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**GOLF**  
**State Qualifier's**  
**Handbook**



**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**  
**STATE QUALIFIER HANDBOOK**  
**2018**

Congratulations on your athlete's advancement to the UIL Golf State Tournament. This handbook has been prepared to serve as a guide to administrators and coaches and provide information about the State Tournament. You will find this material valuable as you prepare and upon your arrival to the tournament.

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## State Golf Composite Schedule & Coach's Meeting

### Tournament Schedule

| CLASS    | COURSE                                | DATES                                   | START TIME |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| 6A-Boys  | <b>Legacy Hills</b>                   | May 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00       |
| 5A- Boys | <b>White Wing</b>                     | May 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00       |
| 4A- Boys | <b>Horseshoe Bay<br/>(Apple Rock)</b> | May 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00       |
| 3A- Boys | <b>Grey Rock</b>                      | May 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00       |
| 2A- Boys | <b>Roy Kizer</b>                      | May 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00       |
| 1A- Boys | <b>Lions</b>                          | May 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00       |

| CLASS     | COURSE                                | DATES                                   | START TIME |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| 6A-Girls  | <b>Legacy Hills</b>                   | May 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00       |
| 5A- Girls | <b>White Wing</b>                     | May 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00       |
| 4A- Girls | <b>Horseshoe Bay<br/>(Slick Rock)</b> | May 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00       |
| 3A- Girls | <b>Grey Rock</b>                      | May 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00       |
| 2A- Girls | <b>Roy Kizer</b>                      | May 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00       |
| 1A- Girls | <b>Lions</b>                          | May 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00       |

### Coach/Course Meetings

| DATE & TIME                                                                                 | COURSE                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Boys-Sunday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                 | 1A-Lions                                 |
| Boys-Sunday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                 | 2A-Roy Kizer                             |
| Boys-Sunday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                 | 3A-Grey Rock                             |
| Boys-Sunday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2:30 pm<br><b>*Sunday practice round may start 3:00</b> | <b>4A-Horseshoe Bay<br/>(Apple Rock)</b> |
| Boys-Sunday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                 | 5A-White Wing                            |
| Boys-Sunday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                 | 6A- Legacy Hills                         |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Girls-Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                                         | 1A-Lions                                 |
| Girls-Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                                         | 2A-Roy Kizer                             |
| Girls-Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                                         | 3A-Grey Rock                             |
| Girls-Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30 pm<br><b>*Sunday practice round may start 5:30</b>                         | <b>4A-Horseshoe Bay<br/>(Slick Rock)</b> |
| Girls-Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                                         | 5A-White Wing                            |
| Girls-Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm                                                                         | 6A- Legacy Hills                         |
| <b>The 5A &amp; 6A Meeting will be held together at Sun City Activity Center, 1 Texas Dr., Georgetown, TX 78633.</b> |                                          |



## **Tournament Information**

**Tournament Director:** Brian Polk will serve as the tournament director.

**State Qualifiers:** Each region may qualify the first, second, and third place teams, and the first, second, and third place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first three individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If all three individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on an advancing team shall advance. If a medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams, the next highest ranked finisher will replace the medalist now on the team at the state tournament. Meet director shall authorize playoffs to break ties. The regional tournament director will certify winners to the state meet.

**Official Rules:** All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association Rules (USGA). All course rules shall be discussed by the golf course professionals at the coaches meeting. A ***RULES COMMITTEE*** appointed by the tournament director should be established to act on all violations. A PGA Pro should be a member of this committee.

**State Practice Rounds:** Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the state tournament if permitted by the director of the tournament. There shall be no more than a one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. State law allows only one hour per school day for practice. ***The Course Pro Shop will schedule practice round times for State.*** (See page 7 for Practice Round Details)

**State Green Fees:** Listed below are the charges for the 2018 State Golf Championships. Prices include all green fees for practice and tournament rounds, practice balls, and coaches golf carts during tournament rounds. **Please make checks payable to Sun City-Texas Community Association (Legacy Hills or White Wing), Horseshoe Bay Resort, Grey Rock Golf Club, Roy Kizer Golf Course, or Lions Golf Course.**

- Team Total: \$600
- Medalist Total: \$135

**Pairings:** Pairings shall be made by the UIL for Day 1 and will be posted on the UIL website by Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Day 2 pairings will be made by the host site using Day 1 results (Top 4 teams paired, 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place teams paired, etc...)

