

**GIRLS GOLF BY-LAWS**

**1. GOLF COACHES**

1. Chairmen of the League will be selected by the coaches of the League.
2. The League Chairmen are responsible for CCS representation, by-law review, final scheduling and league finals.
3. The coaches shall submit by-law changes to the league commissioner at the post-season fall meeting.
4. A coach shall either be a certified employee of his/her school district or sign a coaching contract with the school.
5. The last week in August, all league coaches will meet to finalize schedule and sites.

**2. CLASSIFICATION**

Competition in League is authorized at the Varsity level only.

**3. GOVERNING RULES**

1. U.S.G.A. rules shall govern all matches unless otherwise agreed upon prior to the match by the coaches involved.
2. There shall be one (1) recognized team, consisting of six (6) players for all League Matches.
3. Summer rules shall be played, unless the majority of the coaches or the course pro decide condition of the course dictates otherwise prior to the start of the match.
  - 3.1 "Winter rules" is defined as follows: A ball lying on a "fairway" may be lifted and cleaned, without penalty, and placed within one club-length of where it original lay, not nearer the hole and so as to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play the ball from the original lie. A ball so lifted is back in play when the player addresses it or, if she does not address it, when she makes her next stroke at it. Winter rules do not permit such lifting, cleaning and replacing for balls that come to rest in the rough or hazard.
4. For BVAL competition, the following special rulings shall apply:
  - 4.1 All shall be stroke play without handicaps and scoring shall be determined by the total aggregate score of the best four (4) out of six (6) players for each team. A league member shall be entitled to a league match with only four (4) players or lacking a fourth player, a phantom score of double par **plus an additional stroke per hole played in the match** may be used for the 4<sup>th</sup> score and count towards the team's match total.
  - 4.2 Tie Contests will remain and recorded as ties.
  - 4.3 A coach must be present at the course for the entire match or the match will be forfeited.
  - 4.4 Upon reaching a score of twice par for a hole, a player shall pick up her ball and record it with a circle around the score on the scorecard and move on to the next hole. No circle is needed if the player finishes the hole at twice the par rating for that hole. An additional stroke will be added to the total score for each circled score a player records on her scorecard.

- 4.5 No electronic devices or range finders allowed turned on during play. This includes cell phones and iPod.
- 4.6 If a player fails to hole out at any hole, she shall be counted as having scored the maximum strokes allowed under Section 3.4.4.

#### **4. PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS**

- 1. There shall be a limit of 18 matches played per season. One (1) day tournaments count as 1 match; 2-day tournaments count as 2 matches, etc.

#### **5. MATCH MANAGEMENT**

- 1. The BVAL Commissioner using the Alliance will arrange starting times and course usage.
- 2. Each team match **will** be nine (9) holes with each team playing no more than twice each week for the length of the season, with the first tee time to be agreed upon by the coaches, or the League Chairperson.
  - 2.1 Matches will be limited to nine (9) holes for official score.
  - 2.2.1 Minimum Official Round  
If the coaches agree or the course pro orders that, due to course conditions or darkness that play shall be discontinued, all players must have completed a minimum of five (5) holes for the match to count as an official league match. Unless safety concerns require immediate cessation of play, players shall complete the hole they are playing when the decision to discontinue is made. **Every effort should be made to reschedule abandoned matches.**
- 3. Caddies are not permitted. **Pull carts may be permitted when CCS permits pull carts.**
  - 3.1 Caddies shall not be permitted in any league match (including the league tournament). With a doctor's statement of necessity, players shall be allowed to use pull carts.
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- 4 Spectators are allowed but must observe rules as outlined in U.S.J.G.S. Spectators must observe all rules that would apply to any on-campus school competition. Spectators, parents, and non-playing team members must not be closer than 30 yards to any player and they may not give advice to players once a match begins. Most golf courses do not allow spectators on the course and all non-players must observe these rules. Violation of the rule may result in the disqualification of the player receiving the advice.
- 5 Any school wishing to file a protest, please refer to Article 15 of the BVAL Constitution for the proper procedure.
- 6 At each dual match site, the home team coach will be designated as match director and will have the following duties:
  - 6.1 Paring and starting times.
    - 6.6.1 Type of play, summer rules shall be played, unless the condition of the course dictates otherwise. The match director will determine if it is necessary to use winter rules. "Winter rules" is defined as follows: A ball lying on a "fairway" may be lifted and cleaned, without penalty, and placed within one club-length of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole and so as to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play from the original lie. A ball so lifted is back in play when the player addresses it or, if she does

not address it, when she makes her next stroke at it. Winter rules do not permit such lifting, cleaning and replacing for balls that come to rest in the rough or hazard.

