***2024 1A***

***Bi-District Boys Golf Tournament***

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 ***Bulletin***

 **Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

 ***10:00 am Start***

 **Site:** North Bellingham Golf Course

#####  205 W. Smith Road

 Bellingham WA 98226

 360-398-8300

 **\*\*Mandatory Coaches Meeting:**

 May 14th, 9:00 am

**Tournament Directors:**  Mike Lembo & Ron Lepper

**Rules Committee:**

Tournament Director, North Bellingham Pro, District 1 coach, District 2 coach

**Girls Golf** **Ind. Qualified for Bi-District** **To State**

District 1 10

 13

District 2 16

**Boys Golf** **Ind. Qualified for Bi-District** **To State**

District 1 12

 17

District 2 22

***2024 1A***

***Boys and Girls Bi-District Golf Tournament***

**Rules**

**Schedule of 1A Boys, 1A Girls Bi-District Golf Tournament:**

Tuesday, May 14th

 Boys tee time - 10:00 am

 Girls tee time - immediately following the boys

**2024 Allocations to State at Riverside Golf Club in Chehalis. *13 Girls, 17 Boys***

If there is a tie for the last allocation, there will be a sudden death playoff immediately following the tournament. Two additional players will be alternates to the State tournament in Chehalis on Tuesday, May 21st - Wednesday May 22nd.

**Coaches Meeting:**

All Coaches (or representative) must attend the coach’s meetings prior to the Tournament. Attendance by a coach or representative from each school with tournament participants is **mandatory**. The time and location are as follows:

 Tuesday, May 14th at 9:00 am at North Bellingham Golf Shop.

**Starting Times:**

The Tournament Director will make up the pairings. No two golfers representing the same school may play in the same pairing. On the day of the tournament, all participants are required to check in at the registration table with their coach or faculty representative, no later than 15 minutes prior to the shotgun start.

**Only Soft Spikes are to be used at the Bi-District Tournament.**

**Practice Rounds:**

Call North Bellingham Golf Course for availability. Junior rates for practices rounds are half the regular rate, please inquire at North Bellingham for rate. NBGC phone number: (360) 398-3800.

**Coach/Faculty Representative:**

The golf coach or a school faculty representative must accompany all participating golfers to the Bi-District Tournament. These coaches or representatives must stay at the course site until their team or school individuals have completed play. Coaches will not be allowed to play at the tournament site on the day of the tournament.

**Food:**

North Bellingham Snack Bar will be open during the tournament. Prices are reasonable.

**Rules Committee:** Will consist of the Tournament Director, one District 1 coach, one District 2 coach, and North Bellingham Golf Professional.

**Rules:**

* USGA Rules will govern, except in cases of local ground rule changes. The local rules at North Bellingham are the participants play the long native grass bordering the course as a lateral hazard and that you can remove stones in bunkers.
* The Bi-District Tournament will be governed by the Rules Committee. The Tournament Director will appoint the Rules Committee. Any disputes or doubtful points on rules shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final.
* Contestants will keep each other's score within the pairing. The tournament official scorer will not accept score cards unless they are signed by both the individual player and his scorer. Attesting areas will be provided along with a tournament official to conduct the attesting immediately after the completion of the final hole on each day of the tournament. Penalty for an unsigned scorecard is automatic disqualification. Participants must report to the attesting area after completion of each round, promptly and without delay.
* Coaching: Such a person(s) shall be identified by the Rules Committee before any team member begins play. They may give advice to their players at any time throughout the round. The coach(s) cannot cause a player to unduly delay play.
* iWanamaker: All scoring will be done on the iWanamaker app and on a scorecard. All coaches will have their athletes in the system a week before the tournament date. Athletes will be expected to know how to use iWanamaker.
* Range Finders will be allowed for use during tournament play with the following stipulations:

 Devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are not permitted.

Use of devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. will result in disqualification of any player that utilized the device or information.

 GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification.

In each pairing if any player or coach uses a measuring device then all players in the pairing will have access to the information. Failure to share information, if requested, or providing inaccurate information constitutes a sportsmanship violation.

 1st offense – Warning

 2nd offense – Two-Stroke penalty

 3rd offense – Disqualification

**Local Rules:**

* The tall grass bordering the course is played as a lateral hazard
* You can remove stones from bunkers
* Players may bring their equipment into unmarked lateral hazards (Hay fields)

**DROP ZONES**

* Hole 9 – across the ravine for yellow stakes (marked)
* Hole 15- across the ravine for yellow stakes (marked)
* Hole 16- across the ravine for yellow stakes (marked)
* At this time, we are planning on playing **SUMMER RULES**.
* As per USGA rules, slow play rules will be enforced. Participants must play "Ready Golf" and keep up with the pairing ahead.
* All Putts must be holed out according to USGA Rules. Failure to do so will disqualify the player.
* The 1A, 2B, 1B Girls Bi-District Tournament will play from the Red Tees. The 1A Boys Bi-District Tournament will play from the Blue Tees.

