



**4A Region 2 Regional Golf Championship  
Van Zandt Country Club  
Canton, Texas  
April 17-20, 2023**

**Tournament Information**

**Sponsored By:**

Tyler ISD

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Tournament Committee / Rules: Bo Branyan, Greg Priest

**NOTE: Tee times and groupings WILL NOT be given out over the pro shop phone!**

**Tournament Fees:**

For regional tournament practice round, **make checks payable to Van Zandt Country Club**. Price includes green fee, range balls and coaches' cart.

**Practice Round Fee: \$20 per person**

For regional tournament entry fee, make checks payable to Tyler ISD. Listed below are the charges for the Regional Golf Championship. Prices includes tournament green fees (practice rounds not included), practice balls, and coaches' cart during tournament rounds only. **(Entry due at Coaches Meeting – Please do not mail)**

**Team Entry Fee: \$450 (Meals not included)**

**Medalist Fee: \$90 (Meals not included)**

**Additional Fees:**

Range balls: \$5 a bag (For practice after tournament round)

Spectator Cart Rental: \$40 (Limited availability)

Trail Fee: \$15 (Spectators will be allowed to bring private carts)

**Schools should be prepared to present tax-exempt documentation.**



### **District Results / Regional Entries:**

District results/regional entries should be emailed to [greg.priest@tylerisd.org](mailto:greg.priest@tylerisd.org) immediately after qualifying.

The regional entry form should be typed or printed.

Coaches are asked to call the tournament director any team roster changes immediately upon being determined.

### **General Admission:**

Admission is free. Videeing is permitted, but not reviewable by any player during a round.

### **Practice Round:**

Teams/players may play one practice round after qualifying of the regional tournament. Teams/players are encouraged to take their practice round early. If taking a practice round early, inform the tournament director and then contact golf course to schedule tee time. Boys - Teams/players opting to not take a practice round early will be given a time on Sunday, April 17. Girls - Teams/players opting to not take a practice round early will play on Tuesday, April 19 with a 3:00 p.m. shotgun start.

### **Coaches Meeting:**

The coach's meeting will be held at VZCC:

Girls - Sunday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Boys – Tuesday, April 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Substitutions made, spellings corrected and course rules, hole locations, etc., shall be reviewed.

A credit card will be required at the coaches meeting for schools to run a concession tab.

Schools should present tax exempt documentation.

### **Tournament Competition:**

**Monday:** District Champion Teams shall be paired together by district team scores and begin play on the #1 tee.

District 9, 10, 11, 12 Medalists shall follow the teams on #1.

District Runner-up Teams shall be paired together by district team scores and begin play on the #10 tee. District 13, 14, 15, 16 Medalists shall follow the teams on #10.

**Tuesday:** Low eight scoring teams of 1<sup>st</sup> round shall begin play on the #1 tee.

Low eight scoring medalists of 1<sup>st</sup> round shall follow teams on #1 tee. Remaining eight teams of 1<sup>st</sup> round shall begin play on the #10 tee.

Remaining eight medalists of 1<sup>st</sup> round shall follow teams on #10 tee.

**Tee times shall be posted at Van Zandt CC Pro Shop, on the Tyler ISD Athletics website, and will be emailed to coaches.**

### **Tournament Play:**

The driving range shall open at 7:00am on Monday and Tuesday. Balls will be setup on the range. The pro shop shall open at 6:30am.

Tournament play shall begin at 8:30am on Monday and 8:00am and on Tuesday.

### **Tournament Schedule**

The Regional Tournament should be a 2-day 36-hole tournament.

### **Scoring Method**

Team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18-hole round of the five players who enter as a team. The team with the lowest score will be the team winner.



### **Ties**

In the event of a tie in either the team scoring or medalist scoring, we will proceed with the playoff format attached to this packet. We must have an outright place finisher from 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place in both the Team standings and Medalist standings.

### **Substitution**

There shall be no substitution allowed in the individual competition. Once the tournament has begun, no substitution (except for injury or illness) shall be allowed on a team, as a team is composed of five players.

