



GOLF BY-LAWS – GIRLS

ARTICLE I GOLF COMMITTEE

- SECTION 1** The league chairperson will be selected by the coaches of the league and will serve a minimum of two (2) years.
- SECTION 2** The league chairperson is responsible for CCS representation, by-law review and scheduling.
- SECTION 3** The committee will consist of the league coaches. The committee shall submit by-law changes and schedules at the JUNE meeting of the Board of Athletics Directors.
- SECTION 4** Coaches will meet the last week in August to finalize schedules and sites.

ARTICLE II COMPETITION

- SECTION 1** League play is authorized on the Varsity level only.

ARTICLE III GOVERNING RULES

- SECTION 1** U.S.G.A. rules shall govern all matches, unless options are agreed upon prior to the match by the coaches involved.
- SECTION 2** Teams will consist of six (6) players for league matches.
- SECTION 3** Summer rules shall be played unless the conditions of the course dictate otherwise, and it is agreed upon by the coaches involved before the match.
- SECTION 4** For SCVAL competition, the following special rules shall apply:
- 4.1** All league matches shall be nine (9) hole matches.
 - 4.2** All play shall be stroke play and scoring shall be determined by total scores best five (5) of six (6).
 - (A) The winner of the match will be determined by the lowest total strokes of those five (5) players. A league member shall be entitled to a league match with only

five (5) players or lacking a fifth player, a phantom score of ninety (90), see rule 6.6.1, may be used for the 5th score and count towards the team's match total.

- 4.3** Tie contests will remain and be recorded as a tie.
- 4.4** A coach must be present at the course for the entire match or the match will be forfeited.
- 4.5** All matches scheduled should be played according to the arrangements made by the two coaches prior to the season starting. If a change is to be made the coaches in question need to agree prior to the match being played. Any questions not resolved by the coaches, need to be presented to the committee of coaches for final resolution. Reasons for changing the match would include; dangerous weather on the day of the match, or golf course condition.
- 4.6** All matches will be played from the courses designated women's tee.

SECTION 5 League Dress Code:

- 5.1** All players and coaches must wear appropriate attire and shirts with collars as approved by the golf course. Home coaches should communicate with visiting coaches when specific dress codes are enforced by their home golf course. Hats or visors if worn must be bill forward. No gym shorts, no tee shirts and no jeans should be worn. Inappropriate dress will result in that player being removed from play at the beginning of the match.

ARTICLE IV
PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS

SECTION 1 No school shall engage in practice matches before the date recommended by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 2 No team shall play more than eighteen (18) total matches per golf season.

SECTION 3 A tournament may be substituted for one match. (One tournament = one match).

ARTICLE V
LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SECTION 1 SCVAL will be one (1) De Anza division. Schools include: Palo Alto, Gunn, Homestead, Los Gatos, Lynbrook, Monta Vista, Saratoga, and Wilcox. The League Chairperson will develop a league schedule each fall.

ARTICLE VI
MATCH MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1 Home coaches are responsible for arranging starting times between 2:00 and 3:30. Exceptions to this rule will need an agreement by the competing coaches.

SECTION 2 Team Members and coaches must be ready to tee off at the scheduled match time. Match time is defined as 10 minutes prior to the 1st scheduled tee time. Coaches are responsible for exchanging line-ups prior to the match.

SECTION 3 Pull carts are allowed. Caddies are not allowed. Spectators are allowed at any SCVAL competition. Spectators must observe rules as outlined in U.S.J.G.S. Spectators must observe all rules that would apply to any on-campus school competition. Spectators, parents and non-playing team members must not be closer than 30 yards to any player and they may not give advice to players once a match begins. Most golf courses do not allow spectators on the course and all non-players must observe these rules. Violation of the rule may result in the disqualification of the player receiving the advice. No electronic devices are allowed to be used by players including music devices and phones. Range finders and yardage devices are not permissible. *Note: CCS currently does not allow range finders and some players may not be able to afford these devices. (CCS Girls bylaws state pull cards are allowed.)*

SECTION 4 Opposing coaches must make arrangements for determining scoring when the match is shortened due to darkness or inclement weather.

