



2025 Boys and Girls District Golf Tournament
Wednesday, May 7th, 2025
WIAA District 1

Loomis Trail Golf Course
4342 Loomis Trail Road
Blaine, WA 98230
(360) 332-1725

Tournament Directors & Committee:

- Pat Russell - Mount Vernon Christian: cell: 206-618-4425
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- Jerome Toby - Lummi Nation: cell: 360-393-5278
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Rules Committee:

- Mark Rachor: 360-815-2106 (Rules Official)
- Pat Russell
- Mark Ruhlman

Tournament Information:

- Coaches Meeting: Boys & Girls Coaches meet in the upper level of the Clubhouse at 8:30am.
- First Tee Times (subject to change by the course):
 - 2B Boys 10:00am
 - 1B Boys 11:00am
 - 1B/2B Girls: 12:20pm
- Starting: All players will start from the first tee.
- Directions:
 - From I-5 South take exit #270, at exit turn left on Birch Bay/Lynden Road. Follow for ½ mile then turn right onto Portal Way. Follow Portal Way for 1.5 miles then turn left on Loomis Trail Road for 1.4 miles. The Golf course entrance will be on your right. Proceed to park in front of the clubhouse.
- Parking: Both Van and Bus spaces are available.

- Practice Rounds: Call in advance to make reservations: 360-332-1725
 - Range Tokens (30 balls): \$5
 - Green Fees: Call for current Junior rates
- Food: Snacks, drinks and grab & go sandwiches are available in the clubhouse at a cost. You may bring your own snacks, water, gatorade, etc. that may be stowed in a golfer's bag. Lummi Nation will provide snacks/food for golfers and coaches during the day in the upper level of the clubhouse.
- Lodging: Silver Reef Casino (360) 383-0777. Other area hotels are available in nearby Bellingham.

Golfer Entries Information: The attached "verification sheet" must be filled out and complete with names of each golfer as well as a 9-hole average for seeding purposes.

ALL ENTRIES must be sent to Paul Steimel, no later than Thursday, May 1st, 2025.

You may enter up to 6 golfers per team.

- **Minimum Scores required to make the turn:** In order to keep up pace of play, golfers who do not meet a minimum score at the turn will be forced to withdraw from the competition. The score will be scored as a forced withdrawal and not a disqualification.
 - **2B Boys:** Players who shoot greater than 60 on the front 9 will be withdrawn.
 - **1B Boys:** Players who shoot greater than 60 on the front 9 will be withdrawn.
 - **1B/2B Girls:** Players who shoot greater than 60 on the front 9 will be withdrawn.
- **Allocations:** WIAA determines the numbers of allocations each district receives based on the number of teams. 2025 Allocations are as follows:
 - **2B Boys:** 6 allocations
 - **1B Boys:** 8 allocations
 - **1B/2B Girls:** 13 allocations
- **Golfers moving on to the May 15th Bi-District Championships at Battle Creek GC:**
 - **2B Boys:** Top 12 + 1-alternate
 - **1B Boys:** Top 16 + 1-alternate
 - **1B/2B Girls:** Top 26 + 1-alternate
- **Markers:** Markers will be used during the tournament. Participating schools are asked to provide at least 1 marker for the tournament. Coaches will not be required to mark if their school does not provide a marker. Coaches and AD's are asked to work hard to make this happen.

Rules:

1. Play is governed by USGA rules in addition to any local rules as stated in the coaches meeting. **note: see amended tie-breaker rule.*
2. Stroke play.
3. All players will play from the white tees.
4. 18 holes **note: minimum 9 holes score will be enforced at the turn.*
5. Boys and Girls scoring above maximum front 9 score will not continue playing the back 9 and will be scored based on their 9 hole result.
6. Rules committee will arbitrate all rules disputes.
7. Marshalls will arbitrate rules questions.
8. Players will keep fellow competitors' scores. Scorecards will be signed and attested at the turn (front 9) and after the match at the scoring tables. If a player is forced to withdraw due to exceeding the maximum score of **60** for the front 9, they will turn in their scorecard (signed and attested) to the tournament director running the turn.
9. All putts must be holed out.
10. The one ball rule is not in effect.
11. Immediate disqualification for:
 - a. Use of illegal drugs, alcohol, cannabis, or tobacco products
 - b. A pattern of swearing or abusive language
 - c. Wagering
 - d. Club throwing
 - i. 1st offense: 2-stroke penalty
 - ii. 2nd offense: disqualification
12. Proper etiquette is mandatory. Players must:
 - a. Replace divots
 - b. Rake bunkers
 - c. Repair ball marks
 - d. Keep pace with group in front of you
13. No caddies are permitted.
14. No motorized transportation is permitted.
15. No practice is permitted on the competition course on the day of the tournament.
16. No headphones/airpods/MP3 players.
17. Cell phone use, smart watches, or any other cellular devices on the course is not permitted. **Electronic rangefinders that cannot communicate with other devices are allowed. Their slope must be turned off.**

Coaching: 1 Coach per 1-2 players; 2 Coaches per 3+ players.

