



ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM GUIDELINES

ALL GOLF TEAM MEMBERS WILL:

- Always display positive behavior on the golf course, in school, and in our community.
 - **Remember, you are models and teachers for other Royal Oak students. Set the highest examples as a quality representative of your team, school, community, and self.**
- Know and abide by the USGA Rules of Golf.
- Know and use proper golf etiquette and wear appropriate clothing (collared shirts, no jeans) at all practices.
- Identify and work on weak parts of your game as much as possible.
- Be ready to represent Royal Oak and your coaches as knowledgeable, skillful athletes.
- Be honest, play fairly, and will display a mature attitude at all times.
- Arrive at all team events on time. Early is on time and on time is late. Don't be late.

THE ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE DEFINES APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.

THE RULES OF GOLF DEFINES APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR FOR GOLFERS ON THE COURSE.

SPECIAL TEAM RULES DEFINE APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR FOR ROHS GOLFERS DURING PRACTICE AND COMPETITIONS.

- Practices are required and being excused from practice is up to the discretion of the coach. Prior arrangements should be made to be excused from practice. If a player has missed practice, it is at the discretion of the coach whether the player will miss a contest.
- If a player does not show up at practice and does not contact the coach, this is counted as an unexcused absence. If a player has another unexcused absence, they will be dismissed from the team.
- If a player walks off the course before finishing a round, except for sickness or injury, he will be dismissed from the team.
- If a player uses vulgar language or behavior not conducive to good sportsmanship, one warning will be issued, the next offense is a suspension from a match, and the third offense is dismissal from the team.
- If a player throws or damages his clubs, he will have a one-match suspension and the second offense will be dismissal from the team. These are both safety and sportsmanship concerns.
- If a player does not putt out on a hole, his score will be disqualified in practice, tryouts, and competition. The action could result in suspension or dismissal at the discretion of the coach.
- If a player is caught cheating by not counting all strokes in a round or ignoring a violation of rules by themselves, a teammate, or a competitor, he will be warned once and dismissed from the team on the second offense.

DO NOT SHAVE STROKES; IT WILL COST YOU AS WELL AS THE TEAM.

QUALIFYING FOR THE TEAM

Depending on the number of guys trying out for the team we will make cuts based on the following criteria

- Round 1: The team will be cut down to 15 guys based on their ability to hit a golf ball and practice round scores.
 - Session 1: March 16, Session 2: March 22, Session 3: March 23

QUALIFYING FOR MATCHES

Qualifying for matches will be based on scores, attitude, and attendance. Assuming all players have good attendance and attitudes—then generally the first four slots for a match will be scores (scoring averages, trend in recent matches, and challenge days in practice) and the next slots will be changed at the discretion of the coach. Coaches have the right to change lineups as they see fit to best benefit the team.

TRAVELING TO AND FROM PRACTICE AND MATCHES

Transportation to and from practice is the player's responsibility. When school is in session, it is the player's responsibility to be aware of potential changes in weather. Make sure you have signed up for Blast Athletics (<https://www.blastathletics.com/teams/51820/join>). Assume we are playing golf unless you hear otherwise directly from your coach. When in doubt contact your coach. Message us in the Blast app OR send us an email. (ray.mcmann@royaloakschools.org OR megan.henry@royaloakschools.org). Also, check the Blast app for practice and match schedules.

MATCHES

- On the day of home matches, all golfers are expected to be at the golf course no later than 15 minutes after dismissal for ROGC and 25 minutes for Red Oaks. This will allow plenty of time to loosen up and practice putting before the match begins.
- All golfers competing in the match or tournament must be dressed in proper uniform before the other team(s) arrives. (school polo and black golf pants or shorts (with coach approval). Outerwear shall be golf appropriate and school appropriate.)
- On the day of away matches, all golfers need to have the proper uniform and all equipment ready to go by the time announced.
- At the end of a match, congratulate your playing partners (no matter what the outcome is) and shake their hands or fistbump whatever is deemed appropriate.
- All golfers are required to stay until the entire match is complete and scores are tallied. You are not free to leave until the coaches release you.

EARNING YOUR VARSITY LETTER

- I. A candidate for a varsity letter must play in at least one regularly scheduled varsity match. Your score must be one of the low four Royal Oak scores for that match and be below 45 for 9 holes or 100 for 18 holes. **OR**
- II. The candidate must play in one Regional, Conference, Invitational, or State Final match. **AND**
- III. The candidate must have been a member in good standing on the team for three seasons.

