

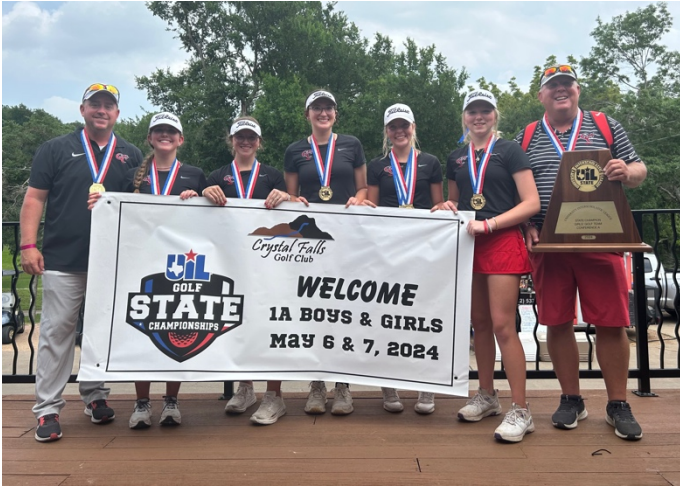
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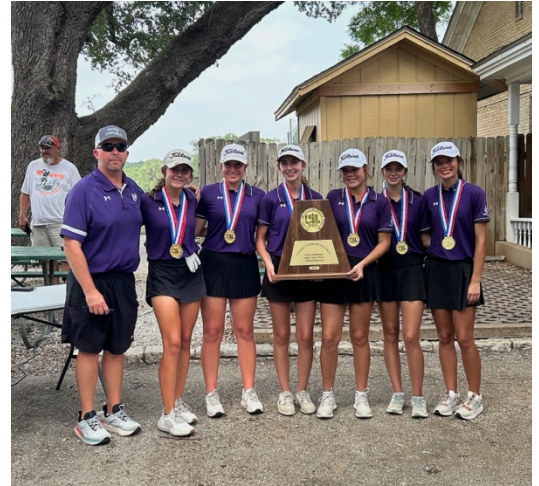
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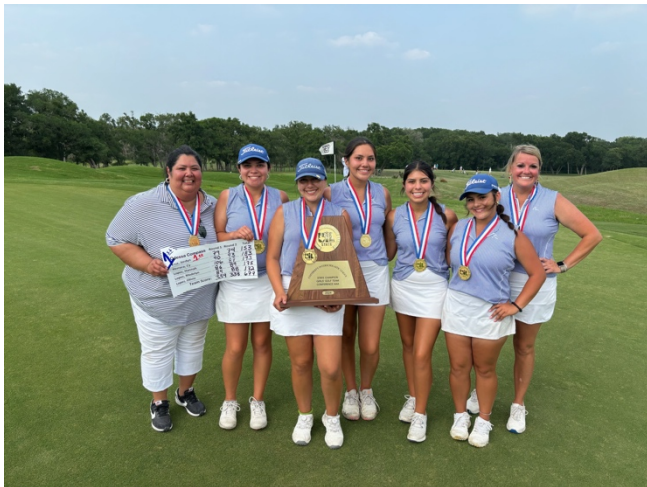
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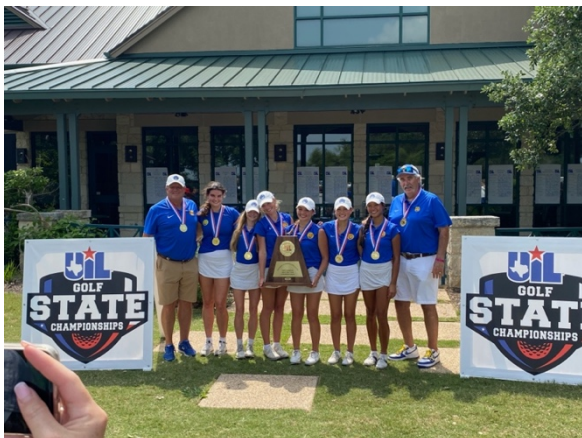
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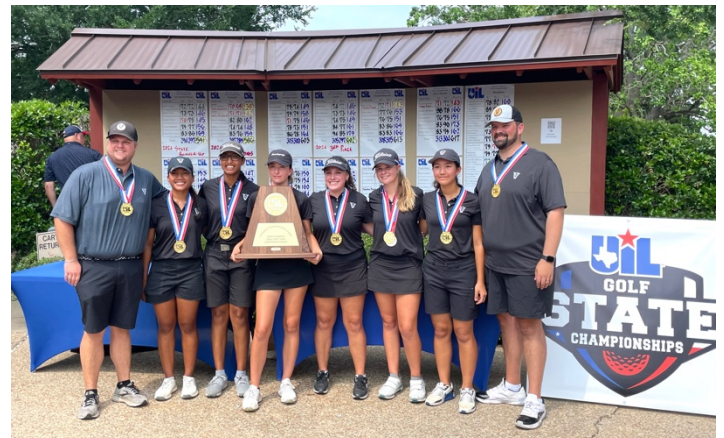
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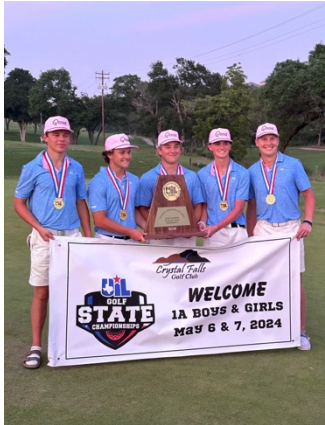


