

## ~ GOLF REGULAR SEASON REGULATIONS ~

### ~ GENERAL INFORMATION ~

**Conferences.** Participating schools shall be divided into conferences according to UIL spring meet alignments.

**Divisions.** There shall be the following divisions in girls' and boys' districts: (a) singles and (b) teams consisting of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. Singles entries may also be a member of the team. This must be designated. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/she is a member of a team or a single entry.

**Official Rules.** All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association rules. Contestants may not use caddies or electric carts during district, regional or state tournaments. A pull cart may be used. **Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.** *By district executive committee approval in district play, and in regional and state competition, the player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 8th stroke on a hole.*

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 9th stroke, a score of 10 is recorded.

#### Number of Tournaments.

- a. Number. No student or team representing a member school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year, excluding district, regional and state tournaments.
- b. Weekly Limitations. A student or team representing a member school shall participate in no more than one dual or tri-meet or tournament per school week. Exceptions: Post-season competition, as well as district contests postponed by weather or public disaster may also be scheduled during the school week. School week means the week beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week and ends at the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.
- c. School Week Limitation. No student or team representing a participant school shall participate in more than one tournament per school week (the first instructional day of the week through the last school day of the week). See Section 5(a) for definition of calendar week. Exceptions: The regional and state tournament, and district varsity tournaments postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week. Schools shall not enter invitational golf tournaments scheduled on more than one school day per any one tournament.
- d. District Tournament. A district tournament schedule may be comprised of as many holes as the district executive committee authorizes to determine a district champion. However, no more than the last 36 holes of play to determine district representatives will count as the one allowable district tournament. All other district rounds count against the eight tournament limitation.
- e. Student Absence. A student who is absent from school to attend a non-school sponsored golf tournament does not count the tournament as one of the eight tournaments allowed unless they are representing the school.
- f. Individual Limit. No individual player may participate in more than eight school tournaments. Any school tournament in which an individual participates shall count as a school team tournament.
- g. Tournament Defined. A meeting of more than three teams with loss of school time shall be considered a tournament.
- h. Non-School Tournament. If a student participates in a non-school tournament, it will not count as one of his/her school tournaments providing he/she is not representing the school.
- i. Double Entry. A school may, if permitted by the tournament director, play more than one team at the same varsity tournament. This would constitute one tournament for the team and for each golfer of the eight school tournaments allowed.

- j. **Junior Varsity.** A bona fide junior varsity team may represent a school and attend junior varsity tournaments. This team would also be limited to eight junior varsity tournaments.
- k. **Change Levels.** A golfer could move from the junior varsity level to the varsity level, but a combined total of eight tournaments (at any level) would still be in effect for the player.
- l. **Tournament Cancellation or Continuation.** A tournament is considered a tournament when all contestants have played one half of the predetermined length. (It is preferred that in order to prevent additional loss of school time, the tournament shall be called and a champion determined on less than scheduled number of holes.) Refer also to 4(b) above.
  - 1) If the second half of the tournament has not begun and the tournament cannot be continued, the remaining holes may be played at a later date without counting as another tournament provided there is no additional loss of school time.
  - 2) If less than half of the tournament has been played, and the tournament cannot be continued, the tournament may be canceled and does not have to count as one of the allowable eight tournaments. **(If there was a loss of school time, the tournament must be counted.)**

**School Tournaments.** A meeting of more than three schools or a match in which there results in a loss of school time is defined as a school tournament. It could also be considered a school tournament if, in a nonschool tournament, a student is wearing school uniforms or equipment, using school transportation, or is being directed in the tournament by a coach paid by the school.

**Classifications.** Each high school may enter three singles and two golf teams in each division.

**Team Scoring.** In district, regional and state tournaments, team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18 hole round (when more than 18 holes are played, the best four scores for each round are added together). The team with the lowest score will be the team winner. In case of a tie, all five players will be involved in the playoff. All entries in the regional and state golf meets will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes.

**Invitational Tournaments.** In invitational tournaments, consisting of less than 36 holes (e.g., a 27-hole tournament), team honors shall be determined by totaling the best four scores for all holes included in the tournament to avoid dividing team play into increments of less than 18 holes. Hosts may still schedule a 9-hole competition if desired.

**Awards.** High school participants may receive trophies or medals. They cannot accept anything of valuable consideration. Using the students' names for advertising purposes, if paid, is prohibited.

**Clothing.** Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.

## ~ GOLF POST SEASON REGULATIONS ~

### ~ DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS ~

**Representation.** *Qualifiers to Regional Meet.* Each district may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individuals to regional competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both of the first two individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. Meet director shall authorize play-offs to break ties. Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the tournament director.

*Qualifiers to State Meet.* Each region may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both of the first two individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. Meet director shall authorize playoffs to break ties. Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the tournament director.

**Dates.** Athletic district tournaments may be held on April 6-11 or April 13-18. Regional tournaments may be held on April 20-22. *Note: Dates for District, Regional and State Spring Meet athletic events (Golf, Tennis and Track & Field) are tentative, based on TAKS Tests being administered on April 28-May 1.*

**Regional Sites and Directors.** Regional sites and directors may be found on the UIL website ([www.uil.utexas.edu](http://www.uil.utexas.edu)) under golf, tennis or track & field.

