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GOLF
State Qualifier's
Handbook



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
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Congratulations on your athlete's advancement to the UIL Golf State Tournament. This handbook has been prepared to serve as a guide to administrators and coaches and provide information about the State Tournament. You will find this material valuable as you prepare and upon your arrival to the tournament.

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State Golf Composite Schedule & Coach's Meeting

Tournament Schedule

CLASS	COURSE	DATES	START TIME
6A-Girls	Legacy Hills	May 15 th – 16 th	8:00am
5A-Girls	White Wing	May 15 th – 16 th	8:00am
4A-Girls	Legends	May 15 th – 16 th	8:00am
3A-Girls	Jimmy Clay	May 15 th – 16 th	8:00am
2A-Girls	Lions	May 15 th – 16 th	8:00am
1A-Girls	Plum Creek	May 15 th – 16 th	8:00am

CLASS	COURSE	DATES	START TIME
6A-Boys	Legacy Hills	May 22 nd – 23 rd	8:00am
5A-Boys	White Wing	May 22 nd – 23 rd	8:00am
4A-Boys	Legends	May 22 nd – 23 rd	8:00am
3A-Boys	Jimmy Clay	May 22 nd – 23 rd	8:00am
2A-Boys	Lions	May 22 nd – 23 rd	8:00am
1A-Boys	Plum Creek	May 22 nd – 23 rd	8:00am

Coach/Course Meetings

DATE & TIME	COURSE
Girls-Sunday, May 14 th , 2:00 pm	1A-Plum Creek
Girls-Sunday, May 14 th , 2:00 pm	2A- Lions
Girls-Sunday, May 14 th , 2:00 pm	3A-Jimmy Clay
Girls-Sunday, May 14 th , 2:00 pm	4A-Legends
Girls-Sunday, May 14 th , 2:00 pm	5A-White Wing
Girls-Sunday, May 14 th , 2:00 pm	6A- Legacy Hills
The 5A & 6A Meeting will be held together at Sun City	

DATE & TIME	COURSE
Boys-Sunday, May 21 st , 2:00 pm	1A-Plum Creek
Boys-Sunday, May 21 st , 2:00 pm	2A- Lions
Boys-Sunday, May 21 st , 2:00 pm	3A-Jimmy Clay
Boys-Sunday, May 21 st , 2:00 pm	4A-Legends
Boys-Sunday, May 21 st , 2:00 pm	5A-White Wing
Boys-Sunday, May 21 st , 2:00 pm	6A- Legacy Hills
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Tournament Information

Tournament Director: AJ Martinez will serve as the tournament director.

State Qualifiers: Each region may qualify the first, second, and third place teams, and the first, second, and third place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first three individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If all three individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on an advancing team shall advance. If a medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams, the next highest ranked finisher will replace the medalist now on the team at the state tournament. The meet director shall authorize playoffs to break ties. The regional tournament director will certify winners to the state meet.

Official Rules: All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association Rules (USGA). All course rules shall be discussed by the golf course professionals at the coaches meeting. A ***RULES COMMITTEE*** appointed by the tournament director should be established to act on all violations. A PGA Pro should be a member of this committee.

State Practice Rounds: Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the state 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. ***The Course Pro Shop will schedule practice round times for State.*** (See page 7 for Practice Round Details)

State Green Fees: Listed below are the charges for the 2023 State Golf Championships. Prices include all green fees for practice and tournament rounds, practice balls, and coaches golf carts during tournament rounds (not practice rounds). **Please make checks payable to Sun City-Texas Community Association (Legacy Hills, White Wing), Legends Golf Course, Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Lions Golf Course, Plum Creek Golf Course**

- Team Total: \$600
- Medalist Total: \$135

Pairings: Pairings shall be made by the UIL for Day 1 and will be posted on the UIL website by Friday, April 28th at 12:00pm. Day 2 pairings will be made by the host site using Day 1 results (Top 3 teams paired, 4th through 6th place teams paired, etc...)

Starting Times: The team or individuals shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the rules committee. The penalty for breach of the rule is disqualification.

