

Argyle Eagle Golf Handbook

2025–2026 School Year

Program Philosophy

The Argyle High School Golf Program develops high-level competitors who embrace the game's challenge, integrity, history, and discipline. Our mission is to:

Build athletes who show sportsmanship, academic excellence, and leadership.

Compete with discipline and integrity, winning with humility and handling defeat gracefully.

Provide opportunities to improve fundamentals, course management, and rules knowledge.

Establish Argyle Golf as the benchmark for programs across Texas.

Our top priority is the **team**. All decisions regarding competition and participation are made with the team's success in mind.

We aim to instill:

Sportsmanship, Leadership, Dependability

Discipline, Integrity, Loyalty

Cooperation, Work Ethic, Communication

Self-Esteem, Respect, Pride

Teams & Placement

Varsity

Approximately the top ten boys and ten girls after varsity qualifiers.

Varsity (6th Period – Seniors only)

Reserved for seniors.

Seniors who qualify for **early school leave** may be in the 6th-period class.

Varsity (7th Period – Seniors through Freshmen)

Open to all high school golfers (9th–12th grade).

Top performers based on qualification will make varsity.

Junior Varsity (1st Period)

Approximately the next five boys and five girls after varsity qualifiers.

Development Team

Additional golfers are working toward competition readiness.

Transportation

Athletes must provide their transportation to/from practice.

The district provides transportation to tournaments outside Argyle.

Local tournaments: players meet directly at the course.

Season Goals

Compete to win every tournament.

Maintain high standards in academics, effort, and character.

Build tradition through work ethic, team-first attitude, and strong leadership.

Practices

Team practices follow a published monthly calendar.

Players must notify coaches in advance if they will miss practice.

Private lessons may replace a practice (not qualifiers), but must be communicated to coaches beforehand.

Unexcused absences may result in discipline.

Tournaments

Each golfer may play in **8 UIL invitational tournaments** before the district.

Participation is based on: attitude, effort, leadership, reliability, past performance, and statistics.

Qualifier rounds will help determine team rankings. Rankings do not guarantee automatic tournament entry.

Required tournament items: uniform, balls, tees, divot tool, gloves, water, rain gear, sunscreen, umbrella, etc.

Code of Conduct

Athletes always represent themselves, their family, team, and Argyle High School. Expectations:

Follow **Argyle ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct**.

Wear collared shirts and hemmed shorts/pants (no jeans/denim). Shirts tucked in.

Maintain neat grooming. Tattoos/piercings not visible in competition.

Be punctual to practices, tournaments, study hall, and conditioning.

No profanity, cheating, or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Three-strike policy: three infractions = dismissal from the program.

Lettering Policy

To letter in golf, athletes must:

Compete in **at least three varsity tournaments, including district**.

Finish the year in good standing.

Meet all Argyle ISD requirements.

Parent Guidelines

Parents are vital to the program's success. Guidelines:

Practices are **closed** to spectators.

At tournaments, parents are **spectators only**:

- Stay on cart paths/off fairways.

- Do not give advice, rulings, or distances.

- Do not handle player equipment or scoring.

- Positive support only—athletes are sensitive to reactions.

- It may assist in searching for lost balls, but it never touches a ball in play.

Media Guidelines

If interviewed:

Think before speaking; represent yourself, family, school, and community.

Stay positive—never criticize others.

Thank interviewers.

Politely decline questions you are not comfortable answering.

Golf Etiquette

Care of Course: Replace divots, rake bunkers, repair ball marks, protect greens.

Safety: Do not swing until safe; wait for the group ahead to clear.

Courtesy:

Stay quiet and still during others' shots.

Play quickly, limit practice swings, and allow faster groups to play through.

Respect putting lines and handle the flagstick carefully.

Pace of Play – “Must, Must, May” (MMM):

MUST: The first player to finish putting **MUST** leave the green and head to the next tee box. At least one player **MUST** stay on the green to attend the flag until everyone has finished putting.

MUST: The player who attends the flag **MUST** be the first to tee off on the next hole.

MAY: That player **MAY** tee off before the others arrive at the tee box or as they are walking up.

Lightning & Safety

During storms, avoid: open areas, water, trees, metal, fences, elevated ground, and golf carts. Seek shelter in: clubhouse, cars, or designated buildings.