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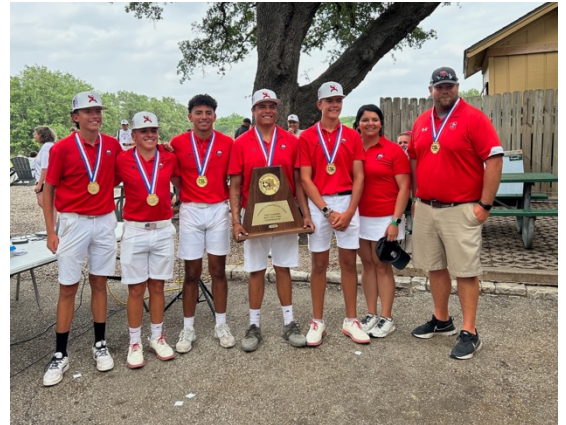


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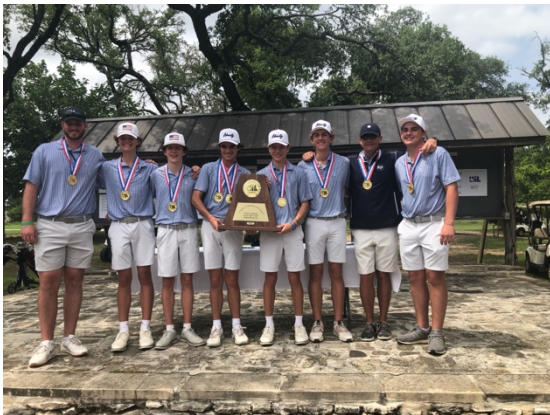
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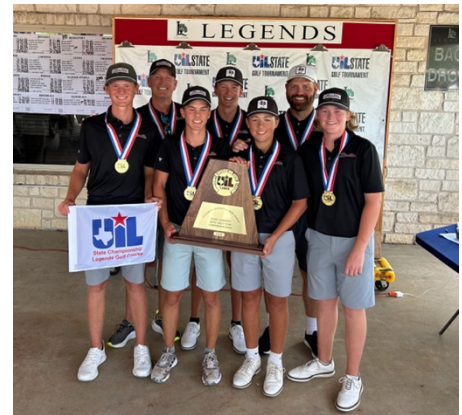
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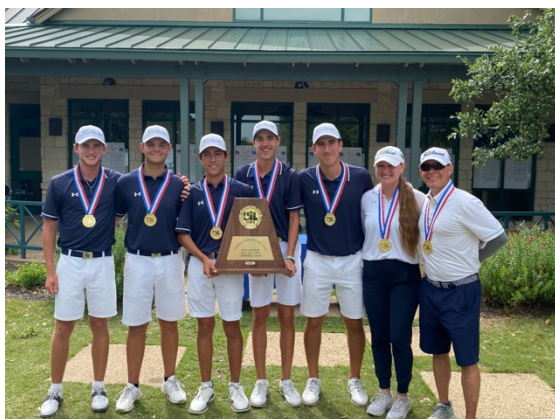
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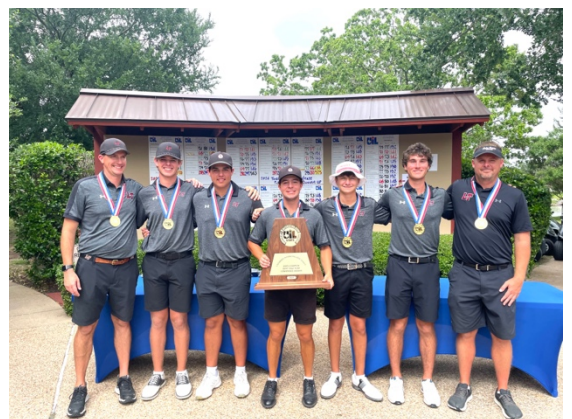
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**Comal Smithson Valley High School
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**Austin Lake Travis High School
6A State Champions**



