

## **Suggested Coaches Instructions to Players on the Ride to Regionals**

This is intended to address the scoring issues that have been discussed by the MHSAA board and members of MIGCA. It is not a cure-all, but hopefully a step in the right direction.

Print a copy for each player, give it to them while driving to your regional course, and then have a brief discussion about making sure that scores for each hole are accurately recorded.

*Print this for the player:*

What the marker (scorer) must do:

- 1) Throughout the play of the hole, monitor the strokes taken by the player you are keeping score for (also called “marking”). You are the “marker”.
- 2) When all players have holed out and your group is heading to the next tee, look the other player in the eye and say clearly; “I had you for a five (or whatever) for this hole”. If he agrees, immediately write that score in the appropriate spot for that hole. Do NOT wait until later to write in scores! Do NOT write in a score until both you and the player agree on the correct number.
- 3) If you do not agree on the correct score, work together to recap his play of the hole. Ask the other player(s) in your group for input to help resolve any issues.
- 4) If there may be penalty strokes involved in the play of the hole and you don’t know how many, clear up this matter when you see a rules official or at the scoring table. Do NOT guess.
- 5) At the scoring table, you and the player must ensure the accuracy of the score for each hole. You do NOT need to add up the score. There is no problem if you do make an error in addition if you do decide to total up the score—the committee is responsible for the math. Your entire group must remain at the scoring table until everyone agrees on the score announced by the MHSAA scorekeeper.

Your chosen sport is unique. The player is responsible for his own integrity and honesty involving scoring and all other aspects of the game. He MUST call penalties on himself if he breaches a rule, even when he does so unintentionally. Markers must ‘protect the field’ and make sure that the scores recorded are the actual score that the player made for each hole.

Take pride in what you do and the fact that you are representing your school in a varsity sport. Good luck today and play your best.