**Lakeville North Girls’ Golf**

**2025 Information Packet**

**Team Mission**

Our mission is to develop a team of girl golfers who consistently perform, work hard, and have fun. To accomplish this, we want players on this team who are willing to:

* Be chemically free
* Work hard
* Be prepared
* Contribute to creating a positive team culture

**Coaches**

Varsity Head Coach Dan Duffey (daniel.duffey@isd194.org)

 Assistant Varsity/JV Eric Scheidel (eric.scheidel@isd194.org)

**Varsity and Junior Varsity**

The top six players will play Varsity, with players #7 and #8 ready as alternates. If any of the #1 - #6 players cannot play a match or tournament, the next players will be asked in rank order starting with #7, the first alternate.

The next six players will play Junior Varsity. If any of the #7 - #12 girls cannot play a match or tournament, the next girls will be asked in rank order.

**Developmental Team**

The developmental team is an in-house squad of eight to 12 golfers designed to prepare them for competitive golf on the Junior Varsity team. The Developmental team practices 4 days a week.

The Developmental team plays 4-5 Thursdays at Birnamwood GC. 2:30 Tee Times.

**To Join**

Membership on the team is open to all girls in grades 7 - 12. (Not all 7-8 graders will play on the High School Teams.)

\*\*11th and 12th graders who are brand new to golf, have not played on JV or Varsity in the past will have a hard time making the team.

To become eligible to practice, you must register online through **lnhspanthers.com/signup**.

**Girls Golf Start Date: Monday, March 17, 2025.** ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED REGISTRATION ON-LINE BEFORE THE DATE OF THE FIRST PRACTICE.

Golf fee is $300. This must be paid to start practice. We also ask for a separate $175 Booster fee payable before the first match or 4/15/2025.

**Fees and Equipment:**

* All players on the Developmental team will have the same fees as Varsity/JV.
* The Varsity, JV, and Developmental will also need to have 2 team shirts, skorts to be worn at matches. There is a good chance the booster will pay $50 towards uniforms.. Rain suits will be provided for matches when needed. Other clothing, sweatshirts,pants, skorts, hats/caps, etc. will be available for purchase around March 5th, 2025.

**Attendance**

The coaches want every player to be at every scheduled practice.

* Let us know about potential conflicts well ahead of time and get all absences excused by the coaches in person.
* If you are not at practice, and we do not know where you are, you are unexcused.
* Do not miss practice for reasons like work, other sports teams, or appointments. These are unexcused. **(Too many unexcused absences will result in missing matches and losing your spot (rank).**
* Do not send a friend to deliver an “I can’t come to practice today” message. These are unexcused

We are paying the golf courses a lot of money for our practice privileges. We are going to use them. If you are sick, notify us that day by calling **952-240-5666** or emailing us.

**Behavior Expectations:**

Each team member (both coaches and players) will help create a positive team culture by being prepared, dedicated, positive, safe, and by communicating well. (See our Team Contract for more details.)

 **“ Tryouts”: March 17-20th Simulators**

Monday - Thursday. Attendance will be kept.

Depending on the numbers, cuts could be made on March 19th, 2025

Practice will then follow with a variety of the following sessions:

* Technique development (short game and full swing)
* “Rules of Golf: sessions
* Course strategy
* Team-bonding activities
* Goal-setting discussions

All of these practices are required.

**Outdoor Preseason Practice: “Preparing You for the Season”**

This outdoor practice time will focus on preparing golfers to compete in golf. Practices at Crystal Lake GC &

Bracketts Crossing CC, and Birnamwood will start at 2:45-3:00 pm for all players. Some practices you will be asked to play 9-holes. All players will be responsible for getting to and from practice. Players may drive themselves, or ride with a teammate, and are to use great care when driving their own vehicles, and will not drive carelessly or recklessly.

**Tryouts: “Deciding Who Makes Which Team”**

The top six to eight girls will be considered Varsity and the next six to eight girls will be considered JV. The next eight to 12 will make the Developmental team. **Max 24-25 Players** **will be kept for all three teams.** Once the initial selections have been made, a player may be moved from one level to another in the best interests of the team at the discretion of the coaching staff. 9-hole scores, qualifiers through-out the season will determine your spot (rank).

**The Season: “Representing Lakeville North High School”**

Our competitive season is short but busy. Varsity players have 1-3 18 hole out-of-school tournaments most weeks. JV players will have 1-2 9-hole matches most weeks. Stay ahead of your studies. If you are scheduled to play in a match and are absent from school, immediately notify your coach personally. We must know early in the day in order to find a replacement for you. **All players will be required to ride school** **transportation (if provided) to and from all away matches.** Rare exceptions may be granted.

**Lettering:**

Golfers who play in 5 varsity matches, who shoot 3 match rounds with an adjusted score of 50 or better for a 9-hole regulation course, who play in 3 varsity conference matches, or who score counts for us at the region tournament will be considered by the coaching staff for a varsity letter.
\*\* Coaches can award one letter to one golfer each year, without the above criteria.

**Please wear appropriate clothes**

* Some clothes are not permitted. Denim shorts, tank tops, wide-necked blouses or sweaters, T-shirts, torn jeans, bib overalls, and heeled shoes are not acceptable at any time throughout the season.

**Our rule for practice: If it has a collar, it doesn’t need sleeves. If it has sleeves, it doesn’t need a collar.**

* For indoor practices, wear tennis shoes in the hitting areas, and have a scrunchie for your hair. If the weather turns fair, be prepared for outdoor practices.
* For outdoor practices, wear warm clothes, and be prepared for rainy, cold weather. Keep a warm hat, a pair of gloves, and a waterproof rain jacket in your locker just in case. The weather changes frequently at this time of year so be prepared. When we go to the course, you must wear flat-bottomed shoes. No Doc Martens or cleated shoes will be allowed on the greens. Please wear waterproof, spikeless golf shoes or tennis shoes.
* For matches, wear Lakeville North provided/purchased clothing. When you look good, you play better. Keep those warm, waterproof clothes handy just in case.
* Always have rain gear (provided by school) that you can put on in case of rain.

**Some Suggested Items That Should Be In Your Golf Bag:**

\*up to 14 of your golf clubs \*extra golf balls \*tees

\*golf glove \*ball markers \*golf towel

\*hat/visor \*extra shoelaces \*rain suit (Provided by School)

\*kleenex \*golf pencils \*a “scrunchie” to tie back your hair

\* bandaids \*carmex/chapsticks \*a small notebook to help with notes

\*rulebook \*umbrella

**Depending on the season, you will also want:**

\* a stocking cap \*mittens \*bug spray \*water bottle \*sun screen lotion (no oils)

**Lakeville North Girls’ Golf Team Contract (Promise)**

* I will be prepared.
* I will be dedicated.
* I will be a positive role model.
* I will be safe.
* I will communicate well.

**Consequences:**

Abuses or violations of these promises have consequences: verbal warning, forfeiture of practice time, forfeiture of match participation, forfeiture of letter, forfeiture of captaincy, and/or dismissal from the team.

Any player who gets a violation for alcohol, drug, or tobacco use will serve the MSHSL suspension, as well as forfeit any season awards earned for that year such as a Varsity letter, any all-Conference or all-State awards, and captaincy of this team. She will also be required to do additional reconciliation tasks as directed by the coach before being allowed to rejoin the team.

If you agree, please sign and date.

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