

SeaKing District Girls 3A Golf Tournament Syllabus and Rules

Welcome to the SeaKing Girls golf tournament. Please read through this packet and the tournament guidelines and review pertinent information with your players.

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Place: Riverbend Golf Complex

Times: 8:00 am Coaches meeting, rules will be explained. Please be on time. 9:00 am Tournament Starts from hole #1.

Driving Range opens at 7:00 am.

Participants: KingCo & Metro 3A qualifying schools

Tournament Guidelines: See Medalist Tournament Guidelines below.

Format: 18 holes of medal play. Course layout is available on WIAA Golf app.

Rules of Play: Unless otherwise noted, USGA rules will govern, WIAA Hard Card, and WIAA Code of Conduct. **All decisions of the rules committee will be final.** PUTT EVERYTHING OUT, (double par rule is NOT in EFFECT)

Facilities: Practice rounds are available; individuals are responsible for fee and scheduling.

Range Balls: Each school is responsible for purchasing their own range balls through the pro shop.

Tee Times: Will be assigned in iWanamaker and published when all entry sheets have been collected.

Duties: Coaches will have tournament responsibilities. Coaches will be allowed to coach your players from TEE to Green. Once the ball is on the green coaching must cease. You may not delay play. Coaches may not stand on the green or coach from the edges of the green. The WIAA Code of Conduct will be applied if necessary with penalty strokes added to the player.

SEAKING MEDALIST GOLF TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

1. The SeaKing Tournament is to be played on a neutral course. A neutral course is defined as one which is not used as a home course by any of the district schools.
2. Tee Times will be assigned using the League Tournament results from the KingCo and Metro Tournaments. The WIAA state format for team golf will be used to build the tee sheet.

3. A coach must accompany each team to the SeaKing District Tournament. Coaches will have specific assignments for the Tournament.
4. No more than six (6) participants from each school will be allowed to participate in the SeaKing Tournament.
5. Each school will designate 5 golfers as their TEAM. The 4 lowest scores out of 5 will be used to determine the team score. The SeaKing District Two Tournament will be played in one day and consist of 18 holes.
6. All rules' infractions must be declared on the hole of the infraction. Infractions will not be assessed at the score table for an on-course infraction. Find a coach on the course to help review the rules or request a rules official in the WIAA golf app.
7. There are no restrictions on pre-playing the course(s), if it is a public course. No competitor may play practice holes at the tournament site on the day of the tournament.
8. Caddies are not permitted.
9. The SeaKing Tournament will observe either summer or winter rules as determined by the local course conditions for that day.
10. Players or teams tied for the final district qualifying position(s) will participate in a sudden death playoff. Two alternate players will be determined.
11. Tie breaker for 1st place Team at the SeaKing Tournament will be a sudden death playoff using the 4 lowest scoring players from each team that participates in the playoff.

WINTER RULES - The ball shall be marked, lifted, cleaned, and placed within 6 inches, NO nearer the hole. Once the ball is released, the ball is in play and may not be re-placed. In applying WINTER RULES players may NOT change cuts of grass when placing their ball. WINTER RULES apply "through the green."

If the weather is such that Winter rules are in effect, we may also use two local rules of Embedded Ball and Leaf Rule," they are as follows:

Embedded ball rule – If a ball is not located within a 3 minute search and the group saw - where the ball should have landed. The group can decide to allow the player to play a new ball without penalty. Criteria for this should be if you can see the ball bounce – it is impossible for it to be embedded.

The embedded ball rule may not be used if the ball has the possibility of going into a penalty area or out of bounds. The embedded ball rule should also not be used if a ball is hit into another fairway that the player is not currently playing. A provisional ball should be

played in these situations and if the first ball cannot be found it should be declared a lost ball.

The leaf rule - If a ball is not located within a 3-minute search, the group saw where the ball should have landed, and that area is covered in leaves, the group can decide to allow the player to play a new ball without penalty. The leaf rule may not be used if the ball has the possibility of going into a penalty area or out of bounds. The leaf rule should also not be used if a ball is hit into another fairway that the player is not currently playing. A provisional ball should be played in these situations and if the first ball cannot be found it should be declared a lost ball.

If a player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he/she incurs a penalty of one stroke.

12. DRESS CODE: All participants in the SeaKing Tournament:

a. Required to wear:

1. Shoes (soft spikes, no metal spikes)
2. Slacks or cords. Walking shorts may be worn
3. Shirt with a collar

b. Jean Pants or Jean Shorts Are Not Allowed

c. Optional Attire: Sweater, Raingear, Hats (must be worn with the bill facing forward)

Players must follow any course-specific attire requirements.

Failure to adhere to this dress code will result in non-participation. Coaches shall assess this penalty (disqualification) prior to starting the tournament or anytime during the tournament.

13. Prior to the beginning of SeaKing Tournament play coaches will take time to go over the Starter Instructions with all participants of appropriate conduct. Golfers should immediately notify the other golfer that a sportsmanship violation has occurred AND note it on the scorecard. Golfers should also notify an adult at their first opportunity. Violations brought up for the first time at the end of the tournament will not be accepted. The following violations will result in a two (2) stroke penalty for the first offense, and should a second offense occur the individual will be automatically disqualified from the SeaKing District Two Tournament:

a. Club throwing or Abusive language (profanity),

14. The following violations will result in disqualification from the Tournament:

a. Use of tobacco or nicotine products (smoking and/or chewing)

b. Drinking of alcoholic beverage

c. Betting

d. Malicious Damage: Any player intentionally damaging equipment or the golf course during play will be disqualified from play (i.e.: scuffing greens or trees, stuffing pins, hitting trees or damaging equipment including clubs)

These acts are considered unsporting conduct. This rule will be explained on the first tee.

15. Cell Phones: Players are allowed to use cell phones once a hole has been completed through the next tee for scorekeeping purposes only. If used for any other reason and from tee to green for non-emergencies, it may be deemed a disqualification. ○ GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification.

16. Spectators will be allowed on the course, provided they follow the players by at least 25 yards, are not in close contact with the players, and do not give advice or instructions during the match. A verbal warning will be given for the first offense. If a second offense occurs, the player will be subject to a two (2) stroke penalty. If a third offense occurs, the player will be automatically disqualified from the tournament. A violation must be identified (challenged) at the time it happens, not later in the match. Coaches may also assess this penalty if they witness the violation. This is considered unsporting conduct. This rule will be explained on the first tee.

17. The number of individuals who advance to STATE is two times the number of TEAM allocations to the next level of play. The individuals will come from those that did not qualify as a member of a team moving on to State.

Top 5 teams and the top 10 individuals not on one of the top 5 teams move on to the State Tournament.

State Tournament site: Deer Park Golf Course, Spokane, Washington May 19-20, 2026