### **Protests**

Any protest must be initiated by a contestant or coach representing a participating school before the tournament director finalizes scores.

### **Coaching.**

- A coach may engage with the player(s) tee to green (not on the green).
- At district, regional and state competition, only one coach is allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
- The intent of the one coach rule per team or individual is not to limit a coach from coaching but rather limit the number of coaches per school.

### **Dress and conduct**

Players shall wear school approved attire, collared shirts, and soft spikes. Players may not speak privately with non-players; exception-a coach tee to green. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as illegal coaching, inappropriate language, throwing clubs, course abuse, or improper actions may result in penalty stroke(s) or disqualification.

### **Caddies and carts**

Contestants may **NOT** use caddies or electric carts during district, regional, or state matches without approval by the UIL (golfer must bring approval paperwork). A pull cart may be used.

### **Electronic equipment**

Range Finders (all types such as GPS, watches, etc.) are the **ONLY** electronic equipment allowed at the tournament. Range finders that measure **DISTANCE ONLY** may be used during competitive rounds. Range finders that offer any other function (even if disabled) are illegal. A player using such a device will be subject to the UIL penalty structure.

### **Cell phones / radios**

Cell phones and radios are not permitted for players during competition. The first offense is a warning and the second offense is disqualification.

### **UIL penalty structure**

- First Offense – Warning
- Second Offense – Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach
- Third Offense – Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament



### **Spectators**

Please make sure all cell phones are turned off or on silent mode. Spectators may encourage but NOT coach nor give advice during play. Spectators shall remain off fairways and maintain an average of 30 yards from players. (Spectator Rules Sheet. Attached)

## **2023 Regional Golf Tournament (Format & Ties)**

### **Tournament Format**

- The tournament will consist of 9-18-27 or 36 holes completed by the entire tournament field from a scoring standpoint.

### **Team Ties (First, Second, & Third will go to playoff, 4<sup>th</sup> place ties should proceed straight to #5 below)**

1. There will be a playoff for all ties immediately on the tournament course after all scores have been posted if possible.
2. Team ties will be represented either by the five players, or four players with four player teams.
3. The aggregate score of the four low players per hole will determine the team score per hole.
4. If a tie cannot be played on the scheduled tournament date, a future date may be scheduled between the teams tied (for advancement purposes only) with approval of the participating schools and permission from the UIL Athletic Director.
5. In the event that a playoff is not possible, the individual's score that was not used for each team on Day 2 will be used as the tie-breaking score. If still tied, the team's highest individual tournament total will be used. Continue to use this process until the tie is broken.

### **Individual (Medalists) Ties (First, Second, & Third will go to sudden death, 4<sup>th</sup> place ties should proceed straight to #3 below)**

1. Sudden Death Playoff.
2. If a tie cannot be played on the scheduled tournament date, a future date may be scheduled between the individuals tied (for advancement purposes only) with approval of the participating schools and permission from the UIL Athletic Director.
3. In the event that a playoff is not possible, per USGA Rule 33-6, the method of matching cards is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, then last three holes and finally the 18th hole. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, et

### **\* 9 Stroke Rule \***

- In regional and state competition, a player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 8<sup>th</sup> stroke of the hole. If a player continues to play, the player is not disqualified but must count all shots played.
- For example: If a player picks up his/her ball after the 8th stroke, a score of 9 is recorded. If a player picks up his/her ball after the 9<sup>th</sup> stroke, a score of 10 is recorded.



## **2023 Regional Golf Tournament (Play-Off Details)**

### **Team**

- Team ties are going to be broken by a five-man team playoff. The four low scores per hole in the playoff will count for the team score. If a team has four players, all four scores will count.

### **Honor**

- Will be determined by drawing numbers through a tournament official.
- 2 numbers will be provided. One team member will draw a number for the team.
- The team that draws the lowest number will have the honor for both groups.