4.1 It is recommended that such arrangements be made prior to the match whenever possible. All 12 participants must complete six (6) holes of the match before it becomes official. If they do not complete six (6) holes, the match must be replayed at a different date.

SECTION 5 Any official protest should be brought before the golf coaches committee immediately following the match. If the question is not resolved, the SCVAL league chairperson will be asked to rule on the protest. If this dispute deals with scheduling problems, the question should go directly to the league chairperson for resolution.

SECTION 6 All players will have their own scorecard with first and last name, which will be exchanged at the first tee. Each player is responsible for the accuracy of his/her own score for each hole played. At the end of the round, each player shall verify his/her scores for each hole, record his/her overall score, and sign the scorecard before turning it in to the official score keeper.

6.1 For league matches, there will be a maximum score of ten (10) on any one hole. Players are instructed to pick up after nine (9) strokes if ball is not in the hole and score ten (10). This is speed of play purposes. League championships are not subject to this qualification.

SECTION 7 Coaches and one (1) assistant coach can give advice and counsel players during league matches in an effort to improve players golf skills and to help with pace of play.

7.1 If coaches play, they cannot be paired with players' #1-6 during a match.

SECTION 8 Communications of results to newspaper and league scoring chairpersons.

8.1 Results should include team and individual scores with medalist(s).

8.2 League Chairperson – Email coachzim@sbcglobal.net

8.3 Mercury news at www.mercurynews.com/hssports

8.4 Winning coach to call in results.

ARTICLE VII
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND CCS REPRESENTATION

- SECTION 1** The Varsity golf division championship shall be determined on the basis of dual meet competition. Each school will play every school in its division home and away. Two (2) points will be awarded for each win and one (1) point awarded for each tie. The winner will be the team scoring the most points during the league season. If there is a tie between two (2) or more teams, the tied teams shall be declared "Co-Champions".
- 1.1** When more than two (2) teams share second place or any other place, identification of rank will be determined by the following procedure:
- (A) Teams will compare their win-loss records during "head to head" league match competition.
 - (B) To break ties that still exist after above procedure, the stroke differential for the two (2) league matches will be used.
 - (C) If all of these procedures do not break the tie, a simple flip of the coin will break the tie. The League Chairperson will flip the coin.
- SECTION 2** For CCS Representation: The De Anza Division Champion, based on dual meet competition shall represent the SCVAL as the automatic berth. In case of a tie the SCVAL League Tournament will determine who will represent the SCVAL. If there is a tie in the USGA scorecard tiebreaker will be used to determine who advances (Appendix I, Part C, of the current rule book): holes 10-18; the 13-18; then 16-18; then 18, of the top five (5) players on the tied teams. Any teams not qualifying may submit at-large applications and will be considered by the CCS golf committee based on their finish at the SCVAL League Tournament.
- 2.1** The top player not on a CCS qualifying team shall participate at the CCS regional golf event. The player will be the golfer with the lowest total score from the League Tournament. If there is a tie, the USGA scorecard tiebreaker will be used to determine who advances. All qualifying team members qualify as individuals for the CCS regional. At large individuals will be based on current CCS qualifications outline in Section 3 of the CCS bylaws.
- SECTION 3** The league tournament starting time shall be as soon after 12:00pm as the course can accommodate. Starting before 12:00pm requires special permission of the Board of Managers (BOM). Each day the league tournament will be played over eighteen (18) holes. Competition will be played over eighteen (18) holes on a golf course with a slope and yardage as close as possible to the course CCS will use for their tournament.
- 3.1** Players, coaches and spectators are encouraged to show good sportsmanship and stay until all awards are presented.
- SECTION 4** League and Tournament Awards
- 4.1** "All League" certificates will be awarded to the top six (6) individual golfers based on league matches using the USGA scoring differential formula.
 - 4.2** "Second All League" certificates will be awarded to the next top six (6) individual golfers based on league matches using the USGA scoring differential formula
 - 4.3** Team Champion certificates will be awarded to the Division Champion.

- 4.4** First, Second, and Third place certificates will be awarded to the top three (3) golfers in the SCVAL League Tournament
- 4.5** At large individuals qualifying for CCS are not eligible for tournament awards.

SECTION 5 The League Chairperson will be in charge of the League Tournament.