

PAL Golf

Guidelines

Participation Exception:

Golf, by nature, sometimes does not and cannot allow full participation of the team in each match. While the PAL requires full participation at all levels, during the PAL Golf season, each school/coach/team will be asked to include as many players as possible in matches or rotate players so each can participate at one time or another during the season. Since dual (or more) team matches do not count toward the team or individual championship, schools/coaches/teams are encouraged to rotate individual team players so that all members of the team can have some experience in team golf matches. As golf, at this level, can be a new sport for many individuals, schools/coaches are encouraged to discern the proper level of participation so to not force individual golfers to participate in matches if they are not prepared or may be reluctant to participate. The dual (or more) team matches should be considered a warm-up/qualifier for the league championship (similar to Track.)

I) Dual (or more) Team Matches:

Prior to the team/individual league championship, schools are encouraged to contact each other to organize matches. Consideration for participation, cost, etc. is encouraged. Typical scoring for these matches **can be** best 4 out of 6; 6 out of 8 participants, but no guideline will be in effect for these matches. It is required that the coaches establish their scoring criteria (top 4 out of 6, etc.) prior to the match. Schools/coaches will take responsibility for a prescribed match scoring prior to these matches. Since league results are not recorded, the outcome is not as important as the participation of the students.

General Golf Rules / Stroke Play Format:

- 1) Proper golf etiquette is **REQUIRED** at all times, from all golfers, coaches and spectators.
- 2) One coach / adult is **REQUIRED** to walk the course with each foursome to maintain pace, settle disputes and to enforce golf rules, etc.
- 3) Players are NOT allowed to ride in golf carts in match or tournament play.
- 4) Players will pick up their ball when they reach double par. No exception.
- 5) Stroke play will consist of the best individual score from each participant. The normal rotation of golfers will be #1 and #2 from one team matched up with #1 and #2 from another team and so on through the remainder of the participants. Depending on how many participants (4 out of 6; 6 out of 8, etc.) the match will be decided by taking the best cumulative score (ie. best 4 of 6) of one team versus the best cumulative score of the other team to determine the winner of the match.

II) PAL Golf Team / Individual Championship:

The golf league will rotate team sponsorship of the PAL Golf Championship event. Selection for this process will take place as follows :

- 1) At the pre-season coaches meeting, one team will be designated (typically the previous years championship team) to host the PAL Golf Championship. (* Special consideration should be made to NOT interfere with other established PAL Spring sports such as Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball and Co-ed Track and Field.)
- 2) The championship host school will encourage league wide participation through flyers/announcements with information about the date, time, place, cost of the championship event in coordination with the PAL Boys Director.

3) The PAL will provide trophies for this event. Trophies are awarded to the 1st and 2nd place team in both categories as listed above. In addition, individual awards will be given to the medalist (low stroke total) Boy and Girl participant in each category.

4) To encourage a true Co-ed program, starting in 2010, teams will be required to have at least two (2) girls participating on their team during the championship and at least one (1) included in their team score to be considered for the over-all team championship.

League Championship /Tournament Organization:

A) Typically, the championship team from the previous year will take responsibility for organizing the championship event. Other coaches are encouraged to assist this team with golf course acquisition, pricing, schedule, volunteers, etc., organized in conjunction with the host school/coach.

B) Each championship participant school will be required to provide volunteer assistance with scoring, marshal duties, tee box supervision, etc. The host school will provide a detailed list of necessary support staff requirements.

C) Spectators: Parents and other spectators are allowed to observe the on course play of the students as long as they do not provide any coaching and/or assistance or distract the other golfers in that group or on the course in general. The PAL expects all spectators to maintain a respectful demeanor on the course and not distract or endanger the participants or other spectators. Host golf course rules governing spectators will be enforced.

D) The Tournament Director (Host Coach/AD), with the assistance of the PAL Boys Director, will supervise the tournament. A pre-selected group of coaches (3), including the Tournament Director and the PAL Boys Director, will compose the “tournament committee” for the purpose of dealing with any disputes or scoring issues.

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