

WENATCHEE



GOLF

Player / Parent Handbook

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Introduction

Golf is a challenging and humbling game. My goal is for each golfer at WHS to develop a lifelong love of the sport, improve his skill level, and compete for state championships. Most importantly, I want each student-athlete to become an honorable and hard-working young man. We will demonstrate this every day in school, practice, out in our community, and at tournaments.

High school golf allows golfers to compete as individuals and as a team. Since it is a competitive sport, the expectation is every player will practice to improve skills and course management. Students who don't desire to practice and compete against other golfers need not participate in WIAA golf. Because we are a team, teamwork and unity will be stressed. We will encourage one another and assist each other to improve our games and perform at the highest possible level.

Golf is ultimately an individual sport that requires an extremely high skill level to perform at the highest level. In order to improve your skill level, you must be willing to work on your own. "If you don't invest much, then defeat doesn't hurt very much and winning is not very exciting." -Dick Vermeil

All students will be respectful to employees, patrons, and others when visiting golf courses. We are guests at their facilities. They have the right to refuse our access at any time. Wenatchee golfers will be the best-behaved and most responsible students to use the courses and practice facilities.

I believe that without goals, it is impossible to achieve success. "Winners, imagine their dreams first. They want it with all their heart & expect it to come true. There's no other way to live." -Joe Montana

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you. I hope to see you develop strong golf skills and have a great time. I believe you can improve your golf game dramatically through effective practice, playing often and being a student of the game. One of my goals is that we will be the most respectful and classiest teams wherever we are. Whenever you are at a golf course, in the classroom in a town or whether a coach is present or not, you are a Wenatchee High School golfer and Wenatchee community member. Respectively represent our community and school well!

My Goals for WHS golf (immediate and long-term)

1. Win invitational tournaments (individual and team)
2. All team members shoot below 100 consistently (JV and Varsity)
3. Qualify for the district golf tournament (individual and team)
4. Win the district tournament title (individual and team)
5. Varsity golfers shoot consistently below 85
6. Best short game in the state
7. School record for lowest team score
8. Be the hardest working team in the state both on the course and in the classroom
9. Be the classiest acting team in the school and at every tournament we attend
10. 4A Academic State Champs
11. 4A State Champs!
12. Develop well rounded young men (golf game, academics, demeanor, sense of community)

Objectives

- To develop a competitive team through practice and competition.
- To teach golfers that hard work is necessary if improvements are expected.
- To teach golfers the importance of good sportsmanship, honesty and fair play.
- To teach golfers the importance of mental toughness, self-control and self-discipline.
- To teach golfers respect for, and appreciation of, the game of golf and the courses we play on.
- To develop well-rounded young men (work ethic, respect, accountability, leadership, volunteerism).
- To have fun playing the greatest game in the world!

Eligibility

Before a golfer is eligible to participate they must be cleared through the Athletic Office. In order to be cleared they must provide the following:

1. Current Physical exam **2.** A District Athletic Contract **3.** Medical Insurance that covers them in case of injury **4.** Academic Eligibility **5.** Current ASB Card **6.** Receipt of sport fee from ASB office **7.** The Golf Guidelines.

(This is an entirely online process now. See Athletic office for details).

Academics and the Athletic Code: Students must maintain the WHS Academic Standards and not commit any Athletic Code violations to remain in the golf program. See the WHS Athletics Handbook. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Athletics/athleticcode/athleticcode.html>

Team Composition/Standards for Making the Cut

The team will consist of the players showing the most ability and/or promise. As our facilities at Three Lakes Golf Course are both limited and crowded it will be necessary to limit the number of players (14) carried on the team. In that event, the coaches will use the following guidelines in making the decision of who will be on the team:

1. Seniors and Juniors must show through qualifying that they are one of the top ten golfers.
2. Sophomores and Freshmen must show a desire to learn and improve. They must also demonstrate that they have good basic skills. There will be skill assessments at practice.
3. Players cut the previous year, trying out again, must show they took accountability to improve over the year. They must work hard and earn their spot on the team.
4. All must demonstrate their willingness to work hard, cooperate with the coach and their teammates respectfully, follow instructions and interact in an acceptable way with teammates.
5. **Spots are not guaranteed each year just because you made the team the year before** regardless of your year in school. Work ethic, academics and improvement in your game from the year before are key aspects to keeping a spot on the team for all four years.
5. Short game drills, work on the driving range and nine-hole scores will be used to earn points for qualifying for the team.