### **Order**

- The two high scores from Day 2 will be paired up as (2).
- The third and fourth from each team's Day 2 round will make up the second group.
- The first and second players from Day 2 will make up the third group.
- All players will complete the hole prior to moving to the next hole.
- The four aggregate scores will comprise the team.

\*If a 3-team playoff exists the order will be:

3-6-6 with the same procedures as a two-team playoff.

This is still a stroke play competition. Coaching rule still applies.

Regardless of the number of teams in the playoff, the players will be paired according to score with the highest scores going first.

### **Individual**

- The player with the lowest second day score will have the honor. If the second day scores are tied, numbers will be drawn and the player who draws the lowest number will have the honor.



## **Practice Round Details**

Individuals and/or teams qualifying for regional golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the regional tournament if permitted by the director of the tournament. There shall be no more than one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. Once a practice round has been completed, neither teams nor individuals are allowed to return to the site on another day to **chip and/or putt**.

### **Sunday Prohibition (Section 1206 of UIL Constitution and Contest Rules)**

A League participant school shall not participate in any athletic contest or conduct any practice, or teach any plays, formations, or skills on Sunday.

Exceptions.

- (A) Golf. If the regional and/or state golf tournaments are scheduled on a Monday, one 18-hole practice round is allowed at the regional and/or state tournament site and may be played on the Sunday afternoon preceding the meet (no earlier than 12:00 noon) if permitted by the regional or state meet director.

## **General Questions and Answers**

**May we schedule our ‘one practice round’ at a time/day other than the day prior to tournament?**

Yes, if the course allows! The assigned practice round the day prior to the competition is for the convenience of out-of-town schools.

**May we leave the course & return later that same day to practice putt or chip after our practice round?**

No! However, once your coaches’ meeting begins players may return to practice putt or chip!

**May players use the “range” once the “one practice round” has been played?**

Yes! Putting or Chipping is prohibited once the practice round has been played, but players may use the range if they are in compliance with UIL Constitution and Contest Rules practice regulations.

**May players go out and walk the course at a time other than their practice round?**

No! Walking the course is considered playing the course.



## **PRACTICE ROUND**

- Coaches should immediately notify tournament director upon qualifying for the regional tournament. The tournament will be briefly discussed and practice round time will be confirmed. Coaches need not notify the Van Zandt CC.
- A coach may choose to play their one permitted practice round prior to Sunday (Mon-Sat). If they do, they should make their own practice round arrangement directly with Van Zandt CC (903-567-2336). They must also inform the tournament director.
- Two schools may mutually agree to switch their assigned tee times on Sunday. If they wish to do so, both coaches must inform the tournament director prior to Sunday play.
- If a team(s) chooses not to play on Sunday; tee times of the remaining teams/medalists will be moved up. Therefore, teams/medalists should be prepared to play earlier than their assigned time.
- Teams/medalists missing their assigned tee time may lose their right to their practice round.
- To maximize time usage for Sunday practice rounds; parents, coaches, alternates, and other non-qualifiers shall be **PROHIBITED** from playing the practice round with five qualifiers.
- Non-qualifiers may observe the qualifying players on Sunday by following them on the course, but they must remain off the fairway and on the cart paths.
- A practice round fee is \$20 per player (includes green, range balls, and coaches' cart). **Checks should be made out to Van Zandt CC.**
- After qualifying and having played the one permitted practice round, qualifiers **MAY NOT RETURN** to Van Zandt CC to play, chip or putt...  
*Exceptions driving range may be used at any time and players may return to the course to practice putt and/or chip once the 4:00 pm coaches' meeting begins.*