- 6.2 Oversee match, collect and collate scorecards and retain official scorecards.
- 6.3 Each player will have her own scorecard and exchange it with her opponent within the group
  - 6.3.1 Each player will be responsible to keep her own score, as well as opponent she exchanged with. The match director will give official score cards to each player before the round commences. Each player will exchange scorecards with another player in her group who is not on her team. Each player will keep the official score of the other player whose card she receives as well as her own unofficial score. Players shall check, compare, and record scores at the end of each hole. At the conclusion of the match, the scorer and player shall confirm scores on a hole-by-hole basis. Before a scorecard is submitted to the match director, it must be signed by the scorer and attested to by the player. Once signed and submitted, the card becomes official. When two players cannot agree upon a score, the match director will try and resolve the conflict. If there is no resolution both players will be disqualified.
  - 6.3.2 All players must sign their opponent's card and attest their own card.
- 6.4 Communications of results to newspaper and League scoring chairpersons.
  - 6.4.1 Results should include team scores and medallist (s).
  - 6.4.2 League Chairperson – email [coachzim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coachzim@sbcglobal.net)
  - 6.4.3 Mercury News at [www.mercurynews.com/hssports](http://www.mercurynews.com/hssports)
  - 6.4.4 Winning coach to call in results.
- 6.5 Coaches cannot be paired with players #1-6 during a match
- 6.6 Before daylight savings coaches must play behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> group. After daylight savings, coaches may play in groups #2 or #3.
- 6.7 ***All coaches shall prepare and submit by Friday of each week of competition an official match result. It must be sent by e-mail to [coachzim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coachzim@sbcglobal.net) the league designee.***
7. All matches will be played from the courses designated women's tee or forward (red) tees.

## **6. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CCS REPRESENTATION**

1. The Varsity Gold Division Championship shall be determined on the basis of dual meet competition with each team to play every other team twice (2). The winner will be the team scoring the highest percentage of wins over losses against teams in their division. **The League Tournament will be a one-day event on a course with a slope and yardage as close as possible to the course CCS will use for their tournament. The start time will be early enough to finish before sunset based on tournament size.**
  - 1.1 If two teams are tied in win-loss standings at the end of the double round-robin schedule, the Division Champion will be determined by the results of the total combined stroke differential of the two teams in head-to-head competition. If the two Division Champion tie, the Championship will be determined by the results of the two (2) aggregate scores. The winner is the team with the lowest aggregate score. If three (3) or more teams are tied in win-loss standings, a 9-hole playoff will determine the winner.
- a. The Varsity Gold Individual Championship will be determined at the League Finals.

- 2.1 **Those who shoot a qualifying score or 78% of the course slope will qualify as individuals into CCS.**
- 2.2 All schools are required to submit the player's list and requests for at-large player to the BVAL office one week before the Individual Tournament. Schools **may** submit an at-large entry request **for an athlete who has competed in 50%** of the league matches. The remaining spots will be open to any team. Summaries of scores will be submitted on the attached form.
- 2.3 The Individual Champion, therefore, will be the one **BVAL** individual having the lowest score of the total eighteen (18) holes played during the League Finals. **At large players are not eligible for medals.**
- 2.4 In case of a tie at the end of the 18 holes, the Individual Champion will be determined immediately following that day's play with a sudden victory playoff if time permits.
- 2.5 Make-up schedules as a result of rainouts, matches must be played within five (5) school days of scheduled contest to secure an alliance course or to record the date of the make-up. The home team coach must notify BVAL Commissioner.

## **7. LEAGUE DRESS CODE**

- a. All players and coaches must wear appropriate attire and shirts with collars as approved by the golf course. Hats or visors if worn must be bill forward. No Gym Shorts, NO Tee Shirts, **NO jeans, and NO sweats** should be worn. Inappropriate dress will result in that player being removed from play at the beginning of the match.

## **8. DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP**

- a. The division champion will be the winner of the double round-robin competition. If there is a tie we will declare a co-champion, but for CCS Seeding purpose, the League Championship Final's winner will break the tie.