

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your interest in Mt. Lebanon High School Girls' Golf. We are looking forward to another season as the coaches of the varsity and JV teams, and hope that you take advantage of what we have to offer this summer as you prepare for tryouts in August. Our goal as a program is to continue to field a competitive varsity team, while cultivating beginning golfers on our JV team. In the spirit of the game of golf, both teams will encourage the development of sportsmanship, etiquette, and camaraderie both on and off the course.

We have several optional summer practices and events, which are listed on page 2 of this letter. While attending these events is optional, keep in mind that they are ultimately designed for you to become a better player. All of these events are open to girls who will be entering grades 9-12 in the fall.

In the meantime, players are encouraged to get out and play as much as possible on their own at local golf courses and in amateur tournaments. There are also several golf pros in the area who I can recommend to any player who might be interested in private lessons. Please email Coach Bouvy at pbouvy@mtlsd.net for more information on lessons and tournaments.

Mandatory tryout week is tentatively scheduled as follows: Warmup rounds - August 16/17; Tryout rounds - August 18/19. Courses TBA. Scores will be compiled from the rounds on Wednesday and Thursday to determine who makes the varsity squad. Other factors under consideration, as well as team expectations, are explained on pages 2 & 3.

Girls entering grades 9-11 in the fall who do not make the varsity squad will be considered for the JV team based on their tryout scores. Seniors are generally not placed on the JV squad as it is designed to develop players to compete at the varsity level in subsequent seasons. Players who don't qualify for either team will be encouraged to work on their game over the next year and try out again next summer.

We are looking forward to working with you over the summer and in the fall! Best of luck and please reach out with any questions or concerns at any time.

Sincerely,

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TRYOUT INFORMATION

You may be dismissed or suspended from the tryouts and the team for any conduct that is contrary to the etiquette of golf or for intentionally violating the rules of golf.

Any and all rules questions and disputes as well as accusations of cheating must be reported to the coach as soon as possible and before leaving the course during all tryouts and matches.

CANDIDATES FOR MT. LEBANON GIRLS' VARSITY GOLF TEAM

Your daughter has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the high school golf team. Being on a team is a serious commitment. This information is to make you aware of her responsibilities and time schedule so that you can arrange family plans to enable her to fulfill her commitment. Check email over the next few months for information from the athletic office regarding registration and physical examination requirements. Physical examinations are valid for one year, and must be completed by a physician AFTER June 1, 2021. **All permission forms and medical exam must be submitted via Family ID by the date set by the athletic department! Players who fail to submit the proper documentation will not be permitted to try out.**

Anyone not able to make the commitment to attend **ALL TRYOUTS, PRACTICES, AND MATCHES** will not be considered as a candidate for the team. Practices and matches occur after school Monday through Friday, beginning with tryout week August 16 and concluding in early October. The varsity team and/or individual players could possibly play into mid to late October depending on how far the team or player advances in the WPIAL and PIAA playoffs.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE SELECTION OF THE TEAM & WHO WILL PLAY IN THE MATCHES:

- scoring average of tryout rounds
- attitude and responsibility
- willingness to follow instructions given by the coach
- skill level and ability to play different courses
- knowledge of the rules of golf
- grade level
- displaying good sportsmanship and proper golf etiquette at all times
- academically working to one's ability
- citizenship in school, school activities, and community

ACADEMIC AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEAM MEMBER:

- work up to your ability academically and demonstrate good citizenship
- attendance at school the day of the match / practice is necessary to participate
- arrangement of course make-up work should be made so it does not conflict with practices or matches (this sometimes will depend upon the teacher)

MATCH RESPONSIBILITIES:

- use proper golf etiquette
- know the rules of golf
- be able to account for each of your opponent's strokes
- display good sportsmanship
- make sure your score card is legible and accurate before you sign it
- sign your opponent's score card only if you agree with her score
- stay around the last green until completion of the match
- notify the coach the night before if you are unable to compete in a match due to illness or injury

BUS TRIPS:

- bus leaves exactly at the designated time
- only the players who go on the team bus will be able to participate unless they have special permission from the Athletic Director a day in advance
- everyone will return on the team bus (except with prior written approval)

VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY UNIFORMS:

- match uniform includes: team issued golf shirt, team issued hat/visor (or no hat), player provides golf skorts/shorts/pants (color TBA)
- golf shoes with soft spikes are required
- dress properly for all matches which includes keeping your shirt tucked in and hats worn as intended
- keep your attire clean and neat

PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT:

- golf clubs (not provided by team; 14 club maximum in bag)
- rain gear including umbrella/glove (not provided by team)
- keep your equipment clean
- MTL logo golf balls will be provided to the players (may use different brand if preferred)
- players provide own tees and other accessories
- Varsity players will be provided with a team-issued golf bag
- JV players will be provided with a team-issued golf bag while supplies last

PRACTICE AND MATCHES:

Arrange your schedule so you are able to attend all practices; medical appointments, vacations, or other functions should be arranged so that they do not conflict with your tryouts, practice, or match schedule. Practices and matches are Monday through Friday throughout the regular season. Varsity practices on Saturday or Sunday only if the team is in the playoffs. Tardiness for all meetings, practices, and matches will NOT be tolerated.

If you have any questions, email Coach Bouvy at pbouvy@mtlsd.net.