



Minnetonka Girls' Golf 2012



Minnetonka Girls' Golf Information Packet

Season

- The season begins with the parent, athlete, and coaches meeting on Monday March 19, 2012 at 7 pm in the forum with Activities Director, Ted Schultz.
- At approximately 7:30 we will move to the black box across from the west gym for the girl's golf meeting.
- Practice lengths will vary. Most practices will last 2-3 hours. Practice start and finish times will vary between the varsity and junior varsity teams. You should plan that your practice time will be somewhere between 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- We will meet in the middle/gymnastics gym for the first practice. The first week of practice is scheduled to be in the Tonka Dome.
- Players must have all registration forms completed and fees paid in order to participate. To register: go to www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us, click on Activities tab, click on Registration Info.
- All Students participating in MSHSL sanctioned sports are required to have a Sports Qualifying Physical on file with Minnetonka High School. This form is good for **THREE YEARS** of participation from the date of the exam and must be current through the end of your sport participation season.
- **If you need to check on your student(s) physical date, email your request to: gwynn.pletsch@minnetonka.k12.mn.us**

Fees/expenses

- Participation fee of \$75.00.
- Sport Activity Fee of \$85.00.
- Team golf shirts will cost about \$30.00. Two shirts are required.
- Braemar Golf Dome: \$5.75 bucket of balls (this may change). We may be at Braemar 4 to 7 times for practice.
- Players will have the opportunity to purchase additional team apparel. The additional team apparel is not required and is optional to purchase.

Try-out Procedures

There are a number of things that are considered by the coaches to determine what playing level (varsity or junior varsity) a player is initially placed at. Coaches consider the following: scoring ability, knowledge of rules, attitude, work ethic, coachability and attendance. It is important that team members are good students and good citizens. Sportsmanship, ethics and integrity are the responsibility of all members of the girls' golf program. Everyone must follow all rules and policies established by the MSHSL and the Minnetonka School District.

- Player evaluation begins on the first day of practice.
- Outdoor evaluations are scheduled to begin on Monday, April 9th. Earlier if weather permits.
- Weather permitting; each player will play qualifying rounds. Based on the results of those rounds, the initial varsity players will be chosen. However, additional opportunities will be given to qualify for varsity play. Ideally, eight to ten players will be named to the Varsity team. However, players may move between Varsity and Junior Varsity play throughout the course of the season. Cuts may be necessary based on the number of players that try out. We generally like to have 24 to 30 players on the team.

Try-out sites

- Try-outs will take place at Glen Lake Golf Course with the possibility of some play at Minnetonka Country Club and Timber Creek Golf Course.
- Try-outs may need to be indoors including using available space at Minnetonka High School, the Minnetonka Dome, and Braemar Golf Dome.



Match Sites

- Varsity home matches will be played at Minnetonka Country Club. Junior Varsity home matches will be played at Glen Lake Golf Course.
- You will need to check the schedule for locations of away matches.

Schedule

- All team members will be given copies of their schedules. I suggest that the player keep one with them and the other one be placed in a visible location at home. Schedules will be handed out once the teams are selected.
- The Varsity players will be informed of their weekly schedule by Mr. Williams and the Junior Varsity players will be informed of their weekly schedule by Ms. Morrow.
- **Please note that our practice and match schedule will be greatly affected by the weather, be aware there will be many adjustments to the schedule.**

Team Policies

- Attend class and receive passing grades – strive to maintain or improve your GPA during the season. Work with your teachers on keeping up with your school work!!!!
- Be on time for practice and plan to be there for the entire practice.
- No getting out of class early for practice!!
- It is your responsibility to contact your coach if you are ill, do not send a message with a friend.
- You must make a commitment to the golf team. Golf should be a priority from March 19th to June 13th.

Sportsmanship

- Players are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Players will dress well,

Speak appropriately, be courteous, be on time, be respectful, take responsibility, be friendly, be enthusiastic, win humbly and lose graciously.

- The coaches and players on the team are representatives of Minnetonka High School and the Minnetonka community and are expected to behave accordingly.
- Golf is a game of honor and integrity. If a player is caught cheating, they could be removed from the team.



Dress code

- Players will dress appropriately for practice and matches.
- For matches, players must wear the team shirt, team slacks (khaki and black) or team dress shorts (khaki and black).
- Shorts must reach to mid thigh.
- Appropriate attire is important. You are representing not only yourself but also your teammates, coaches and Minnetonka High School.

Captains

- It is an honor to be a Team Captain. The captains are the ambassadors of the Girls' Golf Team. The captains are the role models for the other players. The captains are expected to work hard, display dedication, exhibit desire and contribute to team success.
- Captains' responsibilities:
 - *Act as a liaison between the coaches and team players.
 - *Captains are role models. You are expected to act appropriately at all times in school, at practice and at matches. Poor behavior can result in the loss of your captainship.
 - *The captains are expected to carry out various duties assigned to them by the coaching staff.
- This year's captains are Carlee N. and Hannah B..



Parents/Spectators

- Players and Parents need to have a discussion about parents coming to matches. Some players get nervous and thus don't play well. It is suggested that the player and her parents discuss the situation and decide what they are comfortable with.
- Spectators at Minnetonka Country Club should be limited to parents and close relatives.
- **Only coaches can coach on the course.**

Time away from class

- There will be time away from class. The exact amount of time is difficult to determine. Players are expected to notify their teachers with regard to their absences from class and work with teachers to continue to perform well in the classroom.
- Six players will miss all or part of their classes on days of tournaments.

Transportation

- Transportation will be provided to try-outs, practices and home matches at Glen Lake.
- Players will need to find their own transportation for activities at Minnetonka Country Club.

Cell phones

- Players and spectators are not allowed to use cell phones on the course or at the practice range. Using a cell phone on the course is reason for disqualification from the match and dismissal from the team.

Letter Criteria

- Golfers must play in and have their score count in four varsity matches.
- Coach's decision.



Fundraisers

- There will be fundraisers this year; we are still developing/exploring possibilities.

Awards

- All Conference: Based on teams place in Conference standings.

- Senior Awards
- Others to be determined.

End of Year Activities

- Will be decided upon by the Captains and Mr. Williams.

Coaches

- Varsity – Mr. Pat Williams 952-401-8657 (H)
952-401-5929 (W)
612-590-1303 (cell) (can text me)
E-mail: patrick.williams@minnetonka.k12.mn.us
- Junior Varsity – Ms. Dana Morrow 952-836-4839 (cell)
- Volunteers – Mary Lou Jensen and Lauryn Job

The coaching staff is looking forward to the upcoming season. We are looking forward to this year's team carrying on and contributing to the Minnetonka Girls' Golf tradition and leaving their mark.