



## East Ridge HS Boys GOLF

### **How does golf work at the HS level?**

Golf is a varsity sport in HS. This isn't a sport for the new golfer who has never played or for the player who is just looking for a good time. This sport is very competitive, and we are looking to keep the best players based on these criteria. The HS team needs to be competitive enough to play verse the best teams in the state with goals to win conference, win sections and win state.

### **How do the tryouts work?**

Every golfer that didn't play in a varsity match the year before will be playing off for a spot on this team. Every player will get the chance to play 18-27 holes of golf. In the past it's always been 18 based on the time. The players trying out will be responsible for paying for their rounds if we are not at Prestwick. This is usually around \$10 / 9-hole round.

Once the tryouts are complete the coaches will then take the sum of the lowest scores and these players will earn the spots (Coaches discretion is always in play). All players will be able to use the indoor facilities until we are allowed to get the tryouts in. In the past it's been very unusual to get out right away at the courses. If we can, we will practice and get on the course when we are able. We will keep 21-24 total golfers.

### **What does it take to make the team?**

Any player who is a 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade and shoots over 100 on a combined 18 holes, will be very difficult for them to make the team. Any senior who is trying out must be able to break 82 at as minimum scores to make the team. In the case that a player leaves the team during their HS career and chooses to come back, they must try out again.

### **How will I be notified if I don't make the team?**

Coach Brookins or another coach will personally call all players and inform them of their status with the team. He will do this the day of tryouts so, please be patient because there could be a lot of calls for this.

### **If I don't make the team, will I get a refund?**

Yes, once the team is set, I will get the list of players who make the team and the players who don't to the athletic dept. Once they get that they will refund any money that needs to be given back.

### **Once the team is set, how are teams decided?**

All players that make the top 21-24 will be able to playoff verse the entire team. We will have 3 teams. Varsity, JV and JVB.

The **JVB** team is made up of any 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders only. This team will play 9 holes from the yellow's tees in April and white tees in May. They will play 1-2 times per week.

The **JV** team is made up of 6 players 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades. This team will play 18-hole matches from the blue tees. They will be playing on the same course as the Varsity at the same time.

The **Varsity** team is made up of 6 players grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. They will play 18-holes from the blue tees. They will play up to 16-18 total matches.

Questions, please feel free to reach out to Coach Brookins at: [bbrookin@sowashco.org](mailto:bbrookin@sowashco.org)



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### Once the team is set then what?

The top team will practice 5 days a week and will be at Prestwick until May. The top 6 will continue into June based on how the sections end up. The team will practice from 3:30-5:30 everyday Monday – Friday.

### Transportation

All driving will be done for practice by parents, and for matches by coaches. UNLESS it's to Prestwick or Eagle Valley. We will most likely ask parents to transport if necessary.

### Are there any fees associated with golf?

The registration opens February 15<sup>th</sup>. Every player must be registered and have a physical on file. The fee for this is separate from the Booster Fee. There is an extra booster fee that we ask to pay from the East Ridge HS boys Booster club of \$250. This pays for the clothing that each member of the team will get and keep.

### Is there a fee for the golf course?

No, there is no fee for the golf course. The district pays this through their budget. We do encourage all golfers to buy the Youth On Course card however. (<https://youthoncourse.org/>)

### What do I do in the summer?

We encourage all golfers to play in as many JRPGA tournaments as possible.  
(<https://www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com/>)

### Are there any big tournaments that I should play in? *These events are for any player who can shoot 75 or better consistently.*

Yes, if you are older and can prove to play at a high level you want to play in all the qualifying tournament events.

- Minnesota State open Qualifier
- State AM qualifier
- US Junior AM Qualifier - Just sign up
- MN JR Publinks (No qualifier)
- Twin Cities Championship (No qualifier)
- Twin Cities JR Championship (No qualifier)
- Players Championship (Qualifiers during the school season - you have to make sure you fill out the form to be able to play in this event and HS event)
- US Open Qualifier (You have to make sure you fill out the form to be able to play in this event and HS event)

### When does the season start and End?

The first day of practice will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at East Ridge HS down in the Wrestling room. The season will end the Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May for all players except the Varsity. They will continue on for section play.

### Is there a form of communication for the golf?

Yes, we use the app Stack team – East ridge HS Boys golf – find the app, find the team and I will admit you for the commination.



We also have a website that we use <https://www.erhsactivities.com/page/show/1148807-boys-golf>

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