After the minimum above requirements have been met, the letter will be awarded at the discretion of the coach who will weigh other factors such as:

- Sportsmanship
- Work ethic
- Attitude
- Conduct

BE READY, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, TO:

- carry all equipment necessary (clubs, balls tees, ball markers, glove, magic marker, rain gear, etc.)
- take good care of and wear uniforms issued for all matches.
- be on time for practice, team meetings, etc.
- win or lose, be friendly and make friends.
- notify us if you must be absent as soon as possible
- be positive and have fun!
- respect your coaches... they respect you!

Parental Involvement

Parents are encouraged to take an active part in their child's golf careers. Since golf is ultimately an individual sport, outside support is critical. Your student's development will ultimately be his/her responsibility. Improvement is directly correlated with the amount of practice time involved. Anything you can provide, from lessons and equipment to emotional support and gentle nudges to practice will help your child become a better golfer. During a tournament, though, parents should consider themselves spectators and fans. Here are some things spectators are not allowed to do (USGA Rule 8):

- Take and/or give any equipment from any golfer at any time.
- Give any advice to players (how to play a hole, what club to hit, etc.)-cont.
- Make any rulings or give advice on a rule.
- Assist in players keeping score (players are responsible for keeping their own scores).
- Give food or drink to any player.
- Never touch a player's ball while it is in play

Here are some things parents are allowed to do:

- Encourage all players.
- Help all players find lost balls

Tournament (Snacks)

- Most of our tournaments are between 4.5 and 6 hours. While some of our tournaments include a lunch, many of them do not. As coaches, both Ms. Henry and Mr. McMann will do their best to provide snacks and drinks to all players during the matches and tournaments.
- We have found that there are two options that work really well for this.
 - As a player/parent you can sign up for a tournament and buy drinks and snacks for the boys for that tournament.
 - The other option is to write a check for \$30.00 or use PaySchools and Coach Henry and Coach McMann will purchase the drinks and snacks for the tournaments and matches. If no lunch is provided, we will then do our best to get lunch for them on those days as well.

End of Year

- Spring sports present themselves with unique challenges at the end of the year and thus the end of the year banquets are a year-to-year decision. (Seniors graduate before the season ends)
- Most years the players and parents have chosen not to hold a year-end banquet and just play a fun round of golf and have a small pizza party after the round (on the course or mini-golf)
- Each year we offer an option for an end-of-the-year banquet with our parents and recommend a potluck style get-together in the cafeteria.

VIOLATIONS OF ANY GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM.

**Ray McMann and Megan Henry
Royal Oak High School Golf Coaches**

Calendar Information

Practice / Match Information

- Pre Spring Break (Rules Meeting to be held on Thursdays as well)
- Practices will be Tuesday and Wednesdays at TopGolf (Plus additional dates for putting/playing if the weather is playable)
 - March 14th - 3:15 - 3:45 - Coach Henry's Room 306 - Player Meeting
 - March 15th - 3:15 - 3:45 - Coach Henry's Room 306 - Rules PearDeck
 - March 16th - 3:30 - 5:00 - Shifts at the Range (4 / 6 per bay per slot)
 - 50, 75, 100, 125 Yard Shots
 - March 17th - 3:30 - 5:00 - Possible Putting Challenges (TBD)
 - March 22nd - 3:30 - 5:00 - Shifts at the Range (4 / 6 per bay per slot)
 - 100, 150, 200 Yard Shots
 - March 23rd - 3:30 - 5:00 - Shifts at the Range (4 / 6 per bay per slot)
 - Driving and designated Tee Shots (Par 3,4,5)
 - ROHS Spring Sports Player/Parent Meeting 6:30 - Auditorium
 - Team Meeting Directly After- Room 306
 - March 24th - 3:15 - 4:30 - Rules Quiz
 - April 1st - 3:30 - TBD - Practice Round
- **Rules Quiz - March 24th**
- Post SpringBreak through the end of season
 - Monday - Practice or Match
 - Tuesday practices will be held at TopGolf *Unless a Match*
 - Wednesday - Practice or Match
 - Thursday - Practice or Match
 - Friday - Putting/Range/ or No Practice

***We have read and agree to follow the Royal Oak High School Golf Team
Guidelines.***

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Best Contact Number (Player): _____

Preferred Parent Email: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM SIGNED AND DATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.