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UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS' GOLF INFORMATION MANUAL

This information manual is presented to you by the Utah Section PGA. It is not policy, but a manual that we hope will assist those new to high school girls' golf.

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2009 State Championship Schedule

1A-2A Girls Golf Championship

Site: Sunset View Golf Course, 1800 North Highway 6, Delta, Utah phone: (435) 864-2508

Date: Wednesday, May 13

Time: Coaches Meeting (mandatory)- 8:00am. Play begins at 9:00am.

3A Girls Golf Championship

Site: Schreiber's Bluff Golf Course, 300 N. 3500 W., West Point, Utah 84015 phone(801) 773-0731

Date: Thursday, May 14

Time: Coaches Meeting (mandatory)- 8:00am. Play begins at 9:00am.

4A Girls Golf Championship

Site: Glendale Golf Course, 1630 W. 2100 S., Salt Lake City, Utah phone (801) 974-2403

Date: Wednesday, May 13

Time: Coaches Meeting (mandatory)- 8:00am. Play begins at 9:00am.

5A Girls Golf Championship

Site: Glen Eagle Golf Course, 3100 W. 1700 S., Syracuse, Utah phone(801) 773-4653

Date: Thursday, May 14

Time: Coaches Meeting (mandatory)- 8:00am. Play begins at 9:00am.

GOLF COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

Meet/Communicate with region coaches and assign region representative.

- Set region schedule
- Set home course (see next page)
- Course set-up (see next page)

There are certifications a golf coach must meet per UHSAA

Find interested girls

- Set up initial meeting
- Work with athletic director
- Advertise – news letter, flyers etc.
- Arrange for PA announcements at your school
- Contact girls who are home schooled or at alternate schools

Establish try-outs

- Set dates
- Set a criteria for making the team
- Set a number of players

At least 3 girls make a team

Announce team members

- Set meeting with players and parents

Establish fundraising needs and opportunities

Establish a Schedule

- Practice schedule
- Competition schedule

Organize team

- Captain, Co-Captain
- Team mom
- House keeping

Complete forms (UHSAA)

- Transportation needs
- Eligibility (due March 14 to UHSAA)
- Insurance

Become versed in sexual harassment laws

- There is a difference between coaching boys and girls

Coaching specifics

- Rules & Etiquette
- Individual and group instruction
- Communication with players, parents and local golf professional
- Coach needs to be hands on during matches. **It is strongly recommended that coaches do not play during matches.**

GOLF COURSE SET UP

Home Golf Course

- Find out from your athletic director what the boys home course is.
- Contact that golf pro or your region PGA representative to arrange practice and competition schedule.
- If the boys home golf course does not fit the needs of the girls (schedule or course set up) ask the head PGA Golf Professional for assistance in selecting the best course in your area for the girls.
- Once your home golf course is set up, ask the head PGA Golf Professional about:
 - Fees
 - Practice days
 - Range use policy
 - Is he/she available or can they recommend someone to assist with

- Swing instruction
- Rules clinics
- Etiquette clinics

Recommendations for Golf Course Set Up

- Length for an 18 hole golf course from the ladies tees should be 5200-5800 yards.
- Length for a 9 hole golf course from the ladies tees should be 2600-2900 yards.
- Hole locations for matches should be in the center of the green (arrange this with the head golf professional or the superintendent).
- Arrange with head golf professional to have
 - The golf course marked appropriately
 - Have preferred drop areas set up
 - Set tees to avoid forced carry over 100 yards

Recommended region meet schedule

- o Six 9 hole meets

Start these meets with a clinic given by the head PGA golf professional.

- Recommended topics (select a different topic for each clinic): Full swing, short game, putting, rules, etiquette.
- o One invitational event – 18 holes
- o To create a more positive experience for the players, it has been decided to use a modified Stableford point system at the State Championship and it is highly recommended regions use it in their matches as well. This will speed up pace of play. It will also help us avoid any tie breaking issues with a “circled score” with the 10 stroke pick-up method. The point break down will be as follows:
 - o A score of quadruple-bogie (4 over par) on a hole would gain- 1 point.
 - o A score of Triple-bogie (3 over par) on a hole would gain- 2 points.
 - o A score of Double-bogie (2 over par) on a hole would gain- 3 points.
 - o A score of Bogie (1 over par) on a hole would gain- 4 points.
 - o A score of Par (even par) on a hole would gain- 5 points.
 - o A score of Birdie (one under par) on a hole would gain- 6 points.
 - o A score of Eagle (two under par) on a hole would gain- 7 points.
 - o A score of Double Eagle (three under par) on a hole would gain- 8 points.

Finance

- Funding can make or break this program. There needs to be support from the schools, districts, parents, UGA and PGA Section.
- It has been suggested to have each girls pay a player fee of \$30.00
- Transportation costs are the districts responsibility.
- Coaching costs are the schools responsibility.

-The Utah Section PGA has committed to fund the State Tournaments and the All State Banquet. They will also encourage golf courses with PGA Professionals to give discount rounds to players to help off-set costs.

-It is estimated that \$1,000-\$1,500 will be needed per team (depending on team size) for green fees, range balls, team shirts and bags. Each school/team should develop fundraising programs in their area.

