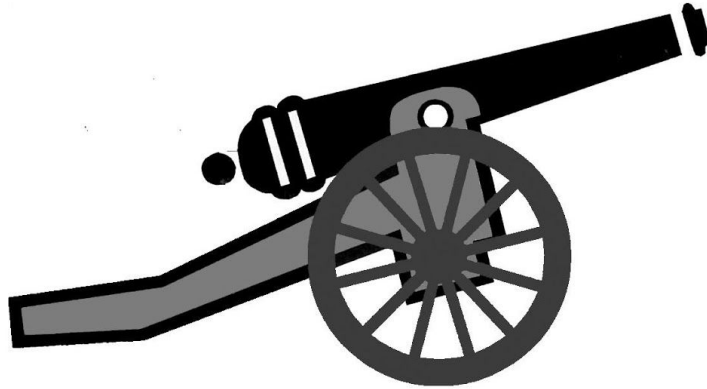


Bull Run District



GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 30th, 2019

Hosted By

Heritage Oaks Golf Course

680 Garbers Church Road

Harrisonburg, VA 22801

<https://www.heritageoaksgolf.com/>

540-442-6502

and

Strasburg High School

250 Ram Drive

Strasburg, VA 22657

540-465-8669

GENERAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE TOURNAMENT

Entries: Tournament entries are due to Matt Hiserman at Strasburg by Wednesday, Sept. 25th at Noon. Please just send an e-mail listing your six players, seeded #1-#6 and up to two alternates for Monday's tournament. You DO NOT need to send an official tournament entry form if your school's roster is up to date on www.bullrundistrictva.org

Entries should be sent as an attachment to Matt Hiserman at Strasburg High School

E-mail: mrhiserman@shenandoah.k12.va.us

Office Phone # 540-465-8669

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Practice Rounds:

- Practice rounds can be scheduled on Friday, Sept. 27 or Sunday, Sept. 29th (Sunday will be a 1:30 PM Shotgun start) There are no practice rounds available for Saturday due to a college golf event. Practice rounds will be \$9 per golfer walking or \$26 per golfer riding (must have a valid driver's license to drive a cart)

Tee Times: Tee times will be listed below in the tournament chart, please see below for exact tee times. The first tee time will be 10:00 AM and will go in 8 minute increments. Participants will play in groups of 3 or 4.

Tees: All male participants will play from the Black tees and all female participants will play a combination of the white/green tees (those tees will be marked with an American flag on the tournament day). This falls within the VHSL 85% rule.

Food and Beverage: A snack bag will be provided for all golfers and coaches and coaches will be provided a meal ticket for the food vendor at Heritage Oaks (2 tickets total per school). All players lunches will need to be purchased by each school. We are working with the vendor on a lunch special for golfers.

Attire: Proper golf attire is required. This course is a soft spike facility.

Scoring:

AT THE END OF EACH PLAYERS ROUND, PLAYERS WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE SCORING AREA TO CALCULATE AND DOUBLE CHECK SCORE CARDS. PLAYERS SHOULD NOT STOP AND TALK TO SPECTATORS, TEAMMATES, ETC. DURING THIS TIME. NO PARENTS OR SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SCORING AREA

Awards:

Bull Run District regular season and tournament championship team trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. Individual tournament finishers 1-6 will be awarded 1st team All-District medals and individual finishers 7-12 will be awarded 2nd team All-District medals.

Play:

The Bull Run District golf championships will be playing the +5 rule per hole per player. A player can take a max 8 on a par 3, max 9 on a par 4, and a max 10 on a par 5 in an effort to speed up play. The plan is to play the ball down, but Heritage Oaks is aerifying their fairways so it could be determined on match day to allow golfers to move the ball one club length in their own fairway ONLY!

Advancement to the Region 2B Tournament

The BRD regular season champion and the tournament champion (runner-up if tournament champion is also the regular season champion) and the top 8 individuals not on those two advancing teams from Class 2 will qualify for the Region 2B to be held on Monday, Oct. 7th at Heritage Oaks Golf Course in Harrisonburg starting at 10 AM.

