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GOLF
State Qualifier's
Handbook



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
STATE QUALIFIER HANDBOOK

Congratulations on your athlete’s advancement to the UIL Golf State Tournament. This handbook has been prepared to guide administrators and coaches and provide information about the State Tournament. This material will be valuable as you prepare and arrive at the tournament.

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State Golf Composite Schedule & Coach's Meeting

Tournament Schedule

CLASS	COURSE	DATES	START TIME
6A-Girls	White Wing	Apr 28 th – 29 th	8:00am
5A-Girls	Legacy Hills	Apr 28 th – 29 th	8:00am
4A-Girls	Legends	Apr 28 th – 29 th	8:00am
3A-Girls	Jimmy Clay	Apr 28 th – 29 th	8:00am
2A-Girls	Lions	Apr 28 th – 29 th	8:00am
1A-Girls	Crystal Falls	Apr 28 th – 29 th	8:00am

CLASS	COURSE	DATES	START TIME
6A-Boys	White Wing	May 5 th – 6 th	8:00am
5A-Boys	Legacy Hills	May 5 th – 6 th	8:00am
4A-Boys	Legends	May 5 th – 6 th	8:00am
3A-Boys	Jimmy Clay	May 5 th – 6 th	8:00am
2A-Boys	Lions	May 5 th – 6 th	8:00am
1A-Boys	Crystal Falls	May 5 th – 6 th	8:00am

Coach/Course Meetings

DATE & TIME	COURSE
Girls-Sunday, April 27 th , 12:00 pm	6A-White Wing
Girls-Sunday, April 27 th , 12:00 pm	5A-Legacy Hills
Girls-Sunday, April 27 th , 12:00 pm	4A-Legends
Girls-Sunday, April 27 th , 12:00 pm	3A-Jimmy Clay
Girls-Sunday, April 27 th , 12:00 pm	2A-Lions
Girls-Sunday, April 27 th , 12:00 pm	1A-Crystal Falls
The 5A & 6A Meeting will be held together at Sun City	

DATE & TIME	COURSE
Boys-Sunday, May 4 th , 12:00 pm	6A-White Wing
Boys-Sunday, May 4 th , 12:00 pm	5A-Legacy Hills
Boys-Sunday, May 4 th , 12:00 pm	4A-Legends
Boys-Sunday, May 4 th , 12:00 pm	3A-Jimmy Clay
Boys-Sunday, May 4 th , 12:00 pm	2A-Lions
Boys-Sunday, May 4 th , 12:00 pm	1A-Crystal Falls
The 5A & 6A Meeting will be held together at Sun City	



Tournament Information

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

State Qualifiers: Each region may qualify the first, second, and third place teams and the first, second, and third place individual finishers to the 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 two highest-ranked individuals who are not on an advancing team shall advance. If a medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams, the next highest-ranked finisher will replace the medalist now on the team at the state tournament. The meet director shall authorize playoffs to break ties. The regional tournament director will certify winners to the state meet.

Official Rules: All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association Rules (USGA). The golf course professionals shall discuss all course rules at the coaches' meeting. A ***RULES COMMITTEE*** appointed by the tournament director should be established to act on all violations. A PGA Pro should be a member of this committee.

State Practice Rounds: Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the state tournament site if permitted by the tournament director. There shall be no more than a one-day loss of school time involved in travel concerning a practice round preceding the tournament. The practice round cannot start until one hour before the end of the school day. ***The Course Pro Shop will schedule practice round times for State.*** (See page 7 for Practice Round Details)

State Green Fees: Listed below are the State Golf Championships Fees. Prices include all green fees for practice and tournament rounds, practice balls, and coaches' golf carts during tournament rounds (not practice rounds).

5A/6A

- Team Total: \$875
- Medalist Total: \$175

1A/2A/3A/4A

- Team Total: \$750
- Medalist Total: \$150

Please make checks payable to the appropriate golf course:

- 6A/5A - Sun City-Texas Community Association (Legacy Hills, White Wing)
- 4A - Legends Golf Course
- 3A - Jimmy Clay Golf Course
- 2A - Lions Golf Course
- 1A – Crystal Falls Golf Club

Live Scoring: Iwanamaker (TX HS Golf App) will be used for all state championship tournaments. Please ensure that your golfers are updated in the app to provide accurate information for all involved golfers. Golfers will be live scoring after every hole from green to tee. For further information please contact AJ Martinez – 361-816-1281.

