

~TOURNAMENT RULES ~

Region III-6A Golf Tournament at Eagle Point GC

Qualifiers to State Meet. Each region may qualify to state competition the top 3 placing teams, along with the top 3 placing individuals that are not on an advancing team. If an advancing individual medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams for state by their coach, the next highest ranked individual of the tournament (alternate #1) will replace the medalist at the state tournament. Each advancing coach is responsible for the UIL State Golf Tournament website information that is required for them to send in.

Team Scoring. Team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18-hole round. The best four scores for each 18-hole round are added together for a 36-hole total. The team with the lowest score will be the team winner. A team with less than 4 players will not be allowed to start. All entries in the regional and state golf tournaments will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director and rules committee determine it necessary to play fewer than 36 holes due to inclement weather.

Player Scoring. Each player will be given a paper scorecard on the first tee to keep score manually as a marker for their competitor. At the completion of the round, the playing group will all report immediately to the scoring table to check their scores and sign their scorecards. Only tournament volunteers at every third hole will be allowed to use communication mobile devices for scoring.

Playoffs for Ties. In case of a team tie, all five players will be involved with the four best scores counting per hole by sudden death. If a team has four players, then all four scores count. Team honors determined by drawing numbers and the team with the lowest number will tee first. Pairings are based on Day 2 scores. The two highest scores tee off first in a two-some, followed by the 2 four-somes according to posted Day 2 scores. Best Day 2 scores play last. If a 3-team playoff exists, then the order will be the same with 3-6-6 player groupings. Playoffs will start on Hole 1 in a sudden death format. Individual playoffs will begin on Hole 10 in sudden death if the Hole 1 is not available due to a team playoff. Best Day 2 score has honors for individuals. Team playoffs take precedence in case an individual is involved in both playoffs. If a tie for State advancing cannot be played on Day 2, then a future date is possible with approval by the schools and UIL. The USGA Scorecard playoff system can be used to break ties if playing a playoff is not possible. (Back 9; last 6; last 3; last 1; number one handicap, etc.). The UIL has a system for alternates tied.

Rules Committee. **Scott Olsen**, Head Pro at EPGC is the Head of the Rules Committee and his assistant is Pete Bruckbauer. Play will be governed according to the USGA Rules, and by special UIL rules listed in the UIL Manual for Golf, Hardcard and below. All coaches and players are responsible for knowing all USGA and UIL Rules. Call a Rules Committee member first when needed.

Special U.I.L Rules that apply:

A player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 8th stroke on a hole. If a player continues to play by accident, then the player will not receive a higher score or a DQ. They will record a 9. The player does not need to attempt all 8 strokes.

Out of Bounds/Lost Ball is Loss of Distance and a Penalty Stroke. Ball crossing a street is OB even if on another part of course.

Contestants may not use caddies or electric carts. Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver.

Coaches/managers cart rides are only allowed between 9's. During play, players may be carted by their coach only for re-hitting due to a lost ball or OB shot if needed to speed up play and get the player back into its group position.

Pull carts may be used by course rules, but players are required to begin the round with a pull cart if one is desired.

Electronic Equipment. Range finders, Sky-Caddies and GPS watches are allowed IF they show distance only and do not show other functions such as slope or communication between players, coaches, or spectators. Non-distance functions must be completely turned off and not accessible. They are illegal if another function shows up on screen, even if not viewed according to the UIL. Local Rule: headphones and earbuds cannot be used at any time for any reason unless for an emergency situation. Coaches inspect your players' devices before play that all other functions are disabled. UIL Penalty: 1st time two-stroke penalty; and a 2nd time DQ.

Ground Rules. Ground rules will be discussed with coaches at the mandatory coaches' meeting, and with the players on first tee.

Disqualification and Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

According to the UIL Hard Card, 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. A SERIOUS BREACH OF CONDUCT could warrant immediate disqualification.

Penalty Structure for unsportsmanlike conduct: 1st offense= 2 stroke penalty; 2nd offense= DQ.