MONDAY TEE TIMES

All participants will begin on Hole #1

10:00	Strasburg #1	Madison Co. #1	Stonewall Jackson #1	East Rockingham #1
10:08	Page Co. #1	Luray #1	Clarke Co. #1	Rappahannock Co. #1
10:16	Madison Co. #2	Stonewall Jackson #2	East Rockingham #2	Strasburg #2
10:24	Luray #2	Clarke Co. #2	Rappahannock Co. #2	Page Co. #2
10:32	Stonewall Jackson #3	East Rockingham #3	Strasburg #3	Madison Co. #3
10:40	Clarke Co. #3	Rappahannock Co. #3	Page Co. #3	Luray #3
10:48	East Rockingham #4	Strasburg #4	Madison Co. #4	Stonewall Jackson #4
10:56	Rappahannock #4	Page Co. #4	Luray #4	Clarke Co. #4
11:04	Strasburg #5	Madison Co. #5	Stonewall Jackson #5	East Rockingham #5
11:12	Page Co. #5	Luray #5	Clarke Co. #5	Rappahannock Co. #5
11:20	Madison Co. #6	Stonewall Jackson #6	East Rockingham #6	Strasburg #6
11:28	Luray #6	Clarke Co. #6	Rappahannock Co. #6	Page Co. #6

- **If any team isn't entering 6 golfers, please let me know ASAP and I will adjust the tee times**

IMPORTANT ITEMS OF NOTE FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

- **USGA and VHSL rules** are in effect and a rules committee will be in place should it be needed.
- Rules: USGA rules shall govern all play except as modified by local rules and conditions.
- Rulings: All rulings will be made by the host professional or manager. If he is not available, all rulings will be made by a committee of two/three coaches whose players are not involved in the situation.
- **The VHSL Advice Rule** is in effect:
- (5) In addition to provisions of USGA Rule 8, each team may appoint **only one person**, either its head or assistant coach as identified to the tournament director before the start of the competition each day, to give advice or ask for advice from members of that team. The designated coach may not be given advice or ask for advice from another team's players or coaches or from any other representative of his/her own team. **Advice may be given anytime on the course except on the green, where coaches will not be permitted. Swing demonstration and shot alignment will also be prohibited by the coach. Coaches whose players fall out of position when competing in an event in which the VSGA Pace of Play flag system is in effect will only be allowed to give advice from green to tee, and only when all balls of all players in the group are no longer in play. Once players are back in position as noted by the flag system, coaches will regain their full advice privileges.** Advice is to be given in a private manner that does not unduly delay play. The penalty for breach of conditions by a player is a two-stroke penalty, by a coach is two strokes added to his/her team's score.

- (6) Local rules of the host club shall be observed implicitly, and the authorized faculty sponsor for each competing school shall be responsible for such compliance by members of his/her group. As noted under Rule 6-3 of the USGA rules, **if the player arrives ready to play within five minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes to be added to the first hole score.** No caddies or carts shall be used by participants. The tournament director may share his/her responsibility to rule on technical questions arising from play to some other person and/or committee, appointed by the director. The decisions of the committee are final.

Coaches are reminded to inform their players and spectators:

1. Proper dress.
 - a. Shirts with collars
 - b. No cut-offs
 - c. Proper footwear (Soft Spikes)

Sportsmanship. VHSL Handbook. 70-4-3 Playing Etiquette

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(1) A player will not be permitted to throw or abuse any piece of equipment during the match.
Penalty-Such action constitutes a sportsmanship violation and must be reported to the League.

(2) A player shall not use profanity during the match.
Penalty-Such action constitutes a sportsmanship violation and must be reported to the League.

(3) A player shall not use tobacco or tobacco-like products during the match.
Penalty-Disqualification from match.

- *Since this is a gentleman's game, we are trusting in the honesty and integrity of each golfer to give his or her marker the proper strokes per hole.*
Any golfer that is guilty of cheating during the match is subject to be disqualified from the match
- *Remind players that scores for each hole should be written on the score card before teeing off on the next tee.*
- *At the conclusion of play, score cards should be checked for correctness before being signed and turned in. USGA Rules of Golf- 6-6d."The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he shall be disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand."*
- **Parents and spectators are to be reminded that they shall in no way be involved with coaching the players. ALL SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN ON THE CART PATH. If no cart path is available, the spectators should remain at a distance of at least 5 yards from the fairway.**

70-4-5 Determining Conference and Regional Championships-A team shall consist of a minimum of four players and a maximum of six players. Each entrant shall play either 18 or 36 holes of stroke play (determined in advance by individual Councils). The four-person team with the lowest aggregate score for the tournament shall be declared the champion. The individual with the lowest aggregate score shall be declared the individual champion.

