



2023 Girls Golf Handbook

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[All-WNY Scholar Athlete Nomination Form](#)

Girls Golf Sport standards

1. Rules: USGA & Local Course Rules
2. Maximum Number of contests: 20
3. First Practice: Monday, August 21
4. Practice Requirements: Number of practices to represent school as determined by training
5. First Scrimmage: Tuesday, August 22
6. Scrimmage limitations per day: 1 scrimmage
7. First Match: Tuesday, August 22
8. Individual contests limitation per day: 1 match; 2- 9-hole Matches non-school days
9. Nights rest between contests: 1 night
10. Final League Game: Wednesday, September 27
11. All-Catholic Tournaments and Team All-Catholic Championship: TBD
12. Rosters deadline: Prior to First Match
13. Final rosters are due on September 15th, 2023

Match Schedule:

Chairperson: Doug Webster dwebster@mtmercy.org

MMHSAA League Meetings

League Pre-Season: The golf chairman or his representative will attend all league coaches' pre-season meetings.

MMHSAA All-Catholic Meet

Golf Course TBD

Starting Tee Time: 3:00 PM

9-hole Individual and Team All-Catholic Championship

Reporting of scores and recording statistics

Scores will be reported using the [MMHSAA Scores reporting form](#). Scores must be reported by the home team immediately following the game. We will be using [MMHSAA Match Tracker](#) to track league records and statistics. All coaches are responsible for entering their teams results as soon as possible following their league games.

All-Catholic Individual and Team Championship Rules, Scoring, and Conduct

The top three golfers from each school, plus any additional players who average 55 or lower, will qualify. Golfers' averages will be determined by their lowest 5 scores from league matches. Note: all qualifying golfers must compete in at least five of the eight league matches. The top 3 golfers from each school will compete for the All-Catholic Team Championship. (New)

The top six at the All-Catholic Tournament will be honored as individual All-Catholic team members.
Note: No playoff will be conducted for medalist or All-Catholic honors in the All-Catholic tournament.

MMHSAA tournaments

All decisions will be based on current USGA Rules. If a decision cannot be made, the tournament will not be deemed official until the final ruling is handed down by the USGA. Posting of scores by the competitors will not constitute an official tournament. The tournament can be declared official only by the above Rule Committee of MMHSAA.

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1. The tournament will begin with a general review of all rules for the coaches, participants, and spectators. The MMHSAA Code of Conduct will also be presented to all participants at that time.
2. The Tournament will follow USGA stroke play rules. It will consist of nine holes. After all players have completed the same nine holes, the tournament can be declared complete. Only the Tournament Rules Committee can declare the tournament complete and official.
3. The six players with the lowest scores will represent the MMHSAA in the State Championships.
 - a. If a tie for the sixth spot exists, the players will play a playoff if time and course permit. If not, the representative to the State Tournament will be done through a match of score cards.
4. Any teams/individuals that do not follow USGA Rules, or all rules subscribed to by the MMHSAA, cannot participate in the Qualifying Tournament or in the State Championship Tournament.
5. Pairings will be created by the MMHSAA Chairman. Two or more players from the same school will not be paired together, unless there is no alternative
6. Each group of players, when possible, will be accompanied by a coach or MMHSAA representative during play, who will act only as a marker.
 - a. Said coach or representative will not make any rulings.
 - b. The Rules Committee must make all rulings.
 - c. Players in a difficult spot will be encouraged to follow USGA Rule 3.3 - Doubt as to Procedure.
7. No participant will be allowed to play unless accompanied to the tournament by a coach or school representative.
8. Each school will be billed by MMHSAA for the cost of their participants in the All-Catholic match.
9. All scores will be reported by the MMHSAA Golf Chairman to the local news outlets
10. If it is not possible to choose the MMHSAA team on the field of play, then the MMHSAA Golf Advisory Board, with input of all the coaches, will make the choices. This should happen only if the weather makes it impossible to hold the qualifying tournament. The selections should be based only on the play of the golfers during the leagues held that year
11. Any league director with a player involved in a rules dispute will excuse him/ herself from the rules committee for that ruling.
12. Any ruling made by the Rules Committee must be based on the USGA Rules of Golf. If a ruling is in doubt, the USGA must be consulted by phone or in writing before the tournament can be declared official.