If the golfer's action warrant, penalty may be disqualification for the round, and/or in the opinion of Rules Committee and director the violation is flagrant and is extreme, disqualification could be for the entire tournament with both day scores not counting.

Please note that in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, a player that cannot complete play 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. Injury or illness substitutions are allowed for the next 18-hole round with a non-tournament player or alternate from that school to fill out a team.

Players disqualified due to a golf rule infraction and not due to unsportsmanlike conduct will only have that one 18-hole round disqualified. They remain in the tournament and their other round score still counts.

Coaching. Two designated school coaches may coach their school's team player(s) "UP TO" the green if it does not slow play. A natural pace must be kept by the player and coach when coaching a player walking up to the green. Coaches must walk away when the player reaches the green with their ball on the green. Coaches cannot be on the green, nor talk to their player on the green about putting. Coaches must wait to talk until all players have holed out. Coach to the "Spirit of the Game" with integrity. 1st Offense – Warning. 2nd Offense – 1 Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach. 3rd Offense – DQ.

Only coaches can give players food and drinks if it does not slow play. Golf equipment is not allowed to be given while playing mandated by USGA rules. Golf balls are not considered to be golf equipment and can be given out during play. Clothing may be given out by coaches only for the health and safety of the player. Cart rides only allowed in between nines by coaches/managers.

Spectators. Parents and interested spectators are only spectators, and they are not allowed to report possible rule violations in any circumstances. Rule violations can only be reported by the players or the marshals of the meet. Spectators are only allowed to look for lost balls. They cannot give out any clothing, equipment, or advice. Spectators may leave food and drinks on the next tee box, but must stay away from players and not converse. They must stand off to the side near the cart paths, and not give shot lines on dogleg shots or shots into the greens. They cannot walk in the fairways or rough alongside the golfers. Spectators must stay a substantial distance of at least 30 yards from players during the round. On course encouragement, support and applause is not considered coaching and is permissible by all. Spectators may only cart players to shelter during emergency weather situations or for serious emergency first aid.

Protests. A UIL protest can only be initiated by the coach or school administrator. It must be initiated before scores are designated as final by the tournament director and the rules committee. The UIL will be notified preferably prior to decision.

Regional Practice Rounds. Individuals and teams qualifying for region golf may be permitted ONLY one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the region tournament between their district and region dates. The penalty is DQ for any player breaking this rule. 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) 1260 (g) (7). Providing: a) The first round of competition is scheduled on Monday, and b) Practice rounds are allowed by the tournament director. Girls may schedule their practice round on Sunday after 12 PM noon since they play on Monday. Boys cannot practice on Sunday.

Breaking the practice round rule will result in a DQ of that player. Any playing on the course with or without the coach is considered an 18-hole practice round. Playing more than 18 holes is not allowed. Walking the course is also considered a practice round. No one is allowed to return on another day to use the putting green or chipping green. The driving range is allowed any day. New rule: Putting and chipping are allowed after 12 PM on the day prior to the player's first tournament playing day.

In between the competitive rounds of play, players are permitted to use the driving range, and the putting and chipping greens. Players cannot practice or walk throughout the course in between rounds, but may watch school teammates on nearby greens.

Emergency Situations. Coaches sign up on Remind101 early as instructed. Text 415-799-3791 for: @Regiongirl @Regionboys

Local Rules will be discussed at the mandatory coaches' meeting on Saturday. Player Rules Sheets will be given on the first tees.

Substitutions. No substitutions are allowed for individual medalist competition. For team play, once the tournament begins no substitutions are allowed except for injury or illness of a team player by using an alternate non-tournament player.

CONTACTS. See Coaches' Program Phone List: for Rules Officials, Tournament Staff, and Coaches contact numbers.

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TX HS GOLF app: TEE TIMES will be posted for Day 2 ASAP. Includes Live Scoring every 3rd hole and Final Results.