



2008-2009

Policies & Procedures

Your son or daughter has expressed an interest in trying out for the O'Connor golf team. The golf team is open to any boy or girl who is in good academic standing. A physical and/or physical history, medication, rules, transportation, athletic policies and insurance forms must be completed and turned in to Coach Heath before your son or daughter can try-out or participate. All forms are due no later than **September 2nd 2008**. **Golf Try-outs will be held at the Cedar Creek Golf Course Monday & Tuesday September 8th & 9th**. The following information will specifically outline what is expected of all OHS Golf Team members.

MAKING THE TEAM

The season will start with **two qualifying 9-hole rounds**. Golfers making the team will have exhibited their ability to play the course in the fewest number of strokes. Both **9-hole rounds** will be recorded and used to evaluate and classify each golfer. All golfers will be rank ordered by score during qualifying. The top **five** boys and **five** girls will be the varsity players, the next **five** boys and **five** girls will be the junior varsity. Rankings will change during the course of the year. **Everyone who signs up for golf does not automatically make the team**. The off-season practice schedule will begin the week following all qualifying matches. Tournaments are usually held on Friday and Monday and the golfer will miss school on those days. Dual match competition against other Northside schools will start after qualifying. Tournament play will continue throughout the year. UIL rules allow each team member to participate in eight tournaments not counting District, Regionals and State. Varsity members will play in eight tournaments; JV members may or may not play in eight tournaments depending on the budget. The golf season winds down with District and Regionals in April, and State in May.

Golf is a year long sport.

PUNCTUALITY

Golfers must be on time and prepared for all practices, team meetings, matches, and tournaments. **To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late and to be late is unacceptable**. Clubs, balls, tees, appropriate attire, etc. need to be on hand at the time of arrival. All golfers will have **twenty-five minutes** from the time that they are released by the seventh-period bell at (3:10pm) to arrive at golf practice. A **written excuse** with a contact number and reason for the delay is mandatory from a parent and/or teacher for each instance of tardiness.

ATTENDANCE

I must receive notification from a parent or guardian **by phone, PRIOR** to a missed practice (work# 397-4800 ext. 3134) (cell # 316-6500) Unexcused absences will result in non-qualification for tournaments, and a reduction in your participation grade. Continued absences will result in the suspension from tournament play and/or expulsion of the student from the golf team. **IF YOU MISS A PRACTICE, IT MUST BE MADE UP BY THE END OF THE SIX-WEEKS.**

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to practice is the responsibility of the golfer and his/her parents. Most golfers car-pool with other golfers who have their licenses. It is expected that all members of the car pool help share the costs of transportation. Unless other arrangements are made, it is the responsibility of the parents to pick up their golfer at the conclusion of practice, matches, and tournaments. The school will provide transportation for **out of town** tournaments. All players traveling to practices, matches, and tournaments via their own transportation must have parental consent in writing prior to the first day of practice.

DRESS AND GROOMING

Appropriate appearance is mandatory. All players are required to be appropriately attired for practices, matches, and tournaments. Any player not appropriately attired will not be allowed to participate. Proper footwear is either golf shoes or tennis shoes. (No boots, sandals, or other types of footwear will be allowed) Hair must be tied back away from your face. No frayed or tattered clothing of any kind will be allowed. **COLLARED SHIRTS** must be worn for all practices, matches, and tournaments (MOCK collars are acceptable). You represent Sandra Day O'Connor High School and must look neat and well groomed. Remember that the entire community is watching the O'Connor athletic program. All shirts must be **TUCKED IN** for all practices, matches, and tournaments. **Denim is not allowed**. **All golfers are required to purchase one OHS collared GOLF shirt and one T-Shirt for the school year. – Cost \$30 – for both shirts.**

EQUIPMENT

All golf team members will be required to furnish their own equipment and pay for their own practice balls and practice green fees. Required equipment includes golf clubs, golf balls, tees, and golf shoes with soft spikes. The cost for these items is the responsibility of the student-golfer.

BEHAVIOR

Each player represents Sandra Day O'Connor High School. All golfers will conduct themselves in a respectable, dignified manner. We utilize golf facilities at their discretion and pleasure, and we are their guests. Profanity, unsportsmanlike behavior, fits of temper, including but not limited to club throwing will not be tolerated or permitted. Inappropriate conduct within school and/or at practices, matches, and tournaments will be viewed as unsportsmanlike and will, at the coach's discretion, result in immediate disciplinary action, including suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

ACADEMICS

All golf team members must abide by UIL rules and regulations that govern academics related to high school athletics in the Northside Independent School District and the State of Texas. The continual inability to maintain eligibility through academic performance could result in the suspension and/or expulsion from the golf team.

FUNDRAISING

All golfers are required to actively participate in a maximum of **two fundraising activities** throughout the year. All money raised from fundraising endeavors goes directly towards team equipment, practice, and tournament fees.

GRADING

The grading schedule is as follows:

PARTICIPATION	50%	- Punctuality, Attendance, Preparedness, Involvement, Dress & Grooming
* All violations of the above mentioned elements will result in a 5 point reduction in your participation grade per occurrence		
REQUIRED READING	20%	- one USGA Rules quiz will usually be given the last Monday of each six-weeks
INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE	30%	- Each golfer will need three range/play receipts for each six-weeks (non practice days only)

GENERAL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The following weekly practice schedule is a template for the entire school year.

MONDAY *Alternating (Practice/Cardio&CORE Conditioning/Study/Classroom) Day – Report directly to the specified practice facility. (3:35-5:35pm Spring) (3:35-5:00pm Fall) Practice will begin twenty-five minutes from the bell releasing you from your seventh period class (3:35pm). Be on the course ready to practice. In your car or in the parking lot, at (3:35pm) is unacceptable.

TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY * ALL GOLFERS– Report directly to the specified practice facility. (3:35-5:35pm Spring) (3:35-5:00pm Fall) Practice will begin twenty-five minutes from the bell releasing you from your seventh period class (3:35pm). Be on the course ready to practice. In your car or in the parking lot, at (3:35pm) is unacceptable.

FRIDAY – Leave campus immediately after 7th period, unless prior arrangements have been made with Coach Heath's approval. (3:10pm) (Individual Practice, Make-Up Work) *This is a great day to schedule tutorials after school with teachers that are not available in the mornings, to schedule doctors' appointments, and to schedule individual golf lessons, haircuts, etc.

CLASSROOM DAYS *see Website & Weekly Practice Schedule Report to H118 before the 8th period tardy bell (3:17-4:05pm) (Weekly Agenda, Weekly Curriculum Explanation, Video Swing Analysis, Rules / Etiquette Review, Cardio / Aerobic / Strength Training, Study Hall, Course Management Review, Required Reading Review)

*** ALL GOLFERS WILL REPORT TO H118 ON ALL BAD WEATHER DAYS AND ALL TOURNAMENT DAYS IF NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT (Monday – Thursday)**

PLEASE SIGN, DETACH AND RETURN



If there are any questions please feel free to call. I am available 24/7 to help with any concerns that you may have. The school number is (397-4800 ext.3134) and my cell number is (316-6500).

Bryan Heath
O'Connor Golf Coach

Golfer's Signature _____ Parent's Signature _____

* Your signature verifies that all policies and procedures are unconditionally understood