

# **CAPITAL VALLEY CONFERENCE GOLF BY-LAWS**

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## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Section 1 - Starting Date**

1.1 The dates for the first day of practice, first scrimmage, first contest and last contest are determined by the Section.

1.2 A coaches meeting shall be held prior to the first allowable contest.  
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### **Section 2 - Official Rules**

2.1 The official rule book shall be the United States Golf Association Rule Book.

### **Section 3 - Official Ball**

3.1 The official ball shall be any ball conforming to USGA specifications.

### **Section 4 - Contacts**

4.1 The number of contacts allowed is determined by the Section.

### **Section 5 - Meet Times**

5.1 Starting time for all dual matches shall be 3:15 PM.

5.1.1 Host school shall secure four starting times for the opposing school.

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5.2 Starting time for all league tournaments shall be determined by the course.

5.3 During the month of October matches may start at 3:00 PM.

### **Section 6 - Meet Results**

6.1 The home school shall be responsible to notify the media with game results.

6.2 The home school shall be responsible to notify the golf coordinator with complete results.

### **Section 7 - Championship**

7.1 Each team will consist of six players. The five best scores will count toward the final team score. If a tie exists when the scores of the five players are counted, the sixth player's score will be added. If a tie still exists after the sixth player's scores are added, the match will be declared a tie.

7.2 Teams will earn one (1) point for every dual match win, one half point (1/2) for a tie, zero (0) points for a loss, and one (1) point for each team they beat in the league tournaments. League tournament points will be awarded, with all ties played off via a sudden-death extra hole or holes between all teams tied. The league championship is awarded to the team finishing the year with the most points. Revised April 12, 2011

7.3 In the event of a tie for the most points, a co-championship will be awarded and duplicate awards presented.

7.4 There will be no league standings or championships below the varsity level..

### **Section 8 - Playoffs**

8.1 The teams with the highest number of points in championship play will qualify for the Section Playoffs.

8.2 Team Tie Breakers - If more teams are tied than qualifying

berths available at the conclusion of the final league tournament, the following process will be used to determine the qualifiers. The process does not change the standings in any way.

8.2.1 First tie breaker: Add the total score of the top five finishers for both league tournaments. The team with the lowest score advances.

8.2.2 Second tie breaker: Play a nine hole match on a neutral course, with the winner advancing.

## **Section 9- Conduct**

### 9.1 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

9.1.1 Includes use of profanity, club throwing, possession of any electronic communication device or other unacceptable behavior.

9.1.1.1 First offense: 2 stroke penalty

9.1.1.2 Second offense (same day): ejection.

### 9.1.2 Fighting

9.1.2.1 First offense ejection

### 9.2. Dress code violation.

9.2.1 Players are not allowed on the course if they are not properly dressed.

### 9.3 Course abuse

9.3.1 First offense: warning.

9.3.2 Second offense: 2 stroke penalty.

9.3.3 Third offense: disqualification.

### 9.4 Slow play

9.4.1 Coaches are to monitor the pace of play.

## Section 10 - Dual Matches and League Tournaments

10.1 CVC competition will be for varsity only.

10.2 Boys will be play from the blue or back tees, girls will be play from the red or forward tees. The course may modify which tees are played.

10.3 Dual matches will be nine holes. League tournaments shall be 18 holes. Matches will be scored using a medal play rules.

10.4 Teams shall be checked in and report to the first tee fifteen (15) minutes before starting time.

10.5 Section Team and individual qualifying

10.5.1 Performance Points

10.5.1.1 Each of the twelve players (six from each team) is awarded points for competing in a dual match. The best score receives twelve points with all other scores awarded in descending order. Points are averaged and split for those receiving identical scores.

10.5.1.2 Each player participating in a league tournament will receive points according to their finish. The best score receives 6 times the number of teams in the league with all other scores awarded in descending order. Points are averaged and split for those receiving identical scores.

10.5.1.3 Points accrued over the season from dual matches and tournaments, excluding the single lowest points score, will determine qualifiers for the section tournament and All Conference designation. Zero points will be awarded for not playing in or being disqualified from a match or league tournament.

10.5.2 The number of teams qualifying to the Section Tournament will be determined by the Section. Teams will qualify according to their total league finish.

10.5.3 Individual players, not a member of a qualifying team, shall advance to the Section Tournament as individuals.

10.5.3.1 Ties among individuals, for the purpose of filling the allotted spots, will be played off in a sudden-death hole (or holes) playoff immediately following the second league tournament.

10.6 Rained out matches shall be rescheduled as soon as starting times are available.

10.7 If possible cancellations due to inclement weather should be made by the home coach by 12:00 Noon.

10.8 The host coach shall be responsible for explaining any "local rules" prior to the start of each match.

#### 10.9 Disputes and Infractions

10.9.1 Players are to questions an opponent's rule infractions.

10.9.1.1 If there is a dispute, players in the groups shall try to reach a resolution prior to teeing off on the next hole. If a resolution can not be reached, the dispute shall be noted on the scorecard and reported to the coaches for resolution at the end of the match.

10.9.1.2 If a ruling is in question, player(s) shall play a second ball for the remainder of that hole. A ruling shall be made at the conclusion of the match by the coaches in accordance with USGA rules.

10.9.1.3 A rule infraction must be challenged on the hole the infraction occurred.

10.9.1.4 A rule infraction not challenged on the hole the infraction occurred will not be remedied.

10.9.2 If the coaches can not agree on the proper ruling, no match results are to be released until a proper ruling can be obtained.

10.9.3 In the event the coaches can not reach a resolution, the golf coordinator may make a ruling based upon USGA Rulings or he/she may refer the matter to the league ethics chairperson.

#### 10.10 Scoring

10.10.1 Players are to exchange score cards and keep their opponents score. They are to keep their score on the card as well.

10.10.2 Players in a league tournament are to exchange score cards

in a clockwise or counter clockwise manner and keep their opponents score. They are to keep their score on the card as well.

10.10.3 Players must announce their score following each hole.

10.10.4 If a score is disputed, players shall try to reach a resolution before moving to the next hole. If a resolution can not be reached, record both scores and report the dispute to the coaches at the end of the match.

10.10.5 Players shall not sign a disputed score card.

10.11 Spectators must remain 30 yards away from competitors during both dual matches and tournaments. Spectators may not communicate with players.

## **Section 11 - Dress Code**

11.1 Jeans may not be worn.

11.2 Shorts, hemmed at mid thigh are permitted, no cut offs or short shorts.

11.3 All participants must wear a collared shirt. No pictures, offensive language or symbols (other than team logos) are permitted.

11.4 Shirts must be properly worn at all times.

11.5 If hats are worn they must be worn properly (forward) and have no offensive language, pictures, slogans or symbols other than a manufacture's or team logo. No gang graffiti or any other modification may be made.

## **Section 12 - Miscellaneous - Activity Specific**

13.1 Golf coaches are to supervise during league matches. If coaches choose not to play, they are to supervise the play on the course.

13.2 All players must take and pass the CVC approved etiquette test before they may compete in a league match.