Golf Calendar | 2024-2025

April 8, 2025:	District Certification Deadline (All Conferences)
April 14-17, 2025:	Regional Tournaments
April 28-29, 2025:	Girls' State Tournament
May 5-6, 2025:	Boys' State Tournament

Golf Coaches' Checklist

UIL Rules & Guidelines

UIL Rule Amendments & Sport Plan

Section 1260: GOLF PLAN

(a) ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE.

Rules in Sections 1200-1209 apply to the Golf Plan.

(b) DIVISIONS.

There shall be the following divisions in girls' and boys' districts: (1) singles and (2) teams consisting of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. The singles representatives may also be a member of the team. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/she is a member of a team or a single entry.

(c) REPRESENTATION.

(1) Team Limit. At the district meet, each high school may enter three singles and two teams in each division.

(2) Qualifiers to Regional Meet. Each district may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individuals to regional competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both of the first two individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. Meet director shall authorize play-offs to break ties. (Refer to golf manual).

(3) Qualifiers to State Meet. Each region may qualify the first, second and third place teams and the first, second and third place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first three individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If all three individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next three highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance.

(4) Certification. Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the meet director.

(5) Team Member Changes. Teams qualifying to the next meet qualify as a school team, and members can be changed before the next qualifying meet begins.

(6) Boys', Girls' Team Restrictions. No girls' teams shall compete against boys' teams and vice versa.

(7) Closing of Entries. Entries shall not be allowed for district meets unless submitted to the director on or before the fifth day before the first day of the tournament. Districts may authorize a later meeting after the entries are due, to allow for substitutions.

(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.

(d) SUBSTITUTION.

(1) No Singles Substitution. There shall be no substitution allowed in the singles.

(2) Team Substitution. Once a meet has started, no substitution shall be allowed to the school team composed of five players. Exception: Injury of illness certified by a physician prior to any 18-hole competition.

(3) District Tournament. In districts playing more than 36 holes, District Executive Committees shall authorize substitution standards prior to the beginning of competition.

(e) INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

(1) Number of Meets. No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year, excluding one 36-hole maximum district tournament, the regional tournament and the state tournament. Each tournament a school team enters counts as one tournament for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee. Tournaments which are limited to three or fewer schools do not count as a tournament for participants, provided there is no loss of school time.

(2) School Week Limitation. No student representing a member school shall participate in more than one tournament per school week (the first instructional day of the week through the last school day of the week). Exceptions: The regional and state tournament, and district varsity tournaments postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week. Schools shall not enter invitational golf tournaments scheduled on more than one school day per any one tournament.

(3) End of Season. Students and teams shall not represent a member school in any golf tournament after the date of the state golf tournament.

(4) Scoring. In invitational tournaments consisting of 36 holes or less (e.g., a 27-hole tournament), team honors shall be determined by totaling the best four scores for all holes actually played.

(5) Cancellation or Continuation. A tournament is considered a tournament when all contestants have played one half of the predetermined length. It is recommended that in order to prevent additional loss of school time, the tournament be called and a champion determined on less than the scheduled number of holes. However:

(A) If the second half of the tournament has not begun and the tournament cannot be continued, the remaining holes may be played at a later date without counting as another tournament provided there is no additional loss of school time.