State championship

2023 New York

Qualifying for state tournament

1. The top six golfers from our All-Catholic Tournament qualify to represent MMHSAA at the State Tournament. If a qualified player from a league cannot make it to the State tournament, that player's spot will BE filled, until we have six golfers.
2. Individual schools that have a player(s) qualify to go to the state championships are expected to provide supervision for that player at the state tournament. This supervision should come from the player's own coach. The individual schools will be responsible for the costs incurred by the coaches at the state tournament.
3. All schools must fill out a Commitment to Compete form for the state tournament.

Federation Girls Golf Championship

TBA

Guidelines for the markers at the MMHSAA state qualifier

1. Introduce yourself to the competitors. Ask for the brand name of the golf ball they are playing and stress that it be marked for identification. Also stress that if they play a second ball anytime during the round, it needs to be identified, and the number or marking must be different than that of the original.
2. Record the competitor's scores on your scorecard. It is the official card that needs to be turned in immediately after the cards are signed.
3. Be familiar with the different landing areas of the golf holes and be a "fore caddy" at these holes. (see back) Please stay with your group and help them as much as possible. Please don't use this time to go looking for golf balls in the woods, etc. Each foursome should receive the same service from the markers.
4. Please assist in looking for lost balls. Do not lift a ball or mark its position. Do not attend to the flag stick.
5. Markers may not make rulings and should not give advice. However, be familiar with Rule 3.3, doubt as to procedure, and encourage the competitor to use it if he or she is doubtful as to procedure.
6. Most rulings will be handled "after the fact" because of the nature of this tournament. Therefore, again, encourage the players to use rule 3.3. If you have a ruling that needs to be made at the end of the tournament, see the rules committee before having the players sign the scorecard and before you hand the card in at the scorer's table.
7. Encourage players to replace all divots, fix all ball marks, and rake all traps.
8. Encourage play to keep moving, especially if a group falls behind a hole.
9. Handle unsportsmanlike conduct, such as club throwing and swearing, immediately with a verbal warning. If the conduct persists, tell the competitors you will be reporting the facts to the golf committee. Make a note on paper of what was demonstrated by the competitors, as well as the time and the place.
10. At the end of the round, after all rules questions are taken care of, and after everyone in your group is satisfied with the hole-by-hole scores, have them sign the official score card.
11. Use of any tobacco products, vaping products, or alcoholic beverages is prohibited for the players and coaches; using any of these substances will result in disqualification *of the individual*.

Definition of a scrimmage

A scrimmage is a practice that is a **SIMULATED CONTEST**. In scrimmages, (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions

(b) GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED

(c) no official score is kept

A golf scrimmage must include *one or more* of the following:

1. Use different tees
2. Play multiple shots and multiple putts
3. Play two or three balls
4. Alter playing format: match play, Ryder cup, or best ball format

MMHSAA girls golf leagues

Buffalo Seminary

Mount St. Mary's

Mount Mercy

Nardin Academy

Sacred Heart

Park

Regulations

- A. A varsity golf match will be conducted using up to six starting players from each team represented. Each player will complete nine holes of competition and their medal (total strokes) score will be recorded.
- B. Each team in League A shall drop their highest scores and use the sum total of the five remaining scores to determine the winning team.
- C. Each school must have a minimum of 5 golfers to avoid a forfeit.

Match payment responsibility

The home team is responsible for paying for all golfers involved in the match; therefore, the home team is responsible for paying for six per team. If either team brings more than six golfers to a match, each individual school is responsible for paying for its own extra golfers.

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B. Each team shall drop their highest score and use the sum total of the five remaining scores to determine the winning team. The format must follow USGA guidelines.

In the event of a match tie,

Each team shall add their three lowest scores together. The team with the better three lowest scores total is determined to have won the tie-breaker and thus the match. If the teams are still tied after adding their three lowest scores, add in the fourth lowest score. If the teams are still tied, continue to add the fifth and sixth lowest scores respectively until there is a match winner. If a team does not have six players but is still eligible to compete, the team loses the match if tie-breaking procedures reach the empty player slot that the team has not filled.

C. During a competition, if a player in League A becomes injured or ill and must discontinue play, the individual's score will be deemed the high score and all five remaining players' scores from that squad must be used for the total. In League B if a player becomes injured or ill and must discontinue play, the individual's score will be deemed the high score and four of the other five scores must be used for the total.

