

2024-25
FACT SHEET
NORTHWEST DISTRICT 1 3A
GIRLS
GOLF

Tuesday, May 13th & Wednesday, May 14th
Whidbey Golf Club

May 13th Check in Time/Coaches Meeting: 10 am First Tee Time: 11:00 am
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May 14th Check in Time/Coaches Meeting: 10 am First Tee Time: 11:00 am
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1. **TOURNAMENT Director**

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3. **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The tournament committee shall consist of the golf course pro, tournament director, and three coaches not associated with the play in question.

The tournament committee will rule on all disputes and irregularities that may occur in the tournament.

4. **ROSTER OF TEAMS**

- The Top 8 teams will be selected by the top 3 teams from the N-Wesco, the top 3 teams from the S-Wesco, and the top 2 teams from the NWC.
- Any team that qualifies 4 players by meeting the +24/+48 criteria will be eligible to compete for a spot to state.
- Schools who have 4 or more and shoot lower as a team than the original 8, will bump into the team play for Day 2.

INDIVIDUALS

- Qualifiers must meet +24/+48 criteria in order to participate in the District Tournament (this score must be from a league sanctioned event or invitational tournament).
- The top 70% individuals from Wesco 3A South advance to Districts if they meet the minimum +24/+48 scoring criteria.
- The top 70% individuals from Wesco 3A North advance to Districts if they meet the minimum +24/+48 scoring criteria.
- The top 70% individuals from NWC 3A advance to Districts if they meet the minimum +24/+48 scoring criteria.
- Teams that do not have a qualifier within the top 70% will be allowed one entry as long as they have met the +24/+48 stroke criteria.
- Pairings will be done by season ranking.

Day one of the district tournament will include all teams and individuals who qualified during the league season. Any school with four or more individual qualifiers will be eligible to compete for the district team title and advance as a team to state (however, these schools may not adjust their roster since they entered the tournament as individuals). The schools that qualified as a team during league can adjust their roster at this time. Once the roster has been designated it cannot be changed after the tournament has started. A school is allowed no more than 6 qualifiers (5 members of the team +1 individual).

After day one of the tournament, team scores will be calculated using Play 5, Count 4 scoring method. We will advance double our state allocations for teams and individuals to the second day. In 2025, **the top 8 teams and the top 16 individuals** (or any player within 10 strokes of the lead) will advance to day two.

The top teams will calculate their Day 2 team score using the Play 5, Count 4 scoring method. Two day team score will be calculated by adding the team score from Day 1 and the team score from Day 2 together. Two day individual scores will be calculated by adding the score from Day 1 and the score from Day 2 together.

The top 4 teams and 8 individuals will move on to state. The next two individuals will be alternates to state.

The official scoring method will be the WIAA golf app. Scorecards will be used as backup.

5. **ENTRY**

Contestants will be entered into the tournament by their head coach. All contestants entered will be competing for District 1 honors/state qualification. Top four teams and top eight individual players qualify for the State Tournament, 9th and 10th individual players will serve as alternates. Ties for first place and alternate positions will be played off using a single hole playoff. If ties exist after first hole, the tie breaker play will continue until the tie is resolved.

6. **DRESS CODE**

All players will wear neat and clean golf appropriate skirts, slacks or tailored shorts and a neat and clean shirt with a collar or mock turtle. **Team shirts/colors are preferred.** No jeans. Players not conforming to this dress code will forfeit participation, as per tournament committee. Appropriate rain pants will be allowed over golf appropriate pants due to inclement weather.

7. **STARTER NOTES**

- A. Groups on-deck and in-the-hole will be near the first tee and ready to play.
- B. The group on-deck must check-in with the starters table when the preceding group has teed off.
- C. Any player late to the tee could be assessed a two-stroke penalty or be disqualified.
- D. The starter will ensure that attire conforms to dress code standards.
- E. The starter will advise players to count their clubs. Maximum of 14.
- F. The starter will recommend that competitors mark their balls in at least two places with a permanent pen.
- G. The starter will inform players that unsportsmanlike conduct is grounds for immediate disqualification. No warning required.
- H. The starter will inform players which tees to use.
- I. The starter will inform players that the pace of play will be closely monitored and if they keep up with the group ahead, there will be no problems.
- J. The starter will remind players that if there is any possibility that their ball is Out-of Bounds or lost "outside" a water hazard, make sure they declare and play a provisional ball before they go forward. Emphasize that they must say "provisional ball".
- K. The starter will remind players that ground under repair is marked with white lines. Relief is the nearest point no nearer the hole plus one club length.
- L. Embedded ball rule applies through the green.
- M. The starter will remind players to go directly to the scorer's table upon completion of their round. They will check scores and submit score cards at that time.

8. **RULES**

- A. USGA rules will govern, except in cases of local ground rule changes. The Committee will serve as the governing body in all rule questions.
- B. Tournament individual scoring will be stroke play. All holes must be played out to completion. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Contestants will keep each other's score within each foursome. (NEATLY PLEASE) The tournament official scorer will not accept scorecards unless they are signed by both the individual player and HIS/HER marker. Penalty for inaccurate scorecards that allow the player a lower score is an automatic disqualification. Players who sign an inaccurate card, but the score is higher will not be disqualified and that score will stand.
- C. All putts must be holed out according to USGA rules. Failure to do so will disqualify the player.
- D. The following violations will result in disqualification:
 - 1) Smoking, use and/or possession of tobacco substances
 - 2) Drinking of alcoholic beverage, use and/or possession
 - 3) Abusive language - swearing
 - 4) BettingAll players must report violations of this provision to the tournament manager or oncourse officials at the first opportunity.
- E. Club Throwing or Breaking - There shall be a two-stroke penalty for intentionally throwing or breaking a club. Should a second offense occur, the individual will automatically be disqualified from further tournament play.
- F. The tournament committee has the right to assess a penalty to an individual, coach or team for any unsportsmanlike behavior reported to the tournament director, prior to the conclusion of the event.

