

**Disclosure Document for
Golf 2008**

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TRYOUTS: Aug. 4, Wingpoint at 10:00 am; Aug. 5, Mt. Dell at 1:00 pm; Aug. 6, Bonneville at 10:30 am.
Tryouts will consist of 18 holes each day, for which the students are responsible for paying their own green fees. Those participating in tryouts must be able to walk the course, with the use of pull carts allowed. Students **MUST** attend tryouts to be eligible for a spot on the team. Cuts will be made depending on the number and skill level of the participants.

STARTING PRACTICE DATE: Thursday, Aug. 7
ENDING DATE: Thursday, Oct. 2

Player Expectations

Golf is a game of honor, integrity, and self-discipline. While participating in any round of golf, practice or competitive, players will be held to the highest standards of honesty and sportsmanship. Because most penalties in golf are self-reported and self-assessed, players are expected to respect themselves and the field by following the rules and etiquette of golf to the best of their knowledge. Score manipulation of any kind (miscounting strokes, mulligans, gimme putts, ect..) will result in disqualification from the event and may lead to dismissal from the team. Players who observe inappropriate situations on the course are to report them to a member of the coaching staff immediately. Any player who observes misconduct and fails to report it will be subject to the same consequences.

Attendance Requirements

Attendance at all practices and games is **mandatory**, unless otherwise indicated by the coach. Medical or dental appointments, funerals, weddings, field trips and other school-related functions will be considered for an excused absence and participation may be allowed at the discretion of the coach. In order to participate in a practice or game, a student-athlete **must** be in attendance at **every** class that day unless he or she receives an excused absence. Failure to attend classes due to illness, even if a student attends part of a day, will result in ineligibility for practice or game participation that day. (Athletic Handbook, p. 80)

If an athlete must miss a practice or game, notification of the coach should be done as far in advance as possible, **not** the day of the game or practice unless the absence is due to illness.

* If an athlete misses a practice and it is considered an **excused absence**, then he may be eligible to start the next game. If the athlete misses practice and it is considered an **unexcused absence** (any other situation than above), the coach's discretion will be used according to the situation, usually the loss of playing time for at least one full game.

(Athletic Handbook, p. 77)

Daily practices will be held under coach supervision and will include the following activities: Short game work (practice greens), range sessions, rounds of 9 or 18 holes, and course management sessions.

Unexcused absences from practice will result in loss of participation points and will reflect on the final grade. Following two such absences, the player **MUST** meet with the coach to determine if further action should be taken. That action could include loss of participation or removal from the team.

Practice will be held at a variety of golf facilities around the valley. Practice will begin 10 minutes after the arrival of the coach. Tardy arrival for practice will result in loss of participation points and will be reflected in the final grade. Following three tardies, the player will be required to meet with the coach to determine further actions, which may include loss of participation or removal from the team.

After receiving a copy of the practice and game schedule, an athlete must notify the coach

IMMEDIATELY concerning any obvious conflicts he/she has with games and/or practices. If any other conflicts arise during the season, the coach should be notified immediately. Conflicts arising from academic needs or personal circumstances should be discussed with a player's coach as soon as the need

arises so that arrangements for appropriate accommodations can be made, if possible.
(Athletic Handbook, p. 77)

Vacation Practices

Students and parents must understand that because pre-season practices in the fall are important to the progress and preparation of the team for competition, every effort must be made to attend. In addition, parents and student-athletes must realize that missed practices will result in a player falling behind other players in his or her preparations for the season, or the games immediately after a vacation. Coaches should be informed as soon as possible if the choice is made to miss any of these practices. **Making such a choice will affect a player's position on the team for at least some period of time after the player returns to the squad.** (Athletic Handbook, p. 78)

Since half of the golf season is completed by the time school begins, it is critical that players be present during this portion of the season. Players who might make the team based on tryout scores, but will miss these early matches, may be replaced by others who can make the required commitment.

Team Selection

We will always encourage all students who have a passion for golf to participate in our program. Having said that, participation in golf on the high school level is not for everyone. It requires a great deal of sacrifice, commitment, and a strong background in the skills of the game. We offer a varsity only program, as per our region guidelines. This team will consist of no more than 10 players and will be selected after our three round tryout. Determining factors for team selection include golf ability, sportsmanship, attitude, and knowledge of golf etiquette.

Playing Time (matches)

Due to our region guidelines, not all members of our team will participate in each golf match. There are a limited number of entrants from each team, usually up to 8. Our match selection process will involve several factors including, best recent scores, practice attendance, and qualifying matches.