Golf distance measuring devices(DMD)

Distance measuring devices(DMD) are permissible in VHSL golf competition, provided that a golfer using the DMD shares the accurate information with the other golfers in his or her group. Intentionally providing inaccurate information to the other golfers would constitute a sportsmanship violation.

Any DMD used in VHSL competition must be a distance measuring device ONLY. The device must not have any other potential functions such as wind, slope, etc., even if those functions are turned "OFF."

70-4-1 Special Rules/State Association Adoptions PM 70-4-1 GOLF/Carts (12-14)-

Players may use a push cart or pull cart provided that the cart is not motorized or in any other manner self-propelled. The use of push carts or pull carts is subject to course discretion. The Executive Director can approve use of riding golf carts for players with a significant and permanent disability if proper medical documentation for the need for the riding cart as a reasonable and necessary accommodation is provided. Use of a riding cart is not permitted to accommodate a sports injury or other similar temporary condition.

70-4-8 Play Stoppage-In case the state tournament cannot be completed in its entirety (inclement weather, darkness or otherwise), the following rules shall apply:

(1) All rounds in which participants begin on the same tee will consist of three sixhole stipulated rounds and will follow USGA rules in calculation of scores.

(3) If all stipulated rounds are not completed, all ties will be broken using the last stipulated round (6 holes) completed by all players. If ties remain unbroken, the last three holes of the last stipulated round will be used, then the last hole of the last stipulated round. In the case of ties involving teams, the four lowest individual scores for that day will be used to break ties in all calculations.

70-4-9 Breaking Team Ties-Team ties for conference, regional and state champions and qualifiers for the next level of play, and for place finishers at the state tournament will be resolved in the following manner:

(1) The playoff holes for state golf events will be chosen based upon availability and the format of the final round. The appropriate representative with input from the VSGA and/ or course manager will determine the appropriate playoff option. Competitors involved will be informed of the intended rotation prior to teeing off in the playoff. All playoffs are stroke play therefore NO concessions can be made and all shots of the winner necessary to finish play must be completed.

(2) Each coach will select 4 players to represent the school in the playoff.

(3) The playoff will start on a hole designated by the tournament director.

(4) A sudden victory format will be used. The aggregate total, after each hole, of the four-member teams, will count.

(5) Each coach must rank his/her players 1 through 4.

(6) In a two team playoff, the third and fourth ranked player from each team will be paired together in a foursome. In a three or four way tie, one player from each team will be paired with equally ranked members of each team. -146-

(7) Play should be continuous. When the first group finishes the first hole, they should move directly to the second hole and continue play.

(8) Play will continue until all ties are broken.

(9) In the event a playoff cannot be completed, all ties will be broken using the acceptable method of matching cards as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf.

70-4-10 Breaking Individual Ties:

(1) In the event of a tie in a stroke play competition for medalist, a hole-by-hole playoff will be used to determine placement. The playoff holes for state golf events will be chosen based upon availability and the format of the final round. The appropriate representative with input from the VSGA and/or course manager will determine the appropriate playoff option. Competitors involved will be informed of the intended rotation prior to teeing off in the playoff. All playoffs are stroke play therefore NO concessions can be made and all shots of the winner necessary to finish play must be completed.

(2) In the event a playoff cannot be completed, all ties will be broken using the acceptable method of matching cards as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf.

70-4-11 Practice Round on Sunday-When the conference, regional or state championship is scheduled to open on Monday, schools have permission to have a practice round at the site on the Sunday preceding the championship unless the conference or region denies permission for a Sunday practice preceding its own championship. It is strongly recommended that only courses that can provide adequate practice time be considered for a state championship.

GUIDELINES ON HANDLING CONTESTS DURING LIGHTNING DISTURBANCES

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. **Thirty Minute Rule.** Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30 minute count, reset the clock and another 30 minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

