



MIAA SPECTATOR GUIDELINES AND ADVICE

We are excited to have spectators supporting their teams and individuals at MIAA golf events! Parents, family members and students are wholeheartedly welcome. Please take a moment to review the spectator guidelines below.

The Advice Rule (R 10.2) for golf states that a player;

- **Must not give advice** to anyone in the competition
- **Must not ask anyone for advice** during a round of individual play.
- MIAA **coaches are not permitted to give advice** during the round.
**Teammates are not allowed to advise each other during the round.*

Clarification (10.2a/2): A player **must try to stop ongoing advice** that is given voluntarily. If a player gets advice from a spectator without asking for it, they get no penalty. However, if the player continues to get advice from that same person, the player must try to stop that person from giving advice. If the player does not do so, they are treated as asking for that advice and get the penalty under 10.2a:

- **General Penalty:** **Two-strokes** in Stroke Play.

It is imperative that spectators, parents, family, and clearly unauthorized persons should avoid even the appearance of giving advice. It could put the player in an awkward, potentially penalty producing situation.

Spectators **may assist with finding any lost balls for all players**, without giving further advice or making contact with the ball.

The MIAA recommends **staying a minimum 30 yards from the players** and certainly **not on the fairways** and particularly **not talking to players** especially when they are walking from green to the next tee and at the turn. Awareness of the drive zone of the players behind the group being followed is important.

Polite applause and the occasional 'good shot' should be sufficient communication and should be given from a distance. These guidelines are not unreasonable and will ensure that the game is played fairly for all.

- **Golf Carts:** Spectator carts are not allowed.
- **Cell phones:**
 - Spectators should have cell phones in silent/vibrate mode while on the golf course. If it is necessary to make or take phone calls, spectators should do so out of range of golfers.
 - Coaches should carry a cell phone in order to contact help in an emergency or to reach a Rules Official.

Thank you for your cooperation. The MIAA Golf Committee.

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