Serious disrespectful behavior or negative attitude at any time may result in loss of playing time or even dismissal from the team. Players who are late to or have an un-excused absence from practice risk a loss of playing time. Chronic tardiness or absence may also result in dismissal from the team. Players, who have an unexcused absence from a golf match, must sit out the next match in which they are eligible to participate.

Sportsmanship is a key ingredient in golf. Team members will be expected to show sportsmanship and proper golf etiquette at all times. Each team member is expected to show proper conduct, appearance, and attitude during competition, as they are representing RHSM. They will be expected to show respect for all golf course and training facilities, course employees, fellow team members, coaches, and opponents.

Conflicting Activities

Student athletes who are considering participation in a sport as well as involvement in another school activity such as the school play, debate, music, etc., are responsible for contacting both parties involved to inform each of potential conflicts. Both supervisors then have the option of requiring the student to make a choice if the schedules submitted and discussed cannot be reconciled in such a way that permits the student-athlete to participate in both activities to the satisfaction of the supervisor or the coach. This policy pertains to non-school related activities as well (music lessons, dance lessons, outside RHSM sport team participation, etc.). (Athletic Handbook, p. 81)

Athlete/ Coach Conflicts

If a student-athlete has a problem with a policy or decision made by a member of the RHSM coaching staff, it is expected that a meeting to discuss the conflict will first be held between the coach and the athlete. If

the situation is not resolved following this meeting, the coach should meet with the parent or guardian of the athlete for further discussion. The next step would involve a meeting with the Athletic Director, and the final meeting, if necessary, would involve the RHSM principal (and Head of School if deemed necessary). Following such a procedure will assure all involved parties of a fair resolution to the situation. The coach and athletic director will work to see that all concerns are heard and responded to. (Athletic Handbook, p. 81)

Equipment

Team members are required to provide the following equipment during practices and matches:

1. their own set of golf clubs
2. balls (must have enough to complete a round)
3. tees, repair tool, and ball marker
4. golf shoes (proper footwear is vital in golf)
5. Rules of Golf booklet

Grading Policy

Players will be graded on attendance, participation, and sportsmanship. The sportsmanship component of the grade will include the following expectations:

- a) Be 100% accurate on keeping scores in qualifiers, matches, and practice rounds. **Gimmes and mulligans are not part of the game of golf and are not allowed when playing as a member of the team.**
- b) Refrain from using profanity, abusive language, or derogatory comments.
- c) Control your temper. Throwing or slamming clubs is prohibited.
- d) Show support for fellow team members and proper respect for opponents.

Eligibility Requirements

The Utah High School Activities Association has established a number of eligibility requirements for students who wish to participate in the high school athletic program as follows:

- A. **Scholastic Eligibility** (Athletic Handbook, p. 82):
 1. **An individual must be a full-time student at RHSM.**
 2. **A student cannot fail more than one subject in the preceding grading period.** Incompletes (I), no grades (NG) and no credits (NC) are considered failures until made up.
 3. **A student must have obtained a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or its equivalent in the preceding grading period.**
 4. **A student who is scholastically ineligible for a grading period cannot represent the school in any contests** (can't be in uniform, can't warm up with the team, can't sit on the bench with the team, can't be introduced as a team member)
- B. **Age Requirement** (Athletic Handbook, p. 86):

If a student turns nineteen (19) prior to September 1 of the school year, he or she is ineligible.
- C. **Seasons Rule** (Athletic Handbook, p. 86)
 1. No student shall participate in more than four seasons in any one activity and not more than 3 seasons in any one activity after entering the tenth grade.
 2. A student may participate in only one season per sport in any school year. Participation, for purposes of this rule, includes trying out for a team.
 3. A school may sponsor an activity only once in any school year.
- D. **Participation on Outside Teams** (Athletic Handbook, p. 86):

A student, while participating as a member of a high school athletic team, may not participate on a team not sponsored by his or her school in the same activity during the same season. A student may compete in a non-school sponsored contest as an individual, not a team member, while a member of a high school team during an activity season.
- E. **Physical Examinations, Parental Consent Forms** (Athletic Handbook, p. 87):
 1. No student shall be eligible to compete in any athletic contest sponsored by the UHSAA unless the student has a physician's certificate stating that he or she is physically able to

compete in interscholastic athletic contests and practices. A health examination must be performed and the Pre-Participation Athletic Health Exam (**FORM A**) must be on file with the Athletic Director before a student may participate in practices or contests.

2. Interim questionnaires (**FORM B**) must be completed by the parent or guardian each subsequent year after the Form A has been filed. A re-evaluation physical examination will be required if any positive responses appear for questions 1-16 on Form B.