(B) If less than half of the tournament has been played and the tournament cannot be continued, the tournament may be canceled and does not have to count as one of the allowable 8 tournaments. If there was a loss of school time, the tournament shall be counted.

(6) Time and Order of Starting. The players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the committee or director. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

(f) TIES.

(1) Individual Ties. Individual (singles) ties shall be determined by playing additional hole or holes until the tie is broken.

(2) Team Ties. Team ties shall be broken by the five players with the best scores on the final 18 holes being involved in the playoff of additional hole or holes until the tie is broken.

(g) PLAYOFF STRUCTURE.

(1) Individual Medalist. The individual with the lowest score will be the medalist. The medalist may be the representative in the singles and/or may be a member of the team. The individual, regardless if team member or singles qualifier, who has the lowest score will win the medalist honors and be the singles winner.

(2) Team Honors. 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.

(3) Team Winners. The team with the lowest score will be the team winner.

(4) Ties. In case of a tie, the five players with the best scores on the final 18 holes will be involved in the playoff.

(5) Monitors. In district, regional and state competition, golf coaches or qualified volunteers should be assigned to foursomes for monitoring play.

(6) Regional, State Meets. All entries in the regional and state golf meets will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes (a minimum of 9 holes shall be played).

(7) Practice Round. Individuals and/or teams qualifying for regional and/or state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the regional and/or state golf tournament if

permitted by the regional and/or state director. Schools shall not use more than one hour during the school day for practice rounds. 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. Refer to Section 1206.

2024-2025 UIL Rule Changes & Amendments

UIL Resources for Game Administrators (pdf)

Ineligible Player and Unattached Participation

- **(c) MINIMUM PENALTY FOR USING INELIGIBLE PLAYER.** In the event an ineligible contestant is used in any UIL game or contest, knowingly or unknowingly, the minimum penalty shall be forfeiture of the game, contest or event. Refer to Section 27 (c)(3).
- **(d) UNATTACHED PARTICIPATION.** In any UIL member school sponsored athletic contest, meet or tournament, UIL member high school students shall not be permitted to enter unattached. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be assessed against the member school(s) in violation. This provision applies to a non-enrolled (home schooled) student participating in accordance with section 33.0832 of the Texas Education Code.

Section 480: LIMITATION OF AWARDS

(a) LIMIT.

(1) Awards Schools May Give. A member school or member school district may give one major award not to exceed \$70 in value to a student during that student's high school enrollment at the same school for participation in UIL interschool competition(s) listed in Section 380. Each year a member school or member school district may give one additional award per student per interschool activity listed in Section 380, not to exceed \$20 each. Schools may give a student the \$20 minor award for an activity during the same school year the \$70 major award is given for that activity. A school may contribute to major awards in honor of winning a UIL State Championship event.

(2) Awards Students May Receive. A student may not accept from any source other than the school attended or the school district, any award in money, product or service for competing in an interschool contest except as follows.

(A) A certificate, medal, trophy, ring, or other symbolic award for participating in any UIL activity which counts on UIL standing, if it is given:

- (i) by the school, or school district in accordance to the limitations in Section 480 (a)(1);
- (ii) the District Executive Committee or the entity that organized the competition (i.e., the regional director or zone director;
- (iii) the UIL or one of the professional, education organizations sanctioned by the UIL; or
- (iv) an outside source approved by the school or school district.

(B) A medal, trophy, patch or other symbolic award for participating in an invitational athletic contest which does not count on UIL standing, in an activity which the UIL sponsors as listed in Section 380, if it is given by the organization conducting the contest or competition (Sports which are not sanctioned by the UIL, such as bowling, motorcycle racing or rodeo do not come under this rule).

(C) Unlimited awards for participating in an invitational academic or fine arts contest which does not count on UIL standing, whether or not it is an activity which the UIL sponsors.

(D) Educational trips sponsored by the school.

(E) Scholarships for college or university enrollment if awarded at or after graduation from high school.

(3) Awards Students May Receive for Intraschool Competition. A student may accept unlimited awards for participating in intraschool competition.

(b) LEAGUE STANDING DEFINED. For purposes of this rule, “counts on UIL standing” means any contest that causes an individual or team to advance toward a UIL district, bi-district, area, zone, regional or state championship.