## **Slow Play**

**The following conditions and policies shall govern the regulation of the pace of play by the Rules Committee:**

1. Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay.
2. Each player is responsible for his/her group's maintaining proper position on the course in relation to the rest of the field. Each group should be approximately a starting interval behind the preceding group throughout the whole round. The position of the group following has no bearing in determining whether or not a player's pace of play is satisfactory. A group is deemed to be out of position if it reaches any spot on the course as much as fourteen (14) minutes behind the preceding group.
3. A group that is out of position for as many as three holes during one round, not necessarily in consecutive order, will be considered in violation of Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay). Players contributing to the delay will be automatically penalized.
4. If a player walks ahead of the ball to check the position of the hole or to walk yardage once he/she is at his ball and it is his turn to play, the player will be penalized for undue delay if he/she had previously been warned during the round for slow play.
5. Penalties may be assessed without a player having been given prior warning during the round by a Rules Official. It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of his position on the golf course.
6. If a group's pace of play warrants a penalty to be assessed, only players who contributed to slow play will be penalized, not necessarily every member of the team.
7. Officials will use discretion concerning the pace of play of early groups. The first players will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace. However, the groups immediately following may not be expected to maintain position behind an exceptionally fast group.





## **UIL Golf Disqualifications**

### **Subchapter C. Section 1260. *U.I.L. Constitution and Contest Rules.***

- (8) **Disqualifications:** A player disqualified (for other than an unsportsmanlike conduct violation) shall have the disqualification apply only to the 18-hole round in which the infraction occurred.
- (a) For example, a contestant disqualified (for a violation that is not unsportsmanlike) during the first or second 18-holes will not have his/her score used for the team score in the 18-hole round in which the violation occurred.
- (b) A contestant disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the first 18-holes will not be allowed to continue. Scores from the first 18-hole round for a contestant disqualified during the second 18-holes will also be cancelled. Neither the first day 18-hole score nor the second day 18-hole score may be used for the individual or team score.

Please note that in accordance with Rule 6-8 of the USGA Golf rules, a player that must discontinue play due to illness or injury may not be subject to disqualification if the Rules Committee is notified and the reason, such as illness, is considered satisfactory to the Committee. A student, who discontinues play but is not disqualified the first day, may be allowed by the Committee to return and play 18 holes on the second day. The score of the second day, in this instance, may be counted for team honors.



## **Spectator Rules**

Spectators must stay on cart path at all times. **EXCEPTION:** when watching play on or around the green spectators may go up on the mounds that surround the green to watch. Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players.

Spectators **MAY NOT** walk down the fairway with the players.

Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players at all times.

Spectators are allowed to help search for lost golf balls.

Spectators are **NOT** allowed to give players snacks or drinks during the stipulated round.

**ONLY** the designated coach may give the players snacks or drinks.

Spectators are **NOT** allowed in the scoring area at any time.

Spectators **MAY NOT** give any advice during play. **ONLY** the designated coach may give the player advice during a stipulated round. Any other communication could be deemed advice. The player could be penalized 2 strokes for every breach or disqualified.

Spectators **MAY NOT** shuttle players at any time. **EXCEPTION:** In the event of inclement weather or dangerous situation, spectators **MAY** transport players to safety.



## REGIONAL TOURNAMENT Q&A

***Can we schedule our 'one practice round' at a time other than the day prior to tournament?***

**Yes!** The practice round the day prior is primarily for the convenience of out-of-town schools.

***Once we finish our round of tournament golf can players take carts on the course to watch others play?***

**No!** Players are prohibited from operating golf carts during the regional tournament.

***After our practice round, can we leave the course & return later that same day to practice putt or chip?***

**No!** However, once your coaches' meeting begins players may return to practice putt or chip! The course driving range is not regulated and may be used any number of times after qualifying.

***Sunday can our players go out and walk the course before 12:00 Noon CST?***

**No!** Walking the course is considered playing the course.

They may warm up prior to noon if their tee time is at noon or slightly after.

***Tuesday can players go out and walk the course, warm up or hit prior to their 2:00 pm tee time?***

Putting or Chipping is prohibited once the practice round has been played, but players may use the range as long as they are in compliance with UIL Constitution and Contest Rules practice regulations.

***Tuesday can the girls go out on the course prior to practice round and watch the boys finish their round?***

**No!** They may however, observe the boys from either finishing green!

***Can a coach or parent take food and drink to a player during a round.***

**No!** Spectators must maintain a minimum of 30 yards from the golfers and not speak privately with them. They also must follow the cart path and remain off fairways!

