



## **TEAM GUIDELINES**

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES**

**Golf is a competitive U.I.L. sport. The athletic period is not a P.E. class and is not designed for the inexperienced golfer.**

- **The Keller High School golf program will abide by the U.I.L. eligibility rules as do all other high school sports sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.**
- **Amateur Rule 1-2: Amateur Status is a Universal Condition of Eligibility for playing in golf competitions as an amateur golfer. A person who acts contrary to the rules may forfeit this amateur status and as a result will be ineligible to participate in amateur competitions.**
- **Each individual golfer is limited to participating in no more than eight invitational tournaments during the school year. As long as our district tournament remains a 36 hole event, we will play four varsity/J.V. tournaments in the fall and four varsity/J.V. tournaments in the spring prior to the district championship.**

### **QUALIFICATIONS TO MAKE THE TEAM/TRYOUTS**

**To be part of the Keller High School Golf Team the following requirements must be met: Summer tournaments may begin after April 1, and the requirement must be met by August 1. The tournaments must be 18 holes and part of an organized junior tour (NTPGA MEDALIST OR ALL AMERICAN, TJGT, Legends Tour, AJGA, etc.). Each player needs to participate in at least four tournaments during this time period to be eligible to try-out. You may play in as many tournaments as you feel needed in order to help you as an individual player achieve your goals. The top four scores will be averaged and the players will be ranked by the coaching staff going into the fall season try-outs. The following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the team. We will take 15-20 players each year.**

- **Incoming freshmen must have a scoring average under 100 Boys and 110 Girls.**
- **Sophomores under 95 Boys and 100 Girls.**
- **Juniors under 90 Boys and 95 Girls.**
- **Seniors must qualify for the varsity team under 85 Boys and 90 Girls**
- **COACH JACKSON WILL ADJUST THESE BASED ON TOP 15 PLAYERS PER TEAM**

## **PLAYER EXPECTATIONS**

- **Each Player needs to have at least a range membership at either SkyCreek or Trophy Club**
- **It is expected that each Team Member's family will join and support the Keller Athletic Booster Club (KAB). And that each team member will fulfill the fundraiser requirements. We will have two fundraisers through-out the year and each family is expected to participate.**
- **To be competitive in 6A golf each player needs to be able to consistently shoot mid to low 70's. Every team member should have their sights set on achieving that standard.**
  - **Freshmen: This is a developmental year during which players improve their golf swing mechanics, practice habits, and commitment to their game. Freshmen should be working hard in the areas of fitness and developing their golf swing.**
  - **Sophomores: There should be a marked improvement in their skills, practice habits, short game, and golf course management. Sophomore scores should start improving by 7-10 shots per round and the player needs to be competing for at least a spot on the varsity 2 team.**
  - **Juniors: Skills and overall game should be peaking and they should develop leadership skills in a team environment. Juniors need to be in the top 10-12 players in the program and need to be 90 or below scoring average. This is a big year as far as making the team as a senior.**
  - **Seniors: A senior should provide leadership for the golf program and conduct himself as an exemplary role model. Seniors not ranking in the top five will not play in the junior varsity tournaments.**

## **PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS**

EACH PLAYER IS EXPECTED TO BE AT PRACTICE 3 DAYS A WEEK DURING YOUR SCHEDULED TIME. UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH COACH JACKSON. PRACTICE IS ON YOUR OWN THE DAYS THE COACHES ARE AT TOURNAMENTS OR ON DAYS THAT ONLY ONE COACH IS AVAILABLE.

### **SKYCREEK**

MONDAY-BOYS AND GIRLS

TUESDAY-BOYS AND GIRLS

WEDNESDAY-BOYS OR GIRLS MAKE-UP DAY

THURSDAYS-GIRLS OR BOYS MAKE-UP DAY

### **TROPHY CLUB**

TUESDAY-BOYS AND GIRLS

WEDNESDAY-BOYS AND GIRLS

THURSDAYS-BOYS AND GIRLS

## **TEAM IMAGE AND BEHAVIOR**

Because of golf being an off-campus sport we are in many ways more visible to the public and perhaps subject to more scrutiny than some of the other sports. It is therefore critical to the continued success of the Keller Golf Program that we represent ourselves and our school in the best possible way that we can.

- Represent yourself and Keller High School in an appropriate manner. Your actions should always show the qualities of good character and sportsmanship.
- Golfers must always check in the pro shop for practice area availability, range availability and tee times.
- Golf attire should be worn at all times during practice and team attire during tournaments. Shirts will be tucked in and belts will be worn at practice and at tournaments. Hats are to be worn facing forward.
- Improper language, temper tantrums, and club throwing will not be tolerated. If this behavior happens during a tournament, a penalty of 2 strokes will be assessed by me for the first violation, DQ for the second violation.
- Dishonesty: If dishonesty occurs during the course of play, the player will be disqualified for the remainder of the competition;
- Players will strictly adhere to the Keller ISD athletic departments policies of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and social media.
- Players are expected to be ready to load the bus/van/suburban 15 minutes prior to the departure time.

### **QUALIFYING FOR VARSITY (7 to 12 players)**

- A limited number of players will have the opportunity to qualify for varsity tournaments. Be prepared to qualify anytime. Our course time is limited so this may be a last minute notice. The coach will select the players participating based on varsity experience and tournament/practice performance.

### **DISTRICT/REGIONALS/STATE**

- District Golf Tournament The district golf team will consist of 10 players. There will be two five player teams. Selections are made by the coach. There will also be a season-long competition for 3 medalist spots. (To play at District, you MUST have a scoring average under 90 for boys and under 95 for girls).
- Once the team qualifies for the regional/state tournament there not be a structured team practices except for those members and alternates that qualified.
- The coaching staff also reserves the right to have qualifiers after these tournaments depending scores and performance leading up to these events.

### **LETTERING REQUIREMENTS**

Players must accumulate at least a total of 6 points for the year.

- ½ POINT: Qualifying for a Varsity 1 Tournament
- ½ POINT: Players score is counted in a Varsity 1 Tournament Per Round towards the team score in a Varsity Tournament
- 1-POINT Qualifying for the District Tournament