- G. Cellphone must be on silent with notifications turned off and are to only be used for scoring. From the time an individual's group begins play, a ringing cell phone and/or use of a cell phone for non scoring purposes on the course will result in a two-stroke penalty for the first infraction. A second infraction will result in disqualification.
- H. No caddies will be permitted. It is permissible for player to pull his/her own golf cart.
- I. On the day of the tournament, practice is restricted to the putting green and the practice range area only.
- J. **Coaches: 1-2 golfers, 1 coach; 3 + golfers 2 coaches. Coaches may give advice to their players from the tee to the green and after a player has completed a hole and the player has left the putting green. Coaches may not go on the green or in the hazards on the course. Coaches may not carry clubs or push player's carts. The coach must not cause a player to delay play.**
- K. Spectator/Gallery Guidelines: See Appendix A.
- L. The tournament manager will cover the regulations and format with the coaches before the tournament. Coaches, in turn, should review these rules and regulations with their players before the tournament.
- M. **Technology: Players and coaches may use distance measuring devices for the Northwest District Golf Championships with the following stipulations.**
 - 1. **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. (Point and shoot distance range finders only)**
 - 2. **GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification. (point and shoot distance range finders only)**
 - 3. **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: Will be covered at the tournament site.

9. **PACE OF PLAY**

Rule 5.6a and 5.6b of the Rules of Golf states: "You must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes." Penalty for breach of rule 5.6a is:

- Penalty for first breach: One penalty stroke.
- Penalty for second breach: General Penalty (two strokes)
- Penalty for third breach: Disqualification.

The Committee does not wish to assess penalties for undue delay but considering the negative effect that slow play has on other players, we must insist that the pace of play be reasonable.

With this in mind, following are the guidelines that will be adhered to by the officials in monitoring play:

- A. The first group to start will be determined as out of position if they take more than 10 minutes to play a par 3, 14 minutes to play a par 4 or 17 minutes to play a par 5.
- B. Following groups will be determined as out of position if they are more than a par 4 or par 5 hole behind the preceding group and are exceeding the time factors stated in #A.

- C. Players in slow groups will be timed to determine which individual(s) is/are delaying play. A player taking more than 45 seconds to play a shot will be warned as soon as possible after the infraction. If the player exceeds the specified time limit on two or more occasions, he will automatically be assessed the appropriate penalty.
- D. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is his turn to play, he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, and could play without interference by another person or another ball. Thus any time spent walking forward or backwards for measuring purposes will count as part of the time for the next stroke. On the putting green, the timing will start after the player has been allowed a reasonable time to repair his ball mark, remove loose impediments and clean his ball.
- E. Rule 5.6b of the Rules of Golf indicates that honors is not required to be observed in stroke play. With this in mind, players or groups that are playing slow should play as soon as the area ahead is clear and you will not interfere with others in your group.

10. **COMPETITION / AWARDS**

A. **DISTRICT 1 TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

Team title determined by two-day team totals. (Top (4) four scores) Winning team will receive District 1 First Place Trophy. Top individual will receive a medal the remaining team and individual qualifiers will receive a state qualifier ribbons. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of day two of competition.

11. **PRACTICE ROUNDS**

- A. Practice rounds may be scheduled through Whidbey Golf Club.
- B. You can schedule a tee -time by contacting: Whidbey G.C. at 360-675-5490

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY MORNING
MAY 9TH, 2025 by 11:00 AM**
They need to be sent in electronically

NORTHWEST DISTRICT 1
3A GIRLS
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Entry Form

SCHOOL: _____

***COACH:** _____

LIST PLAYERS:

Girls

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
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Send to:

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Appendix A

Spectator/Gallery Guidelines for District 1 Golf

- **Gallery members are not allowed to coach, converse with, or interact with any participants.**
- Members of the galleries are required to stay off the fairways, tee boxes, and greens.
- Gallery must be 50 feet behind players and stay on the cart path or tree lined areas **if a cart path is not present.**
- Gallery members should follow the rules of golf.
- Gallery members may help members of the group look for lost balls **if the player asks for help.** They have 3 minutes to look for their ball.
- Spectators should not cause any loud or distracting noises. A golf clap, or “good shot” or “good putt” comments are appropriate only if it does not interfere with another players attempt to play their game. Use good judgment and be courteous to all.
- 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.
- The use of tobacco and alcohol products is prohibited at all WIAA events.
- Please turn your cell phone off or turn it to vibrate. Please come back to the pro shop if you need to take a phone call.
- Do not touch any player’s equipment, including push cart until scoring process is complete.
- Use of golf carts is not permitted (personal or golf course) without approval of the rules committee. The committee has authority to allow carts only in extreme circumstances such as severe medical problems of a spectator.

Violation of these rules:

1st time – warning

2nd time – 2 stroke penalty

3rd time – disqualification

Please understand that these rules are in place from the time the players tee off on their 1st hole until they have exited the course and completed the scoring process with the official scorer. Please do not engage players until after they have signed and turned in their scorecards.