

TO:	Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches of GOLF
FROM:	Glenn Fogel
SUBJECT:	2009 District IV Golf Tournament
DATE:	July 31, 2009

DATE—TIME—PLACE

The 2009 District IV Golf Tournament will be played on the VINTAGE AND CHALLENGE COURSES of the WHITE DEER GOLF COURSE. The schedule for District play will be as follows:

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – 1st Round play for women, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – Team Championship for women, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2009 – 1st Round play for men, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2009 – Team Championship for men, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 10, 2009 – 2nd Round play for men and women, 10:00 a.m.

The 1st Round scores will be used to determine the MEN'S and WOMEN'S team championship as well as the individual male and female qualifiers for the second round that will be played on Saturday, October, 10, 2009. Saturday's competition will use the White Deer Challenge Course.

The first round for women might be changed to Thursday, October 8, if there are as few women golfers as in the past.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Each school with a golf team is invited to enter up to four (4) male golfers and up to four (4) female golfers in the individual championship. Names and average scores for the 2009 season should be submitted on the enclosed ENTRY FORM. Pairings will be made using these average scores, in order to be eligible **boys must have an average score of 88** or better and girls must have an average score of 100 or better to be eligible for the individual championship competition. **There will be no exceptions made to these entry criteria. At large entries** (those players whose school does not sponsor a golf team) must also possess an **average score of 88 or better for boys** and **100 or better for girls** and must compete in at least five competitions during the season prior to the District IV Championship. **For boys the round on Saturday will have the top thirty (30) golfers and anyone tied with the 30th golfer from the first day's competition. The female golfers qualifying for Saturday will be those with lowest eight (8) scores and ties from round one.**

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Each school with a golf team is invited to enter up to four (4) male golfers and up to four (4) female golfers in the team championship. **In order to be eligible your team must have a winning percentage of 50% or better to**

*enter the District IV Team Championship. If your team competes against several other teams during a match you would record a win, loss, or tie for each team you competed against during that particular match. Please fill out the enclosed entry form for team competition. Please keep in mind that you may enter golfers in the team competition who do not meet the **QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP** provided your team has a winning percentage of 50% or better. The golfers who are entered into the team competition who do not meet the **QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP** are not eligible to compete in the District IV Individual Championship and therefore will not return for competition on Saturday, October 10, 2009.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The District IV Golf Tournament will be conducted in accordance with the PIAA rules and regulations. The following are supplementary to the PIAA rules.

1. The **TOURNAMENT** will start promptly each day. Coaches should report to the registration area at least one hour before the start time. It is the responsibility of the coach to arrive on time with his/her team. **This year the tournament will begin with a shotgun start on October 8, 2009. A meeting will be held with all players and coaches prior to the start of the tournament on each day. A coaches meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 2009, on the patio outside the clubhouse. This meeting is mandatory for all coaches. Each coach will be assigned a foursome. The coach will be responsible for keeping score for all players in their assigned group. Further details of coaches responsibilities will be covered in the mandatory meeting at 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 2009.**
2. Medals will be awarded to the six (6) lowest male scores (blue tees) and three (3) lowest female scores (red tees). The lowest team total, based on the combined scores from the 1st round of 18 holes from the blue tees for men and red tees for women, will be awarded the 2009 Champion Team Trophy. If two or more teams tie, the team champion will be determined by a sudden death playoff, if possible. If inclement weather does not allow for a sudden death playoff, ties will be broken by determining the best team score on the number one handicap hole, still tie second handicap hole, etc.
3. The six male medal winners and the three female medal winners will advance to the Regional Qualifying Tournament on October 21, 2009. Site of regional tournament will be the Golden Oaks Golf Club.
4. With the addition of Regional Qualifying Tournament for both boys and girls on October 21, 2009. District IV will determine its representatives for regional play by October 10, 2009. Therefore, if weather conditions result in only one round of play, please understand that the boys and girls qualifiers along with team qualifiers will be determined by this single round of play. In the event of a tie for individual qualifiers this will be determined by a sudden death playoff if possible. If inclement weather does not allow for a sudden death playoff, ties will be broken by determining the best score on the number one handicap hole, still tie second handicap hole, etc.

5. In case of light rain and no lightning, we play. The decision will be made at the course on the day(s) we play. Do not assume postponements.
6. An **OFFICIALS** committee appointed by the District IV Chairman will rule on all disputes. The **HOST** course will provide a list of all local rules. That list is included in this packet.
7. **TIE SCORES**, both team and individual, will be decided by sudden death starting on hole #1, weather permitting.
8. **NO STUDENT-ATHLETES** are permitted in the bar area.
9. The usual courtesies of golf are stressed—replace divots, smooth footprints in sand traps, and repair ball marks on putting surfaces.
10. Proper golf attire is to be worn: shirts with collars, golf slacks or golf shorts.
11. Summer rules or preferred lies will be determined by the White Deer personnel.
12. Coaches are not permitted to follow players. **COACHES: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO APPLY THE RULES OF GOLF TO CLARIFY A RULES QUESTION. ENCOURAGE THE GOLFER TO USE THE USGA RULE BOOK, RULE 3-3, THE SECOND BALL PROCEDURE.**
13. Point of Clarification: There have been a few inquiries as to whether or not a female golfer could participate in both a girls and boys tournament. According to the PIAA office, “a girl may participate in the girls’ district qualifier because that is how she will be competing if she advances to the regional tournament. She is also eligible to compete in the boys’ team championships if she has competed as a boy all season. However, she must take her score from the girls’ district qualifier to advance to the regional tournament. She may not use her score from the boys’ team tournament”.

