Fairview High School

Boys Golf Team

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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Fairview High School Boys Golf Team. We want to congratulate you on supporting your son in his participation in the game of golf. Golf is a game that can be played and enjoyed for a lifetime.

Our goals for your son are threefold:

- We want to help him learn more about golf in a safe and fun atmosphere. If he is a beginner, then we want to help him understand the basics of the game as well as learning the rules and the etiquette of the game. If he is already a seasoned player, then we want to help him fine tune his skills and progress toward mastery of the game.
- We want to help him learn life skills using the experience around competitive golf as the vehicle for learning.
- We want him TO HAVE FUN!

General Information:

- Make-up of the team: The varsity and JV team is comprised of 12-15 golfers. The Varsity players are generally capable of breaking 80 on an 18-hole course and the JV typically scores between 80 and 100. There will also be a developmental team which will be made up of golfers not quite ready for the full schedule. We will have a maximum of 20 players on the team. Tryouts will be held on the first Monday afternoon of the season (August 3rd this year) at Flatirons Golf Course. If your son has played in summer competition and can get me those scores, then he does not need to play in the 9-hole try out as I will take those scores in lieu of a tryout round. The size of the team is based on availability of resources and the number of golfers trying out for the team. We do try to keep the team to a maximum of 20 Players.
- Equipment is NOT supplied by Fairview. If you have any questions or need some recommendations on what to get, we are happy to help. We do provide a Fairview Golf Bag for use during the season.
- Uniforms and Dress Code: The team will purchase one uniform shirt out of fund raised dollars. We can order more items later in the season. If your son is likely to play varsity matches (talk with Coach Z), he will likely need at least one black uniform shirt and one red uniform shirt. If he is likely to be playing only JV, he will probably only need one uniform shirt. CHSAA requires that all participants wear a collared, golf style shirt with the school emblem on it along with khaki or dress style pants and shorts. No Denim is allowed during CHSAA competition. We like to try and model this at practices as well. When practicing at other sites that do have a dress code, we will follow the dress code of those sites.
- Practice is Monday thru Thursday at the end of the day. The location and start time of practice varies based on location, weather and availability. We will attempt to give the practice schedule at least one week in advance so rides can be arranged. Younger golfers can arrange rides with some of the older players from school to practice. While golf is a very individual sport, we really try to build a team atmosphere with the golf team at Fairview. This team building really does take time spent with the team to accomplish so please avoid scheduling other obligations for your son during team practice time.

- PE Credits can be earned by attending a minimum of 75% of the available practices with the team and by competing in at least one event. If there are conflicts with the practice schedule, then it is incumbent on your son to communicate with the coaches proactively. I would rather hear, "Coach I have a conflict (test, other fun activity, work) with practice on Monday, would it be ok if I did that instead of coming to practice?" as that implies a level of understanding with the commitment to the team. I much prefer this approach versus what I usually hear, "Coach, I'm not coming to practice today" or it is just a no-show/no-call/no-email. While communication is expected when missing practice, it is still a missed practice and does not count toward the 75% attendance requirement for gym credit.
- Lettering requires competing at least three varsity level events (where you play your own ball the whole day or is deemed to be a full varsity event) and maintaining the 75% attendance to practices. The coaches may also choose to award a letter to seniors who have shown commitment to the team over several years.
- Communication is done via email. Please provide the coaches with an email and a cell phone for emergency calls. We will send out a weekly email with pertinent information on it. Please read the weekly email. If an adjustment to the schedule needs to happen on a given day, we will send out this adjustment via email by noon on that day so there is time to plan on your end.
- Fundraising: As I am sure you are aware; school budgets are tight and there is no money in the budgets for the "extras" that make the "experience" special. We typically need to fill in the gaps in the budget for practice rounds, parties, travel expenses, awards, etc. We also need to fill in extra dollars for practices if we are forced to go indoors or to golf facilities other than our usual places due to weather or other closures. We raise funds through these various avenues:
    - An online fundraising program will be used. Details to follow. This is a program that allows our golfers to solicit donations to our program from friends and relatives all over the country.
    - Donations to the Fairview Boys Golf Team are always welcome. See Coach Z on how to accomplish.
    - We are always open to new ideas. If you have an idea and would like to volunteer your efforts in helping us raise money, we welcome your efforts.
- Competition: Each golfer is allowed per CHSAA rules to participate in 12 rounds (216 holes) of competition plus the two State Tournament Rounds. Varsity consists of 5 players for league matches and typically 4 players for Invites. We typically try to schedule the Fairview team for 12 to 13 events in total (5 League Matches and 7-8 invites) and sprinkle the players among the events. The "ladder" or "depth chart" of players is determined by stroke average in season and by other competition outside of season. We will try to make sure your son knows when he is playing in advance so he can prepare with school to make up the missed work. A tournament day is usually a full day missed from classes. Some JV events are only nine holes and will only be half day tournaments. We do want all boys on the varsity and JV team to play in some sort of competition during the year. The season is very short, only about 5 to 6 weeks for most golfers.
    - Parents are ENCOURAGED to come watch their son compete at events. Although it is nerve wracking for golfers to have their parents along for the ride (and even more nerve wracking for parents to have to watch!!!), your sons appreciate the support, no matter what they say. ☺ CHSAA rules for parents are very clear. CHSAA prohibits parents from coaching during competition. Parents are required to walk down the sides of the holes and only offer encouragement and nourishment to their sons. Coaching is only allowed by the 2 registered coaches of the team. Also, any cell phones need to be silenced or left in cars.
    - The boys are responsible for getting themselves to competitions if the event is less than 20 miles from Fairview or if the schedule requires it. If the event is farther than the 20 miles from Fairview or the schedule allows, we will ride as a team on one of the white buses.

Please feel free to contact the coaches with any questions. We will do our best to communicate with you in a timely and efficient manner. Thanks for trusting us with your sons and thanks for encouraging them to play golf!!!