



2026 ESC Boys & Girls Golf Conference Championship

Tournament Guidelines

Tuesday, May 12, Riverbend Golf Course

2019 W Meeker St, Kent, WA 98032

Coaches Meeting: 11:10 a.m., First Tee time: 12:00 p.m.

Sport Coordinator and Tournament Managers: Chad Pohlman, Bear Creek & Ron Moisant, Cedar Park Christian

**Note, that all rulings on the course will be made using WJGA rules officials that our conference has asked to help us run the tournament- see Notice to Players*

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

Format: The League Tournament format will be 18 holes of stroke play. All putts must be holed out. No pickups. In the event that the 18-hole round cannot be completed the tournament managers may choose to take the scores for the 9 hole round.

- Boys will tee off from the Blue Tees
- Girls will tee off from the Green Tees

Groups: Groupings and start times are set by the tournament manager, with priority to avoiding same-school player groupings. The tournament manager may move groupings to help with an official school conflict (including AP's) but there are no guarantees and schools must abide by final tee groups and times.

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 60-person, and 40-person tournament scoring the top half). 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.

Score Reporting and Scorecards: All players will use a paper score card as the official score. Iwanamaker will **not** be used by players. Scores should be confirmed and recorded on the paper scorecard *after every hole* (from green to tee). Discrepancies should be handled in the moment and talked through with the other players and coaches if necessary. At the conclusion of the round, all players will report scores at the scoring table, hole-by-hole giving the entire group the opportunity to discuss any issues, rulings and/or discrepancies. If a 2nd ball was used at any point during the match, it should be reported at this time. Players will sign and attest and the scorecards will be turned into the table. Once scorecards have been signed and attested, the player has up to 15 minutes to submit alterations/changes, after which point the scorecard will be deemed official. Tournament managers

will be entering player scores into iwannamaker after hole 9 and after hole 18. See Committee Procedures 5A(5) in the NTP.

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 live playoff (first or final allocation) 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 if an official is not available.
- The tournament manager and officials 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 the following order – back 9, back 6, back 3, hole 18. Ties for alternate spots will be decided using the same card playoff described above.

Pace of Play: It is the responsibility of each group and players to ensure proper pace of play. Coaches should have discussions with their players and actively monitor pace of play during the match. It is the expectation that each group stay in position and within one hole of the group in front of them.

Rules: The tournament is governed by the Rules of Golf, the WIAA Code of Conduct Policy and the Tournament NTP (Notice to Players), all of which will be provided to all schools and players in advance. ***The local rules on the scorecard are not in effect.***

- The Tournament will be played under Summer Rules unless changed by the Rules Officials, Golf Course Management and/or the Tournament Manager
- "Point and Shoot" range finders are permitted if advanced features are disabled. No GPS devices allowed, including watches. Sharing measurement info is required; failure to do so may lead to penalties.
- Smart watches, or any watch that receives data through plan or wifi should be removed or turned "off" unless it is necessary for a medical condition.
- Cell phones and their use is prohibited for players unless in an emergency. The handling of or use of a cell phone may result in a disqualification of that player.
- 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. See WIAA Golf Code of Conduct.

- It is the responsibility of each player to be on time at the tee box. Players that are late are subject to disqualification.

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.

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

Boys

- 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)

Girls

- League MVP – the tournament champion
- 2nd place – 9th place will receive All Conference Honors