

NSAA SPECTATOR POLICY

SPECTATORS AND COACHES--DURING SEASON

1. Spectators may be on the course observing the golfers, but they must remain a distance from all golfers. Spectators must avoid being on greens and teeing grounds. They should remain off the fairways.
2. Spectators can applaud a player or group of players, and they may offer encouragement to one player, as long as it is not distracting to other players in the tournament.
3. Spectators may not walk side-by-side with participants. They may not sit with them during a waiting period on the course.
4. A distance of 50 feet would be an acceptable separation.
5. Violation of this section may result in a two-stroke penalty after a warning by tournament officials. Failure to abide by the separation rule after a two-stroke penalty is applied could result in disqualification.
6. Schools are expected to communicate with their own golfers and spectators and enforce this policy themselves.
7. **Head Coaches may coach their golfers between greens and tees. (See section “Coaching and Advice During Competition” for coaching criteria.)**
8. Coaches, other than the Head Coach, may be out on the course during competition if not part of the work force. If so, they fall under the category of spectator and must follow the above rules.
9. The clubhouse area between nines is a time when players and spectators would not be required to maintain the above-mentioned distances.
10. People carrying cell phones or pagers on the golf course must turn off the ringer. Those who do not will be asked to turn off the phone or pager and risk being removed from the golf course by tournament officials.