

Woodbury Girls Golf
Parent Meeting Agenda
6:00 pm - Monday, March 18th

Coaching Staff

Head Coach – Karen Weiss
Assistant Coach – Cathy White
Assistant Coach – Scott Waldo
Volunteer Coach- Lindsey Huettl

Introductions

- Coach Weiss
- Coach White
- Coach Waldo

Program Priorities – “Why we play”

- Build a positive environment for learning, community, commitment and integrity through team golf
- Create the opportunity for a rewarding experience for all of the players **and** their families.
- Pursuing golf with a purpose provides endless opportunities for building self-esteem, personal growth and positive habits.

Expectations- “How we do it”

- We “practice with a purpose”
- We embrace and learn from mistakes- “no fail zone”
- We hold each other accountable to improving every day- “have a plan”
- We find the “fun” in fundamentals
- We embrace a competitive mindset
- We ask question- lots of them
- Golf can be a frustrating sport-we will strive to treat ourselves and each other with a positive and compassionate voice
- No matter the result, we will always “walk tall”
- We will focus on “controlling the controllables”

Coach(s) Commitment

- To provide players with a challenging and rewarding experience. Remember that golf is a technical game that does not assure a straight path to improvement. It’s our job as coaches to provide the road map and the guard rails.
- To help every player, no matter their current skills, grow as a player and a person: physically, mentally, and emotionally.
- To inspire self-motivation, perseverance, competitive drive and a love for the game
- To communicate openly, honestly and effectively with all players and their support team.

Team Selection Process- new this year (weather permitting)

- All registered players will spend the first 2 weeks participating in our practice and evaluation process. They will be expected to attend their designated time slots and get out on the golf course for a modified format for (1) 9-hole round (if weather permits)
- This year because of the growth in player participation we will conduct a “Standard of Play” evaluation, so that we can better fit players into appropriate learning opportunities. That criteria will be further explained during our first week of practice.
- After the first 2 weeks the team will be divided into players who will be practicing 5 days a week with the opportunity to compete in Conference Matches (Varsity and JV) and those players who will be developing their games 2-3 days a week thru either the JVB team or the Futures team
- We will carry 12-14 players on Varsity and JV. Tryouts will be held after the first 2 weeks to determine the players who will be competing in the first 2 Varsity and JV matches. Tryouts will consist of 18 holes total. Returning Varsity players may be exempt from tryouts if tee-times need to be allocated to others.
- We will carry approximately 8 players on a JVB team. These players will be expected to be working towards competing and will play 2-3 friendly matches during the second half of the season. They will practice 2-3 days a week.
- The remaining players will be designated to the Futures Team. This team will attend group lessons once a week and have an additional weekday (Friday) practice option that will be overseen by the Team Captains along with an end of season “friendly” competition on the course. This team will be primarily made up of 7th, 8th and 9th graders who are not able to meet the “standard of play” requirement. Depending on numbers, some 10th graders may be designated for the Futures team as well. This team will start practice on April 8th or 15 and finish in mid-May

Practice/player requirements

- Attendance at practice is mandatory. When situations arise where a player cannot be at practice it is the players responsibility to contact Coach Weiss as soon as possible. A commitment to timely and honest communication is essential to team success.
- **If you miss school, you are not allowed to practice or compete on that day.**
- Coaches and players will work together to provide the structure for practice both individually and as a team

Team Behavior Policy

- **We will follow all Minnesota State High School League rules regarding school code of conduct, use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and social media.**
- We are fortunate to have the use of Eagle Valley golf course. We will comply with all their rules and regulations relating to course etiquette, range behavior and tee time compliance.

Program Communication

- **Team calendars will be updated on the WHS Activities website under Girls Golf.** Weekly “availability” forms will be utilized to organize our team schedule and coach coverage. This allows us to maximize teaching and development opportunities. Players will be expected to fill them out in a timely fashion and commit to their schedule. We will also provide a weekly game plan and review of the previous week - usually on Sunday night.
- The golf season has weather challenges - sometimes daily! Practice updates will be sent through email and/or an agreed upon text message method.(GroupMe)
- All communications between and among coaches, players and parents should be respectful and honest.
- Communicate school and test conflicts to both teachers and coaches at least 1 week in advance of matches so that accommodations can be made.

Role of parents

- Parents have a role in facilitating proactive and positive communication.
- Support your daughter with positive feedback, especially on their worst day
- Come to team events when possible, read activities page for updates
- If you are part of your daughters “instruction team”, or she receives other outside instruction, schedule time with Coach Weiss to discuss goals
- If your daughter has a team related disagreement or concern such as playing time or ranking, please have them reach out to the coaches before you get involved.
- Volunteer to assist with team functions: pictures, team gathering, awards banquet, carpool to meets when needed.
- **Booster Club. We have a strong need to get one established this year. We need 3-6 Parents to step up to establish and run our Booster Club. Your team fees of \$190 do not even cover the cost per player to practice at Eagle Valley. The fee of \$200, up from \$170 last year, that we pay to practice, is just one of the fees that are not completely covered by the District budget. WHS has limited budget to cover things like tournaments and practice balls at matches. And WHS cannot cover dome practice balls, end of season gifts and awards, team meals other team travel.**

Team Apparel

- Team Apparel store will close on March 15th- We have ordered a couple of extra Varsity only shirts in case some of the gals move up in the line-up as the season progresses.
- If your daughter ordered apparel last year, she can use those items again this year

Dates to Remember

- Team Pictures April 8th
- First JV match - Wednesday April 10th
- Red Wing overnight April 12-13th (Varsity)
- First Varsity match - Tuesday April 16th
- Friends and Family Day- JV and Varsity Match at Highland April 22nd
- Conference Finals- May 23rd
- Sections- May 30-31st
- End of Season Banquet- Monday June 3rd
- MSHSL Girls Golf State Tournament- June 7th and 10th