Substitution: There shall be no substitutions allowed in the individual competition. Team substitutions will be accepted up to one hour prior to the start of the tournament. Once the tournament has begun, no substitution (except for injury or illness) shall be allowed on a team, as a team is composed of five players. If a qualifying medalist is removed from one of the top 3 qualifiers and placed on a qualifying team, the top 3 qualifiers from that particular region will revert back to the individual scores from the regional tournament (this must be done at least 5 days prior to the tournament).

Protests: A contestant or coach representing a participating school must initiate any protest before the tournament director finalizes scores.



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

Ties: The lowest four scores compose the team score each day. In case of a tie on the 2nd day, all five players will be involved in a playoff (*See p. 8 for ties*).

Coaching:

- A coach may engage with the player(s) tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.
- At district, regional and state competition, only one coach is allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
- The intent of the one coach rule per team or individual is not to limit a coach from coaching but rather limit the amount of coaches per school.

Penalty:

First Offense – Warning

Second Offense – Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach for that day

Third Offense – Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament

Dress and Conduct: Players shall wear school approved attire, collared shirts, and soft spikes. Players may not speak privately with non-players; exception; a coach tee to green. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as illegal coaching, inappropriate language, throwing clubs, course abuse, or improper actions may result in penalty stroke(s) or disqualification.

Caddies and Carts: Contestants may **NOT** use caddies or electric carts during district, regional, or state matches without approval by the UIL, but a pull cart may be used. *Any approval document issued by the UIL must be brought to the tournament.*

Electronic Equipment: Range finders (all types such as GPS, watches, etc) are the **ONLY** electronic equipment allowed at the tournament. Range finders that measure **DISTANCE ONLY** may be used during competitive rounds. Range finders that offer any other function (even if disabled) are illegal. The first offense is a warning and the second offense is disqualification.

Cell Phones/Radios: Cell phones and radios are not permitted for players during competition. The first offense is a warning and the second offense is disqualification.

Spectators: Please make sure all cell phones are turned off or on silent mode. Spectators may encourage but **NOT** coach nor give advice during play. Spectators shall remain off fairways and maintain an average of 30 yards from players (*See p. 13 for spectator rules*).

Congratulations again on reaching the state tournament! We wish you the best of luck and look forward to watching your kids compete.



Golf State Tournament

Practice Round & Course Information

6A – Legacy Hills	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Josh Lockhart (Pro)	512-948-7705 josh.lockhart@sctexas.org	Call: 512-948-7508 *Only available on Sunday prior to Round 1	8:00 am All Days	\$10 Cash Only (Spectators)	Yes (No Outside Food)	\$75.00 per cart, rental done 30 minutes prior to observing players' tee off only *may bring personal cart with a \$25 trail fee	Sun City Texas Community Association
Erik Beyer (Pro)	512-948-7563 erik.beyer@sctexas.org						
Steve Keasler (Dir.)	214-869-4127 steve.keasler@southlakecarroll.edu						
5A – White Wing	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Josh Lockhart (Pro)	512-948-7705 josh.lockhart@sctexas.org	Call: 512-948-7580 *Only available on Sunday prior to Round 1	8:00 am All Days	\$10 Cash Only (Spectators)	Yes (No Outside Food)	\$75.00 per cart, rental done 30 minutes prior to observing players' tee off only *may bring personal cart with a \$25 trail fee	Sun City Texas Community Association
Jim Bob Jackson (Dir.)	940-367-6169 jjackson@magnoliaisd.org						
Andy Miller	512-948-7583 andy.miller@sctexas.org						
4A - Legends	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Ronna Wilson (Dir.)	325-388-8888 ronna@legendslbi.com	Call: 325-388-8888 7am *Beginning Apr 26 th	8:00 am All Days	No Fee	Yes (No Outside Food or Drink)	\$75.00 per cart, rental done 30 minutes prior to observing players' tee off only *may bring personal cart with a \$20 trail fee	Legends Golf Course
3A–Jimmy Clay	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Moe Rodriguez (Pro)	512-974-4653 moe.rodriguez@austintexas.gov	Call: 512-974-4653 7am *Beginning Apr 26 th	8:00 am All Days	No Fee	Yes (No Outside Food)	Handicap only with placard \$50; may bring own cart for \$30; Reservations available 4/27/2023	Jimmy Clay Golf Course
2A - Lions	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Erik Lopez (Pro)	512-978-6869 erik.lopez@austintexas.gov	Call: 512-978-6869 7am *Beginning April 26 th	8:00 am All Days	No Fee	Yes (No Outside Food)	Handicap only with placard \$50; may bring own cart for \$30; Reservations available 4/27/2023	Lions Golf Course
Jimmy Olivares	512-978-6963 jimmy.olivaresiii@austintexas.gov						
1A-Plum Creek	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Marc Farris (GM)	512-262-5555 marcf@forsightgolf.net	Call: 512-262-5555 *Beginning Apr 26 th	8:00 am All Days	\$10 Cash Only (Spectators)	Yes (No Outside Food)	\$60.00 per cart, rental done 30 minutes prior to observing players' tee off only *may bring personal cart with a \$40 trail fee	Plum Creek Golf Course



