

Royse City High School

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ROYSE CITY

Golf Student-Athlete Handbook

Boys & Girls Golf Handbook

Royse City ISD Athletics

Introduction

This material is presented to you because you have indicated a desire to be a part of the Royse City High School Golf Program. We believe that participation in athletics or in any extracurricular activity provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences that will prove to be very beneficial. A student who chooses to participate in the golf program is voluntarily making a choice to develop self-discipline and to put the program/team above their personal ambitions. ***Being part of the golf program is a privilege, not a right.***

While this handbook cannot cover every instance that may arise in the day to day activities of the golf program, it represents a good faith effort to inform all of those involved about the guidelines that govern their participation. Please be advised that participation in this program is dependent upon the strict adherence to the policies found in this handbook and the overall athletic handbook, ECC (extracurricular code of conduct). ***Therefore, all policy questions need to be directed to the head coach first and then to the athletic director if the coach fails to resolve an issue to satisfaction.***

Royse City Golf believes that athletics plays a vital role in the educational system. As a part of the athletic system, student-athletes in golf learn the value of good citizenship, integrity, honesty, commitment, leadership, unity, confidence, and discipline. Participation in the golf program allows our student-athletes to learn about themselves, their teammates, and the community around them. Competing in golf also teaches our young men and women how to be gracious winners or to be dignified in defeat.

All students who are eligible under UIL rules may participate in the Royse City High School Golf Program and must have the following currently completed on file to participate:

- 1. Physical Evaluation and Medical History**
- 2. RankOne Forms - UIL Participation Form, Emergency Contact Info, RCISD Pre Participation Form, Extracurricular Code of Conduct Form, and impACT Test Form**
- 3. Acknowledgement of Golf Student-Athlete Rules and Procedures (last page)**

Royse City High School Golf Mission Statement

- I. WE WILL USE A LIFELONG SPORT TO MAKE A LIFELONG IMPACT**
- II. Our goal is to promote the personal growth of our players.**
 - A. Players should leave the program as better people and be more prepared for life.
 - B. We want to take our players to a level that a student-athlete cannot get to by himself/herself by maximizing each player's academic/athletic talent and character.
 - C. Our approach is based upon the core values of dedication, attitude, work ethic and grit.
- III. We believe in a strong work ethic that leads to being thorough and prepared.**
 - A. A work ethic applies during the season, off-season, and summer.
 - B. Student-athletes should understand that success requires work.
- IV. We will represent RCISD in a positive way.**
 - A. We will do our best to operate our program professionally and with integrity.
 - B. We will not only require our players to fit the academic requirements of UIL eligibility, but our student-athletes will be pushed to the highest grades they are capable of; Student-athletes are responsible for turning their work in on time, behaving in the classroom, and trying their best on all assignments and tests.
 - C. We will give our students every opportunity they need to succeed on and off the course, engaging in ways that represent our core values.
 - D. Students not only represent themselves, but the entire Royse City Golf Program, Royse City High School, and Royse City ISD Athletics as a whole. *It is a privilege to be a member of this program*, which also means students will be held to the highest standards for their actions.

General Requirements

Eligibility - we can't justify a student missing school to compete if their grades are low

Student-athletes are required to be academically eligible in order to participate. Royse City Golf will follow the UIL Eligibility Calendar and student-athletes should maintain a 70 or above in the classroom to remain eligible. (No pass - no play) Any student-athlete with a grade less than 75 during grade checks will have automatic academic probation. (Grade checks will take place *every 2 weeks*) During this probationary period (until athlete has above a 75), the athlete will be required to have teachers sign off on a grade check in sheet proving they are putting forth effort to improve.

Communication

Players are expected to communicate all necessary information with their coach in a *timely manner* and are ultimately responsible for making sure that their coach is aware of any conflicting schedules. We encourage the athlete to share information with parents first. This helps build ownership.

Playing Time (Tournaments)

Playing in any tournament is reserved by the head coach. Tournaments and types will be determined based on different factors such as practice time, efforts, ability, and others. Teams are fluid: athletes can play on different teams on different weeks as long as student hasn't reached their max # of tournaments.

Meetings with Coaches

It is strongly recommended that **players** communicate with coaches directly if inquiring about having a meeting; however, if a parent needs to meet with a coach they will contact via SportsYou App or through email to set up a time and place. ***Approaching a coach before, during, or after a tournament or practice is not appropriate.***

Equipment

All equipment checked out by a student-athlete is his/her responsibility. Golf bags, polos, pullovers, rain or cold gear, sweatpants, skirts, etc. are property of Royse City High School Golf and should be taken care of and kept in good condition. Failure to return equipment at the end of the golf season will result in a hold on the student-athlete's school account and could potentially affect graduation. Athletes could also be expected to reimburse the program for gear that is lost or damaged.

Travel / Transportation

RCISD **will** provide transportation to all practices and tournaments. Players who are licensed may drive themselves to practices {only} or ride with a parent/guardian/adult. If an adult is unable to drive player(s) to practice and a player does not drive, the student will have to ride in school-provided transportation. **Riding with another teammate(s) is NOT allowed!**

All documentation of players riding with adults *other* than their parent/guardian must be given to coach **PRIOR** to practice start date.

All players will travel to tournaments in school-provided transportation. The coach's preference is that you ride back with your team, however, we realize extenuating circumstances may require an athlete to leave a tournament with a parent/guardian. A player intending to ride back with a parent/guardian must communicate with their coach **at least 24hrs prior (unless it's an emergency)** to a tournament and a sign-out sheet must be completed by the parent/guardian before the athlete is allowed to leave. **Other players CANNOT ride home from tournaments with another adult WITHOUT written permission from their parent/guardian.**

Lettering Policy

A golfer may earn a letter jacket by competing on a varsity team. An athlete *must* finish the season (practices and tournaments) to be eligible for a letter jacket or any other special awards. If a player is on varsity, but does not finish the season he/she will not be awarded a letterman.

Quitting

Quitting is highly discouraged. Once an athlete makes a commitment to quit the team, that student will not be allowed to join back in the golf period until the following calendar year with coach approval and Athletic Director sign-off. If a student finds it necessary to quit the golf team, the procedure for dropping is the following:

1. Meet with the head coach to discuss situation
2. Meet with parents/guardians and Athletic Director (if necessary)
3. Check-in all issued equipment

Accountability

Coaches will keep a running record of accountability issues each week of the season (year). Each Friday, athletes will then repay the program with accountability reminders. Excessive tardies, no communication, emails from other teachers about behavior are a few of the main examples. Reminders will include: wall touches (bleachers), lunges, etc. Most instances will consist of a warning, reminders, suspension, removal from team.

Public Display of Affection:

PDA will not be tolerated. We are in golf to compete and be the best golfer possible. Do your job.

BASIC EXPECTATIONS

1. Be where you are supposed to be on time
2. Wear what you are supposed to wear
3. Bring what you are supposed to bring
4. Do what you are supposed to do.

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Acknowledgement of Golf Student-Athlete Rules and Procedures

I have read and agree to the Royse City High School Golf Program's Handbook and understand the policies and expectations set before me as a member of the program. Signature of this document acknowledges that this handbook has been made available to me, my questions regarding the handbook have been adequately answered, and that I consent to abide to the rules as set forth herein.

Student-Athlete Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____