

15.4 GENERAL RULES FOR DISTRICT, REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS (Boys and Girls)

- 15.4.1 Only teams and medalist that are listed on the official entry blank shall compete in the district, regional, or state tournament.
- 15.4.2 The head golf coach shall be allowed to coach and/or converse with his/her golfer(s) at any time during the competition. Assistant coaches shall be allowed to coach and/or converse with his/her golfer(s) only from the green to the next tee box and only once all players in that playing group have completed the hole. *Example: Once a player of Team A steps onto the tee box to tee off, the other assistant coach(es) of Team A shall have no further verbal contact with their player. The tournament director/committee shall provide some method to identify a coach who is allowed to give advice (armband, neck tag, etc.).* Violation of this rule shall be a two-stroke penalty to the individual golfer. The individual golfer shall be disqualified by tournament officials and the coach shall lose coaching privileges for a second offense of this rule. Coaching and/or conversing with the golfers should in no way affect the pace of play.
- 15.4.3 During the tournament, non-coaching spectators (parents, friends, and other golfers) shall be allowed on the course to observe golfers during play. The following rules shall apply to observers:
1. Spectators shall be notified that they are spectators and it is not their responsibility to report possible rule violations.
 2. Spectators shall remain a reasonable distance (at least 50 yards) from golfers at all times.
 3. After play has started, spectators shall not “coach or advise” players by having either verbal or visual communication with golfers or interfere with play in any way at any time. On course encouragement, support, applause, etc. is not considered coaching or advice; therefore, it is permissible.
 4. On the first violation of this rule the individual golfer shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty and the spectator shall be warned. The individual golfer shall be disqualified by tournament officials if the coaching continues and the spectator shall be removed from the course.
- 15.4.4 If golfers who have completed play walk or ride onto the course, they assume the role of spectators and shall abide by all appropriate spectator guidelines. No competitor, after completing play, shall drive a cart while assuming the role of spectator.