D. In the event a team only has five players competing in League A or four playing in League B, the team is still eligible to compete, but they lose the option of dropping their one or two high scores. In cross division matches, if a team has five players in League A, they may drop one high score. All scores returned must be used towards the individual scoring average.

E. If a team has fewer than five starting players in League A or four starting players in League B, they will forfeit the match.

F. In tri-matches and/or quad-matches, each team competing will have one player in each group. Team competition is determined by comparing the overall team stroke total as in regular two-team matches. The same tie-breaking procedures apply.

Teams from our league can **scrimmage or play** teams in another league.

Local rules, such as when to play “winter rules,” or how to set up individual courses for play, are up to the individual leagues. But these rules cannot supersede the USGA rules.

Monsignor Martin girls golf - rules and policies

Individual match rules, scoring, and conduct

- 1.) Matches start at 3:45 unless both coaches agree, ahead of time, to an alternative starting time. Slacks or dress shorts and collared shirts must be worn. No jeans, cut offs, tee shirts, etc.
- 2.) Visitors present their lineup first, then the opposing team. Players can be slotted in any order.
- 3.) If a player in the starting six is not present at the course when the match starts, an alternate must be available. Each team must play with six golfers. In case of fewer golfers, **see above**.
- 4.) Medal/stroke play format.
- 5.) Visiting team has the option to tee off first or defer to the home team.
- 6.) Scorecards must be exchanged with opponents and kept by all players. After the match, strokes will be totaled; scorecards must be checked and signed by the player and his opponent.
- 7.) Spectators are **NOT** permitted on the course and may not speak to the players or otherwise influence the outcome while the match is being played
- 8.) Range finder scopes, watches, and any other devices that measure distance only are allowed. Devices that monitor slope/wind are not permitted. If a player is using a measurement device and an opponent without a measurement device requests a measurement, the player with the device must provide an accurate yardage measurement. Phone apps **may not** be used.
- 9.) No cell phones, iPads, MP3 players, smart watches, or other types of electronic equipment can be used while the match is underway.
- 10.) Definition of a completed match: A rain out can be called if six holes haven't been completed by all starting golfers. (see the appendix for examples of complete and incomplete matches). In this event, the match will need to be rescheduled. Scoring (including resolution of a tie) of an abbreviated match will be consistent with full-match scoring.
- 11.) Play the ball down at each course, unless course conditions suggest use of lift, clean, and place provision.
- 12.) Throwing of clubs is prohibited. If a player throws a club, the opposing player must tell both coaches. The coaches will then come to a consensus and a one-stroke penalty may be assessed to that player. If this behavior persists, the player will be disqualified, removed from the match and required to sit out the next match
13. No playoff will be conducted for medalist honors in league matches.
- 16.) Scores must also be entered in the iWanamaker App. Email the league chair only if an emergency circumstance occurs.
- 17.) Coaches are permitted to schedule additional matches up to the league maximum of 20 in a season. These can't interfere with Monsignor Martin matches. Rain-out matches also take precedence, as well. Any matches that are proposed to be scheduled after the All-Catholic tournament must be approved by the Executive Committee of MMHSAA, however, non-league matches are not permitted once the All-Catholics have taken place.
- 18.) Coaches are permitted to coach during school matches, ***anywhere on the entire course, including the putting green. Coaches are NOT permitted to coach at the All-Catholic team or Individual Championships.***

19.) Players must identify and mark their ball prior to teeing off; a provisional ball must be declared as well and marked differently.

MMHSAA chairperson responsibilities

The chairperson will be appointed to the position by the MMHSAA athletic council, for a term of three years. The chairperson will follow all of the rules and regulations set forth by MMHSAA and the NYSPHSAA.

Responsibilities

1. The chairperson is responsible for calling at least two meetings a year.
2. It is up to the chairperson to submit to the athletic council of MMHSAA a preseason report and a postseason report each year.
3. The chairperson is to act as the lead person in securing a course each year for the MMHSAA All-Catholic and state qualifier tournaments.
4. The chairperson will select a qualified individual to act as the head official at the state qualifier and will make all rulings at said tournament along with the executive director and the advisory committee.
5. The chairperson has the responsibility to keep all members and coaches apprised of all pertinent information.