(c) AMATEUR STATUS. Refer to Section 441 for rules governing amateur athletic status.

(d) INDIRECT AWARD. An award given to a second party to be held for later delivery to the student is considered received by the student when the award is given to the second party. This conduct is a violation by the member school or school district.

Section 481: GIFTS OR AWARDS TO SPONSOR OR COACH

Individuals who coach, direct or sponsor UIL activities in grades 9-12 may be suspended if:

(a) they accept more than \$500 in money, product or service from any source, over and above the stipend paid by the school district, in recognition of or appreciation for coaching, directing or sponsorship of UIL activities. (Refer to Section 1202). The \$500 limit is cumulative for a calendar year and is not specific to any one particular gift;

(b) they accept money, product or service for entering their student(s) in a contest or other activity;

(c) this section includes, but is not limited to, money, gifts, use of automobiles, insurance, club privileges and any funds tendered by booster clubs for other services; and

(d) it is a violation if coaches and/or their attorney(s) accept money or other valuable consideration for payment of legal expenses incurred to file suit or take other legal action against a school, school district or the UIL.

(e) EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Scholarships. A sponsor or coach may accept from any source in any amount a postsecondary institution scholarship.

(2) Retirement. Upon retirement from the profession, sponsors or coaches may accept money or other valuable consideration in any amount from any source.

(3) Annual UIL Award for Excellence. A sponsor or coach may accept the Annual UIL Award for Excellence sanctioned by the UIL.

Charitable Cause Guidelines.

The UIL has received numerous requests from member schools to support various charitable causes in conjunction with high school athletic events. The UIL is supportive of these initiatives and has developed guidelines in regards to an athletic competition being held in the name of a charitable cause.

Schools may host a contest in recognition of a charitable cause under the following conditions:

1. The contest of competition may be held during any one week of the designated sport season (to be determined by each individual school).
2. If NFHS or NCAA rules allow, non-school colors can be worn upon mutual agreement between opponents. (ex: pink uniforms)
3. A commemorative ribbon of non-school color may be worn on the jersey or school-issued uniform.
4. Officials may be allowed to use a colored whistle or modified uniform in accordance with UIL guidelines.
5. Colored game balls will not be allowed, however they may be used during any warm-up period prior to the contest.

[USGA Golf Information](#)

PRE-SEASON REGULATIONS

(see [Team Sport General Manual](#))

- Employment of Coaches
- Texas Education Code Requirements (State Law)
- Coaches Certification Program (CCP)
- UIL Eligibility for Athletic Contests
- Student Participation Required Forms

REGULAR SEASON

PRACTICE REGULATIONS

PRACTICE REGULATIONS - WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION - INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- Eight-Hour Practice Rule – School districts shall adopt policies limiting extracurricular activities from the beginning of the school week through the end of the school week (excluding holidays) by limiting practice outside the school day to a maximum of eight hours per school week per activity.
- *Sessions for strength & conditioning instruction* may be conducted for teams during their off-season by school coaches for students in grades 7-12 from that coaches attendance zone starting the first day of school. A strength and conditioning session shall be no more than one hour per day outside the school day, Monday through Friday, and a student shall attend no more than one session of supervised instruction per day.
- The in-school athletic period and the one-hour strength & conditioning does not count towards the allotted 8 hours.
- Any time used in connection with a practice that is not part of the athletic period or the one-hour strength & conditioning counts as part of the 8 hours. (dress, video/meetings, etc).

PRACTICE REGULATIONS - OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL YEAR - INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Practice regulations for sports that practice outside of the school year are as follows-

- The maximum length of any single practice session is three hours.
- Students-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of practice activities on those days during which one practice is conducted.
- Student-athletes shall not engage in more than five hours of practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is conducted.
- On days when more than one practice is conducted, there shall be, at a minimum, two hours of rest/recovery time between the end of one practice and the beginning of the next practice.
- *Schools shall not schedule more than one practice on consecutive days and student-athletes shall not participate in multiple practices on consecutive days (Exception: Volleyball).*
- **What counts towards practice time?** Actual on-court practice, sport specific skill instruction, mandatory conditioning, water breaks and rest breaks.
- **What doesn't count?** Meetings, *weight training, film study, injury treatment and *voluntary conditioning.
 - * denotes activity cannot be done during the two-hour rest between the two practices.

