

**Diocesan Athletic Conference
Golf Rules (6th-8th)**

I. ELGIBILITY

- A. Only athletes in grades 6-8 will be eligible to participate in the Diocesan Athletic Conference
- B. All eligible children at participating schools should be allowed to participate. The Diocesan Athletic Conference admonishes “cutting”, and encourages the participation of all students who wish to play.

II. LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- C. By Tuesday at 12:00pm of a match week, each school shall email the DAC Golf Coordinator, a list of up to seven golfers that will compete for that week in the Varsity (Division 1) division. A school may enter fewer than 7 in DI, but not more than 7.
- D. Should a Varsity (DI) roster not be sent, the same roster shall be used from the week before. A Varsity roster must be sent the first week to compete for Varsity points.
- E. Of the maximum seven Varsity (DI) golfers from each school, only the top four low scores based on stroke play from each school are eligible to score points for the week. Each school/coach has the right to change these on a weekly basis.
- F. Points will be awarded for each week based on those scores. The overall low golfer will score 400 Points. Second place 380 points and so on per below. Should multiple players tie with the same score, then that number of places will total the points and average for that week’s score. For example, if three golfers tie for third place, take the points for 3rd (360), 4th (340), and 5th (320), average the total, and each of the three golfers get those averaged points. In this case, each golfer would receive 340 points. The next golfer’s score would start at the 6th place points, 300 points. Points will only be awarded for the top 20 golfers each week.
- G. Place and points per week: 1st-400, 2nd-380, 3rd-360, 4th-340, 5th-320, 6th-300, 7th-280, 8th-260, 9th-240, 10th-220, 11th-200, 12th-180, 13th-160, 14th-140, 15th-120, 16th-100, 17th-80, 18th-60, 19th-40, 20th-20
- H. Points will be tallied for each week and totaled throughout the season. The final week’s Championship Match will be worth double points and added to the season’s total to determine a team champion and a team runner-up. Overall individual highest points will be awarded the Season’s Individual Champion and second most season long points will be awarded the Season’s Runner-Up. Golfers must compete in at least two Varsity (DI) matches in the first four weeks to qualify to play as one of a team’s seven Varsity (DI) golfers in the season’s final week’s Double Points Championship Match.
- I. The same points system will be used for Junior Varsity (DII), where only the top four low scores for each team will accumulate points. Unlike Varsity, there is no limit to roster spots for the Junior Varsity team.
- J. Because of course conditions at Vinny Links, some non-USGA rules will be used. Balls not located on a green may be lifted and moved within a grip length but no closer to the

hole. Any shots in bunkers may be taken out of the bunker and placed no closer to the hole along the same line the ball entered the bunker.

- K. Because of time constraints, shots hit out of bounds may be dropped at the point of leaving out of bounds with a one stroke penalty from that location. Typically, out of bounds requires returning to the location of the shot with a stroke penalty but because of our limited tee times this rule will be in effect to keep the matches moving.
- L. Maximum score on a hole shall be double par (an 8 on a par 4 and a 6 on a par 3). Players shall not play out holes after these stroke limits have been met to help with the speed of play. Players should pick up and move to the next hole if the limit is met.
- M. Golfers may tee up directly in front of the mat (at Vinny Links) if they are using a driver. All other clubs should be hit at the tee markers off of the artificial mats.
- N. If a golfer arrives late to their tee time, we will assess a double par for each hole missed (including the hole his/her group is currently playing). The late golfer may begin on the next hole.
- O. The league encourages that one parent assist each group with pace of play and scorekeeping.
- P. Parents may NOT be on the green, caddy for a child, provide club selection and shot advice, or clean clubs in either division.
- Q. Coaches will not be allowed to assist any DI golfers. However, coaches may assist any DII golfers with etiquette and course management.
- R. EVERY STROKE COUNTS. Players shall play with honesty.
- S. Act with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- T. Show consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player. If a player plays a ball in a direction where there might be a danger of hitting someone, they should immediately shout a warning, such as the traditional warning of “fore”.
- U. Take good care of the course - for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.
- V. A player may be disqualified from the competition for certain actions or rule breaches involving serious misconduct.
- W. Each scorecard must be signed by a group parent or another player before it is turned in to the Golf Commissioner.