**Starting Times:** The team or individuals shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the rules committee. The penalty for breach of the rule is disqualification.

**Substitution:** There shall be no substitutions allowed in the individual competition. Team substitutions will be accepted up to one hour prior to the start of the tournament. Once the tournament has begun, no substitution (except for injury or illness) shall be allowed on a team, as a team is composed of five players. If a qualifying medalist is removed from one of the top 3 qualifiers and placed on a qualifying team, the top 3 qualifiers from that particular region will revert back to the individual scores from the regional tournament (this must be done at least 5 days prior to the tournament).



**Protests:** A contestant or coach representing a participating school must initiate any protest before the tournament director finalizes scores.

**Inclement Weather:** If weather conditions prevent playing the predetermined number of holes, fewer holes (played by all golfers) may be used to determine winners.

**Ties:** The lowest four scores compose the team score each day. In case of a tie on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, all five players will be involved in a playoff (*See p. 8 for ties*).

**Coaching:**

- A coach may engage with the player(s) tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.
- At district, regional and state competition, only one coach is allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
- The intent of the one coach rule per team or individual is not to limit a coach from coaching but rather limit the amount of coaches per school.

**UIL Penalty Structure:**

First Offense – Warning

Second Offense – Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach for that day

Third Offense – Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament

**Dress and Conduct:** Players shall wear school approved attire, collared shirts, and soft spikes. Players may not speak privately with non-players; exception; a coach tee to green. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as illegal coaching, inappropriate language, throwing clubs, course abuse, or improper actions may result in penalty stroke(s) or disqualification.

**Caddies and Carts:** Contestants may **NOT** use caddies or electric carts during district, regional, or state matches without approval by the UIL, but a pull cart may be used. ***Any approval document issued by the UIL must be brought to the tournament.***

**Electronic Equipment:** Range finders (all types such as GPS, watches, etc) are the **ONLY** electronic equipment allowed at the tournament. Range finders that measure **DISTANCE ONLY** may be used during competitive rounds. Range finders that offer any other function (even if disabled) are illegal. A player using such a device will be subject to the UIL penalty structure (***1<sup>st</sup> offense – warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – disqualification***).

**Cell Phones/Radios:** Cell phones and radios are not permitted for players during competition. The first offense is a warning and the second offense is disqualification.

**Spectators:** Please make sure all cell phones are turned off or on silent mode. Spectators may encourage but **NOT** coach nor give advice during play. Spectators shall remain off fairways and maintain an average of 30 yards from players (***See p. 12 for spectator rules***).

**Congratulations again on reaching the state tournament! We wish you the best of luck and look forward to watching your kids compete.**



# Golf State Tournament

## Practice Round & Course Information

### 6A

#### (Legacy Hills Golf Course)

| Course Contact          | Contact #                                                                                | Practice Round                             | Start Time          | Parking                           | Food                        | Carts Available                                                                                                     | Make Checks Payable To:                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Josh Lockhart (Pro)     | 512-948-7583<br><a href="mailto:josh.lockhart@sctexas.org">josh.lockhart@sctexas.org</a> | Call:<br>512-948-7560<br>*Beginning Apr 30 | 8:00 am<br>All Days | \$10 Cash<br>Only<br>(Spectators) | Yes (No<br>Outside<br>Food) | \$50.00 per cart,<br>rental done 30<br>minutes prior to<br>observing players'<br>tee off only<br>Personal cart-\$25 | Sun City<br>Texas<br>Community<br>Association |
| Erik Beyer (Pro)        | 512-948-7563<br><a href="mailto:erik.beyer@sctexas.org">erik.beyer@sctexas.org</a>       |                                            |                     |                                   |                             |                                                                                                                     |                                               |
| Steve Keasler<br>(Dir.) | 214-869-4127<br><a href="mailto:steve_keasler@msd.gs">steve_keasler@msd.gs</a>           |                                            |                     |                                   |                             |                                                                                                                     |                                               |