Pairings: The UIL will create pairings for Day 1, which will be posted on the UIL website by Friday, April 25th at 12:00 pm. Day 2 pairings will be determined by the host site based on Day 1 results (Top 3 teams paired, 4th through 6th place teams paired, etc.).



Starting Times: The team or individuals shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the rules committee. The penalty for breach of the rule is disqualification.

Substitution: There shall be no substitutions allowed in the individual competition. Team substitutions will be accepted up to one hour before the start of the tournament. 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. If a qualifying medalist is removed from one of the top 3 qualifiers and placed on a qualifying team, the top 3 qualifiers from that particular region will revert to the individual scores from the regional tournament (this must be done at least 5 days before the tournament).

Protests: A contestant or coach representing a participating school must initiate any protest before the tournament director finalizes the scores.

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

Ties: The lowest four scores compose the team score each day. In case of a tie on the 2nd day, all five players will be involved in a playoff.

Coaching:

- A coach may engage with the player(s) tee to green. Once their player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.
- At district, regional, and state competitions, two coaches are allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).

UIL Penalty Structure for Coaching Violation:

First Offense – Warning

Second Offense – Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach for that day

Third Offense – Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament

Dress and Conduct: Players shall wear school-approved attire, collared shirts, and soft spikes. Players may not speak privately with non-players, except 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 from the UIL, but they may use a pull cart. ***Any approval document issued by the UIL must be brought to the tournament.***

Electronic Equipment: Distance-measuring devices (USGA Rule 4.3a) are permitted under the rules of golf, provided the player does not access any information that is restricted by this rule. The first violation of this rule incurs a two-stroke penalty. A second violation during the same round leads to disqualification.

Spectators: Please ensure all cell phones are turned off or set to silent mode. Spectators may encourage but **NOT** coach or give advice during play. Spectators must remain off the fairways and keep an average distance of 30 yards from players.



Congratulations again on reaching the state tournament! We wish you the best of luck and look forward to watching your kids compete.



Practice Round & Course Information

6A – White Wing	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Zac Seith (Dir)	512-948-7486 zac.seith@sctexas.org	Practice Round will be Sunday prior to tournament, starting at 1:15 pm (shotgun start).	8:00 am All Days	\$10 Cash Only (Spectator)	Yes (No Outside Food)	\$75.00 per cart, rental done 30 minutes prior to observing players' tee off only *May bring personal cart with a \$25 trail fee	Sun City Texas Community Association
Kris Inman (Dir)	512-630-6108 inmank@georgetownisd.org						
Andy Miller	512-948-7573 andy.miller@sctexas.org						
5A – Legacy Hills	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Zac Seith (Dir)	512-948-7486 zac.seith@sctexas.org	Practice Round will be Sunday prior to tournament, starting at 1:15 pm (shotgun start).	8:00 am All Days	\$10 Cash Only (Spectators)	Yes (No Outside Food)	\$75.00 per cart, rental done 30 minutes prior to observing players' tee off only *May bring personal cart with a \$25 trail fee	Sun City Texas Community Association
Erik Beyer (Pro)	512-948-7563 erik.beyer@sctexas.org						
Steve Keasler (Dir.)	214-869-4127						
4A - Legends	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Ronna Wilson (Dir.)	325-388-8888 ronna@legendslbj.com	Call: 325-388-8888 7am *Beginning Apr 16 th	8:00 am All Days	No Fee	Yes (No Outside Food)	\$75.00 per cart, *may bring personal cart with a \$20 trail fee	Legends Golf Course
Jim Bob Jackson	940-367-6169 jjacksongolf40@yahoo.com						
3A–Jimmy Clay	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Moe Rodriguez (Pro)	512-974-4653 moe.rodriguez@austintexas.gov	Call: 512-974-4653 7am *Beginning Apr 16 th	8:00 am All Days	No Fee	Yes (No Outside Food)	Handicap only with placard \$50; may bring own cart for \$30; Reservations available 4/23/2025	Jimmy Clay Golf Course
2A - Lions	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Erik Lopez (Pro)	512-978-6869 erik.lopez@austintexas.gov	Call: 512-978-6869 7am *Beginning April 16 th	8:00 am All Days	No Fee	Yes (No Outside Food)	Handicap only with placard \$50; may bring own cart for \$30; No Personal Carts left overnight. Reservations available 4/23/2025	Lions Golf Course
Jimmy Olivares	512-978-6861 jimmy.olivaresiii@austintexas.gov						
1A-Crystal Falls	Contact #	Practice Round	Start Time	Parking	Food	Carts Available	Make Checks Payable To:
Bradley Wolfram (GM)	512-259-5855 bwolfram@leandertx.gov	Call: 512-259-5855 *Beginning Apr 16 th	8:00 am All Days	No Fee	Yes (No Outside Food)	\$65.00 per cart as available. Taking reservations beginning 4/18/25. Must request online. Boys cart reservations Girls cart reservations Rental period may begin no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your player's start time and carts must be returned immediately at the conclusion of the player's round. *May bring personal cart with a \$50 trail fee*	Crystal Falls Golf Club
Kobe Greene (Pro)	512-259-5855 kgreene@leandertx.gov						