Rules of the game

United States Golf Association

All league and tournament play within the State of New York will be conducted following strict adherence to the rules of golf as set forth by the USGA. No league or tournament is permitted to follow any other rules. No league or tournament can adopt their own rules that would run counter to the rules of golf set forth by the USGA. All league and tournament play must follow current USGA rules. Section coaches, league officials, and players should be provided with the current USGA rule book at the beginning of each year, and should be aware of any and all changes to those rules that have taken place.

The United States Golf Association will have the final say in any and all rule disputes that surface within the section. All questions about rulings should be directed to

United States Golf Association Golf House
P.O. Box 708
Far Hill, New Jersey 07931
1-800-223-0041
1-908-234-2300

*Important link: [Are Range finders allowed for competition?](#)

Contingency plan for MMHSAA competition (weather or illness)

1. Contests will be postponed only if a participating school or golf course/club is officially closed due to weather or illness.
2. It is the responsibility of the athletic director (or designee) to notify the executive director that the school has been closed due to weather conditions (or illness) as soon as he/she becomes aware of such action. Officials and the media will be notified by the home school athletic director (or designee).
3. In the event that a school is closed on the day its playoff contest is scheduled, the decision to play shall rest with the district superintendent.
4. When a contest is at a non-school site: If the competition facility and the roads to that destination are open, then the competition will go on as scheduled. If the roads are closed or the facility is closed, then the competition will be canceled. ***Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by MMHSAA available for practice when a meet is canceled. Individual schools wishing to use a site for practice must follow standard rental procedures through their athletic director.***

5. The home school athletic director will notify the executive director of any postponements.
6. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is up to the individual leagues to recognize the potential for snow days, power outages, etc., that may cause cancellations and problems. The individual leagues should schedule their last league contest at least one or two days prior to the seeding meeting, allowing for a make-up league contest(s) prior to the seeding meeting if necessary. The storm in February 2006 that closed schools the day before the seeding meeting bears this point out.

MMHSAA jewelry rule

Jewelry is allowed in golf competitions.

All-WNY Scholar Athletes

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection as an All-WNY Scholar Athlete. Applications must be completed on-line. Click here for [the criteria for selection and the Nomination Form](#). All paperwork, **along with a copy of the completed online application**, must be submitted as required before TBD.

MMHSAA AED policy

Although the New York State legislature may have not gone so far as to make Education Law Section 917 applicable to nonpublic schools, the MMHSAA believes that its member schools should observe the law's requirements as a "best practice" and therefore strongly encourages them to do so. For events that the MMHSAA hosts at neutral sites, there will be AED equipment present as well as people who know how to operate the equipment. For playoff matches at a member school, the member school is responsible for providing the AED. During the soccer season, it will be the independent responsibility of each school to ensure whether and how the school will observe these best practices relating to AED's.

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star & Outside Agency Contest

1. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests MUST be approved by MMHSAA. In addition, Senior All-Star contests must be approved by MMHSAA. The forms required are posted on the section website*
2. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests must be conducted within the season dates approved by the MMHSAA Athletic Council for that sport. The calendar of approved season dates for all sports is posted on the section website*
3. Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests.
4. *A contestant may participate in any approved senior all star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year. (approved October 24, 2013, MMHSAA Executive Committee Meeting).*
NOTE: A senior all-star contest, by NYSPCHSAA standards, is one in which an athlete's participation is based solely on outstanding performance as a member of a high school team. If open tryouts are held, the contest is NOT a NYSPHSAA all-star contest.

MMHSAA thunder and lightning policy

Thunder and lightning necessitate that all contests be suspended (see page 11). The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion: thunder is thunder, and lightning is lightning. If lightning and/or thunder is observed, all outdoor activities will be suspended immediately. Players and spectators shall be directed to report to a shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or, if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g., bus, van, car). The officials and responsible authorities shall make every reasonable effort to resume and complete the contest, with full consideration of the weather and site conditions (as they affect safety and playing conditions). The officials/coaches shall wait 30 minutes from the time the last boom is heard and/or the last strike is seen before starting or resuming play.