### 5A

#### (White Wing Golf Course)

| Course Contact           | Contact #                                                                                | Practice Round                             | Start Time          | Parking                           | Food                        | Carts Available                                                                                                     | Make Checks Payable To:                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Josh Lockhart<br>(Pro)   | 512-948-7583<br><a href="mailto:josh.lockhart@sctexas.org">josh.lockhart@sctexas.org</a> | Call:<br>512-948-7570<br>*Beginning Apr 30 | 8:00 am<br>All Days | \$10 Cash<br>Only<br>(Spectators) | Yes (No<br>Outside<br>Food) | \$50.00 per cart,<br>rental done 30<br>minutes prior to<br>observing players'<br>tee off only<br>Personal cart-\$25 | Sun City<br>Texas<br>Community<br>Association |
| Jim Bob Jackson<br>(Dir) | 940-367-6169<br><a href="mailto:jjackson@magnoliaisd.org">jjackson@magnoliaisd.org</a>   |                                            |                     |                                   |                             |                                                                                                                     |                                               |

### 4A

#### (Horseshoe Bay) Boys: Apple Rock – Girls: Slick Rock

| Course Contact          | Contact #                                                                            | Practice Round                                                                                        | Start Time          | Parking | Food                        | Carts Available                                                    | Make Checks Payable To: |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Holly Jenkins<br>(Dir.) | (830) 598-2561<br><a href="mailto:hjenkins@hsbresort.com">hjenkins@hsbresort.com</a> | Call:<br>Boys-830-598-6561<br>(Apple Rock)<br>Girls-830-598-2561<br>(Slick Rock)<br>*Beginning Apr 30 | 8:00 am<br>All Days | No Fee  | Yes (No<br>Outside<br>Food) | As available:<br>\$40.00 per cart<br>*No personal carts<br>allowed | Horseshoe<br>Bay Resort |
| Tina Mayers (Pro)       | (830) 598-2561<br><a href="mailto:tmayers@hsbresort.com">tmayers@hsbresort.com</a>   |                                                                                                       |                     |         |                             |                                                                    |                         |
| Gary Parsans (Pro)      | (830) 598-1502<br><a href="mailto:gparsans@hsbresort.com">gparsans@hsbresort.com</a> |                                                                                                       |                     |         |                             |                                                                    |                         |

### 3A

#### (Grey Rock)

| Course Contact        | Contact #                                                                                  | Practice Round                                    | Start Time          | Parking                         | Food                        | Carts Available                                                                                            | Make Checks Payable To: |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Brian Cresto<br>(Pro) | 512-288-4297<br><a href="mailto:Brian@greyrockgolfclub.com">Brian@greyrockgolfclub.com</a> | Call:<br>512-288-4297<br>7am<br>*Beginning Apr 30 | 8:00 am<br>All Days | \$5 fee per day<br>(Spectators) | Yes (No<br>Outside<br>Food) | Handicap only<br>with placard \$30;<br>may bring own<br>cart for \$30;<br>Reservations<br>available 5/2/18 | Grey Rock<br>Golf Club  |
| Max Kleinman          | 512-288-4297<br><a href="mailto:Max@greyrockgolfclub.com">Max@greyrockgolfclub.com</a>     |                                                   |                     |                                 |                             |                                                                                                            |                         |
| Joe Gowdy             | 512-288-4297<br><a href="mailto:Joe@greyrockgolfclub.com">Joe@greyrockgolfclub.com</a>     |                                                   |                     |                                 |                             |                                                                                                            |                         |

### 2A

#### (Roy Kizer)

| Course Contact          | Contact #                                                                                        | Practice Round                                    | Start Time          | Parking                         | Food                        | Carts Available                                                                                            | Make Checks Payable To:  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Steve Hammond<br>(Dir.) | 512-974-4653<br><a href="mailto:steve.hammond@austintexas.gov">steve.hammond@austintexas.gov</a> | Call:<br>512-974-4653<br>7am<br>*Beginning Apr 30 | 8:00 am<br>All Days | \$5 fee per day<br>(Spectators) | Yes (No<br>Outside<br>Food) | Handicap only<br>with placard \$30;<br>may bring own<br>cart for \$30;<br>Reservations<br>available 5/2/18 | Roy Kizer<br>Golf Course |
| Cory Bull (Ast.)        | 512-974-4653<br><a href="mailto:cory.bull@austintexas.gov">cory.bull@austintexas.gov</a>         |                                                   |                     |                                 |                             |                                                                                                            |                          |

