

DIABLO FOOTHILL ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF GUIDELINES

1. SEASON

- 1.1 Boys and Girls: Determined by the NCS each year.
- 1.2 Total number of contacts: 22
 - 1.2.1: The league tournament and NCS post season play does not count in the above number.

2. CONTEST INFORMATION

- 2.1 Starting time for dual matches will be 3:00 to 4:00.
 - 2.1.1: Times vary due to course availability and pre-daylight savings time.
 - 2.1.2: Tournament times will vary.
- 2.2 League matches will be held on Monday through Fridays, unless local courses dictate otherwise.
- 2.3 Each boy's team shall consist of six (6) players; Girls team shall consist of six (6) players.
- 2.4 No match will begin unless each team's coach, or qualified designee, is present.
- 2.5 Each match shall consist of nine (9) holes.
- 2.6 Team players shall not use caddies, or power carts.

3. RULES

- 3.1 USGA rules of golf will govern all play.
 - 3.1.1: Coaches will be the sole administrators of handling inappropriate behavior of their players. Opposing coaches who observe inappropriate behavior will report that behavior to the coach of the team on which the player participates. It will be up to the coach of the player in question to decide on disciplinary action. For the first act of unsporting or dangerous conduct by an athlete the penalty will be 2 strokes added to their score. For the second act of unsporting or dangerous conduct by an athlete during the same round the penalty will be disqualification under the NCS ejection policy.
 - 3.1.2: Coaches are not allowed to coach or provide instruction during play. Players will decide rules issues on their own using the rules book and the rules card as needed. On rules questions where players are not certain of the rules, two balls shall be played and if the scores differ, coaches, acting as a committee, will decide on the ruling following the match and prior to announcing the results. If the committee cannot agree on the ruling, the matter will be deferred to the on-site PGA Professional.
- 3.2 Summer rules apply unless course conditions dictate otherwise, as determined by home coach.
- 3.3 Boys: Stroke play will be used, with the five lowest scores of the six (6) competitions to count in total stroke play.
Girls: Stroke play will be used with the four lowest scores of the six (6) competitions to count in total stroke play. However, if a team comes with 4 players, count 4; if a team comes with 5 players, count 5; and if a team comes with 6 players, count 5.
 - 3.3.1: At the girl's league tournament, teams will play six players and count five.
- 3.4 Tie Breakers for boys and girls golf:
 - 3.4.1: In the event of a tie, the sixth best score will be used for boys; fifth best score for girls.
 - 3.4.2: In the event that a tie still exists, score cards will be matched. All players' first hole scores will be totaled and compared.
 - 3.4.3: If still tied, second hole scores will be totaled and compared, etc, until the tie is broken.
- 3.5 On the day of a league match tournament, a player shall not practice on the competition course before the contest.
- 3.6 Failure to comply with above play regulations shall result in forfeiture of matches, league standings or tournament.
- 3.7 Dress Code: No blue jeans are allowed. Golfers must wear a shirt with a collar or a mock turtle neck shirt with shirttails tucked in, and a hat worn forward. Boys and girls may wear appropriate golf shorts.
- 3.8 Home coach will determine which tees will be played.
- 3.9 Players may not solicit or offer assistance to their team mates or fellow competitors.
- 3.10 In all round robin golf matches, each individual player shall have one official score card with his name and score. The score card shall be exchanged prior to the first tee so that individuals are not keeping their own scores. The cards are not official until signed and attested.
- 3.11 If a match is halted in the event of darkness or weather, a minimum of seven holes completed is required for all groups to compile a team score.
- 3.12 No electronic devices are allowed except dedicated electronic golf range finders and hand held GPS units approved by the USGA that do not provide slope information. No downloadable cell phones or Ipods with golf information allowed. It is the players' discretion whether or not to share the yardage information with the players in his group.
- 3.13 Spectators are allowed with permission of the host course. If allowed, spectators must remain 30 yards from the players and are not allowed to communicate with the players at any time during play
- 3.14 (Girls) Maximum strokes allowed on all par 3's: Double par + 2; On par 4's and 5's: Double par.

- 3.15 In the event of an injury or concussion, the school's athletic trainer or the opponent's athletic trainer, if he/she is the only athletic trainer at the contest, has the authority to determine if a player may continue to play or practice.

4. **DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

- 4.1 GIRLS: The league champion will be determined in the following manner: 60% of the point total will be based on the dual meet season; and 40% of the point total will be based on the league tournament.
- 4.1.1: In dual competition, 5 points will be awarded for each win in each of the 12 dual meets for a total of 60 points.
- 4.1.2: In league tournament competition, points will be awarded in the following manner: 1st = 40; 2nd = 34; 3rd = 28; 4th = 22; 5th = 16; 6th = 10; 7th = 4.
- 4.2 BOYS: The league champion will be determined by a combination of round robin play and the league tournament play. Round robin dual meet competition will be 64% of the championship and the league tournament will be 36% of the championship. Points to determine the league champion will be awarded on the following basis
- 4.2.1: In dual meet competition: 4 points will be awarded for a win in each of the 12 dual meets for a total of 48 points.
- 4.2.2: In league tournament competition, points will be awarded in the following manner: 1st =28; 2nd =23; 3rd =18; 4th = 13; 5th = 8; 6th = 4; 7th = 0;
- 4.3 Tie Breakers for league champion/NCS representation
- 4.3.1: Head to head competition
- 4.3.2: Highest finisher in the league tournament
- 4.3.3: If there is still a tie for the league champion or for second place after applying 4.3.1 and 4.3.2, a sudden death tie-breaker will take place at the conclusion of the league tournament. The format will be two players from each team, selected by the coach starting on a designated hole. The lower total of the two players from each team per hole will determine the winner of the playoff.

5 **NCS REPRESENTATION**

- 5.1 The league champion will be the automatic representative to the NCS
- 5.2 The top 3 individuals from non-qualifying teams at the league tournament will represent the league at the NCS.
- 5.3 The second place team automatically qualifies for the Division 1 NCS Qualifier Tournament.

6. **ALL LEAGUE SELECTION**

- 6.1: The numbers of players elected to the first and second all league teams will be equal to the number of teams competing in the league plus one MVP.
- 6.2: The All-league team will be selected on a point basis using a combination of the top 10 dual match results and league tournament results.
- 6.2.1: In dual match competition, points will be awarded to the top 10 players. The first place player will receive 10 points; the second place player will receive 9 points; the third place player will receive 8 points; etc.
- 6.2.2: In league tournament competition, points will be awarded to the top 35 players. The first place player will receive 35 points; the second place player will receive 34 points; the third place player will receive 33 points; etc.
- 6.3: In the event of a tie, the points to be awarded will be averaged among the tied players.
- 6.4: Honorable mention golfers will be chosen by the coaches.

7. **AWARDS:**

- 7.1: Medals will be awarded to first (gold), second (silver), and third (bronze) place winners of the league meet.
- 7.2: Ribbons will be awarded to fourth, fifth and sixth place winners of the league meet.