

Golf Committee Minutes

March 13, 2025

Virtual

1. **Attendance:** Bruce Hastings, Stephen Burndrett, Matt Friedman, Peter Jones, Eric Dawley, Thomas Murphy, Tom O'Brien, Christopher Warren, Jay McGilvray, Tara Sartori, Matthew Gillis, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bill Melvin, Carolyn O'Donnell, Linda Healey, Cami Molinare, Ryan Riley, Nate Greene, and Dave Keir.

2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve Matt Gillis, 2nd Bill Melvin. Approved 12-0-1

3. New Business

- **Rule Adoption Review** from February 26, 2025 virtual meeting to review the tournament formats.
 - Approved a maximum score per hole policy of '**double par plus 1 stroke**,' beginning with the 2025 Fall and 2026 Spring MIAA Golf Tournaments.
 - Example: Par 3 max score = 7, Par 4 max score = 9, Par 5 max score = 11.
 - In alignment with USGA guidelines, the maximum score rule allows a golfer to pick up their ball at any point during a hole and record the designated maximum score for that hole.
 - Golf Genius has a setting to implement a max score policy for the live scoring.
- **Tournament Director Update:**
 - Committee expressed gratitude for following Tournament Directors who are moving on/retiring: John Courtney (D3 West), Ben Kelley (D2 North), Joe Rocha (D1 North), and Jay Durfee (D1 and D2 South).
 - Vacancies posted for D1 North, D2 North, and D3 West Fall Golf Tournament Directors. Deadline to apply: April 24, 2025.
- **Spring Tournament:**

- Courses are still being finalized for this spring. Always a challenge but once set, will be posted on the website
- **Statewide Tournament:**
 - Discussion on the challenges of requiring all schools to use the 'stroke play' format during the regular season to qualify for a state-wide tournament.
 - Carolyn believes this is something that should happen. She noted that golfers struggle to transition from a 9-hole match play regular season format to an 18-hole stroke play postseason format.