



## BELLA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL 2016-17 GOLF PROGRAM

### Golf Team Rules and Expectations

#### Dress Code

- Collared shirts and nice shorts/pants/skirts are required at all practices and matches. In addition, a belt must be worn with shirts tucked in.
- All Players are to wear black shorts/pants/skirts, BV collared shirts (Tucked in), and golf shoes for all matches. NO jeans, cargo shorts, athletic shorts or t-shirts.
- If hats are worn they must be worn properly (forward direction).
- Failure to follow the dress code will result in being sent home and not being able to practice or play.
- I would also suggest having rain gear (i.e. jacket, umbrella) because we may have to play in wet weather.

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- Be on time!
  - Matches: You must be at the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the first tee time. If you are late to a match you may be replaced by the 7th man or placed in the last group. Students will be released early from school for matches only to give them enough time to get to the golf course to warm-up. Students should not be leaving any earlier than the release times in the schedule. In addition, students are still held responsible for all work missed and must make arrangements with their teachers to get all work made up.
  - Practices: You must be at the golf course at least 5-10 minutes prior to the start of practice ready to go. If you are late for a practice round, you may lose your spot for the practice round.
- Missed practices before a match could result in a drop in your Varsity rank and/or being replaced in the next match. If you know you are going to be absent it is your responsibility to communicate with your coach.
- Be honest and play by the rules. Golf is a gentleman's game and you are expected to know and follow the rules of golf at all times. In addition, it is your responsibility to call yourself, teammate, or opponent on a rule infraction or cheating. Anyone caught cheating will be suspended for at least one match and will be dropped to the bottom of the team ranking and must work their way back into the top six. Note: You should carry a current USGA rule book in your bag at all times in case of a rule controversy.
- Cell phones are **NOT** allowed to be used during practice rounds or matches. There is an automatic penalty for using a cell phone or a cell phone ringing during a match.
- Do your best and have fun. This is a game you can play for the rest of your life and you should be playing to have fun and also improving your golf game.
- All athletes are expected to be on their best behavior at all practices and matches. We are guests at many private and public golf courses and would like to maintain a good working relationship with our local golf courses. Clubhouses and locker rooms are off-limits at all private golf courses including North Ridge. Profanity and throwing of clubs are **NOT** allowed and are also automatic 2-stroke penalties during a match. Subsequent infractions will result in being disqualified.

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### **Transportation**

- Due to the nature of golf, we must play off-campus which means all athletes are responsible for arranging their own rides to and from practice and all home matches. Coaches cannot arrange nor provide transportation to and from practice or home matches.
- Parents can create a carpool group to assist parents on getting their players to matches.

### **Spectators**

Spectators are allowed during most matches and tournaments, but must follow the following rules:

- All spectators should check-in at the pro shop and with the home coach to ensure that spectators are allowed.
- All spectators are to wear shorts/pants/skirts, collared shirts (Tucked in), and/or follow the dress code set by the golf course. NO jeans, cargo shorts, athletic shorts or t-shirts.
- Spectators are to maintain the 30-yard rule at all matches and tournaments. In addition, we ask that you stay on the cart paths at all times.
- Spectators may not talk to nor give advice to any athletes during a match or tournament.

### **Match Line-Up**

- Only 6 players play in any golf match with top 5 scores counting. There will be a 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> player play on some golf matches as a non-scoring player
- All nine-hole or 18-hole scores (practice or match) will be used to determine placement in the line-up order for match play each week.
- Note: The coach has the right to change the line-up at any time for the better of the team.
- If you have any questions, concerns, or problems, please follow the following action steps. Also, please keep in mind that meetings need to be arranged ahead of time and will not take place before or after a match.
  - Step 1: Athlete and coach meeting
  - Step 2: Athlete, parent, and coach meeting
  - Step 3: Athlete, parent, administrator, and coach meeting

### **Academic and Attendance Eligibility**

- Students must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA AND must be passing three classes to be academically eligible to play in any competition. Student's that are academically ineligible during any part of the season (start - finish) will not receive their Block BV or chenille patch. See Athletic Department Award Grid for more details. *Note: Students who use their athletic probation are considered eligible during that time.*
- Student athletes must attend school for at least half of the school day to be eligible to play in a match on that day.