Practices/Attendance

Every golfer will be expected to attend all team practices. Practices will be held every Monday through Friday. Practice begins at 4:00pm and will end around 6:00 to 7:00pm. We will practice at Three Lakes Golf Course. **Each golfer is expected to find their own ride out to the course.** They should be on time to practice and have the appropriate equipment needed. If in need of equipment please let me know. Please drive carefully and legally to and from practice. An accident would be devastating to everyone and the team as a whole. Be especially cautious on the clubhouse roadway, as it is narrow and dangerous. **PLEASE GO SLOW!**

Private lessons will supersede a regular practice but not qualifying rounds. Players must let me know in advance of private lessons they have scheduled. Golfers must also let me know in advance of any practice they will be unable to attend. My cell number is **509-679 6038**. You may leave a message or text if there is no answer. However, I prefer **text first!** Verbal communication is more effective than a text. If you text me without calling me first do not expect a reply.

Speaking of texting, cell phones will not be tolerated at practice or at tournaments. Football players and basketball players do not use theirs on the field or court thus you will not use yours on the course. When you arrive at practice or a tournament you **will be asked to turn your phones off and put away and out of sight.** Please tell your parents and friends what you need to do before practice begins, you will live two hours without your social media apps trust me. If I see you using your phone during practice you will be asked to leave and will be unable to compete in that week's tournament. If you are caught using it during a tournament you will be disqualified and I will not allow you to qualify for next week's tournament. Make smart choices gentlemen. You chose to play this sport, so please use the time allotted for practice to focus 100% of yourself on bettering your game and yourself.

Unexcused absences will not be tolerated. Students must be willing to commit to practice to be considered for the golf team. Practice attendance will be a factor in determining teams and playing time. An unexcused absence will result in loss of playing privileges for the next tournament. Three unexcused absences from practice will result in being dropped from the team. **It's this simple: Just call me if you know you are missing a practice. Good communication is always necessary!**

Teams/Tournaments

The roster will be chosen based on the coaches observations during practice, qualifying scores, attitude, attendance, coach ability and work ethic. We will take the top 6 Boys to each league tournament and 5 Boys to each invite. Tournament teams will be determined on previous tournament performances and weekly qualifying rounds/practice sessions. To be considered for the tournament teams, a golfer must be able to keep their own score accurately, shoot a competitive score (36-45 for 9 holes), and have a basic understanding of the rules and etiquette of golf. All golfers will demonstrate this to me directly on the course. **Academic performance will always be factored in.**

Tournament Expectations

1. All golfers will wear the team shirt and slacks/shorts. No jeans will be permitted for tournaments. In cold/wet weather, wind/rain pants may be worn. All clothing must meet the school dress code. **On game days golfers will be asked to wear their team shirts, jackets and dress pants to school.** We want to show our professionalism and school spirit for our sport.
2. Golfers will be expected to have plenty of golf balls, tees, and a ball marker/coin for tournament play. Optional equipment suggestions include: rain gear, umbrella, sunscreen, lip balm, glove, Band-Aids, water bottle, rule book, high protein snacks and divot repair tool. Players will be given some golf balls for each tournament.

3. All golfers will ride to tournaments with the team from school at the time prescribed. Lateness will not be tolerated. Time management is key. If you miss the van, you not only let your team down but yourself too. If needed call me if you know you are going to be late, there better be a good reason. Be on time!

4. All players will be expected to remain at the tournament site until all of their teammates have finished and scores are posted. **Students may leave with parents after being signed out with the appropriate paperwork.**

5. Golfers should clean their clubs the night before play. Look sharp.

6. Each golfer will play with honor and integrity. All players will abide by the USGA Rules of Golf. Cheating will not be tolerated. **If DQ due to cheating occurs, a suspension from the team will be issued.**

Dress

1. All golfers will be required to wear our team shirts to be eligible for tournament play.

2. For practices at courses: all golfers must meet the dress code of the golf course (Three Lakes allows T-shirts and jeans/shorts). No sleeveless t-shirts or athletic shorts will be allowed at all. I prefer that a collared shirt be worn at practice.

