

KingCo/Seaking 4A Girls Golf Championship

Welcome to the KingCo/Seaking 4A Girls Golf Championship. Please read through this packet and the Championship Guidelines and review pertinent information with your players. This is a State qualifying tournament and all WIAA rules apply.

Day 1 - May 5, 2026, Day 2 - May 7, 2026

-10:00 am coaches meeting, rules will be reviewed. Please be on time.

-11:06 am 1st Tee Time for both days, All Players will tee off hole #1, Copper Tees.

Venue: Snohomish Golf Course (360) 568-2676

-The Championship 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 conference schools.

-Practice rounds are available; individuals are responsible for fee and scheduling prior to the tournament start date. Schools may purchase range balls at the course on the day of the Tournament.

Participants: 4A KingCo schools and Lincoln high school. Each team will bring six players.

-Players listed as 1-5 will be your TEAM. The TEAM format is 5 count 4 for the medalist tournament. Your 6th player will compete as an individual.

-Only players that have met the KingCo handbook qualifying standards should be entered into the tournament.

Format: Two day 18 holes of medal play each day, scores from day one and day two will be combined for the final score. Lincoln HS from the Metro Conference will join on day one. Day two will have the top 7 teams and the top 14 individuals that are not on a qualifying team from day one results.

Awards: Both KingCo and SeaKing honors will be given at the end of day two.

-The top KingCo team after day one will be the KingCo Team champion; and the top three overall individuals from KingCo will receive KingCo medals for first, second and third place.

-The top team at the end of day two will be the SeaKing Champion. The top three overall individual scores will receive SeaKing medals for first, second and third place.

Starting Times:

-The WIAA state team golf format will be used for pairings.

-Starting Times will be sent via iWanamaker after all entry sheets have been collected and pairings have been created in iWanamaker.

- Groupings and start times set by the Tournament Manager, avoiding same-school player Pairings.
- All 2nd round tee times will be in reverse order of Round 1 finish (high scores first).
- “If a player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after their starting time, the penalty is 2 strokes added to the first hole, instead of disqualification.”
- The five-minute rule on assigned tee times will be strictly enforced.
- If an individual does not show for their tee time and the group hits their second shot from the fairway, the no show becomes a disqualification for the team or as an individual competitor.
- On each day of the tournament, all players are required to check in at the starting tee on or prior to their assigned tee time.

Golf Carts & Caddies: Per WIAA golf tournament procedures

- No caddies or motorized carts allowed.
- Pull carts are allowed.
- Motorized golf carts will not be allowed during tournament play for parents, coaches or spectators either.
- Exception: A player/coach/spectator with a doctor’s note, specifying a permanent disability and requesting a motorized cart must be pre-approved by tournament director

Galleries:

- Spectators are encouraged to forecaddie (stand in landing area and watch balls) and must stay up with, or ahead of the group they are following. Standing behind your group can delay play behind you.
- Galleries must keep their distance from players on the course and until players leave the scoring area (~25 yards, walk in rough or on cart path).
- Coaching of any kind is prohibited. Parents may bring food/drinks, clothing, etc. to players but must do so without excessive conversation.
- Abuse, harassment or interference with volunteers or officials will not be tolerated.
- Talking on mobile devices or use of noise making electronic devices is prohibited. Texting is allowed if phone is silenced.
- No alcoholic beverages allowed outside the restaurant areas. WIAA events are a smoke-free environment. Smoking, vaping or use of any tobacco product is only allowed off course or in the parking lot.
- Dress Code for Gallery: All spectators, family members and others must observe the dress code of the course being played

Coaches: Coaches must accompany each team to the championship tournament.

- Coaches will have tournament responsibilities.
- Teams can have two coaches. These coaches must be identified in the coaches meeting.
- All other help is considered a spectator and must abide by the gallery rules.
- Coaches will be allowed to coach your players from Tee to Green.
- Coaches may give advice to their players from the tee to the green. Once a player steps onto the green, including repairing a pitch mark, coaching shall stop until the player holes out. It is permissible for coaches to rake bunkers and look for balls in penalty areas to further the speed of play
- [WIAA Golf Code of Conduct Policy](#) will be used if there is a penalty for this action. The penalty is assigned to the player getting illegal advice.
- Coaches may not carry clubs or push player carts and must not cause a player to delay play
- Schools are responsible for sending only school approved and eligible coaches.