Rough Estimate for Team Operations

4-5 events @ \$10 x 6 girls = \$300

Team Bag \$360

Golf Balls \$200

Team Shirts \$180

Total \$1,040

Fundraising Ideas

- Work with your local golf professional and the golf course association to develop a fundraiser for girls high school golf.
- The girls themselves can help by monitoring a hole for a par 3 contest, a small pro-am could be organized or a raffle could be conducted at a local golf course.
- Fundraiser for high school golf is generally an easy idea to promote and makes sense for most association members (especially the women.)

Utah High School Activities Association Girls Golf Sample Rule/Tip Sheet

(Feel free to copy this information for your use)

Here are a few tips, rules and regulations for this season.

- ◆ Try to be to the course at least 30 minutes early so you can warm up and be ready. Always check in and let us know you are there.
- ◆ Dress Code: **NO DENIM**, no shorts more than 4 inches above the knee, collared shirt preferred, tennis or golf shoes only. Failure to abide by the dress code will result in the player being sent home for that particular tournament.
- ◆ Play will be governed by the USGA rules of golf.
- ◆ Be SURE you know what tee you are playing from on each golf course. You will not always be playing from the standard red tee.
- ◆ LEAVE YOUR CELL PHONES HOME OR IN THE CAR.
- ◆ Advice on your golf game is **only** permitted by a designated golf coach. You can't even take advice from someone playing in your group! Each team has the opportunity to have ONE golf coach. Parents are welcome and encouraged to follow, but please stay 50 feet away from your player.

- ◆ If you do not own a USGA Rules of Golf Book, please let your coach know. The Utah Section PGA is happy to provide those for you.
- ◆ **You are only allowed 14 clubs in your golf bag. Do not share clubs!!**
- ◆ **Teeing Ground:** Don't tee your ball up in front of the designated tee markers. You can go as far back as 2 club lengths. If your ball accidentally falls off of the tee before you make a stroke, you may replace it without penalty.
- ◆ Keep a good pace. Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- ◆ When in doubt as to procedure, and a rules official is not around, play two golf balls (Rule 3-3 in the USGA rule book) Report scores of both golf balls (even if they are the same score) to the committee.
- ◆ Count **ALL** strokes, even mis-hits (whiffs)
- ◆ You are responsible for your own score!!! You will also be keeping track of one other players score card. Be sure to write down the scores between every hole. If you wait too long, you might forget!! You are responsible for signing your card as well as the card of the player you were scoring at the end of the round. **CHECK YOUR SCORE HOLE BY HOLE BEFORE SIGNING THE CARD!!!!** A card signed for a lower score will result in disqualification. When you are finished with your round, hand your card into the committee.
- ◆ Spring golf can always present weather challenges. BE PREPARED with an umbrella, rain gear and warm clothes.
- ◆ Always check your bag to be sure you have all of your clubs, enough golf balls and tees.
- ◆ Put a mark your golf ball with some sort of character (like a dot or something). Use a permanent marker. Make sure you always check for your special mark before you hit your ball. Hitting someone else's ball will result in a penalty.
- ◆ Take the flag stick out of the hole before you putt. Make sure to put it back when everyone else is finished with the hole.
- ◆ You may not practice while on the golf course. Every shot counts. For example: Don't practice chipping or putting while waiting for your turn.
- ◆ During play of a hole, the player who's ball is farthest away from the hole hits first.
- ◆ Play the ball as it lies. You may not move the ball to a better spot. If there are loose impediments (Leaves, grass etc.) or artificial objects (candy wrapper etc.)
- ◆ When on the putting green, always mark your golf ball by putting a small coin or other marker behind it when you want to clean it or to get it out of another players way.

Etiquette

Golf has always been known as a gentleman's (Gentlewoman's) sport.

Keep the tradition! Respect all of those involved.

- ◆ If someone else is playing from the tee, do not tee your ball until she has played.
- ◆ **Always be honest with your score.** It is better to post a high score and save your reputation than alter your card.
- ◆ It is okay to be social on the golf course. Keep in mind though that it is appropriate to keep quiet and still while someone else is playing a ball.
- ◆ Don't take your golf bag on the putting green with you.
- ◆ Always make sure your equipment is out of the way when you and the other players in your group are swinging.
- ◆ Step over or walk around putting lines of those in your group. A putting line is the line a ball will go from where it lies on the putting surface (or fringe) to the hole.
- ◆ When all of the players are finished with the hole, quickly move off of the putting green. Take care of scoring on the way to the next hole or on the next tee box.

- ◆ Watch your ball until it stops rolling so you know where it is. This will help with the speed of play.
- ◆ Respect and take care of the golf course. Repair divots and ball marks. Rake sand bunkers. Be sure to leave the course nice enough that we are invited back next year!!
- ◆ Player with the lowest score on the previous hole gets to tee off first.
- ◆ Poor sportsmanship, bad language or tempers will not be tolerated. Penalties will be given to those who act out.
- ◆ This program is designed to familiarize girls with the game of golf and provide fun competition. It is in no way intended to intimidate, frustrate or discourage a player. **Have fun!! Meet new friends!! Enjoy the Game! Please feel free to contact the Utah PGA, 801.566-1005 at anytime with any questions.**