### 1A

#### (Lions)

| Course Contact   | Contact #                                                                                          | Practice Round                                    | Start Time          | Parking                         | Food                        | Carts Available                                                                                            | Make Checks Payable To: |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Erik Lopez (Pro) | 512-477-6963<br><a href="mailto:erik.lopez@austintexas.gov">erik.lopez@austintexas.gov</a>         | Call:<br>512-477-6693<br>7am<br>*Beginning Apr 30 | 8:00 am<br>All Days | \$5 fee per day<br>(Spectators) | Yes (No<br>Outside<br>Food) | Handicap only<br>with placard \$30;<br>may bring own<br>cart for \$30;<br>Reservations<br>available 5/2/18 | Lions Golf<br>Course    |
| Jimmy Olivares   | 512-477-6963<br><a href="mailto:jimmy.olivares@austintexas.gov">jimmy.olivares@austintexas.gov</a> |                                                   |                     |                                 |                             |                                                                                                            |                         |



## **Practice Round Details**

Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the state tournament if permitted by the director of the tournament. There shall be no more than one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. Once a practice round has been completed, neither teams nor individuals are allowed to return to the site on another day to **chip and/or putt**, but may use the range at any point.

### **Sunday Prohibition (Section 1206 of UIL Constitution and Contest Rules)**

A League participant school shall not participate in any athletic contest or conduct any practice, or teach any plays, formations, or skills on Sunday.

Exceptions.

- (A) Golf. If the regional and/or state golf tournaments are scheduled on a Monday, one 18-hole practice round is allowed at the regional and/or state tournament site and may be played on the Sunday afternoon preceding the meet **(no earlier than 12:00 noon)** if permitted by the regional or state meet director.

## **General Questions and Answers**

**May we schedule our ‘one practice round’ at a time/day other than the day prior to tournament?**

Yes, if the course allows! The assigned practice round the day prior to the competition is for the convenience of out-of-town schools. Regardless if a player goes on his/her own, with parents, or with the school coach, he/she only gets one practice round.

**May we leave the course & return later that same day to practice putt or chip after our practice round?**

No! However, once your coaches meeting begins, players may return to practice putting or chipping since we recognize the coaches meeting as the start of the tournament.

**May players go to the tournament site and putt or chip prior to playing their practice round?**

Yes! However this would count as the practice round for the player.

**May players use the “range” once the “one practice round” has been played?**

Yes! Putting or Chipping is prohibited once the practice round has been played, but players may use the range as long as they are in compliance with UIL Constitution and Contest Rules practice regulations.

**May players go out and walk the course at a time other than their practice round?**

No! Walking the course is considered playing the course.



## **Golf State Tournament - Format & Ties**

### **Tournament Format**

- The tournament will consist of 9-18-27 or 36 holes completed by the entire tournament field from a scoring standpoint.

### **Team Ties (First, Second, & Third)**

1. There will be a playoff for all ties immediately on the tournament course after all scores have been posted.
2. Team ties will be represented either by the five players, or four players with four player teams.
3. The aggregate score of the four low players per hole will determine the team score per hole.
4. In the event that a playoff is not possible, the individual's score that was not used for each Team on Day 2 will be used as the tie-breaking score. If still tied, the team's highest individual tournament total will be used. Continue to use this process until the tie is broken.

### **Individual (Medalists) Ties (First, Second, & Third)**

1. Sudden Death Playoff.
2. In the event that a playoff is not possible, players will be awarded a medal for that place/position.

### **\* 9 Stroke Rule \***

- In regional and state competition, a player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 8<sup>th</sup> stroke of the hole. If a player continues to play, the player is not disqualified, but must count all shots played.
- For example: If a player picks up his/her ball after the 8th stroke, a score of 9 is recorded. If a player picks up his/her ball after the 9<sup>th</sup> stroke, a score of 10 is recorded.





## **Golf State Tournament - Playoff Details**

### **Team**

- Team ties are going to be broken by a five-man team playoff. The four low scores per hole in the playoff will count for the team score. If a team has four players, all four scores will count.

### **Honor**

- Will be determined by drawing numbers through a tournament official.
- 2 numbers will be provided. One team member will draw a number for the team.
- The team that draws the lowest number will have the honor for both groups.