- 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. Once a player steps onto the green, including to repair a pitch mark, coaching shall stop until that player holes out and leaves the green for the next tee box.

- Coaches may not go on to the green, but may look for balls in any penalty areas on the course.
- Coaches may not carry clubs or push player's carts.
- Coaches must not cause a player to delay play.
- Coaches must be designated before the match and will wear a name tag that identifies them as a coach who is allowed to talk to their players on the course.
- Coaching will be permitted from **TEE TO GREEN & THEN GREEN TO TEE ONLY** and must not slow down play. Any breach of this rule by a coach will result in removal from the course.

Gallery:

A 50 foot buffer away from players must be maintained. **Spectators are to remain on the cart paths.** Encouragements only. Parents, relatives, and friends that interact with players will be removed from the course. Each coach is responsible to share this information with parents, relatives, teammates, and friends of the players in the tournament. The use of motorized transportation will not be permitted by the members of the gallery.

Dress Code:

A collared team uniform shirt must be worn at all times and remain tucked in. No cutoffs or jeans allowed. Only non-metal spikes are allowed. A serious breach of dress code will result in disqualification.

Awards:

A short awards ceremony is scheduled at the end of the tournament. The top Boys and Girls teams will be awarded as District Champions. The top three 1B Boys, 2B Boys, and 1B/2B Girls golfers will receive medals. Ribbons will be awarded to the rest of the top 10 golfers.

Scoring:

Scoring will be similar to State scoring would be for a 40 entry tournament, but with **every** player scoring for their team: **If 40 participants, then** 1st place 50 team points; 2nd place 45 team points; 3rd— 40 team points; 4th— 38 team points; 5th— 36 team points; then each descending place receives one less point. For instance, 33rd place – 8 points, 40th place - one point. Scoring will be adjusted to meet the field (if 44 participants, then top five scores would be 54, 49, 44, 42, 40 and less one point for the remaining golfers). Ties will have their points split (5th place = 36 & 6th place = 35, the tied 5th place golfers receive 35.5 team points each).

No Shows:

Any golfer that does not show up within **5 minutes** of their scheduled tee time will be disqualified. Any tardiness to the tee will result in a 2-stroke penalty. The starter and

tournament director(s) will make determination of infraction.

Behavior:

Common courtesy, respect for other players and property, and proper golf etiquette are expected for all participants, coaches, and spectators. Flagrant violations of golf etiquette can result in elimination from the competition.

Speed of Play:

The Tournament starter shall inform all participants prior to the first tee time of their responsibility to keep up with the group directly in front of them on the golf course. Markers will monitor the pace of play. Repeated warning of slow play may result in stroke penalties or termination of play by individual at the discretion of the Rules Official with the approval of the Tournament Director(s).

Ties for Individual Medalist Awards:

In the event of a tie for 1st place medalist honors, there will be a play-off. This play-off will be a "sudden death" beginning on the 1st tee, with additional holes played until the tie or ties are broken. If play is stopped due to darkness, the Tournament Champion will be decided with the score cards (Last 3 holes, Last 6 holes, Last 9 holes, etc.). In the event that a Champion cannot be determined, players will be awarded Co-Champions. The tournament Director(s) will appoint a neutral person to officially accompany the play-off contestants. This person could be a coach who is not associated with the school of the players.

Scheduling Note:

STATE QUALIFYING: To be eligible to proceed to the next round of the postseason. Athletic Directors and Coaches are to verify that each player from their school, should they qualify, will be able to attend the Bi-District tournament held May 15, 2025.

Any Coach or Athletic Director that knowingly has players who will not be able to attend the State tournament, ought to remove that players name from consideration in a show of good sportsmanship to the other players and coaches. Any and all names will be given to the Tournament Director(s) at the start of the tournament.

2025 DISTRICT GOLF SCORE/RULES VERIFICATION

Email by Thursday, May 1st, 2025 to Paul Steimel: psteimel@orcas.k12.wa.us
(please include a 4 match average score for seeding purposes and an attached scorecard for each golfer)

School: _____

Boy Golfer #1: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Boy Golfer #2: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Boy Golfer #3: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Boy Golfer #4: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Boy Golfer #5: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Boy Golfer #6: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Head Boys Coach: _____

Assistant Boys Coach: _____

Girl Golfer #1: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Girl Golfer #2: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Girl Golfer #3: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Girl Golfer #4: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Girl Golfer #5: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Girl Golfer #6: _____ Grade: _____ Score: _____

Head Girls Coach: _____

Assistant Boys Coach: _____

School Marker Name: _____

I verify that the above student(s) meet the minimum score requirements as shown in the attached scorecards. I also attest that I have gone over USGA rules with the above student(s) and have made an attempt to educate my parents and fans and coaching staff regarding USGA rules as well.

Head Coach: _____

(Signature of Head Coach)

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____