3. For tournaments: all golfers will be required to wear the team shirt and slacks or dress shorts. No athletic shorts, jeans, joggers, sweat pants or t-shirts.

4. All golfers need either tennis shoes or golf shoes. No sandals or bare feet are permitted.

Gear Provided/Bought

All golfers qualifying for the team will be provided with a Wenatchee golf bag, rain jacket, rain pants, overlay long sleeve shirt, and one golf ball per tournament played in. Each of these items is required to be turned back in at the end of the season except the golf balls. In the beginning of the season a team clothing pack will be provided. **It will be mandatory to purchase a team collared shirt (\$35- \$50) every year the player is on the team.** There will also be a T-shirt and jacket available for purchase but not mandatory. However, the total for all three items will be around \$110. This is a significant discount for top brand golf gear (Under Armour and Nike) as the price for all three embroidered items would be near \$250. The jacket will be good for the player's entire time on the team.

Travel Procedures

1. Dismissal Time- The time will be announced at practice in advance and in the bulletin at school. All golfers are expected to remain in class until that time. **2.** Team Transportation- The school vehicle (mini charter or van) will load in front of the Athletic Office entrance. Being on time is essential. Late arrivals stand the chance of being left. Our schedule is tight, thus we have little time to waste on match days. **3.** As passengers in the team vehicle, it is expected that you will behave in the best possible manner. There will be no yelling, waving or signaling to passing motorists or pedestrians. Seat belts are required at all times. State law requires them. **4.** When staying overnight in hotels, golfers will obey the curfew and rules set by the coach in charge. **5.** While dining in eating establishments, golfers will be courteous to the servers and patrons around them while making sure their area is cleaner than when they sat down. **6.** Independent Travel- No independent travel is permitted without prior approval from the Athletic Director. We are a team and should travel to and from matches together. Golfers will not be permitted to participate in road trip matches they "show up for" without prior approval.

It is expected the players see their teachers AHEAD of tournament days in order to stay ahead on their school work.

Parental Involvement

Parents are encouraged to take an active part in their child's golf career. A parent meeting will be held at the beginning of the season. Since golf is ultimately an individual sport, outside support is critical. Your student's development will ultimately be his/her responsibility. Improvement is directly correlated with the amount of practice time involved. Anything you can provide, from lessons and equipment to emotional support and gentle nudges to practice will help your child become a better golfer. I encourage parents to come to our tournaments for support. During a tournament, though, parents should consider themselves spectators and fans.

Here are some things spectators are **not allowed** to do (USGA Rule 8):

1. Take and/or give any equipment from any golfer at any time
2. Give any advice to players (how to play a hole, what club to hit, etc.)-cont.
3. Make any rulings or give advice on a rule
4. Assist in keeping the official score for your player (players are responsible for keeping their own scores)
5. Never touch a player's ball while it is in play

Here are some things parents are allowed to do:

1. Encourage all players
2. Help all players find lost balls

Golf Etiquette/Behavior

For the game to be enjoyed, each player participates in accordance with a code of decent and friendly conduct, which includes safe and fast play, proper care of the golf course, and basic courtesy. Use this summary as a guideline:

Care of the course: **1.** Rake all bunkers. Replace all divots. Don't make divots with practice swings **2.** On greens, repair all ball marks. Repair spike marks on the greens after finishing play. Be careful walking on the greens, especially near the hole. **3.** Leave the course, particularly the greens, in the condition you would like to find them.

Safety: Be careful when you swing a club, whether in practice or in play. Always be aware of those around you. Don't play until the group in front of you is out of the way. Equipment throwing **WILL NOT** be tolerated. It is not the equipment's fault for a bad shot. **Throwing and or slamming equipment on an object/ground will be grounds for dismissal or suspension.**

Courtesy: **1.** Don't move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind a player making a stroke. **2.** Observe all rules including who has the honor. **3.** Play without delay. Slow play is a huge aggravation. Leave the putting green as soon as all players in your group have holed out. Write scores and stats for the previous hole on the next tee box. **4. Invite faster groups to play through.** **5.** Don't step on the line of another player's putt. **6.** When a ball is hit towards another group or person yells "Fore" as a warning to them. **7.** Never place your bag on the putting surface.