PRACTICE ROUND DETAILS

Individuals and/or teams qualifying for the state golf tournament may be allowed one practice round of 18 holes at the tournament site, contingent upon permission from the tournament director. There shall be no more than a one-day loss of school time associated with travel for practice before the tournament. State law permits only one hour of practice per school day. Once a practice round is completed, teams and individuals are not permitted to return to the site on a different day for chipping or **putting; however**, they may use the range at any time.

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

A league participant school may not participate in any athletic contest, 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 before the tournament?

Yes, if the course allows! The assigned practice round the day before the competition is for the convenience of out-of-town schools. Regardless of whether a player goes on his/her own, with parents, or with the school coach, he/she only gets one practice round.

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

No! However, the driving range, putting, and chipping areas are open to use starting at 12:00 p.m. on the day before the regional or state tournament.

May players go to the tournament site and putt or chip before playing their practice round?

Yes! However, this would count as the practice round for the player.

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

Yes! Players may use the range as long as they comply with the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules practice regulations. Putting and Chipping are prohibited until 12:00 p.m. on the day before the regional or state tournament.

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. If special circumstances exist with siblings competing in the state golf tournament, contact A.J. Martinez.



Golf State 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)

1. There will be a playoff for all ties immediately on the tournament course after all scores have been posted.
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. 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)

1. Sudden Death Playoff.
2. In the event that a playoff is not possible, per USGA (Before the Competition) 5A(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, etc.

Maximum Scoring – 9 Strokes

UIL golf will be utilizing the USGA scoring in Maximum score (Rule 21.2b(1)).

- 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.
- A player who does not hole out under the Rules for any reason gets the *maximum* score for the hole.
- To help pace of play, players are encouraged to stop playing a hole when their score has reached the *maximum*.
- The hole is completed when the player *holes out*, chooses not to do so or when his or her score has reached the maximum.



State 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.



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 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 5-6 (Unreasonable Delay of Play). 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 is at his ball and it is his turn to play, the player will be penalized for undue delay if he 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 of 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 5.6(a) 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.

A UIL personnel should confirm any disqualification that takes place at a state venue before the decision is made. If a UIL staff member is not on site, the course pro should then call either Ray Zepeda or AJ Martinez before enforcing the penalty.

Ray Zepeda: 281-594-9893
AJ Martinez: 361-816-1281



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

May players take carts on the course to watch others play once we finish our round of tournament golf?

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

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

No! 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. Putting and Chipping is prohibited until 12:00 pm on the day preceding the state tournament.

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.^[1]^[SEP] If special circumstances exist with siblings competing in the state golf tournament, contact A.J. Martinez.

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

Yes! Two coaches are now allowed to coach a team or individual.

May a player use electronic equipment on the course?

Follow USGA Rule

What is the cost of admission to the tournament?

The State Tournament is FREE to spectators.

How and when will tournament pairings be made?

Pairings will be made by the UIL and posted on the UIL website the Friday before the tournament.



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 anytime. **EXCEPTION:** In the event of inclement weather or dangerous situation, spectators **MAY** transport players to safety.