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

- **Violation:** Any showing of films to, or meetings of athletes for the purpose of instructions or reviewing of plays, formations, or skills in any sport will be construed as a violation.
- **Coaches Sunday Meetings:** This does not prevent coaches from meeting on Sunday or from viewing films or planning an instructional program, provided that no athletes are involved in this meeting.

CONTEST SCHEDULE RULES

The following section combines State Law, State Board of Education regulations, and UIL rules regarding scheduling and participation in a contest.

Constitution and Contest Rules: Section 5 - Definitions:

- **Calendar week** means 12:01 a.m. on Sunday through midnight on Saturday.
- **School week** means the week beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week and ends at the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.
- **One contest per school week:** School districts shall adopt policies limiting extracurricular activities from the beginning of the school week through the end of the school week (excluding holidays) by scheduling no more than one contest or performance per activity per student.
*Exception: Tournaments and post-season competition, as well as district varsity contests postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week.
- **Eight-hour practice rule:** School districts shall adopt policies limiting extracurricular activities from the beginning of the school week through the end of the school week (excluding holidays) by limiting practice outside the school day to a maximum of eight hours per school week per activity.

Participation

- **(b) SUNDAY PROHIBITION:** A UIL member school shall not participate in any athletic contest or conduct any practice or teach any plays, formations or skills on Sunday.
 - (1) Violation: Any showing of films to or meetings of athletes for the purpose of instruction or reviewing of plays, formations or skills in any sport will be construed as a violation.
 - (2) Coaches Sunday Meetings: This does not prevent coaches from meeting on Sunday or from seeing films or planning an instructional program, provided no athletes are involved in this meeting.
 - (3) Exceptions:
 - (A) Golf. If the regional and/or state golf tournaments are scheduled on a Monday, the one 18-hole practice round allowed at the regional and/or state tournament site 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.
- **(c) REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT COMPETITION ON SUNDAY.** Regional or state tournament directors may reschedule postponed or weather delayed tournaments on Sunday afternoon or evening with prior approval of the tournament director and the participating schools and with prior permission from the UIL Athletic Director.

GOLF TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Number of Contests Allowed: 8 Tournaments excluding one district, regional and state tournament.

Conferences: Participating schools shall be divided into conferences according to UIL spring meet alignments.

Divisions: There shall be the following divisions in girls' and boys' districts: (a) singles and (b) teams consisting of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. Singles entries may also be a member of the team. This must be designated. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/she is a member of a team or a single entry.

Official Rules: All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association rules. Contestants may not use caddies or electric carts during district, regional or state tournaments. A pull cart may be used. *Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.*

Maximum Scoring: In district play, and in regional and state competition, at any time during the play of a hole, a competitor may pick up the ball and record a 9 for that hole if it becomes apparent to the player that a score of less than 9 is highly unlikely.

- A player's score for a hole is based on the player's number of strokes (including strokes made and penalty strokes), *except* that the player will get only the maximum score even if the actual score exceeds the maximum.

Coaching Rule: Two coaches may engage (coach) with the player(s) from tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.

- At district, regional and state competition, two coaches are allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
 - 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.

Representation: No student or team representing a member school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year, excluding district, regional and state tournaments. Each high school may enter three singles and two golf teams in each division.

Dress Regulations: Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school-approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.

Double Entry: A school may, if permitted by the tournament director, play more than one team at the same varsity tournament. This would constitute one tournament for the team and for each golfer of the eight school tournaments allowed.

School Week Limitation: No student or team representing a participant school shall participate in more than one tournament per school week (the first instructional day of the week through the last school day of the week). See Contest Schedule Rules (p. 12-13) for definition of calendar week. *Exceptions: The regional and state tournament, and district varsity tournaments postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week. Schools shall not enter invitational golf tournaments scheduled on more than one school day per any one tournament.

School Tournament Defined: A meeting of more than three schools or a match in which there results in a loss of school time is defined as a school tournament. It could also be considered a school tournament if, in a non-school 17 tournament, a student is wearing school uniforms or equipment, using school transportation, or is being directed in the tournament by a coach paid by the school.

Invitational Tournaments: In invitational tournaments, consisting of less than 36 holes (e.g., a 27-hole tournament), team honors shall be determined by totaling the best four scores for all holes included in the tournament to avoid dividing team play into increments of less than 18 holes. Hosts may still schedule a 9-hole competition if desired.

