2007-08 SPRING GOLF INFORMATION

It is hard to believe that spring is here and golf season is already under way. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some information that you will find helpful for the 2008 season. Hopefully you have been able to get on the course and your season is going well.

Attached you will find:

- Copy of the golf section from the *2007-08 MHSA Handbook*
- Questions and answers regarding practice rounds at the Class B Divisional Tournament and all state meets
- 2007-08 MHSA post season golf tournament information

At the state tournament this year, there will be two new rules that were passed by the MHSA membership at the 2007 Annual Meeting. These changes were made to the tie breaking process in team competition, which can be found on page 143 of the *2007-08 MHSA Handbook*:

- In Class B, each team in the playoff will be represented by five players on the team. The four best scores of the players in the playoff will be used for the team score.
- In Class C, each team in the playoff will be represented by four players on the team. The three best scores of the players in the playoff will be used for the team score.

Last year, only four players represented a team in Class B and three players in Class C.

Another change that will be implemented at the state tournaments this year can also be found on page 143 of the *2007-08 MHSA Handbook* and deals with players from the same school playing in the same group. This rule now states:

- (5) Golfers for the same team may be allowed to play in the same group on the second day of the state tournament. In a foursome only two golfers from the same team may be in that group. In a five-some, three players from the same team may be in that group.

Class B golf will once again have divisional tournaments this year and Class C golf will continue to operate very similar to last year. Robert Swanson will continue to be the Class C scorer and schools can send in their scores by e-mail to cgolfscores@yahoo.com or send a fax to 279-3764. Below are the rules for Class C state tournament qualifying that can be found in section (4) on page 148 of the *2007-08 MHSA Handbook*:

(4) For C tournaments, qualifying scores must be shot during a meet with at least three teams present. Scores will be for 18 holes and the score sheet will be verified and signed by all coaches present. This sheet will be sent to the Class C scorer who will maintain a record of all qualified golfers. The list of qualified golfers will be sent (faxed) to the state tournament coordinator one week (seven calendar days) before the state tournament practice round. If these scores are not sent to the classification scorer and the state coordinator, the golfers will not be eligible for the state golf meet. A list of eligible golfers will be faxed to all coaches for verification of their teams before being sent to the state coordinator. Any errors or omissions will be corrected at that time.

Qualifying scores for the State C meets will be:

Boys = 100 Girls = 120

The Class B State Golf Tournament is May 13-14 at Cottonwood Hills Golf Course in Bozeman and the meet manager will be Liz Flikkema from Manhattan Christian High School. The Class C State Golf Tournament is May 13-14 at Livingston Country Club in Livingston and this meet will be managed by Dave Perius of Gardiner High School.

Lastly, we have had many questions from Class B and C golf coaches and administrators about practice rounds at the state and divisional tournament sites. We have attached many of these questions and the answers to these questions to provide clarity for everyone.

Good luck with your season and please contact me at the MHSA office with any questions and/or concerns.

Enclosures

C: School contacts