### **Order**

- The two high scores from Day 2 will be paired up as (2).
- The third and fourth from each team's Day 2 round will make up the second group.
- The first and second players from Day 2 will make up the third group.
- All players will complete the hole prior to moving to the next hole.
- The four aggregate scores will comprise the team.

\*If a 3-team playoff exists the order will be:

3-6-6 with the same procedures as a two-team playoff.

This is still a stroke play competition. Coaching rule still applies.

Regardless of the number of teams in the playoff, the players will be paired according to score with the highest scores going first.

### **Individual**

- The player with the lowest second day score will have the honor. If the second day scores are tied, numbers will be drawn and the player who draws the lowest number will have the honor.



## **Slow Play**

**The following conditions and policies shall govern the regulation of the pace of play by the Rules Committee:**

1. Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay.
2. Each player is responsible for his group's maintaining proper position on the course in relation to the rest of the field. Each group should be approximately a starting interval behind the preceding group throughout the whole round. The position of the group following has no bearing in determining whether or not a player's pace of play is satisfactory. A group is deemed to be out of position if it reaches any spot on the course as much as fourteen (14) minutes behind the preceding group.
3. A group that is out of position for as many as three holes during one round, not necessarily in consecutive order, will be considered in violation of Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay). Players contributing to the delay will be automatically penalized.
4. If a player walks ahead of the ball to check the position of the hole or to walk yardage once he is at his ball and it is his turn to play, the player will be penalized for undue delay if he had previously been warned during the round for slow play.
5. Penalties may be assessed without a player having been given prior warning during the round by a Rules Official. It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of his position on the golf course.
6. If a group's pace of play warrants a penalty to be assessed, only players who contributed to slow play will be penalized, not necessarily every member of the team.
7. Officials will use discretion concerning the pace of play of early groups. The first players will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace. However, the groups immediately following may not be expected to maintain position behind an exceptionally fast group.



## **UIL Golf Disqualifications**

### **Subchapter C. Section 1260. U.I.L. Constitution and Contest Rules.**

(8) **Disqualifications:** A player disqualified (for other than an unsportsmanlike conduct violation) shall have the disqualification apply only to the 18-hole round in which the infraction occurred.

(a) For example, a contestant disqualified (for a violation that is not unsportsmanlike) during the first or second 18-holes will not have his/her score used for the team score in the 18-hole round in which the violation occurred.

(b) A contestant disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the first 18-holes, will not be allowed to continue. Scores from the first 18-hole round of a contestant disqualified during the second 18-holes will also be cancelled. Neither the first day 18-hole score nor the second day 18-hole score may be used for the individual or team score.

Please note that in accordance with Rule 6-8 of the USGA Golf rules, a player that must discontinue play due to illness or injury may not be subject to disqualification if the Rules Committee is notified and the reason, such as illness, is considered satisfactory to the Committee. A student, who discontinues play but is not disqualified the first day, may be allowed by the Committee to return and play 18 holes on the second day. The score of the second day, in this instance, may be counted for team honors.

*Any disqualification that takes place at a state venue should be confirmed by UIL staff before the decision is finalized. If a UIL staff member is not on site, the course pro should then call either Brian Polk or Susan Elza before enforcing the penalty.*

**Brian Polk: 903-821-4242**

**Susan Elza: 214-418-3591**



## Spectator Rules

Spectators must stay on cart path at all times. **EXCEPTION:** when watching play on or around the green spectators may go up on the mounds that surround the green to watch. Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players.

Spectators **MAY NOT** walk down the fairway with the players.

Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players at all times.

Spectators are allowed to help search for lost golf balls.

Spectators are **NOT** allowed to give players snacks or drinks during the stipulated round. **ONLY** the designated coach may give the players snacks or drinks.

Spectators are **NOT** allowed in the scoring area at any time.

Spectators **MAY NOT** give any advice during play. **ONLY** the designated coach may give the player advice during a stipulated round. Any other communication could be deemed advice. The player could be penalized 2 strokes for every breach or disqualified.

Spectators **MAY NOT** shuttle players at anytime. **EXCEPTION:** In the event of inclement weather or dangerous situation, spectators **MAY** transport players to safety.