

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON 1A LEAGUE GOLF SOP'S
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All USGA rules shall be in effect.

1. A six-player varsity team shall represent each school.
2. Nine holes shall determine all league matches when played on a school day.
3. All matches will start at 3:30 PM unless the participating schools make prior agreements.
4. Scoring will be determined by the total strokes for each player in the nine hole round. The winning school will be determined by the sum of the lowest four scores from the six person team. The JV match (when possible) will be determined by pooling the scores of the number 7-12. The team score will be the sum of the lowest four scores from this pool.
5. *In case of a tie*, the winner will be determined by the score of the fifth players score. If still tied the winner will be determined by the score of the sixth players. If the match remains a tie after this, it will be recorded as a tie.
6. The home team shall make the decision on cancellations due to poor weather. The decision should be made no later than 1:00 PM the day of the match. Should there be a cancellation, the match will be made up on the first open date available for each team.
7. Under hazardous playing conditions, the coaches are responsible for stopping play until such time as the weather improves. If it is not possible to continue play, the match will be rescheduled for the first open date available for each team.
8. Penalties: There will be a two-stroke penalty for throwing clubs, swearing and/or unsportsmanlike conduct. Should a second offense occur, the individual will be automatically disqualified from the match.
9. The following violations will result in immediate disqualification:
a) Smoking, use and/or possession of tobacco; b) Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages; c) Betting.
10. No caddies will be permitted. It is permissible for a player to pull his/her own cart.
11. Galleries: Galleries are permitted with the prior approval of the Club pro. However, all spectators must remain 25 yards away from the players and off the fairways. There is to be no communication during the match. All players and spectators must adhere to course dress codes.
12. Coaches may coach their players throughout the match. However, they may not call penalties or disqualify players during a match. They may not instruct their players during

or immediately after a match to report a specific incident or penalty strokes, or disqualification.

13. Coaches should be present to supervise players while they are teeing off on the first hole and meet the golfers as they come off of the last hole. They should also be present to supervise the golfers in and around the clubhouse.
14. At the conclusion of the round scorecards should be signed by the players and turned in to the coaches. Once scorecards are turned in and properly attested no changes can be made.
15. League Championship is determined by the head-to-head competition between schools. One point for win, ½ point for tie.
16. District Championships will be a two-day tournament, 18 holes each day.

Entry into day two will be **Top half of field plus ties (June, 2016)**

Schools will only enter Boys who have achieved an average score of 59 or better in a nine-hole match during the regular season, and Girls who have an average score of 69 or better in a nine-hole match during the regular season.

Ties that will affect state berths will be played off in a sudden death format on the day of the tournament. If players are later found to be tied and have qualified for the state tourney a nine-hole playoff will be use. (September, 2016)

Ties for places outside of the state allocations will be broken by hole-by-hole score comparison starting with the number one handicap hole.

District Champion will be determined on day two and scored as it is at state for a 40-entry tournament. **Scoring – 40-entry Tournament** –1st place 30 team points; 2nd place 25 team points; 3rd – 20 team points; 4th - 18 team points; 5th - 16 team points; Then each descending place receives one less point. For instance, 13th place - 8 points, 20th place **and ties** - one point. Only those qualifying for the second round of play will be eligible for points.

Ties will be resolved by sharing the points in the places affected. For instance, if a three-way tie for second, each player would receive 21 points (1/3 of 25 + 20 + 18). Next place would be 5th.

Coaching Rule: 1-2 Golfers: 1 Coach Pass; 3+ Golfers; 2 Coach Passes. 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. Coaches may not go on to the green or in any hazards on the course. Coaches may not carry clubs or push player's carts. The coach must not cause a player to delay play. (June, 2016)