



## 2021 ROMEO HS BOYS' GOLF INFORMATION

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(In-season communication will be conducted via Teamsnap or a similar app)

**Home Course:** Greystone Golf Club, 67500 Mound Rd, Washington MI

**Division:** MAC RED: Romeo, Grosse Pointe South, GP North, Ford II, Eisenhower. We will have (2) matches against each team, (1) at each home course. We will also compete in multiple tournaments (see schedule for current dates). Some minor changes are still being made, but should be finalized by mid-March.

### Core Values:

**Academics and Character:** Expectations will be high for players, both in and out of the classroom. Hopefully they have those same expectations for themselves. Players are expected to be committed to academics first and foremost, and to demonstrate good character both in and out of school. When deciding the roster, a great deal of emphasis will be placed not only on grades, but also citizenship.

**Commitment:** Players are expected to be at every practice, match, and meeting, and be willing to learn and improve their game.

**Responsibility:** Players are expected to take ownership of their mistakes and put forth their best effort while supporting the team.

**Integrity:** Players are expected to uphold the rules of golf and maintain proper etiquette at all times, and to represent yourself, your team, and your school with dignity at all times.

**Attitude:** Players are expected to be in control of their emotions at all times, and stay focused and positive when faced with adversity.

**Sportsmanship:** Players are expected to always use a respectful manner towards their teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials, regardless of the situation.

### Team Rules:

- 1) Maintain acceptable academic performance, social, and classroom behavior throughout the season. \*Note: to maintain eligibility, team GPA requirements may differ from school requirements.
- 2) Always respect yourselves, your teammates, opponents, and coaches.
- 3) Respect and maintain the golf courses, practice areas, and facilities.

- 4) Dress properly for all golf-related activities: no sweat-pants or t-shirts allowed at the golf course. When at the course, wear team attire or school colors so staff can identify you as part of the team.
- 5) Attend every practice and team event on-time and be prepared. If you are going to miss an event, arrive late, or leave early, you MUST notify the coach in advance. Failure to do so is considered an unexcused absence.
- 6) Follow the core values and practice good sportsmanship.
- 7) No cheating: adhere to the Rules of Golf at all times. When in doubt, consult a coach or official.
- 8) Maintain proper pace of play on the golf course.
- 9) To help adhere to Rule #8, no cell phone use on the courses, unless it is an emergency, used for scoring, or you have permission from a coach.
- 10) No smoking / vaping, etc. at any time on or around the golf courses or practice area.
- 11) Open communication with the Coach is a MUST. I'm available 24/7 – if we work together and communicate, we'll be successful.

Breach of team rules, core values, or unexcused absences:

1st occurrence = missed match. Multiple occurrences = review and possible dismissal from the team. EXCEPTIONS: any damage to the golf courses or facilities will result in immediate dismissal from the team. Other serious circumstances, such as cheating, swearing, vaping, etc. will be reviewed and may also lead to immediate dismissal, per the discretion of the AD or coach.

**Try-outs: 3/9/21 UPDATE: DATES, LOCATION, AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE**

March 22: Topgolf Auburn Hills from 4:30pm~6 or 6:30pm

March 23: Topgolf Auburn Hills from 4:30pm~6 or 6:30pm

March 24: Topgolf Auburn Hills from 4:30pm~6 or 6:30pm

March 25: Tentatively @ Topgolf Auburn Hills from 4:30pm~6:30pm

- Depending on how many student's try-out, we may have to divide into (2) groups for the days we're playing at Topgolf and/or extend the daily duration.
- Space at Topgolf and other ranges is in high demand. As a result, we may be restricted on the amount of space available for tryouts. An on-line registration procedure via [signup.com](https://signup.com) will be used. Returning players and upper-classmen will get top priority; the remaining spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Tryout link: <https://signup.com/go/BvnoFMB>  
(Players will need to sign up for each of the 4 days of the tryout)
- I reserve the right to make roster decisions at any time. The 4<sup>th</sup> tryout day will be used if needed to make final determinations and may only involve certain players. On the final day, I will meet with you at some point to discuss your status, and let you know if you have made the team.