**Entries.** Entries are due to the district golf director ten days before the district meet. District meet director will certify district results to the regional director. Regional meet directors will certify to state meet director.

**Starting Times.** The players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the district or regional director. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

**Lengths of District Tournaments.** In district tournaments, singles and team play shall be over a total of 18 holes. By mutual consent of schools, singles and team play may be extended to 36 holes in the district tournament. Individual ties shall be determined by playing additional hole(s) until the tie is broken. Team ties shall be broken by the four players with the best scores on the final 18 holes for each team being involved in the playoff of additional hole(s) until the tie is broken.

**Sites.** The sites of the tournament shall be determined by the spring meet district executive committee.

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

**Counting the District Tournament as One of Eight School Meets.** A district tournament schedule may be comprised of as many holes as the district executive committee authorizes to determine a district champion. However, when more than 36 holes are played, only the last 36 holes of play will count as one of the allowable district tournaments. Each of the other 18 hole rounds of district play count against the eight tournaments permitted.

**Substitutions.** The final decision on substitutions is left up to the district committee. It is recommended there be no substitution in the individual or medalist competition and no substitution of team members after the start of the last 36 holes of a district tournament. Exception: Injury or illness certified by a physician or academic eligibility or ineligibility prior to any 18 hole competition. The tournament director should be notified of a substitution as soon as possible.

**Disqualification.** According to UIL rules, a player disqualified for an unsportsmanlike conduct violation COULD have all scores posted by the player not count toward the team score.

For example, a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the first round will not be allowed to continue. First round scores of a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the second round may or may not be cancelled. Thus, the first day or second day score may not be used for the team score.

Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as profane, vulgar and/or abusive language audible to others; carelessly and/or deliberately throwing clubs; verbalizing with intent of intimidation; or exhibiting behavior not in accordance with the spirit of fair play. First consideration of penalty should be per USGA rules. If the golfer's action warrant, penalty may be disqualification for the round, and/or in the opinion of the tournament director the violation is flagrant, disqualification could be for the tournament.

Please note that in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, a player that can not complete the round because of illness or injury is not subject to disqualification for the remainder of the tournament if the tournament director or the Rules Committee is notified and the reason satisfactory.

**Electronic Equipment.** No electronic equipment is allowed at the district or regional tournaments.

**Scoring.** In district, regional, and state tournaments, team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18 hole round (when more than 18 holes are played, the best four scores for each round are added together). The team with the lowest score will be the team winner. In case of a tie, all five players will be involved in the playoff. All entries in the regional and state golf meets will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes.

**Rules Committee.** A rules committee appointed by the district spring meet executive committee should be established to act on all violations. A PGA pro should be a member of this committee.

**Ground Rules.** Ground rules should be discussed with players and coaches prior to the start of the meet.

**Coaches/Spectators.** The following rules should be discussed with all participants and coaches. Coaches, parents, and interested spectators should be reminded that they are spectators and it is not their responsibility to report possible rule violations. Rule violations should be reported by the players or the marshals of the meet. Parents, friends, and other spectators should stay a substantial distance from competitors during play. After play has started, coaches and parents may not coach "or advise" players. A player is subject to a two stroke penalty on the first offense and disqualification by tournament officials if the coaching continues. On course encouragement, support, applause, etc is not considered coaching or advice; therefore, it is permissible. Also, coaches are allowed, in fact encouraged, to talk with their players "at the turn" (after 9 holes) as long as starting play on the back nine is not unduly delayed.

**Protests.** Any protest lodged must be initiated by a contestant or school official - either a player, coach or administrator from the school for whom a student is playing - before the scores are designated as final by the tournament director.

**Regional Practice Rounds.** *Individuals and/or teams qualifying for regional golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the regional 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.*

Under certain restrictions listed below, teams and individuals who qualify for regional and state tournament may use the Sunday afternoon preceding the tournament for the one 18 hole practice round allowed by Sections 1206 (b) (3) (A) and 1260 (g) (7). Providing: a) The first round of competition at the tournament is scheduled on Monday, and b) Practice rounds are permitted by the regional spring meet director (or state golf tournament director at the state tournament).

**QUESTIONS**

- a. If there is no round of competition on Monday, may my team practice on the preceding Sunday? Answer: No!
- b. Does this rule allow for Sunday practice or competition at times other than those specified? Answer: No!
- c. May parents take students to the regional or state course on Sunday after they have qualified for the respective regional or state tournaments and have them practice? Answer: No, unless the practice is the Sunday immediately preceding the round that begins on Monday, and the school has approved the parents taking the students.
- d. May a student go to the course site of the tournament on Sunday and hit shag balls if the tournament begins on Tuesday, Wednesday, or any other day than Monday? Answer: No!
- e. May a student walk the course on Sunday preceding the regional or state tournament that begins Tuesday or after? Answer: No!
- f. If the tournament director does not permit practice rounds, may a team or individual go play a practice round on their own after they have qualified for that round of competition? Answer: No!

**Length of Regional Tournament.** All entries in the regional golf meet will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes (minimum of nine holes).