3. A UHSAA **Disclosure and Consent Form** must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian (and signed by the student) annually.

Insurance

The possibility of injury (which can range from minor to major in nature and even death) is inherent in participation in sports. Consequently, all athletes should be covered under hospitalization insurance through their family.

Transportation

The following policies will apply to athletic team transportation at RHSM (Athletic Handbook, p. 93):

1. The Athletic Director is responsible for arrangements for team transportation to away sites.

2. Teams or individuals may, in certain situations, travel to contests or practices in private cars. The head coach or Athletic Director may arrange for cars and drivers in these instances.

3. Licensed student athletes may drive to and from off campus events with the coach's permission, provided he or she has on file a signed parental release form giving permission for them to do so. Athletes who have signed forms on file which allow him or her to be transported to a game or practice site by another licensed, parentally released student, will also be allowed to do so. Student athletes who choose to accept this responsibility must notify the coach of this decision and must also submit the required paperwork.

4. **Students are expected to utilize transportation provided by the school to away sites. A written request from a parent or guardian must be submitted to the Athletic Director if a student-athlete must drive to a contest when team transportation is provided.** If the request is granted, **written permission from the parent or guardian must be submitted to the Athletic Director and coach.** The same type of permission will be required if an athlete will use alternative transportation back to RHSM, even if that transportation will be provided by the athlete's parent or guardian. Each request of this nature will be considered on its own merit by the coach and/or Athletic Director.

5. Coaches and student-athletes are responsible for the care of vans and buses. Upon return from a trip, athletes are expected to remove all trash and equipment from the vehicle(s).

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION FROM THE TRAVELING SQUAD AND/OR REVOCATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES TO ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND/OR CONTESTS.

Miscellaneous:

1. The golf team will consist of up to 10 members. Tryouts will be held at the following venues:
 - Monday, August 6 at Winpoint Golf Course, 10:00 am
 - Tuesday, August 7 at Mountain Dell Canyon Course, 1:00 pm
 - Wednesday, August 8 at Bonneville Golf Course, 10:30 am

Participants in tryouts are required to provide their own transportation to the venues and pay for rounds and any range balls.

2. Golfers will be required to pay for their own golf shirts. The team may elect to also purchase other items as a team, such as wind shirts, rain gear, etc. Golf shoes are recommended for all competitive matches.

3. As preparation for the state tournament, members of the state team will be required to play one round at the state course at their own expense. The coach will arrange for transportation to that

site on a scheduled day. If team members wish to travel on their own to the site at an earlier date, they must make their own travel arrangements.

NO PLAYER CAN ENTER A GAME UNTIL THE COACH HAS RECEIVED AN AGREEMENT TO DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT THAT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY BOTH THE PARENT AND THE ATHLETE.

I understand and agree to follow the outlined policies regarding participation in the RHSM Upper School Athletic program and have read and understand the Athletic Handbook portion of the Upper School Parent-Student Handbook. If two parents/guardians will be involved in the student's participation in the athletic program, both must sign this document.

Player Name (Please Print)

Player Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date signed: _____

Sport: _____

Parents,

I hope your son is enjoying his summer, which includes playing some great golf! Coach Davis and I have seen and heard from several perspective players and the excitement about the upcoming season is off the charts!

As most of you know, the golf season is fast approaching, with a great deal of the season completed before school starts. I am sending this information to all those that have registered for participation in golf, or expressed an interest in trying out for the team.

Tryouts will be held August 6-8 and are mandatory for participation on the team. We have a large number of students trying out this season and I anticipate serious competition for each spot on this year's team. The golf team will consist of up to 10 members. Tryouts will be held at the following venues:

- Monday, August 6 at Winpoint Golf Course, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, August 7 at Mountain Dell Canyon Course, 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 8 at Bonneville Golf Course, 10:30 am

Students should arrive at the course 30 minutes early to be prepared for the day's round. We will expect the highest integrity from each player. Players will be expected to know and follow proper golf etiquette and all competitive golf rules, especially for lost balls, lateral and water hazards, use of provisional balls, and Doubt as to Procedure Rule (3-3).

Coach Davis and I will be evaluating each player during the course of the three day tryout, and team selection will occur Wednesday afternoon, after the final tryout round. The practice on Thursday, August 10 will be from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Golf in the Round, on 33rd south. Following that practice we will hold our Parent meeting under the covered pavilion at 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please call me at home (801-985-3701) or on my cell (549-7305). I look forward to a championship season this year!

Shawn MacQueen
RHSM Head Golf Coach