

BOYS GOLF BY-LAWS

Article #1 GOLF COACHES

1. Chairmen of each division will be selected by the coaches of the League.
2. The division chairmen are responsible for CCS representation, by-law review, final scheduling and league finals.
3. The golf coaches shall submit by-law changes to the League Commissioner at the post season spring 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 2nd week of January, all league golf coaches will meet to finalize schedule and sites. This meeting replaces the general spring sports pre-season meeting.

Article #2 CLASSIFICATION

1. Competition in League is authorized on the Varsity level only.

Article #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. (05/20/08)
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 condition of the course dictates otherwise.
4. For BVAL competition, the following special rulings shall apply:
 - 4.1 All shall be medal play, and scoring shall be determined by the total aggregate score of the best five (5) out of six (6) players for each team.
 - a. If a team starts with fewer than 5 players, play shall continue and the missing players will take a score of 90. (5/24/12)
 - 4.2 Team tie scores will be resolved by comparing the total score of each team, top five (5) starting with nine (9) and working backward until one team wins. (5/03)
 - 4.3 A coach must be present at the course for the entire match or the match will be forfeited. (10-17-96)
 - 4.4 Upon reaching a score of 10, a player shall pick up his/her ball and record a 10 and move on to the next hole. (05/20/08)

Article #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. (5-17-96)

2. No contest may be scheduled prior to the last game of the Winter season.(4-25-95)
3. Two scrimmages are allowed as outlined in the CCS Constitution & by-laws.
(5/24/12)

Article #5 MATCH MANAGEMENT

1. Starting times and course usage will be arranged by the BVAL Commissioner through the Golf Alliance representative. (5-25-00)
2. Each team match will be nine (9) holes with each team playing 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. (05/20/08)
 - 2.1 Matches will be limited to nine (9) holes for official score.
 - 2.2 If a match is suspended due to weather or darkness and a minimum of five (5) holes has been completed, it is considered a match and will be counted in standings. (6/2/14)
3. Caddies are not permitted. (5-25-00)
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 that 30 yards to any player and they may not give advice to players once match begins. 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 Pairing and starting times
 - 6.1.1 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.
 - 6.2 Oversee match, collect and collate score cards and retain official score cards in case of tie (tie-breaking procedure previously outlined).
 - 6.3 Each player will have his/her own scorecard and exchange it with his/her opponent within the group. (10-17-96)
 - 6.3.1 Each player will be responsible to keep his/her own score, as well as opponent he/she exchanged with. (10-17-96)
 - 6.3.2 All players must sign their opponents card and attest their own card.
 - 6.3.3 If players have a dispute/discrepancy in scoring at the hole, they are to circle the hole and continue play by playing TWO balls (5/28/15). At the end of the match the hole in question will be determined and resolved at the end of the match. If the coaches cannot do it then it shall go to the course pro for determination. (6/26/11)
 - 6.4 Communications of results to newspaper and League scoring chairpersons.
 - 6.4.1 Results should include team scores and medalist (s).

- 6.4.2 League Chairperson
- 6.4.3 Mercury News at (408)920-5354
- 6.4.4 Winning coach to call in results.

6.5 Coaches cannot be paired with players #1-6 during a match. (5/25/06)

6.6 Before daylight savings coaches must play behind the 3rd group. After daylight savings, coaches may play in groups #2 or #3. (5/25/06)

6.7 All coaches shall prepare and submit *an electronic version of Excel to be sent by Friday of each week of competition an official match result. It must be sent by e-mail to spartan3221@gmail.com (Adrian Phillips). (This applies to all coaches who play league matches. They must send their scoring summary sheets to spartan3221@gmail.com. All names must be filled in for both teams. No blank names or player in initials please.)*(see last page of by-laws for form (5/26/11)

6.8 First and last names must be on scorecards. (05/26/11)

7. Players are allowed to use push carts during competition. (6/2/14)

8. All matches will be played from the white-tees / or the equivalent of the white tees. (05/26/11)

9. In the interest of pace of play, ~~Double Par~~ **Ten (10)** will be the highest score a player will record for any one hole. **(6/6/16)**

10. The use of cell phones or electronic devices is strictly prohibited during all league competitions.

a. Players may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. If, during a league match, a player uses any distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure any other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, slope, etc.), the player is breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used. iPhones, iPods, and most other “smart” devices with apps contain a compass and other applications, which make them non-conforming distance-measuring devices and are not permitted under penalty of disqualification.

b. If any player in a group uses a distance-measuring device then that player is strongly encouraged to share the distance information with everyone in the group. (11/18/15)

11. Should there be rainfall on the day of a match, the decision to postpone the match and declare it a “rain out” shall be up to the head coaches of both teams involved and must be mutually agreed upon. If either coach says “play,” the match will be played. (6/2/14)

Article #6 **COACHING DURING MATCHES** – (Entire by-law added 5/24/12)

The intent of this rule to help the players with pace of play and help in their development as young golfers.

