### DURANGO HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM HANDBOOK

The philosophy of the Durango High School Golf Team is to provide a safe and friendly environment for learning to play golf. The team is structured so that top notch players can achieve their goals while beginner athletes are welcome to participate with a no cut policy. The following are the guidelines and expectations for participation on the team.

### **PARTICIPATION**

- Attend 75% of all practices
- Complete the season
- Arrive to practice on time and be prepared
- Be considerate to coaches and fellow athletes
- Adhere to DHS athlete code of conduct and eligibility requirements

### **GOLF COURSE**

- Be respectful of golf course employees, members and other players
- Understand golf course etiquette including remaining quiet, marking ball, where to stand, where to place golf bag, pace of play etc.
- Respecting the course ie. Repair ball marks, rake bunkers, replace divots etc.
- Adhere to the Golf Course dress code

### **EOUIPMENT**

- Comfortable shoes ie. Tennis shoes or golf shoes, appropriate golf attire (please see Colorado High School Athletics Association Bulletin) chsaanow.com
- Athletes should have their own golf clubs and bag, but if they are just getting started the team has equipment available that athletes can borrow for the season
- Driving range access and range balls are provided for practice team and traveling athletes
- Uniforms, golf bags, tees, umbrellas, rain gear and competition golf balls are provided for traveling/Varsity players
- Equipment not provided are golf gloves, hats or any items that do not stay with the team

# PRACTICE SQUAD

- Designed for those just beginning and wanting to learn the game
- Attend 75% of practices
- Willing to learn all facets of the game of golf including; putting, chipping, pitching, iron play and driving
- Be attentive at practice with no cell phone distractions
- Willing to play some holes and rounds of golf

### OTHER

- Meets all academic, school, team, and CHSAA rules for at least the season
- Coaches discretion in special circumstances for Varsity letters
- Finish the season in good standing including return of all uniforms, bags and equipment
- No violations that would cause dismissal from team
- Coaches discretion for traveling squad
- Iwanamaker point system and coaches discretion to be used for Regional team

## Traveling Squad/Varsity

There will be a series of qualifying tournaments at Hillcrest Golf Club and regular tournaments that take place on the Western slope and in New Mexico. Most Varsity tournaments allow for 5 players to attend, however, there are home and local tournaments that more athletes may be able to attend. The following are target scores by class we are setting for each individual goal:

- Freshman 105-120
- Sophomore 95-104
- Junior 85-94
- Senior less than 85

Through scores that are shot at DHS qualifiers and Varsity tournaments the top 4 players will make the Regional team. State qualifying happens at Regionals with the top two teams and 13 individuals earning a trip to State. (see CHSAA bulletin)

- Qualifying will determine minimum of 5 varsity places
- Willing to travel and meet grade requirements to do so
- Practice participation at 90%
- Qualify for Varsity spot in a least 50% of all tournaments for Varsity letter
- When available, more athletes will be able to participate in home and local tournaments
- All players must have a cell phone and have the Iwanamaker APP for scoring events (see CHSAA bulletin)
- Iwanamaker scoring, additional qualifying and coaches discretion will determine the final four players on the Regional Team. If needed play offs will determine spots
- Athletes are responsible for their own meals, snacks and water bottles while traveling
- Adhere to the rules for traveling in the DHS code of conduct information. If you violate rules, you are done traveling!

### Seasons

- Girls Golf season is from the end of February until the first part of June updates will be provided once CHSAA finalizes dates.
- Boys Golf season is from the first week in August until the first week in October updates will be provided once CHSAA finalizes dates
- DHS golf does not offer Summer Camps. It is recommended that athletes look to
  participate in local Junior golf programs, lessons and get season passes and range passes
  offered by Hillcrest Golf Club and Dalton Ranch Golf Club.

## Contact information

Please send an e mail to be put on the email list to get regular updates on upcoming seasons to:

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