

**2012 STATE CLASS "A" GIRLS' GOLF TOURNAMENT
HOT SPRINGS, SD
SOUTHERN HILLS GOLF COURSE: MAY 21-22, 2012**

GOLF COURSE

LOCATION: 1130 Clubhouse Drive

DIRECTOR: Mary Weiss, Athletic Director, Hot Springs High School

PRACTICE: Practice rounds will be available on Sunday, May 20. The fee for those rounds played will be \$23.00. The golf course telephone number is (605) 745-6400. The Club Pro is Cathi Jirsa. Tee times will be reserved for coaches and players only. Carts are available for \$13.50 per person.

RANGE BALLS: The SDGA will again be providing range balls on Monday and Tuesday.

**PACKETS:
AVAILABLE:** Pairings, as well as assignment of Markers and other pertinent information will be available Sunday afternoon at the clubhouse. Coaches may pick up materials at that time.
Flights and entries will be available on the SDHSAA website following the region tournaments.

**FORMAT OF
THE
TOURNAMENT:**

- a. Tournament is thirty-six holes of medal play.
- b. Each contestant shall play eighteen holes on Monday and another eighteen holes on Tuesday.
- c. Individual champion is determined on the basis of the low aggregate individual score for the thirty-six holes of play.
- d. Team Champions shall be determined on the basis of the four low aggregate scores each day of the players from a school that qualified for the State Tournament as a team. Ties for team championship or runner-up shall be resolved by the "sudden death" method with all members of each team involved. The Club Pro will decide hole numbers to begin any playoffs.

STARTING TIME: All coaches (9:00 a.m.) and players (9:30 a.m.) are asked to be at the golf course on Monday, May 21, the opening day of the tournament, for explanation of course rules and procedures. Play will start at 10:00 a.m. following this meeting. Should course conditions dictate a change in the starting times, the Pro and Meet Director will inform the players and coaches at the morning meeting. All players not present for their assigned tee time will be "scratched". Should there be some reason your golfer(s) decide not to compete in the State Tournament, please contact the SDHSAA Office at 224-9261 immediately by telephone so that flights can be set up accordingly. The second day players are expected to report prior to their assigned tee time with play

beginning at 9:00 a.m. Again, missing the tee time will result in the contestant being “scratched”.

DISQUALIFIED GOLFERS:

A golfer who is disqualified during the first day of the state tournament because of a rule infraction not involving unsportsmanlike conduct shall be allowed to play on the second day.

PLAYING PROCEDURE:

No entrant shall play on the course the day of the Tournament prior to the championship flight or following the first days’ competition. All championship flight scores shall be attested to by entrants from some other school playing with them. No player shall play in the championship flight unless accompanied by a player from another school. Players are not allowed to use GPS devices, cell phones or other electronic devices during tournament play.

SUMMER RULES:

Summer rules will be used. Should course conditions warrant, the local director and course pro will decide if the ball can be adjusted using the rule of pick, clean and place.

PAIRINGS:

On the first day of the tournament, scores from the region meets will be used to determine the pairings. On the second day only, pairing of golfers may include up to but no more than two golfers from the same school in the top two foursomes.

GROUP MARKER:

A Group Marker will be assigned by the Tournament Management to accompany a foursome for the purpose of monitoring conduct and to keep score. Each competing school must provide one school official (generally the coach) for this purpose. Your cooperation is definitely needed in assignment of Group Markers in order to have a quality Tournament. They will not be assigned to a group including players from their own school. Scorecards will be kept by the Group Marker, with all players signing this card at the completion of the round and before it is turned into the official scorekeeper of the Tournament. This is the OFFICIAL CARD. Each player may keep his own card should he so desire.

MARKER GUIDELINES:

- a. Monitoring Conduct
- b. Monitor uniform infractions
- c. Keep score
- d. Don’t visit
- e. Don’t offer advice
- f. Don’t give advice
- g. Don’t make rulings
- h. For any questions about procedure, have them play two balls.

GALLERIES:

Spectators will be permitted to follow the golfers and are to be monitored by the Group Marker. Other than obvious questions such as score check, spectators should not visit with the Marker. Spectators are not permitted to talk to the golfers. Spectators must remain behind the Marker. A suggested distance in most cases would be 10-15 yards. Motorized carts are NOT allowed by spectators unless prior approval has been granted by the SDHSAA for serious medical conditions. Those members of the gallery making a request for the use of a cart should contact their school's coach. The coach in turn should contact the SDHSAA Office to make the request.

AWARDS:

Medals will be presented to the top twenty individuals and to members of the top six teams. Team championship and runner-up trophies will be provided along with plaques to the third thru sixth place teams.

All individual and team golf awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. However, should there be a tie for the team championship or runner-up, individual awards will be presented prior to any playoffs for team standings. Individual awards will be presented early in those cases where there is a team playoff for team standings. Those teams wishing to leave early must notify a SDHSAA staff member. It is the responsibility of each school to cover the cost of sending the medals to the school following the tournament.

EXPENSES:

There will be no reimbursement for school expenses as per Board of Directors action.

DRESS:

All contestants must wear a collared shirt and the shirt must be tucked in. The mock crew neck shirt is also acceptable. When sweatshirts are worn they must be over a collared or mock crew neck shirt. The rule does not require the shirts to be the same color or design for all team members. Team members not in proper uniform will not be allowed to participate. When a hat is worn the bill must be facing forward. The uniform rule will be enforced from the first tee through the competition of the round. Spikeless golf shoes or athletic shoes must be worn. Metal spikes are not allowed.

**MOTORIZED
CARTS:**

No motorized carts or caddies are permitted. Exception to this rule must come in the form of a written request from a medical doctor certifying a permanent disability which prevents a student athlete from walking 18 holes of golf a day on consecutive days. In such instances the athlete will be allowed to ride in a motorized golf cart. Every attempt must be made to prevent the no cart rule from discriminating against any athlete with a disability. An individual pull cart will be permitted for all golfers.

**MOTORIZED
CARTS FOR
THE GALLERIES:**

Parents, Grandparents, or any other Spectators who wish to rent an electric cart on Monday or Tuesday to follow tournament players must first contact their team's Coach or School Administration. The Coach or Administrator must then receive permission from the SDHSAA. Carts will only be granted for medical reasons.

**GOLF COACHES
ADVISORY
MEETING:**

A coaches' advisory meeting will be held on Monday evening, October 3 at the Southern Hills Pro Shop beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for the purpose of making recommendations for the golf program. Please plan to attend.