Clarifications

Prior to contest

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials/coaches 30 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official/coaches and the responsible school authorities shall not permit the contest to begin. Before the contest can begin, a 30-minute period void of any strike or boom must be observed.

During the contest

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials during the playing of the contest, the officials/coaches shall immediately cease play for 30 minutes. Play may not resume until there has been a period of at least 30 minutes in which no boom or strike has been observed. The rules of the sport shall determine whether the contest is official or must be resumed later. (Please refer to item #5 Suspended Games located in MMHSAA Playoff Detail).

Policy on travel to state competition for team sports

Check the MMHSAA [Travel Policy](#) for information.

Golf's new rules: major changes

Golf 101: [Rules interpreted.](#)

The following are the main changes to the rules of golf effective January 1, 2019 that are expected to have the most impact on the game and to be of most interest to golfers. The items covered on this page are organized into nine categories. Within each individual item, you will find the main reasons for the change.

Ball at Rest | Ball in Motion | Taking Relief | Areas of the Course

Equipment | Playing a Ball | When to Play During a Round | Player Behavior | Local Rule

[Click here](#) for USGA resources on the above changes.

Sportsmanship Philosophy

1. We believe that interscholastic athletics is an important part of education and support the ideals and values embodied in good sportsmanship.
2. We believe that sportsmanlike behavior is essential if interscholastic competition is to contribute usefully and constructively to the broad goals of education and to the quality of life of those involved.
3. We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to encourage and support the development and maintenance of a sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic competition.

Code of Conduct Philosophy

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition requires conduct that reflects the understanding that contests as a part of an overall school program are intended to be enjoyed. Behavior that reflects a winning-at-all-costs attitude violates this standard.
2. Interscholastic competition provides valuable lessons and learning experiences that are not possible in the regular classroom setting. All involved must support the need to develop the ability to compete with enthusiasm and to accept winning with grace and losing with dignity.
3. Coaches, players, and fans should know that participation is an honor and privilege which requires them to conduct themselves in a manner that brings honor and pride to their school and community.
4. Respect for the cultural and ethnic diversity of one's opponents, their school, and community is a fundamental tenet of wholesome athletic competition. This standard suggests that planned activity is needed to demonstrate a warm and friendly welcome, mutual respect, and a genuine readiness to participate in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. Players should demonstrate both knowledge of the rules and respect for game officials and their decisions. Coaches and school officials have the responsibility to teach and encourage these attributes.

Sportsmanship Pledge

The New York State Catholic High School Athletic Association and the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association requires that game administrators, school administrations and officials enforce a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for athletes, coaches, and spectators. They will not tolerate negative statements of actions between opposing players, especially abusive language, trash talking, taunting, or baiting of opponents. If such comments are heard or actions seen, a penalty will be assessed immediately. Spectators are reminded that "The fee paid to gain admission to this Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association event does not entitle you to:

- a. berates officials;
- b. question the coach;
- c. make negative comments toward either team;

d. display inappropriate behavior

The playing field is an extension of the classroom. Please practice good sportsmanship."

This announcement stands as the official warning and the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY is posted at the entrances to today's game.

Heat Index Procedures

Administration of Heat Index Procedures

- Feels-like Temperature (heat index) will be checked one hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the feels-like temperature (heat index) is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the feels-like temperature (heat index) at halftime or the midway point of the contest. If the feels-like temperature (heat index) temperature is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

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| | Feels-like temp (heat index) under 79 degrees | Full activity. No restrictions |
| R E C O M M E N D E D | Heat index caution: Feels-like temp (heat index) 80 degrees to 85 degrees | Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illnesses. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. |
| | Heat index watch: Feels-like temp (heat index) 86 degrees to 90 degrees | Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illnesses. Consider postponing practice to a time when the Feels-like temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. One hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (e.g., two-hour practice = two-hour recovery time). |
| | Heat index warning: Feels-like temp (heat index) 91 degrees to 95 degrees | Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illnesses. Consider postponing practice to a time when the feels-like temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. One hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (e.g., two-hour practice = two-hour recovery time). Lightweight and loose-fitting clothes should be worn. For practices, football helmets should be worn, but no other protective equipment should be worn. |
| REQUIRE D | Heat index alert: Feels-like temp (heat index) 96 degrees or greater | No outside activity, practice, or contest should be held. Inside activity should only be held if the facility is air conditioned. |