WHITE DEER’S RULES OF PLAY

U.S.G.A. RULES will govern all play except for the following local rules:

1. **If preferred lies are posted, or it is announced that they exist: In your own fairway only:** you may mark the ball, lift, clean, and place it within one club length (with your hand or club head) from the mark – **NO CLOSER** to the hole.
2. **Plugged balls:** free relief through the green or any mowed area including the rough. No relief if the ball lies in a hazard. Procedure in the rough: you may clean and drop the ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief – **NO PENALTY.**
3. **Ground under repair:** Defined by white lines, you may play the ball as it lies or without penalty, lift, clean, and drop the ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief.
4. **Water hazards:** Defined by yellow stakes for Regular Hazards and red stakes for Lateral Hazards. Water hazards will be dealt with in accordance to USGA Rule #26. **ONE STROKE PENALTY.**
5. **Out of bounds:** Defined by inside edge of boundary fence posts, or inside edge of white stakes on right side of #8 on the VINTAGE course.
6. **Second Ball Ruling:** If competitors cannot agree on a rules decision, the original ball and a second ball shall be played from that point to the completion of the hole. The player must announce his/her intent to play a second ball and which ball he/she desires to score the hole with before continuing. A decision will be made by the **RULES COMMITTEE** as to which ball counts.

7. **Tournament Format, Schedule Changes, and Rule Decision:** The decision on these matters will be made by the RULES COMMITTEE and will be final.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Conduct of Players

A two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for conduct unbecoming an interscholastic golfer. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to club throwing, defined as releasing a club in anger or in a manner to cause harm to any person or to a golf course: use of abusive or profane language; willful acts which damage property or equipment or a golf course; or other unbecoming conduct as determined by the Tournament Director or Rules Committee.

Use of a Caddy, Pull Cart, or Motorized Cart is Prohibited

The use of a caddy, pull cart, or motorized cart during the first round, and the final round **WILL NOT** be permitted. Contestants will be required to carry their clubs and will be required to walk the course during the first round, and the final round.

Spectator and Coach Decorum

Parents, spectators, and the media who choose to walk the course **BEHIND** the contestants, may do so under the following restrictions:

1. **DO NOT** offer comments or make suggestions to the golfers. **NO COACHING!**
2. **DO NOT** observe play closer than twenty-five (25) yards **BEHIND** the group of competitors being observed.
3. **DO NOT** cross over or observe play from teeing areas, fairways, or putting greens. Play may be observed from cart paths or the "rough" only.
4. **DO NOT** move or talk when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
5. **DO NOT** attempt to decide questions of fact, or attempt to apply the Rules of Golf.

CONTESTANTS' ATTIRE

All golf contestants are required to wear appropriate attire (i.e. golf shirt with collar and golf slacks or golf shorts). No exceptions are permitted. T-shirts, altered apparel, jeans, and advertisements (other than a 1 ½" x 1 ½" square manufacturer's logo/trade name and/or school's logo are permitted on the front and/or back of the golf shirt with collar. Sweaters and/or jackets will be permitted when necessitated by weather conditions.

School-issued caps, and caps with no logos or markings are permitted. College logos or other logos, and caps with tape over the logo will not be permitted.

ENTRY FORM SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please complete the enclosed entry forms, being sure to rank your players from 1 through 5 (number 5 is the alternate). Also enclose an ELIGIBILITY SHEET with the entry forms. This year there will be no entry fee. Lunch reservations for the 1st round play dates can be made on the ENTRY FORM for those desiring to purchase lunch. The cost will be five dollars (\$5) per lunch. Lunches will also be available at the club on Saturday, but each school is responsible for making its own arrangements with Mulligans before teeing off on Saturday. ENTRY FORMS, ELIGIBILITY SHEETS, AND LUNCH RESERVATIONS should be sent to:

Glenn Fogel, 75 Market Street, Mifflinburg, PA 17844, no later than Friday, September 25, 2009.

DISTRICT IV PIAA TEAM GOLF ENTRY FORM

BOYS or GIRLS
(Please circle)

This form is due by the close of school on September 25, 2009 and its submission acknowledges agreement to abide by the rules established by the District IV Committee. Please be sure to list all opponents even if not played at time of submission. An eligibility sheet must also be submitted. You may FAX this form to Glenn Fogel at 570-966-8260.

High School _____
 School Phone _____
 AD Phone _____
 AD Home Phone _____

Principal _____
 Principal Home Phone _____
 Coach _____
 Coach's Home Phone _____

	Date	Opponent	Your Score	Their Score	W if won L if loss T if tie
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Overall Record Wins _____ Losses _____ Ties _____

Overall Winning Percentage _____

Signature of Principal

Signature of Athletic Director