Always remember: We are guests at every golfing facility we visit, remember to be highly respectful of their staff and the paying customers. This includes the range, clubhouse and on the course. Don't yell across the range or course with anyone from the general public in eyesight. You may be the only WHS students that some community members ever meet.

At Three Lakes: be sure to store your "stuff" in a neat manner in the corner of the Clubhouse. Try to leave it in your car if possible. At Three Lakes G.C., Highlander G.C. and Wenatchee Golf and Country Club, the Board of Directors grants us the privilege of using their facilities free of charge. We therefore

have the obligation of treating the property with care and respect. Follow the rules of good golf etiquette.

Issues pertaining to any type of harassment will be taken very seriously and are not tolerated at any level. Coach Jagla must be notified of any type of harassment or bullying.

Lettering

Varsity letters will be earned by qualifying for **3 varsity matches**. If however, you qualify for **only 2 matches but have scores that count towards the team total**, this will be sufficient to earn a letter. In addition to earn a letter the golfer must attend the awards banquet where letters are presented.

Wenatchee Jack Barnes Invitational

Every year we host an invitational tournament the first Monday of spring break as our team fundraiser. The money raised helps pay for overnight trips, invitational fees and equipment needs. Being the host school allows us to enter multiple teams. The top 10 qualifying golfers will make up these teams. Golfers not qualifying are asked to help run the tournament. **Parents are encouraged and very welcomed to come and volunteer where needed so that our tournament can be run efficiently and with high standards, making it a tournament teams will want to come play in year after year!**

Community Outreach

Welcome to Blast Fundraising. The following is broken into sections for you to copy and paste to each group type: coaches/admins, parents & players. Send the info using whatever channels of communication you currently use.

We will use Blast to keep family, friends, and community informed on Everything Panther Golf. We will use funds generated to get team Rain Gear, Shirts, and essentials for practice and competitions.

Team Admins (coaches, managers & key parents)

We are using Blast Athletics to fundraise for this season. Blast is a friends and family fundraiser that utilizes text and email to collect donations. Then, through the same Blast page, we are able to post scores, schedules, videos, photos and recaps. The coverage we post will be emailed to those who donated every Tuesday!

I need all team admins to join our team and help players and parents get their contacts entered.

Click this link to join your team(s):

- Join Program: <https://www.blastathletics.com/teams/72832/join>
 - 1. Download the App and sign in
 - 2. Watch Blast Explainer Videos
 - Fundraiser Demo Video: <https://www.blastathletics.com/lovefundraising>
 - Reward Your Supporters Video:
<https://www.blastathletics.com/rewardyoursupporters>
 - Learn Blast in 100 Seconds: <https://www.blastathletics.com/basics>
 - 3. Build list of Contacts with your child (Parents only)
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Parents (non-admin parents)

Parents,

We are using Blast Athletics to fundraise this season. Blast is a new platform that allows us to raise money using email and text messaging. Then, throughout the season, all of us can post scores, videos, photos and recaps to our Blast page. The coverage we post gets emailed to our donors, showing them what their donation paid for. Watch the videos at the bottom for details.

Blast is also our team communication app. This is where you will find our schedule, coverage and get messages from coaches and team admins. All parents must join Blast to get team information.

Parent Instructions

1. Register
 - Register using **Your Name** and information; you will link to your child later.
 - Click the link below and follow Steps. Once joined, then download the Blast Athletics app
 - Join Program: <https://www.blastathletics.com/teams/72832/join>
 2. Help your child build a list of 20 potential sponsors (family & friends)
 - Once registered, you will see a yellow Invite Sponsors button
 - Your child will click the button and enter the list of names, email and/or cell phone numbers of potential supporters that you helped create
 3. Post Coverage at games, traveling and training (see videos below)
 - Tag your child!
 4. Blast Explainer Videos
 - Fundraiser Demo Video: <https://www.blastathletics.com/lovefundraising>
 - Reward Your Supporters Video: <https://www.blastathletics.com/rewardyoursupporters>
 - Learn Blast in 100 Seconds: <https://www.blastathletics.com/basics>
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Players