Non-School Tournaments: If a student participates in a non-school tournament, it will not count as one of his/her school tournaments providing he/she is not representing the school.

Junior Varsity: A bona fide junior varsity team may represent a school and attend junior varsity tournaments. This team would also be limited to eight junior varsity tournaments. A golfer could move from the junior varsity level to the varsity level, but a combined total of eight tournaments (at any level) would still be in effect for the player.

Tournament Cancellation or Continuation: A tournament is considered a tournament when all contestants have played one half of the predetermined length. (It is preferred that in order to prevent additional loss of school time, the tournament shall be called and a champion determined on less than the scheduled number of holes.)

- If the second half of the tournament has not begun and the tournament cannot be continued, the remaining holes may be played at a later date without counting as another tournament provided there is no additional loss of school time.
- If less than half of the tournament has been played, and the tournament cannot be continued, the tournament may be canceled and does not have to count as one of the allowable eight tournaments. *(If there was a loss of school time, the tournament must be counted)*

Awards: High school participants may receive trophies or medals. They cannot accept anything of valuable consideration. Using the students' names for advertising purposes, if paid, is prohibited.

POST-SEASON INFORMATION

POST-SEASON

Representation

- **Qualifiers to Regional Meet:** Each district may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individuals to regional competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. If a medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams, the next highest finisher will replace the medalist now on the team at the regional tournament. Meet director shall authorize play-offs to break ties. Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the tournament director.
- **Qualifiers to State Meet:** Each region may qualify the first, second and third place teams and the first, second and third place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first three individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If all three individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next three highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. If a medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams, the next highest finisher will replace the medalist now on the team at the state tournament. Meet director shall authorize playoffs to break ties. Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the tournament director.

Dates: District certification deadline is April 8, 2025. Regional tournaments may be held on April 14-17, 2025.

District Sites: The sites of the tournament shall be determined by the spring meet district executive committee.

Regional Sites and Directors: Regional sites and directors may be found on the UIL website [here](#).

Entries: Entries are due to the district golf director **five** days before the district meet. District meet director will certify district results to the regional director. Regional meet directors will certify to state meet director.

Starting Times: The players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the district or regional director. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

Rules Committee: A rules committee appointed by the district spring meet executive committee should be established to act on all violations. A PGA pro should be a member of this committee.

Course Rules: All course rules shall be discussed by the golf course professionals at the coaches' meeting.

Coaching Rule: Two coaches may engage (coach) with the player(s) from tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.

- At district, regional and state competition, two coaches are allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
 - *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.

Dress Regulations: Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school-approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.

Substitutions: The final decision on substitutions is left up to the district committee. It is recommended there be no substitution in the individual or medalist competition and no substitution of team members after the start of the last 36 holes of a district tournament. Exception: Injury or illness certified by a physician or academic eligibility or ineligibility prior to any 18-hole competition. The tournament director should be notified of a substitution as soon as possible.

Length of District Tournament: A district tournament schedule may be comprised of as many holes as the district executive committee authorizes to determine a district champion. However, no more than the last 36 holes of play to determine district representatives will count as the one allowable district tournament. All other district rounds count against the eight-tournament limitation.

Length of Regional Tournament: All entries in the regional golf meet will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes (minimum of nine holes).

Inclement Weather: If weather conditions prevent playing the predetermined number of holes, fewer holes (played by all golfers) may be used to determine winners.

Disqualifications: According to UIL rules, a player disqualified for an unsportsmanlike conduct violation COULD have all scores posted by the player not count toward the team score.

- For example, a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the first round will not be allowed to continue. First round scores of a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the second round may or may not be cancelled. Thus, the first day or second day score may not be used for the team score.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as profane, vulgar and/or abusive language audible to others; carelessly and/or deliberately throwing clubs; verbalizing with intent of intimidation; or exhibiting behavior not in accordance with the spirit of fair play. First consideration of penalty should be per USGA rules. If the golfer's action warrant, penalty may be disqualification for the round, and/or in the opinion of the tournament director the violation is flagrant, disqualification could be for the tournament.