Scoring:

- iWanamaker will be used as the required official scoring method for all tournament play
- A player will keep another player's score within the group.
- Scoring areas will be provided along with tournament personnel to conduct the scoring immediately after the completion of the final hole on each day of the tournament.
- The penalty for an unsigned scorecard is a two-stroke penalty.
- Players must report to the scoring area after completion of each round, promptly and without delay.
- After the player has signed and attested his/her scorecard and has left the scoring table or the designated scoring area, cards are considered to be officially returned and no changes made unless authorized by Rule 3.3b(3).

Tournament Scoring:

- 4A Team Championship score is determined by adding the best four scores from each team per day, across two days, for a total 36-hole score. Individual medalists are also determined by their 36-hole totals.
- If a tie occurs for the last qualifying Team spot after the first round, there will be a sudden death playoff. The five players from the teams that are tied will play until the tie is broken. A neutral coach or a tournament manager will walk and score for the group.
- If a tie occurs for the last qualifying Individual player spot after the 1st round, all tied players advance to the final round.

-If there is a tie for the alternates spots a scorecard playoff will be used to break the tie. Starting with the number one handicap hole and working through the handicap holes until a tie can be broken.

RULES & REGULATIONS: Unless otherwise noted

-USGA Rules and Local Rules will govern play.

-WIAA Sportsmanship rules and the [WIAA Golf Code of Conduct Policy](#) will be utilized for all postseason tournaments.

-The Rules of Golf Committee is the final rules arbitrator.

-Rules Committee members are the Rules Officials (if available), the Tournament Manager(s), and the club professional

-Any disputes or doubtful points on rules shall be referred to the Rules Committee whose decision shall be final.

-The Tournament will be played under Summer Rules unless changed by the Golf Course Management and/or Tournament Manager(s). **See leaf and embedded ball rule below.**

-If Winter rules are implemented; 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 when placing their ball. Winter rules apply “through the green.”

-When winter rules are used a player who 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.

Course Etiquette:

-Appropriate golf attire required; violations may lead to disqualification.

-All courses adhere to a strict ‘NO TOBACCO’ policy for players, coaches, and spectators.

-Smoking, use/possession of tobacco substances, use/possession of alcohol or any other controlled substance/drug, and/or betting will result in disqualification.

-Abusive Language (Swearing, etc) - [WIAA Golf Code of Conduct Policy](#) will apply

-Club throwing incurs a two-stroke penalty on the first offense, disqualification on the second.

Tournament Play Practice Rules:

-On the day of the tournament practice is limited to the courses’ practice greens, practice bunkers, and practice ranges.

-NO practice on the putting greens, practice bunkers, or driving range during delays between nines. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed for this infraction.

- NO practice putting after holing out during tournament play. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed for this infraction.
- Those players who qualify for the second day may not play a practice round or practice holes on the tournament course after a player completes the qualifying round on day one.
- Playing any practice holes on the tournament course before the tournament each day or in between the first and second round will lead to disqualification from the tournament.
- Official scorers may be assigned when a player does not have a cell phone. The Tournament manager will describe the process for each day.
- All putts must be holed out, failure to do so results in disqualification.
- No Double par rule will be implemented.

Slow Play:

- Slow play rules will be enforced - players must play "Ready Golf" and keep up with the pairing ahead.
- Beyond rules that penalize slow play, it is the responsibility of all players to play a part in speeding up play.
- A group is considered out of position if they play at a pace of 15-minutes per hole and is 14-minutes behind the group in front of them.
- "Unreasonable Delay of Play" Penalty: 1st offense = one stroke; 2nd offense = two strokes; 3rd offense = Disqualification (DQ)

Range Finders:

- "Point and shoot style" Range Finders will be allowed for tournament play with the following stipulations:
 - Devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are permitted, provided the player disables the device features for slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. prior to the start of their round. If the device features that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. are not disabled prior to the start of the round, that player and any player that utilizes the information will be disqualified.
 - 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.

Cell Phones:

- Players are allowed to use cell phones once a hole has been completed through the next tee for scorekeeping purposes or to message a rules official 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.

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 3 minutes 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 and 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.