Practice Round Details

Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the state tournament if permitted by the director of the tournament. There shall be no more than one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. Once a practice round has been completed, neither teams nor individuals are allowed to return to the site on another day to **chip and/or putt**, but may use the range at any point.

Sunday Prohibition (Section 1206 of UIL Constitution and Contest Rules)

A League participant school shall not participate in any athletic contest or conduct any practice, or teach any plays, formations, or skills on Sunday.

Exceptions.

- (A) Golf. If the regional and/or state golf tournaments are scheduled on a Monday, one 18-hole practice round is allowed at the regional and/or state tournament site and may be played on the Sunday afternoon preceding the meet (**no earlier than 12:00 noon**) if permitted by the regional or state meet director.

General Questions and Answers

May we schedule our ‘one practice round’ at a time/day other than the day prior to tournament?

Yes, if the course allows! The assigned practice round the day prior to the competition is for the convenience of out-of-town schools. Regardless if a player goes on his/her own, with parents, or with the school coach, he/she only gets one practice round.

May we leave the course & return later that same day to practice putt or chip after our practice round?

No! However, use of the driving range, putting and chipping areas are allowed starting at 12:00 pm on the day preceding the regional or state tournament.

May players go to the tournament site and putt or chip prior to playing their practice round?

Yes! However, this would count as the practice round for the player.

May players use the “range” once the “one practice round” has been played?

Yes! Players may use the range as long as they are in compliance with UIL Constitution and Contest Rules practice regulations. Putting and Chipping is prohibited until 12:00 pm on the day preceding the regional or state tournament.

May players go out and walk the course at a time other than their practice round?

No! Walking the course is considered playing the course. If special circumstances exist with siblings competing in the state golf tournament, contact A.J. Martinez.



Golf State Tournament - Format & Ties

Tournament Format

- The tournament will consist of 9-18-27 or 36 holes completed by the entire tournament field from a scoring standpoint.

Team Ties (First, Second, & Third)

1. There will be a playoff for all ties immediately on the tournament course after all scores have been posted.
2. Team ties will be represented either by the five players, or four players with four player teams.
3. The aggregate score of the four low players per hole will determine the team score per hole.
4. In the event that a playoff is not possible, the individual's score that was not used for each Team on Day 2 will be used as the tie-breaking score. If still tied, the team's highest individual tournament total will be used. Continue to use this process until the tie is broken.

Individual (Medalists) Ties (First, Second, & Third)

1. Sudden Death Playoff.
2. In the event that a playoff is not possible, per USGA (Before the Competition) 5A(6) the method of matching cards is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, then last three holes and finally the 18th hole. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.

Maximum Scoring – 9 Strokes

UIL golf will be utilizing the USGA scoring in Maximum score (Rule 21.2b(1)).

- A player's score for a hole is based on the player's number of strokes (including *strokes* made and penalty strokes), **except** that the player will get only the maximum score even if the actual score exceeds the maximum.
- A player who does not hole out under the Rules for any reason gets the *maximum* score for the hole.
- To help pace of play, players are encouraged to stop playing a hole when their score has reached the *maximum*.
- The hole is completed when the player *holes out*, chooses not to do so or when his or her score has reached the maximum.



Golf State Tournament - Playoff Details

Team

- Team ties are going to be broken by a five-man team playoff. The four low scores per hole in the playoff will count for the team score. If a team has four players, all four scores will count.