**Speed of Play**

* 1st time- warning
* 2nd time- 1 stroke penalty (whole group)
* 3rd time- 2 stroke penalty (whole group)
* 4th time- Disqualification
* If a group falls 2 holes behind they will be assessed a 2-stroke penalty
* If a group falls 3 holes behind they will be disqualified
* **The following violations may result in disqualification:**
* Smoking, use and or possession of tobacco substances
* Use and/or possession of alcohol or any other controlled substance/drug.
* Abusive language - swearing
* Betting
* No cell phones

 (All players are responsible to report violations of these provisions to a Rules Marshal at the first

 opportunity.)

* **Club Throwing: There will be a two-stroke penalty for throwing a club.** Should a second offense occur, the individual will automatically be disqualified from further tournament play.
* No caddies or motorized carts will be permitted. Players with a physical disability, which may require a cart, must, at the coaches meeting, provide a doctor's note requesting the cart. The tournament directors will review the situation and make a decision. It is permissible for a player to pull his own golf cart.
* The Bi-District Tournament will consist of 18 holes. No players from the same school will be placed in the same pairing.
* On the day of the tournament, practice is restricted to the putting green and the practice range area only. On delays between nines, participants are allowed to utilize the practice putting greens. No use of the driving range between nines will be allowed. Range balls for practice prior to the start of the tournament are available at the pro shop.
* Galleries are permitted; however, all spectators are to keep at least 25 yards distance from the competitors and stay on the cart path. The etiquette of golf will be observed at all times. Players who have completed their round are allowed to be part of the gallery, but must follow the gallery restrictions. ***NO CELL PHONES***
* **All contestants must be clothed in proper golf attire**, including: 1) shirts must have sleeves and collars and must be worn at all times. 2) Slacks or tailored shorts (mid thigh or longer) only. 3) No jeans or jean material (denim) will be allowed and all clothing must be worn in a neat and respectable manner from the time the players arrive at the course until the time they leave. Violators of this dress code will be asked to leave the course and will be disqualified from the tournament. No radios, cellular phones, or head phones are allowed.
* The official starter will review and make any changes for the day.
* The tournament will be played under Summer Rules unless changed by the Tournament Committee due to course conditions.
* **Team Championship:** Determined by the combined scores of two or more players from the same school. One player does not constitute a team.
* **Scoring 40-entry Tournament:** Scoring and ties will follow the same format as the WIAA state tournament. 1st place= 30 team points; 2nd place= 25 team points; 3rd= 20 team points; 4th= 18 team points; 5th= 16 team points; then each descending place receives one less point. For example: 13th place= 8 points, 20 place and ties= one point.

Ties will be resolved by sharing the points in the places affected. For instance, if there is a three-way tie for second, each player would receive 21 points (1/3 of 25 + 20 +18). Next place would be 5th.

\*\* If a tournament drops below a decided threshold (20-30 golfers), the scoring may change to fit the number of golfers. It this is determined, all coaches/schools will be notified prior to the start of the tournament (i.e. we will change scoring to a 20-entry tournament if only 22 total girls take part in the tournament).

* **Ties for Individual Medalist Awards:** In the event of a tie for 1st place medalist honors, and/or the final qualify spot, there will be a playoff. Team points will be awarded prior to the playoff utilizing the sharing system defined above. The playoff will be a “sudden death” and additional holes will be played until the tie or ties are broken. The tournament manager will appoint a neutral person to officially accompany the playoff contestants. This person could be a coach not associated with the school of the players. The tournament manager will determine which holes are to be played in the event a playoff is necessary.

If it is not possible to play off (due to course, weather, light etc…) the tie(s) will be decided by a card playoff using hole 18 first, followed by the final 3 holes, 6 holes, 9 holes, etc… until a winner is declared. Ties for alternate spots will be decided using the same card playoff described above.

 **2024 Bi-District Golf Tournament**

***Gallery Rules***

* Galleries will be allowed at the Bi-District golf tournament. Members of the galleries are required to stay off the fairways.
* Gallery members **are required** to dress according to course standards. Golf attire is expected to be appropriate, neat and clean. As at all high school events, clothing that exhibits profane, obscene, or sexually suggestive language is not acceptable. Shoes and shirts are to be worn at all times.
* Gallery must be 25 yards behind players and observe the etiquette of golf.
* Gallery members may look for lost balls, but only if they have permission from player.
* Gallery members are not allowed to coach or interact with any participants.
* The use of **tobacco** and **alcohol** products is prohibited at all WIAA events.
* Spectators should not cause any loud or distracting noises. A golf clap, or “good shot” or “good putt” comments are appropriate as long as it does not interfere with other players attempt to play their game. Use good judgement and be courteous to all.
* ***NO CELL PHONES***
* Touch no equipment.
* Use of golf carts is not permitted (personal or golf course) without approval of the games committee. The games committee has authority to allow carts only in extreme circumstances such as severe medical problems of a spectator.
* Gallery members not following gallery rules may be sanctioned by the tournament manager or his designee.