

Burges Golf Program

Coach Gonzalez

Mission: Develop the skills to play competitive golf, and the values which demonstrate respect for self, others and the game of golf.

There is more to playing golf than learning how to swing the club and keeping score. The game is based on long-held traditions of etiquette, respect for the course and a respect for other players/fellow competitors on the course.

Conduct

- **Be respectful to all teachers, administrators, coaches, students, teammates, fellow competitors, and golf course personnel.**
 - **Always act in a manner that reflects positively on yourself and Burges.**
- Attend all classes on time
 - Maintain passing grades throughout each grading period and semester
 - Give full effort in the classroom, and on the golf course (every stroke/every tournament)
 - Participate fully in all fundraising activities
 - Obey all rules of the golf course, take care of the course

The following are actions classified as violations of conduct:

- Not following golf policies (request to miss practice), not following Coach's instruction
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Throwing/hitting clubs
- Damage to the golf course, littering
- Dishonest play/scoring
- Refusing to play in tournaments, not wearing team apparel (tournaments, as requested)
- Use of cell phones and iPods during practice/play (no electronic devices)
- Profanity and disrespectful gestures
- Not having equipment or proper attire (including shoes)

Practice

- **All students must check in with the coach at the start of the period, and practice the entire time.**
 - **Students not enrolled in the golf class, are expected to practice with the team a minimum of twice per week. Also to play (submit scores) a minimum of 6 holes with the team twice per week.**
- If coach is absent you must check in and stay with the substitute for the entire class period.
 - Practice end times are Monday - Thursday 5:00-5:30 (days and times may vary due to weather, course availability, and daylight)
 - Students may ride with coach with a signed parent permission form
 - Students can not give other students rides to and from practice or tournaments
 - It is the students responsibility to make arrangements for rides when practice is over

Practice (continue)

- Student must immediately notify coach of any injury, and should stop practicing if injured
- Students must always be paired up with another player for safety
- Students shall not play under unsafe conditions
- Proper golf attire is required as defined by golf course management
- Tennis or golf shoes (no metal spikes) must be wore (other shoes slip and can lead to injury, and poor technique/practice)
- Bring your clubs to practice
- You must learn the rules of golf
- Keep book bags out of the patio area

The following are actions classified as violations of practice:

- Not following Coach's instruction, ignoring instructions
- Talking back, arguing, making disrespectful comments or gestures
- Not attending practices, being late to practice
- Leaving practice early without permission
- Wasting time not practicing
- Using your cell phone, texting (cell phone use is only allowed to call parents)
- Gathering in the patio area, restaurant, or pro shop
- No sitting down doing homework, talking
- Not having your golf clubs, or proper attire (including shoes)
- Being dishonest – injuries, missing practice

Violations of Conduct or Practice

Violations of conduct will result in any of the following action:

- Verbal reprimand
- Suspension from team/tournaments
- Removal from team

In the event that a player is involved in a serious offense that reflects poorly on the school and the golf program, whether it occurs on or off the campus, the player may be removed from the team without prior warning.

Special Note:

- Any student not enrolled in major sports golf class has to make arrangements to get to practice, and qualify for tournaments at practice
- I recommend a junior membership at Lone Star (approximately \$280/year)

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____