***Can a coach or spectator take a player to the restroom during a round?***

**Only at the turn!** Only tournament officials may take a player to the restroom during a round.

***Can a coat, gloves, poor an umbrella be taken to a player during a round?***

**Yes,** but golf equipment may only be picked up or taken to players at the turn (after 9 holes).

***Can both the head coach and an assistant take turns and give advice to our players from tee to green?***

**No!** Each day a school must designate a single coach who may engage players tee to green.

*Exception;* if a school qualifies two teams, then two coaches may advise players.

***Can we call the pro shop to learn the tournament tee times and groupings?***

**No!** This information should be posted at the courses and on the Golfstat web site!

***Can players practice putt, chip, etc. after they finish their round on the first day of regional play?***

**Yes!** However, there may be a charge for range balls!

***Who is considered to have made the All-Regional Team?***

The low five individual scores are considered to have achieved All-Regional status!



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 16**

- Practice facilities open 11:30 a.m.
- Practice round 12:30 p.m. #1 Tee
- Coaches Meeting 4:00 p.m. Event Room

**Monday, April 17**

- Pro Shop opens 6:30 a.m.
- Driving range opens 7:00 a.m.
- First round 8:00 a.m. Tee times of #1 & #10

**Tuesday, April 18**

- Pro Shop opens 6:30 a.m.
- Driving range opens 7:00 a.m.
- Final round 8:00 a.m. *Final round tee times (1 & 10)*
- Awards ceremony Immediately following *Scoreboard* play



**Boys UIL 4A Regional Championship  
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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, April 18**

- Practice facilities open 2:00 p.m.
- Practice round 3:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Coaches Meeting 4:00 p.m. Event Room

**Wednesday, April 19**

- Pro Shop opens 6:30 a.m.
- Driving range opens 7:00 a.m.
- First round 8:30 a.m. Tee times of #1 & #10

**Thursday, April 20**

- Pro Shop opens 6:30 a.m.
- Driving range opens 7:00 a.m.
- Final round 8:00 a.m. *Final round tee times (1 & 10)*
- Awards ceremony Immediately following *Scoreboard* play



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**PRACTICE ROUND TEE TIMES  
Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**All play will start on hole #1**

**No alternates, parents, coaches, or other non-qualifiers will be allowed to play.**

**Teams**

Tee Time

12:30pm	District 9	Champion
12:40pm	District 10	Champion
12:50pm	District 11	Champion
1:00pm	District 12	Champion
1:10pm	District 13	Champion
1:20pm	District 14	Champion
1:30pm	District 15	Champion
1:40pm	District 16	Champion
1:50pm	District 9	Runner Up
2:00pm	District 10	Runner Up
2:10pm	District 11	Runner Up
2:20pm	District 12	Runner Up
2:30pm	District 13	Runner Up
2:40pm	District 14	Runner Up
2:50pm	District 15	Runner Up
3:00pm	District 16	Runner Up

**Medalists**

3:10pm	District 9 & 10	Medalists
3:20pm	District 11 & 12	Medalists
3:30pm	District 13 & 14	Medalists
3:40pm	District 15 & 16	Medalists

Teams/Medalists tee times may move up should teams/medalists choose not to play during their scheduled time on Sunday.

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**PRACTICE ROUND  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

**3:00 pm shotgun start/range will open at 2:00pm**

Hole Assignments

1A	District 9	Champion
1B	District 10	Champion
2	District 11	Champion
3	District 12	Champion
4	District 13	Champion
5	District 14	Champion
6	District 15	Champion
7	District 16	Champion
8	District 9	Runner Up
9	District 11	Runner Up
10	District 12	Runner Up
11	District 13	Runner Up
12	District 14	Runner Up
13	District 15	Runner Up
14	District 16	Runner Up
15	District 9 & 10	Medalists
16	District 11 & 12	Medalists
17	District 13 & 14	Medalists
18	District 15 & 16	Medalists

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