- 1 “Advice” is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play. It could be the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke, including putts.
- 2. It is permitted to appoint ONE coach to give advice to members of their team during League matches.
- 3. Coaches may not give advice to players on reading greens prior to putting.
- 4. The pace of play cannot be delayed while waiting for a coach to come to give advice to any player.
- 5. No advice can be given in the year-end League Tournament by coaches to any players.

6. If allowed by the golf course, spectators are allowed but may not speak to players or assist the players regarding pace of play or rules questions.
7. Once play has begun, advice is permissible between competing players until they have finished their round of play.
8. A golfer may not give advice once his round is completed. The penalty for “asking for” and/or “giving” advice from anyone other than the appointed coach and competing players is two strokes for each occurrence.
9. Information on rules or on matters of public information, such as the position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green, is not advice.
10. Gaining information on rules options is not advice.
11. Advice coaching is allowed at the JV level for boys’ golf for any coach.

Article #7 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CCS REPRESENTATION

1. The Varsity Golf Division Championship shall be determined on the basis of dual meet competition with each team to play every other team twice (2) in their division. The winner of each division will be the team scoring the highest percentage of wins over losses against teams in their division.
 - 1.1 If two teams are tied in win-loss standings at the end of the double round-robin schedule, the Division Champions will be determined by the results of the total combined stroke differential of the two teams in head-to-head completion. If the two Division Champions 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 must be played on Friday to determine the winner. (5-27-10)
 - 1.2 The Mt. Hamilton Division winner will automatically receive a berth to CCS Finals. (4/00)
 - 1.3 The second (2nd) and third (3rd) place team in the Mt. Hamilton Division will compete against the winner of the Santa Teresa Division and West Valley Division in League playoffs. The winning team will advance to CCS. (5-24-07)
2. **League Finals** - The Varsity Golf Individual Championship will be determined at the League Finals.
 - 2.1 The BVAL League finals will consist of 52 players, allowing all schools to be represented.
 - 2.2 The top scoring/differentials will qualify for each school.
 - 2.3 Total Number of Individual Automatic slots for BVAL Finals be 21 players:
 - Mt. Hamilton - #1 Boys Average
 - Santa Teresa - #1 Boys Average
 - West Valley - #1 Boys Average

The remaining 31 slots will be at-large selections by differentials from league play. This number can change depending on the amount of teams per division. (5/31/13)
 - 2.4 ***If the #1 boy is unable to play, his replacement will come from the at-large pool. Schools cannot choose their own replacement. (6/6/16)***
 - 2.5 The top **five (5)** scores set on a CCS qualifying team will advance to Rancho Canada.
 - 2.6 The top two (2) teams will advance and represent the BVAL
 - 2.7 The winner of the Mt. Hamilton division and the winner of the team playoff #2, #3, and #4 from

- Mt. Hamilton, #1 from Santa Teresa, and #1 West Valley. (2.1 – 2.7 revised 5/31/13)
- 2.8 The Individual Champion, therefore, will be the one individual having the lowest score of the total eighteen (18) holes played during the League Finals.
 - 2.9 In case of a tie at the end of the 18 holes, the Individual Champion will be determined immediately following that day's play by ~~a sudden-victory playoff~~ **following the USGA tie-breaker format. (6/6/16)**
 - 2.10 Make-up schedules as a result of rain-outs, 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. (5-25-00)

Article #8 LEAGUE DRESS CODE

1. All players and coaches may wear long pants or shorts that conform to CCS rules with belts and shirts with collars as approved by the golf course. Shirts must be tucked in and hats or visors if worn, must be bill forward. NO jeans, NO sweats should be worn. Teams should wear uniform same color shirts and shorts of appropriate size and length. **All tops must match in color or same school logo. (6/6/16)**

Girls are allowed to wear Capri pants (5/24/07). Inappropriate dress will result in that player being removed from play at the beginning of the match.

Article #9 DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. 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 tie will be broken by the results of the total combined stroke differential of the two teams in head-to-head competition.
2. If 3 or more teams are tied in win-loss standings, tri - champions will be declared and a 9 hole playoff will determine the winner.
3. The Mt. Hamilton division winner will be the #1 seed into CCS.