



Montana High School Association

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Post Season Golf Tournament Practice Round Question and Answers

- 1) Can a team travel together to play the state tournament course at an earlier date (not violating the Sunday rule)? - *Answer – No – Golf teams can not travel to the state tournament site to practice during the regular season. Everyone is allowed one practice round with their team the day before the state tournament begins. This allows for all teams to have the same equal opportunity to play the state course.*
- 2) Can players go on their own (this really goes to intent of rule) if a school cannot help/aid/finance the team going? – *Answer - Yes – players can go on their own – the school could not be involved in any way (transportation etc.) – The MHSA can't control what kids do on their own time with their parents etc.*
- 3) Can there be a "regular season meet" on a course that will host the state or divisional tournament (or would that really be "practicing" and just a matter of semantics)? – *Answer - Yes – the prohibition is on practice – a meet or tournament can be scheduled as long as it is on the master schedule before the season starts.*
- 4) Lets assume a school is hosting state or divisional at their home course (which I am sure will happen someday in some division if not already), could they use that course as practice during the regular season or is that also a violation? – *Answer - Yes – it is their home course – just like basketball – if a high school is hosting a tournament they can continue to practice in their own gym.*
- 5) If regular season meets are allowed (as in #3), could two schools schedule to meet for a "dual" to be held on that course as one of their regular season tournaments allowed? – *Answer - Yes - if two schools have a meet scheduled before the season starts and the match is on their original schedule. The schools would have to justify financing the teams to go play at a course that they normally wouldn't play at – but that would be a local issue.*
- 6) Can a team travel together to play the Class B Divisional course at an earlier date (not violating the Sunday rule)? - *No – this would be a practice on the course circumventing the no practice round rule for the Class B Divisional. Unless the school uses the divisional course as it's home practice course, no practice rounds are allowed for Class B divisionals.*