**2025 ESC Boys & Girls Golf Conference Championship**

*Tournament Guidelines*

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, 11:30 a.m.

Snoqualmie Golf Course ([scorecard2023pdf.pdf](https://cdn.cybergolf.com/images/1269/scorecard2023pdf.pdf))

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: 10:45 a.m.

**Sport Coordinator and Tournament Manager:** Chad Pohlman, Bear Creek

**Tournament Rules Committee:** Chad Pohlman (BC), Jo Ito (Bush), David Gehrig (Kings) and Clubhouse Pro (if necessary).

**Allocations:** The top 9 girls and the top 10 boys will advance to the WIAA 1A State Championship.

**Format:**The League Tournament format will be 18-hole stroke play with *no* pickups. In the event that the 18-hole round cannot be completed the tournament committee may choose to take the scores for less than 18 holes with the final decision of a reschedule, resumption, or cancellation being communicated the same day.

* Boys will tee off from the back (Blue Tees)
* Girls will tee off from the front (Red Tees)

**Groups:** Groupings and start times are set by the tournament manager, with priority to avoiding same-school player groupings.

**Scoring:**The ESC tournament will be scored using the same principle as the WIAA state tournament. Individual players will earn team points based on their order of finish. The scoring system used will be published in advance and will be dictated by the total number of golfers. For reference the WIAA has an 80-person tournament and scores the top 40 (as well as a 40-person tournament scoring the top 20). Only the top half of the field will be scored. Ties will result in shared team points prior to any tie breaker. A school may qualify an unlimited number of individuals for the ESC tournament. Only the top six (6) players for each school, however, will be calculated in the team scoring when determining the team championship.

**Ties for Individual Medalist Awards and/or final state qualifying spots:** In the event of a tie for 1st place medalist honors, and/or the final qualifying 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 may 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 (often dictated by the course).
* If it is not possible to play-off (due to availability, 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.

**Inclement Weather and Tournament postponement:** In the event of inclement weather, the tournament manager along with the other participating ESC Athletic directors will decide the proper course of action. Possible outcomes may include, but are not limited to a stoppage of play, match suspension, match cancellation, etc. If the match needs to be replayed on a different day, the same committee will choose the day and time that works best for all teams.

**Rules**

* The Tournament is governed by the Rules of Golf and specific local rules; the Rules of Golf Committee is the final rules arbitrator.
* Golfers will be assigned to score for one of their peers in their group. Scores should be entered **each hole** in the WIAA golf app (iwanamaker). A traditional paper scorecard should be carried as well in the event that the app is not working correctly. Golfers should work to confirm and settle disputes regarding hole scores prior to moving on to the next hole. Unsigned scorecards may lead to disqualification.
* Coaches should be prepared to help with rules questions from any group while also monitoring the pace of play. Groups will receive a warning if pace of play becomes an issue with the entire group receiving penalty strokes if necessary.
* Appropriate golf attire required; violations may lead to disqualification.
* All putts must be holed out; failure results in disqualification.
* Disqualifications for smoking, drinking, swearing, betting, or club throwing. Club throwing incurs a two-stroke penalty on the first offense, disqualification on the second.
* No caddies or motorized carts unless medically approved.
* Players are allowed to use cell phones once a hole has been completed through the next tee for score keeping purposes only. If used for any other reason and from tee to green for non-emergencies, it may be deemed a disqualification.
* "Point and Shoot" range finders are permitted if advanced features are disabled. No GPS devices on cell phones/watches. Sharing measurement info is required; failure to do so may lead to penalties.
* Ear buds, headphones and music in general are not permitted.
* Coaches are responsible for going over and reviewing the tournament rules and guidelines with all spectators and players representing their school.
* Coaching Rule: Must be properly identified with an Official Coaching Badge to be given at the Coaches Meeting. Coaching allowed tee-to-green and post-hole until the player steps onto the next green. Coaches can assist in ball searches but not in carrying clubs or pushing carts, without causing delays. Teams will be allowed 1 or 2 official coaches based on their number of participants and those coaches must be assigned by the school and approved prior to play.
* Schools are billed per participant.
* Galleries must observe etiquette and keep an appropriate distance from players.
* Spectatorsmay only talk with the golfers between holing out on the ninth hole and teeing off on the tenth hole. Spectators may not coach or give advice during the round. Doing so may result in a player being disqualified. Spectators must remain on the cart paths.
* Spectators may assist in looking for a lost ball, ***only*** if asked by the golfer.
* 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.
* Groupings and start times set by the tournament manager, with priority to avoiding same-school player groupings.

**All Conference Information:** The ESC Golf Championship will be used to determine the All-League selections. The honors will consist of:

* League MVP – the tournament champion
* 1st Team All-League – the top 6 place finishers after the MVP (2-7)
* 2nd Team All-League – the next 6 place finishers (8-13)