Click this link to join your team:

1. Register
 - Register using your name, personal email and correct date of birth
 - Take a **Profile Picture** — your face shoulders up. No one else in the picture
 - Follow Steps. Once joined, please download the Blast Athletics app
 - Join Program: <https://www.blastathletics.com/teams/72832/join>
2. Enter Contacts for fundraiser
 - Once registered, you will see a yellow Invite Sponsors button
 - Click button and enter the name, email and/or cell phone number of potential supporters
 - Work on your list of 20 contacts with your parents
 - No one under 21 years old. Enter every aunt, uncle and grandparent
3. Blast Explainer Video
 - Fundraiser Demo Video: <https://www.blastathletics.com/lovefundraising>

- Reward Your Supporters Video:
<https://www.blastathletics.com/rewardyoursupporters>
- Learn Blast in 100 Seconds: <https://www.blastathletics.com/basics>

Leadership Development and Goal Setting

Captains : Two captains are selected every season by their teammates and myself (**you do not have to be a senior to be a captain**). Captains will be expected to complete the NFHS Captains course, it is a free course I will email to them. They will also be given a Captains Handbook that teaches them what it means and looks like to be a leader. They will be expected to be role models on and off the course. Along with having extra responsibilities with various aspects of the team. The point is to develop these young men into real world leaders, this is just one outlet we are able to teach these skills through.

Goal Setting (Individual and Team): Top-level athletes, successful business-people and achievers in all fields all set goals. Setting goals gives you long-term vision and short-term motivation. It focuses your acquisition of knowledge, and helps you to organize your time and your resources so that you can make the very most of your life. By setting sharp, clearly defined goals, you can measure and take pride in the achievement of those goals, and you'll see forward progress in what might previously have seemed a long pointless grind. You will also raise your self-confidence, as you recognize your own ability and competence in achieving the goals that you've set. Once cuts are made the final team members will all spend a practice working through a goal-setting packet. This same activity will be completed in the middle and end of season. **Every player will be provided with a notebook and pen to be used to record practice and match goals.**

Communication

Players: Will be contacted by their cell phones and the use of Family ID and Blast.

Parents: Will be contacted by **Blast** (see attached page above in **Community Outreach** to sign up) and **Weekly Family ID Emails**.

Season Updates: Go to <http://www.big9athletics.org> to download / view our season schedule, see league standings and get weekly updates posted by the coach.

WHS Golf Expectations

1. I will play by the rules of golf, be honest and never cheat. Golf is unique because there is no referee. Players call penalties on themselves (Spirit of the game). Honesty in scoring is a must for golfers. This holds true for practice as well as during matches. **Proof of cheating will result in suspension.**
2. I will respect the golf course, my teammates, and my opponents. Golf is a gentleman's game. This includes not throwing golf clubs or cursing during the course of play or practice. At the end of every round you will shake your playing competitor's hand.
3. I will never give up and will compete on every shot. Maximum effort at all times is expected.
4. I will represent Wenatchee High School and myself with class in the classroom, at practice, in tournaments, and in the community. I am a representative of WHS, my team, my family, and ultimately myself.

5. I commit to work as hard as I can to become the best golfer, student and young man possible. Golf is a lifelong sport and is inherently challenging at every skill level.

6. I will strive to be a leader in the classroom, on the course and in my community, through my behavior and work ethic. Character, work ethic and conduct are more important than ability within my sport.

Whenever you are at a golf course, in another town or whether a coach is present or not, you are a Wenatchee High School golfer and Wenatchee community member. **The WSD Extra Curricular Code of Conduct and Student Code of Conduct also apply at all times.**

Wenatchee's reputation has been a long-standing model of good sportsmanship and friendliness. That is not something your coaching staff or Athletic Department wants to lose. We play hard, we work hard, we play fair and we do it with a positive attitude, a smile, and a kind word.

"When The Time to Perform has Arrived, The Time to Prepare has Passed" - Anonymous

I personally look forward to a great season and the chance to work with each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

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I have read and agree to all the expectations outlined in the handbook:

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Parent Email (Weekly Team Communication) _____

**Please bring this form with you completed and signed to the
first day of practice.**

This form must be turned in to be eligible to practice.