

# **2024-2025 Grizzly Golf Frequently Asked Questions**

## **1. What do I need to do to play golf for Grand Oaks High School?**

1. **Select Golf on your schedule sign-up sheet in April.** Golf is a double block and meets 7th/8th period. If you play another sport other than golf, you will need to select that sport, not golf. Multi-sport players will not be in the golf class. We work out a schedule for multi-sport athletes outside of the golf class.

2. **2024 Summer Tournaments**—I will keep your 5 lowest 18-hole tournament scores from your 2024 summer tournament rounds—from junior tours like STPGA JT, Beltway JGT, Texas Junior Golf Tour, and/or AJGA. If you play 8, 9 or even 10 tournaments over the summer, I will still just take your 5 lowest rounds from the summer and use that average for our first initial rankings. If you only play 5 tournaments, your summer average will be determined on those 4 tournaments only.

3. **We do have golf “Try-outs”.** It helps to have junior golf tournament experience. If you have never played golf before, competitively or otherwise, email me to discuss your options. True beginners may not be in the golf class, but if they are willing to practice on their own, several options are available at our home club Cypresswood Golf Club.

**2. How long is the high school golf season?** August through May.

**3. How do we know when and where we practice or have a tournament?** We will practice the entire school year. August-May. The practice schedule and tournament information will be sent out via email and/or SportsU app.

**4. Can I play another sport and play golf at GOHS?** Yes. We encourage all our athletes to participate in as much they can handle. Each sport will try to work out the best possible scenario to accommodate practice and other conflicts. Golf practice must fit in your after school schedule when your other sport is in the off-season.

**5. Do I have to be in the athletic period to be on the team?** No. We would definitely prefer all of our golfers to be in the golf class to get the full experience/benefit of what the program offers. Multi-sport and multi-activity students would need to meet with all coaches involved to discuss the options for playing golf if you're not in the golf class.

**6. How will the teams be determined in season?** In Season—The Teams are formed using our ranking and scoring average system that combines qualifying and tournament scores. Tournament scores count at 85%, while qualifying rounds will make up the other 15%.

**7. How many tournaments will we play?** 8 tournaments plus District. Some players may not play all 8 tournaments for various reasons. The top 13 boys and top 13 girls (from our rankings) will play at the District Tournament (if those players are of varsity caliber—13 is the max we can take to district, but we may take less if we have few varsity ready players).

**8. Once I make the team, am I expected to progress each year?** Yes, players are expected to competitively improve year to year helping the program compete in each tournament we play in. Players secure a spot on the roster each year by competitively lowering their tournament scoring average. Our program is a HIGHLY competitive sport not a club sport.

**9. Will I miss school to compete in a golf tournament?** Yes. All our tournaments are during school hours. Students are expected to make arrangements with all their teachers for missed work prior to their

absence. Player lists for tournaments go out at least 48 hours in advance. Players are expected to make up their work the next school day and will not be required to go to practice. Students will be asked to get a pass to the class or classes that they have make-up work, or passes will be written to the library for the class period.

**10. Where do we practice?** Cypresswood Golf Club (Mondays-Thursdays) Tournaments during the week will automatically revert to Practice On Your Own (POYO) those days.

**11. Do we have a dress code policy for practice and tournaments?** YES. Golf attire is required for all practices. No t-shirts, no cargo shorts, and no blue jeans. Shirts must be tucked in while we are at practice and tournaments. Golf shorts or pants and the specified “tournament” shirt will be normal attire for tournaments. Golf shoes must be worn to practice and tournaments.

**12. Does GOHS provide transportation to practice each day?** Usually. Players can take the golf shuttle bus to practice on team practice days. Players that have their own transportation can drive to practice, carpool with a teammate, or have parents drive to practice. We have a form that all players must sign to be able to drive or provide their transportation to practice. Players leave for practice everyday at 1pm.

**13. Does GOHS provide transportation to AND from tournaments?** GOHS will provide transportation to and from tournaments, unless otherwise stated. We leave early on tournament days (5:45am to 6:15am). All parents and players will be given tournament information prior to each event via SportsU. If an event is being hosted by another Conroe ISD school, then the players will provide their own method of transportation to and home from the event. (Car-pooling is encouraged in this situation).

**14. How much does it cost to play golf for GOHS?** It varies from year to year. See Coach Poncho for the latest Golf Order Form. Tournament entry fees, lunch on tournament days, and transportation to out of district events are paid for by GOHS.

**15. Interest in College Golf:** \*Grades and strong character are #1. \*Be Realistic. \*Tournament scoring average around par for Division I consideration. \*Tournament scoring average in the mid to upper 70's for Division II consideration. \*Tournament scoring average in the upper 70's-lower 80's for Division III, NAIA and some JUCO consideration. \*Take lessons and get better each week. \*Practice. \*Play as much competitive golf as you can—outside of school events. \*Contact colleges early (sophomore year). \*Use your resources for help. Open the lines of communication with Coach Poncho, Counselors, and your colleges of choice. \*\*University of Houston Golf Coach Jonathan Dismuke —“we want kids with strong character, very good grades, and they need to be able to play a little golf as well” \*\*New Mexico State University Golf Coach Danny Bowen—“good grades, ability to travel and not be overwhelmed to balance academics and golf. Also the consistency to show that your golf game can travel is a plus”

**16. Summer golf:** STPGA JT—([www.stpgajuniorgolf.com](http://www.stpgajuniorgolf.com)), Beltway Junior Golf Tour—([www.beltwayjgt.com](http://www.beltwayjgt.com)), Texas Junior Golf Tour ([www.tjgt.com](http://www.tjgt.com))

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**Former Grizzly Golfers currently in the College Ranks:**

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