Honor

- Will be determined by drawing numbers through a tournament official.
- 2 numbers will be provided. One team member will draw a number for the team.
- The team that draws the lowest number will have the honor for both groups.

Order

- The two high scores from Day 2 will be paired up as (2).
- The third and fourth from each team's Day 2 round will make up the second group.
- The first and second players from Day 2 will make up the third group.
- All players will complete the hole prior to moving to the next hole.
- The four aggregate scores will comprise the team.

*If a 3-team playoff exists the order will be:

3-6-6 with the same procedures as a two-team playoff.

This is still a stroke play competition. Coaching rule still applies.

Regardless of the number of teams in the playoff, the players will be paired according to score with the highest scores going first.

Individual

- The player with the lowest second day score will have the honor. If the second day scores are tied, numbers will be drawn and the player who draws the lowest number will have the honor.



Slow Play

The following conditions and policies shall govern the regulation of the pace of play by the Rules Committee:

1. Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay.
2. Each player is responsible for his group's maintaining proper position on the course in relation to the rest of the field. Each group should be approximately a starting interval behind the preceding group throughout the whole round. The position of the group following has no bearing in determining whether or not a player's pace of play is satisfactory. A group is deemed to be out of position if it reaches any spot on the course as much as fourteen (14) minutes behind the preceding group.
3. A group that is out of position for as many as three holes during one round, not necessarily in consecutive order, will be considered in violation of Rule 5-6 (Unreasonable Delay of Play). Players contributing to the delay will be automatically penalized.
4. If a player walks ahead of the ball to check the position of the hole or to walk yardage once he is at his ball and it is his turn to play, the player will be penalized for undue delay if he had previously been warned during the round for slow play.
5. Penalties may be assessed without a player having been given prior warning during the round by a Rules Official. It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of his position on the golf course.
6. If a group's pace of play warrants a penalty to be assessed, only players who contributed to slow play will be penalized, not necessarily every member of the team.
7. Officials will use discretion concerning the pace of play of early groups. The first players will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace. However, the groups immediately following may not be expected to maintain position behind an exceptionally fast group.



UIL Golf Disqualifications

Subchapter C. Section 1260. *U.I.L. Constitution and Contest Rules.*

- (8) **Disqualifications:** A player disqualified (for other than an unsportsmanlike conduct violation) shall have the disqualification apply only to the 18-hole round in which the infraction occurred.
- (a) For example, a contestant disqualified (for a violation that is not unsportsmanlike) during the first or second 18-holes will not have his/her score used for the team score in the 18-hole round in which the violation occurred.
- (b) A contestant disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the first 18-holes, will not be allowed to continue. Scores from the first 18-hole round of a contestant disqualified during the second 18-holes will also be cancelled. Neither the first day 18-hole score nor the second day 18-hole score may be used for the individual or team score.

Please note that in accordance with Rule 5.6(a) of the USGA Golf rules, a player that must discontinue play due to illness or injury may not be subject to disqualification if the Rules Committee is notified and the reason, such as illness, is considered satisfactory to the Committee. A student, who discontinues play but is not disqualified the first day, may be allowed by the Committee to return and play 18 holes on the second day. The score of the second day, in this instance, may be counted for team honors.

Any disqualification that takes place at a state venue should be confirmed by a UIL personnel before the decision is made. If a UIL staff member is not on site, the course pro should then call either AJ Martinez before enforcing the penalty.

AJ Martinez: 361-816-1281



Spectator Rules

Spectators must stay on cart path at all times. **EXCEPTION:** when watching play on or around the green spectators may go up on the mounds that surround the green to watch. Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players.

Spectators **MAY NOT** walk down the fairway with the players.

Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players at all times.

Spectators are allowed to help search for lost golf balls.

Spectators are **NOT** allowed to give players snacks or drinks during the stipulated round. **ONLY** the designated coach may give the players snacks or drinks.

Spectators are **NOT** allowed in the scoring area at any time.

Spectators **MAY NOT** give any advice during play. **ONLY** the designated coach may give the player advice during a stipulated round. Any other communication could be deemed advice. The player could be penalized 2 strokes for every breach or disqualified.

Spectators **MAY NOT** shuttle players at anytime. **EXCEPTION:** In the event of inclement weather or dangerous situation, spectators **MAY** transport players to safety.