Approved May 1, 2010
Updated July 27, 2016

Wind chill procedures

Administration of wind chill procedures:

- Feels-like Temperature (wind chill) will be checked one hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 39 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or online.
- If the feels-like temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the feels-like (wind chill) at halftime or the midway point of the contest. If the feels-like (wind chill) temperature is -11 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

| | Feels-like temp (wind chill) above 40 degrees | Full activity. No restrictions |
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| R E C O M M E N D E D | Wind chill caution: Feels-like temp (wind chill) 39 degrees to 20 degrees | Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold-related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. |
| | Wind chill watch: Feels-like temp (wind chill) 19 degrees to 10 degrees | Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold-related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. |
| | Wind chill warning: Feels-like temp (wind chill) 9 degrees to -10 degrees | Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold-related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing practice to a time when the feels-like temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session. |
| REQUIRE D | Wind chill alert: Feels-like Temp (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower | No outside activity, practice, or contest should be held. |

Special Note: Alpine Skiing will be exempt from this policy and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held.

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Sportsmanship Pledge

The following statement will be read before the golf match by the coaches and just prior to the pledge to the flag:

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This announcement stands as the official warning of the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. Let today's contest reflect mutual respect between all participants and spectators.

Appendix

Definition of a complete match: Golf matches will be considered complete when the last group has finished at least 6 holes.

Examples:

Complete match in a B match:

Examples: once 4 groups have completed 6 holes the match will be considered complete and the scores from completed holes will be added to determine match winner:

| Group | Holes completed | Team A | Team B |
|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 9 | 44 | 45 |
| 2 | 8 | 47 | 47 |
| 3 | 7 | 45 | 46 |
| 4 | 6 | 40 | 40 |
| Score | | 176 | 178 Team A wins match |

Incomplete Match in a B match:

Examples: once 4 groups have completed 6 holes the match will be considered complete and the scores from completed holes will be added to determine match winner:

| Group | Holes completed | Team A | Team B |
|-------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 9 | 44 | 45 |
| 2 | 8 | 47 | 47 |
| 3 | 7 | 45 | 46 |
| 4 | 5 | 40 | 40 |
| Score | | 176 | 178 |

Match must be rescheduled and play from beginning

Complete match in an A match:

Examples: once 4 groups have completed 6 holes the match will be considered complete and the scores from completed holes will be added to determine match winner:

| Group | Holes completed | Team A | Team B |
|-------|-----------------|--------|--|
| 1 | 9 | 44 | 45 |
| 2 | 8 | 47 | 47 (on the green on 9 but hole not complete) |
| 3 | 8 | 45 | 46 |
| 4 | 7 | 40 | 40 |
| 5 | 6 | 45 | 46 |
| Score | | 221 | 224 Team A wins match |

Incomplete Match in an A match:

Examples: once 4 groups have completed 6 holes the match will be considered complete and the scores from completed holes will be added to determine match winner:

| Group | Holes completed | Team A | Team B |
|-------|-----------------|--------|--|
| 1 | 9 | 44 | 45 |
| 2 | 8 | 47 | 47 (on the green on 9 but hole not complete) |
| 3 | 8 | 45 | 46 |
| 4 | 6 | 40 | 40 |
| 5 | 5 | 45 | 46 |
| Score | | 176 | 178 |

Match must be rescheduled and play from beginning.

Monsignor Martin Athletic Association Golf Score Sheet

_____ vs. _____

Date: _____ Course: _____

Home Score _____ Away Score _____

| Home Golfer | Score | Away Golfer | Score |
|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
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Score Dropped _____

Total Score _____

Medalist: _____ Score: _____

Scrimmage Scores

| Home Golfer | Score | Away Golfer | Score |
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Monsignor Martin Athletic Association Golf Score Sheet

_____ vs. _____ vs. _____

Date: _____ Course: _____

Home Score _____ Away Score _____
 Home Score _____ Away Score _____
 Home Score _____ Away Score _____

| Team 1 | Score | Team 2 | Score | Team 3 | Score |
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Score Dropped _____
 Total Score _____

Medalist: _____ Score: _____

Medalist: _____ Score: _____

Scrimmage Scores

| Team 1 | Score | Team 2 | Score | Team 3 | Score |
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