

High School Golf Expectations

Philosophy

My philosophy towards coaching golf is to get as many students interested and involved in the sport as possible. This is a sport that can be played for the rest of your life. However, we are limited to the number of individuals that can participate in varsity events. I will do everything I can to help you learn and grow your game. This means in order to make the varsity team, you must take practice time seriously and continue to strive to improve every day. Varsity spots are fluid and thus can change for every tournament. I hope to grow our program through building each student's game whether they are on the varsity team or not.

Practices:

- All practices are mandatory.
 - Those who are participating in other sports will need to work out a schedule with both coaches to participate in both practices every day.
- All athletes must be on time to practice. This means you should be ready to practice by 4.
 - Indoor practice requirements
 - These days will be used to focus on fundamentals in the elementary gym.
 - Clubs should be brought to every practice.
 - Proper clothing must be worn
 - Shoes (athletic shoes), pants or shorts, and appropriate shirt
 - Safety is of the utmost importance, we are using the school facility and we must treat it with respect.
 - This means that all rules must be followed at all times.
 - Inability to follow these rules will result in the removal from practice for the day.
 - Outdoor practice requirements
 - We will meet on the football practice field.
 - These days will be used for fundamentals and course management strategies.
 - Proper clothing must be worn
 - Appropriate shoes (golf shoes or athletic shoes)
 - Shorts may be worn when appropriate (basketball shorts are acceptable during practice only when at the school)
 - Cold weather clothes when necessary.
 - *Practice at public facilities*
 - These days will most likely be saved for Fridays to allow for travel and practice time.
 - Transportation to and from the facility will likely be provided by the school.
 - We will try to practice at Beach, Baker, or Glendive once per week to work on course management and fundamentals. This time will also be used for qualifying.
 - **Zero tolerance will be given to lack of respect or poor conduct during these practices. We will be utilizing a public facility. This means that proper behavior and conduct, as well as golf etiquette, will be expected at all times. First offense will be removal from practice for the day. Second offense may mean removal from the team.**

- Dress code for these practices is proper golfing attire. Collared shirt, no ripped jeans or basketball shorts and all headwear worn properly. Proper shoes must also be worn.
 - Please feel free to ask if you are unsure of proper clothing.
- Remember that we are representing Wibaux County High school, the golf team, yourself, and myself as well. This is why it is essential that proper behavior and etiquette is followed at all times.
- Practices, as well as behavior and attitude, will determine who is able to participate in varsity events.
- Golf cart use is prohibited during all golf events during the season including practice. It is required that all students walk the course carrying their own bag throughout the events.

Tournaments:

- Coach will assign which athletes will play in tournaments.
- Students are expected to be on time to leave for tournaments.
- All athletes must stay for the duration of the tournament.
- Parents are unable to follow students during competition so please let them know.
- Max of 5 boys and 5 girls may attend a tournament from one school.
 - This means that top 5 girls and top 5 boys will be allowed to leave school and participate in tournament.
 - This does not mean that the spots will always remain the same. We will attempt to have qualifying rounds to determine who will go to the tournament that week.
- Golf is a game of integrity. This means that it is the only sport where you are your own referee. I expect that the Wibaux High School Golf Team shows high integrity during tournaments. This means no cheating as well as abiding to all golf rules. Although I understand that golf has thousands of rules to abide by, I expect that if a ruling is unknown, you ask and be responsible.

Equipment

- Students must have their own clubs, bag, and golf balls as well as other pertinent golf equipment.
- Please remember that we are in Montana and that weather can change at any time.
 - I expect athletes to always have proper clothing such as rain gear, towels, cold weather clothing.
 - We will not leave practice just because you forgot to bring warmer clothes.

I want this sport to be as fun and enjoyable as possible. I do not expect anyone to become a professional golfer or even move on to the collegiate level if they do not wish to do so. However, I am here to help each individual gain as much experience and become as good as they wish to be. But, in order for this sport to be fun, we must be safe, responsible, and respectable first. It is essential to the future of this program that we set a great example. So please, have fun and learn while we can, but please be safe, responsible, and respectful.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____