**Dress Regulations.** Golfers are required to carry all clothing needed except that which they can pick up at the end of nine holes at the club house. Spectators, coaches and other players cannot deliver articles of clothing to golfers on course.

**Course Rules.** All course rules shall be discussed by the golf site professionals at the coaches meeting.

**Coaching Penalties.** Coaching by coaches or parents after play has started will be penalized. A two stroke penalty for the first offense will be assessed followed by disqualification by tournament director if coaching continues.

**~ STATE TOURNAMENT ~**

**Coaches Meeting.** The coaches meetings will be conducted at each of the respective courses at a time designated by the UIL and Golf Pro. Check the UIL web site for times. Times will also be posted at each Pro Shop. Discussion of rules, distribution of packets and posting of the official starting times for players will be part of this meeting. The course Pro and one UIL official will be at each meeting to answer questions.

**Registration.** All coaches will be asked to sign in, pick up packets, and register lodging sites of teams.

**Substitutions.** If at all possible, **call team substitutions to the League office one week prior to the state tournament.** Other substitutions may be permitted upon registration or tee-off, but not after a team begins the tournament.

**Tournament Director.** Peter Contreras shall serve as the tournament director.

**Dates, Sites and Time.**

*Conferences 1A, 2A, and 4A May 11-12, 2009; Approximate starting time is 7:30 am.*

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Site and Course Pro</i>	<i>Directions</i>
Boys - 1A Girls - 1A	Morris Williams Golf Course Beth Clecker 512/926-1298	Exit IH 35 on Manor Road or 26th Street and proceed east, approximately 1.7 miles. Across from the airport.
Boys - 4A Girls - 4A	Jimmy Clay Golf Course Steve Hammond 512/444-0999	Exit IH 35 on Stassney Lane and proceed east approximately 2.3 miles to entrance.
Boys - 2A Girls - 2A	Roy Kizer Golf Course Steve Hammond 512/444-0999	Exit IH 35 on Stassney Lane and proceed east approximately 2.3 miles to entrance.

*Conference 3A and 5A, May 14-15, 2009; Approximate starting time is 7:30 am.*

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Site and Course Pro</i>	<i>Directions</i>
Boys - 5A Girls - 5A	Jimmy Clay Golf Course Steve Hammond 512/444-0999	Exit IH 35 on Stassney Lane and proceed east approximately 2.3 miles to entrance.
Boys - 3A Girls - 3A	Roy Kizer Golf Course Steve Hammond 512/444-0999	Exit IH 35 on Stassney Lane and proceed east approximately 2.3 miles to entrance.

**Rules Committee.** The site director and rules committee members shall rule on all state tournament golf rule situations.

**Caddies, Electric Carts, Pull Carts.** Caddies and electric carts are prohibited at the state tournament. Pull carts may be used, but participants are required to begin the round with a pull cart if one is desired. **Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.**

**Dress Regulations.** Golfers are required to carry all clothing needed except that which they can pick up at the end of nine holes at the club house. Spectators, coaches and other players cannot deliver articles of clothing to golfers on course.

**Course Rules.** All course rules shall be discussed by the golf site professionals at the coaches meeting.

**Practice Rounds.** Call Peter Contreras at 512-471-7091 on April 27 between 7:00 am - 11:00 am for practice rounds at the state tournaments. Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf are permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the state golf 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.** If your students do not have any extracurricular absences left, you can play on Saturday (only Sunday if state tournament begins on Monday).

**Coaching Penalties.** Coaching by coaches or parents after play has started will be penalized. A two stroke penalty for the first offense will be assessed followed by disqualification by tournament director if coaching continues. After play has started, coaches and parents may not coach "or advise" players. On course encouragement, support, applause, etc is not considered coaching or advice; therefore, it is permissible. Also, coaches are allowed, in fact encouraged, to talk with their players "at the turn" (after 9 holes) as long as starting play on the back nine is not unduly delayed.

**State Green Fees.** Fees for state championships are for all courses and dates. Payment of green fees for state tournament shall be paid at the respective course. Make checks payable to the City of Austin. Listed below are the charges for the State Golf Championship. Prices includes all green fees, practice balls, and coaches cart during tournament rounds only.

Team Total: To be announced.

Medalist Total: To be announced.

Parking:: \$5.00 parking fee for spectators. Coaches and players will receive one parking pass per individual or team.

Teams may play their one practice round anytime between the regional tournament and the state tournament and utilize this fee. Checks may be paid during the week of the state tournament. All Sunday practice rounds must be played after 12:00 pm.

**Electronic Equipment.** No electronic equipment is allowed at the state tournament.

**State Tournament Certificates.** Certificates shall be given to each participant.

**Pairings.** Pairings shall be made by UIL and the course professionals and posted at the coaches' meeting.

**Report Time.** The team or individuals shall start at the time and in the order announced by site director. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.

**Awards.** Awards shall be distributed at the conclusion of the tournament at their site by the site director.

**Programs.** Each team will receive one free State Meet program. Others may be purchased at each site during the tournament.

**State Tournament Tickets.** Admission is free to the UIL Golf State Tournament.