



Girls Golf By-Laws

Article 1

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 C. C. S representation, By-Law review and scheduling along with Athletic Director assigned to Girls' Golf.
- Section 3. The Committee will consist of the league coaches. The committee shall submit By-Law changes and schedule to the January meeting of the Athletic Directors' Council.
- 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 of (5) of six (6)
- 4.2.1 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 conditions.
- 4.6 All matches will be played from the courses designated women's tee.
- 4.7 *Individual league standings will use the USGA scoring differential formula using the USGA 9-hole course slope and rating.*

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 Limitation

- Section 1. No school shall engage in practice matches before the date recommended by the CCS 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 Alignment/Schedule

Section 1. S.C.V.A.L. will be split into (2) divisions based on strength utilizing the SCVAL differential computations to determine the balance of the two divisions.

The league chairperson along with AD 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 to 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 S.C.V.A.L. 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/on the cart path 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, other than distance devices, are allowed to be used by players including music devices and phones.

3.1 Players may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device, only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a device to gauge other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. The device used may NOT be a cell phone. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round. The penalty for breach of this rule is a (2) stroke penalty. Any subsequent offense is disqualification.

3.3 If any player in a group uses a distance measure device then the player is encouraged to share distance information.

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 (9) holes of the match before it becomes official. If they do not complete six (9) holes, the entire match must be replayed at a different date.

- Section 5. Any official protest should be brought before the golf coaches committee, AD Chairperson and the SCVAL Commissioner immediately following the match. If the question is not resolved, the S.C.V.A.L. League AD chairperson will be asked to rule on the protest. If this dispute deals with scheduling problems, the question should go directly to the AD 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 scorekeeper.
- 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 the ball is not in the hole and score a ten (10). This is for speed of play purposes. League championships are not subject to this qualification.
- Section 7. Coaches and 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 for all league matches. Coaching on greens is not allowed. Parents and/or a teaching pro are NOT included in this process.
- 7.1 If Coaches play they cannot be paired with players #1-6 during a match.
- Section 8. Communications of results to 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 Winning coach needs to text (SCVAL ticker number)/call/post the results.

Article VII

League Championships and C.C.S. 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”.
- Section 2. C.C.S. 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 the U.S.G.A. scorecard tiebreaker will be used to determine who advances (Appendix I, Part C, of the current rule book): holes 10-18;

then 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 C.C.S. golf committee based on their finish at the SCVAL League Tournament.

2.1 The top player not on a C.C.S. qualifying team shall participate at the C.C.S. regional golf event. The player will be the golfer with the lowest total score from the League Tournament. If there is a tie the U.S.G.A. scorecard tiebreaker will be used to determine who advances. All qualifying team members qualify as individuals for the C.C.S regional. At large individuals will be based on current CCS qualifications outlined in Section 3 of the CCS bylaws.

Section 3. The league tournament starting time shall be as soon after 1:00 pm as the course can accommodate. Starting before 1:00 pm requires special permission of the Board of Managers. The league tournament will be played over eighteen (18) holes. The golf course and tees to be used for the league tournament will be decided at the pre-season coaches meeting with a slope and yardage as close as possible to the course CCS will use for their tournament.

3.1 The top team from the DeAnza and the top team from the El Camino Divisions will participate in the league tournament. Four more teams will participate with lowest team differential. In case of tie in the El Camino division the tiebreaker will be the team differential comparisons. Team differential will be based on matches. All other teams will send their top individual player to league tournament. There will be an additional (7) at large spots based on individual differentials.

3.2 Players, coaches and spectators are encouraged to show good sportsmanship and stay until all awards are presented.

3.3 All assigned marshals at the league tournament will be committee members for the league tournament.

Section 4. League and Tournament Awards

4.1 "First Team All League" certificates will be awarded to the top six (6) individual golfers in each division based on league matches using the USGA scoring differential formula using the USGA 9-hole course slope and rating.

4.2 "Second Team All League" certificates will be awarded to the next top six (6) individual golfers in each division based on league matches using the USGA scoring differential formula using the USGA 9-hole course slope and rating.

4.3 Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshman of the year will be awarded in each division to individual golfers based on league matches using the USGA scoring differential formula.

4.4 Team Champion certificates will be awarded to each Division Champion or co-champions.

4.5 First-through Tenth certificates will be awarded to the top ten (10) golfers in the S.C.V.A.L. League Tournament.

4.6 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.

Article VIII

Realignment

Section 1 At the end of each season the divisions will be realigned. The top (6) teams based on the team scoring differential will be in the DeAnza division. The other (6) will be in the El Camino division. Seniors will not be part of differential.

1.1 Any coach can propose a different alignment and if it passes by a 2/3 vote of the coaches then it will be presented to Athletic Directors' Council.