

+To: IHSA Boys' Golf State Finals Qualifying Coach
From: Chris Schwarz
Date: October 1, 2024
Re: 2nd Notice – State Final Information

Congratulations on your school's qualification for the IHSA Boys' Golf State Finals. I hope the weekend is an enjoyable one for your school. As a reminder, you can find all the necessary information you'll need on the boys' golf page at www.ihsa.org. Look under the 'State Final Tournament' tab in the center column of that page. The qualifier's packet will contain information that pertains to the state finals and should be of good use for your school's preparations.

This year, the pre-state tournament coaches meetings will be held virtually. The meetings will also be recorded and links to those will be posted in the Schools Center (see location in the next paragraph). The pre-tournament coaches meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 8th. The times for each class are as follows:

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| Class 3A | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. |
| Class 2A | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Class 1A | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. |

A link to each meeting can be found in the 'Message Center' of the Schools Center. After logging in, the 'Message Center' will be found on the right-hand side of the opening screen. Select the message for the appropriate class. The link to the meeting will be inside the message. The meetings will be recorded, and links will be provided in the IHSA Schools Center later in the day. The presentations will be found in the 'Webinar' tab.

Practice round tee-times can be found in the IHSA Golf Manual (p. 19-21). You can identify your practice round time by finding the time that corresponds with your team or individual's qualifying place from the sectional. State finals tee times will be posted on the IHSA website during the day on Wednesday, October 9th.

Housing information will be posted in the IHSA Schools Center on Monday, October 7th. After logging into the Schools Center, you can access the list of properties that have made rooms available for the state finals by looking in the final column of the Tracker Row for boys' golf (the heading is "Documents, Printed Forms and Other Information") and selecting Case situations.

Our office has communicated with each property through the local Convention and Visitors Bureau to inform them regarding the reduction of the field from Day 1 to Day 2 of the state finals. These properties have a business to run, however, so we would encourage you to only reserve the number of rooms you think are necessary for your qualifiers (no more than 5 for team qualifiers and no more than 2 for individual qualifiers) because each property will need to determine and inform you what their procedures will be for either late check-outs and/or releasing unnecessary rooms for Friday or Saturday night. If you have questions like these when reserving rooms, we encourage you to speak with someone at the property (Sales Manager or General Manager) who has the authority to make this kind of determination.

Our office has listed the name of a specific individual to speak with about your reservation at each of the properties on the Housing List, so we would encourage you to ask to speak with that individual prior to checking in to ask any questions your school might have. Depending on when you make your

reservations, you may need to reach out to the identified person at the property you selected at a later time.

If schools encounter ANY difficulty in securing housing for the weekend, they should contact Baylee Doorn at the Bloomington-Normal Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 309-665-0033

Also, our office will notify each of the state finals golf courses which schools will be able to rent a golf cart for each day of the state finals. If your school has a team playing or multiple individuals, your head coach can identify him/herself at the pro shop desk to pay for the cart. There will be NO form that your school needs to complete. The courses will know the names of the schools and head coaches who can rent a cart for the day.

Congratulations again on having qualifiers for the IHSA Boys' Golf State Final! Here's hoping your team or individuals has a great day at the state tournament. If you have any questions about this note, please feel free to contact me at the IHSA Office.