

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE TIGERS

Boys' Golf Team Handbook

Course Description

Golf is a competitive U.I.L. sport. The athletic period is not designed for the novice golfer.

Each student who is invited to try out for the golf team must exhibit knowledge of the rules and basic fundamentals of the golf swing. In addition, golfers must provide a resume detailing tournaments played with scores, home course and teaching professional information, as well as recommendations from their junior high golf coach. All golfers will be assessed according to their resume before tryouts begin.

Golf Tryouts

The golf team will consist of 12-15 players. Freshmen qualifying will be held separately from other qualifying. Upper classmen will qualify according to their resume. Upper classmen who have tournament scores that average higher than 90 will not be considered for the team. The golf coach will confer with each player that fails to qualify for the team and suggest areas for improvement. Once a player has qualified for the team in a given year, he is not guaranteed a spot on the team the following year.

Player Ability Test

Each player selected to qualify must pass the player's ability test. Qualifying scores are as follows: Add 10 strokes for the girls' scores.

Freshmen: 95-105

Sophomores: 85-94

Juniors: 79-84

Seniors: Selections solely made by Golf Coach (player must be in top seven)

Athletes Role on the Golf Team:

***** I will play the best player regardless of grade level.**

Freshmen: This is a developmental year during which players improve their golf swing mechanics, practice habits, and **commitment** to their game. Freshmen should be working hard in the areas of fitness and developing their golf swing.

Sophomores: There should be a marked improvement in their skills, practice habits, short game, and golf course management. Sophomores will play in six to eight tournaments in a year. If their scores warrant more varsity participation, they will be invited to qualify for varsity tournaments.

Juniors: Their skills and overall game should be peaking and they should develop leadership skills in a team environment. Juniors should aspire to be a top five player in the program and they should expect to play in seven to eight tournaments. Their swing should be consistent and repeatable under pressure.

Seniors: A senior should provide leadership for the golf program and conduct himself as an exemplary role model. Seniors not ranking in the top five will not play in the junior varsity tournaments. **Underclassmen who are equal or better will play in these events. Seniors not in the top 7 players will attend practice w/ sub-varsity team to allow room for younger players to participate w/ varsity group.**

Fall Golf Season

Each golfer has an opportunity to work on the fundamentals of the game to prepare for the spring season. **Any major swing changes or equipment changes should be done during this time.** Besides playing in regular season tournaments, all players should be playing regular matches with their teammates at their course. Golf Coach will make up the matches.

Spring Golf Season----- playing GOLF vs. GOLF SWING--- full swing changes need to cease by no later than FEB. 1st!!!!

The spring season largely consists of varsity tournaments. These tournaments prepare the team for the district tournament and post-season tournaments. All players should be working diligently to play their best golf during the spring season. **Do not schedule lessons right before the district, regional or state golf tournaments unless they are simply a “tune up”.** Short game work should be emphasized leading into big tournaments.

Qualifying for Varsity Tournaments

A limited number of players will have the opportunity to qualify for varsity tournaments. The coach will select the players participating based on varsity experience and tournament/practice performance. Players who miss practice will not be allowed to qualify and will be released from the team.

District Golf Tournament

The district golf team will consist of 5 players. There will be one five man team. Selections are made by the coach.

Transportation

Each student will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the golf course in the afternoon. The school will provide transportation to all out-of-town tournaments. Any excessive speeding or loud music around the golf courses will cause the player to be sent home from practice. The parking lot at the hotel can no longer be used by TISD golfers. **Coaches cannot provide transportation to and from practice.**

Conduct of the Golfer

This is a critical part of our program. We are the guest of each golf course and we represent Texas High School and our community. All golfers are expected to adhere to the following guidelines

- 1. Players will wear a collared shirt(tucked in) to practice and all tournaments. NO FADED/TORN JEANS !!!!! Girls will wear proper length shorts and athletic/golf shoes to practice.**
2. Players will practice/play at the scheduled golf course every day. If you have a private lesson scheduled somewhere else your attendance will be checked. On days Coach Brewer is not there, players should be following the Tiger Golf Team Practice Regimen.
3. The golf period starts at 2:50 p.m. A player must report to the golf course by 3:20 p.m. or will be counted absent last period. Players who miss practice consistently **will be dismissed from the team.**
4. Students will adhere to the TISD extracurricular code of conduct. Players who violate these policies are subject to dismissal from the team.
5. Destruction of property and/or use of profanity on the golf course will result in dismissal from the team.
6. Golfers will **always** check in the pro shop for golf course availability.
7. Players who fail more than one six weeks will be dismissed from the team.
8. Players who miss the suburban/van for a tournament will be suspended from playing in the tournament. Any player who is not on time for departure to or from tournament **will be left.**
- 9. No cell phones on golf course before, during or after practice nor during any tournament!**

Coach Availability

Coach Brewer is **not** “on call” 24 hours a day/7 days a week. You will be provided a list of teammate’s cell numbers that you may call should you have: missed out on some practice/tournament information. All practice/tournament information will be provided in ample time to make any necessary arrangements. **My phone is on from 7am – 7pm.**