Please note that in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, a player that cannot complete the round because of illness or injury is not subject to disqualification for the remainder of the tournament if the tournament director or the rules committee is notified and the reason satisfactory.

Electronic Equipment: Distance-measuring devices (USGA Rule 4.3a) are allowed under the rules of golf as long as the player does not access any information that is prohibited under this rule. The first breach of this rule means the player gets a two-stroke penalty. A second breach during the same round results in disqualification.

Scoring: In district, regional, and state tournaments, team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18-hole round (when more than 18 holes are played, the best four scores for each round are added together). The team with the lowest score will be the team winner. In case of a tie, all five players will be involved in the playoff. All entries in the regional and state golf meets will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes.

Spectators: The following rules should be discussed with all participants and coaches. Parents, and interested spectators should be reminded that they are spectators and it is not their responsibility to report possible rule violations. Rule violations should be reported by the players or the marshals of the meet. Parents, friends, and other spectators should stay a substantial distance from competitors during play. After play has started, only coaches may coach “or advise” players. On course encouragement, support, applause, etc. is not considered coaching or advice; therefore, it is permissible.

Protests: Any protest lodged must be initiated by a contestant or school official - either a player, coach or administrator from the school for whom a student is playing - before the scores are designated as final by the tournament director.

Regional Practice Rounds: 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 a one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. State law allows only one hour per school day for practice.

Under certain restrictions listed below, teams and individuals who qualify for regional and state tournament may use the Sunday afternoon preceding the tournament for the one 18-hole practice round allowed by Sections 1206 (b)(3)(A) and 1260 (g)(7) providing: a) The first round of competition at the tournament is scheduled on Monday, and b) Practice rounds are permitted by the regional spring meet director (or state golf tournament director at the state tournament).

STATE TOURNAMENT

Coaches Meeting: The coaches’ meetings will be conducted at each of the respective courses at a time designated by the UIL and Golf Pro. Times will be posted on the UIL website. Discussion of rules, distribution of packets and posting of the official starting times for players will be part of this meeting. The course Pro and one UIL official will be at each meeting to answer questions.

Registration: All coaches will be asked to sign in and pick up packets.

Substitutions: If at all possible, *call team substitutions to the League office one week prior to the state tournament.* Other substitutions may be permitted upon registration or tee-off, but not after a team begins the tournament.

Tournament Director: AJ Martinez shall serve as the tournament director.

Dates and Sites:

- GIRLS – April 28-29, 2025
- BOYS – May 5-6, 2025

- Sites - Posted [here](#).

Rules Committee: The site director and rules committee members shall rule on all state tournament golf rule situations.

Caddies and Carts: Caddies and electric carts are prohibited at the state tournament. Pull carts may be used, but participants are required to begin the round with a pull cart if one is desired. *Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.*

Course Rules: All course rules shall be discussed by the golf site professionals at the coaches meeting.

Practice Rounds: Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the state tournament if permitted by the director of the tournament. There shall be no more than a one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. State law allows only one hour per school day for practice. *Each course pro shop will schedule practice times for the state tournament. Practice rounds may NOT begin before 12:00 pm on Sunday.*

Pairings: Pairings shall be made by the UIL and will be posted on the UIL website by Friday, April 25, 2025 at 12:00pm.

Start Times: The team or individuals shall start at the time and in the order announced by site director. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.

State Green Fees: Fees for state championships are for all courses and dates. Payment of green fees for state tournament shall be paid at the respective course. Please check the UIL website for more information. Prices below include all green fees (including practice rounds), practice balls, and coaches' cart during tournament rounds only.

- Team Total: \$700
- Medalist Total: \$140

Teams may play their one practice round anytime between the regional tournament and the state tournament and utilize this fee. Checks may be paid during the week of the state tournament.

Coaching Rule: Two coaches may engage (coach) with the player(s) from tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.

- At district, regional and state competition, two coaches are allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
 - *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.

Awards: Awards shall be distributed at the conclusion of the tournament at their site by the site director or UIL staff.

State Tournament Certificates: Certificates shall be given to each participant.

State Tournament Tickets: Admission is free to the UIL Golf State Tournament.

Dress Regulations: Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school-approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.

OFF-SEASON REGULATIONS
(see [Individual Sport General Manual](#))

- School Sponsored Camps
- Non-school Leagues, Camps & Clinics