**Tryout fees:**

\$20 per player, due the first day of tryouts. The fee will be used to cover costs such as facility rental, range balls, etc. that will be necessary due to the time of year and weather.

**Player Profile Questionnaire:**

To help me get to know the new players prior to tryouts, they'll be asked to complete a brief questionnaire, which need to be completed and returned to me via email at [shimmel23@hotmail.com](mailto:shimmel23@hotmail.com) **BEFORE** the start of tryouts.

**Pre-season Conditioning:** We will be hosting some open conditioning and skill sessions in the weight room and on the school grounds ahead of tryouts. Although golf is a very skill-oriented sport, it is also important to improve your strength, flexibility, and endurance, as many of our events will be held in less-than ideal conditions.

All preseason sessions are voluntary, and pre-registration is required due to space limitations. If you are currently playing a winter sport or taking a weight training class it is not recommended that you attend. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm, and Saturdays from 11-12:00pm.

Participation does not guarantee a place on the final roster. Contact me after the meeting for directions on how to sign up.

**Team Goals:** To Be Finalized Determined once the team is defined.

**Team Meeting:**

Tentatively planned for Saturday, March 27th, we will meet from noon to 1pm at Greystone to introduce the team to the GM, discuss the rules of the facility, practice schedule, etc.

**Practice:**

Practice will be largely dependent on the weather during the beginning of the season and therefore is still To Be Determined. Greystone has not identified an opening date yet. Depending on the weather, we may have to practice at area driving ranges, indoors, or at the school.

Practices will be held from 5:00 PM ~ approximately 7pm to start the season, and may extend to allow the players to practice on the course once the weather breaks and we have more daylight.

**Match / Tournament Format:**

(2) groups can compete at most matches; a 'Varsity' group consisting of (6) players, and a JV group consisting of another (6) players. Lowest (4) scores count. Some tournaments also allow a Varsity and JV squad. More details to follow.

**Apparel:**

Team uniforms will be determined at a later date. There will also be pullovers, hats, rain suits, and other items available to be purchased.

**Equipment needed:**

Golfers will provide their own clubs, tees, and balls. Players will be required to have proper golf attire for all practices, matches, and tournaments, including: collared shirts, proper pants / shorts, golf shoes with soft spikes only. No jeans, T-shirts, sweatpants, or cutoffs, or metal-spiked shoes allowed. I HIGHLY recommend WATERPROOF shoes, and both a LH and RH glove for early season activity when the weather will be cold and wet. Please consider purchasing gloves made for rain and/or cold weather, available at most golf retailers. Discounts will be made available at Golf Galaxy and Dick's Sporting Goods.

**Equipment provided:**

Each player will be loaned a Romeo Golf bag. We have some laser-range finders and rain suits to also loan out during the golf season. Depending on quantities, those will be distributed prior to matches and tournaments to the highest-ranking golfers or upper classmen that do not already own a range finder. We are working with the Athletic Department to schedule fund-raising activities that will allow us to order more equipment.

**Transportation:** The team is responsible for their own transportation to and from practices, matches, and tournaments. We usually meet at a pre-determined location and take two or three vehicles.

**Spectators at Matches and Tournaments:**

Parents, grandparents, etc. are welcomed and encouraged to come to matches and tournaments while following all social distancing and covid19 requirements. The team appreciates all of the support we can get! As with all High School sporting events, spectators are prohibited from communicating with athletes during competition. The general rule for golf is that spectators have to stay at least 20 feet away from the players.

\*Tryouts and Practices will be open to players ONLY please.

**Fundraising / Volunteering:** If allowed, we will be holding fundraisers and offering volunteer opportunities beginning shortly after tryouts. All team members will be expected to support and participate in these events. Additional details TBD

**Other Reminders:** Emergency Contact Cards, Player Physicals, Pay-to-Play fees to be submitted prior to the start of tryouts. **All of the above is subject to change depending on the latest covid19 guidelines.**

**Topics to be covered at future meetings:**

Eligibility, Qualifying, Spring Break, Snack Schedule, Picture Day, Details about Fund-raising / Community Service Projects, Outside Competition, Range Passes

