

**PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BANK TEAM GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**TO: DISTRICT III SCHOOLS**

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**RE: DISTRICT III M&T BANK TEAM GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Entries:**

Each District III League sponsoring golf may enter one AA and one AAA school in the District III Team Golf Tournament as the representative from their respective league. It is the league's discretion to determine the procedure in which a school's team will be selected, bearing in mind that the team score in order to be eligible may not exceed an aggregate score of 400.

Each league Golf Chairperson will receive via email, an Excel spreadsheet template. This spreadsheet must be filled out and returned to Ron Kennedy ([rkennedy@donegal.k12.pa.us](mailto:rkennedy@donegal.k12.pa.us)) by Saturday, October 3, 2015, at 9:00 p.m. This information must **include the Competitor's Name, School and Grade**. The entry should be submitted by each league's Golf Chairperson/Representative.

**Location:**

Briarwood Golf Club (717-792-9776)  
4775 West Market Street\Route 30 West, York, PA  
"East Course" using the BLACK Tees.

**Date:**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015 – 12:00 noon**

**Format:**

The tournament will be 18 holes of medal play on the Tuesday preceding the District III individual Golf Tournament. Caddies are not allowed.

Five players per team will golf with the lowest four scores counting for the total team score. The players participating in the Team Tournament will be assigned tee times beginning at 12:00 noon the day of the tournament. A coach or chaperon must pick up all materials for their participants at the reception table prior to 11:30 a.m. Contestants should be present at 11:30 a.m. for instructions at the Leader Board.



**Practice:**

Starting times for practice rounds can be made by contacting Briarwood Golf Club at 717-792-9776. There are 25 driving range areas available for practice on the day of the tournament. You must rent the balls. There is not an area to hit your own shag golf balls.

**Cost:**

Green fees for the tournament will be paid by District III. Practice rounds are as follows:  
Weekend - 18 holes - \$26 walking - \$31 riding - no time restrictions  
Weekday - 18 holes - \$18 walking - \$23 riding - no time restrictions

**Food:**

Food facilities are available at Briarwood Golf Club.

**Prizes:** Medals will be awarded to the five golfers on the Championship Team and for one coach.

**Attire:**

All golf contestants are required to wear appropriate golf attire (i.e. golf shirt with collar, golf slacks or golf shorts). No exceptions are permitted. T-shirts, altered apparel, jeans, cut-off shorts or short shorts will not be permitted. The school's name and/or school's logo are permitted on the front and/or back of the golf shirt with a collar. Sweaters and/or jackets will be permitted when necessitated by weather conditions.

**Conduct:**

Penalties will be assessed for conduct unbecoming of an interscholastic golfer; such conduct shall include, but is not limited to: club throwing (defined as releasing a club in anger or in a manner to cause harm to any person or to the golf course), use of abusive language, willful acts which damage property, equipment or the golf course or other unbecoming conduct as determined by the Tournament Director and/or the Golf Rules Committee.

- Possible Penalties: 1) Two stroke penalty  
2) Disqualification

**Coach & Spectator Decorum:**

Coaches and spectators will be permitted to walk the course BEHIND the contestants during the competition. Coaches and spectators who choose to walk the course BEHIND the golfers during the tournament must abide by the following restrictions:

- 1) DO NOT offer comments or make suggestions to the competitors. NO COACHING!
- 2) DO NOT observe play closer than twenty-five (25) yards BEHIND the group of competitors being observed.
- 3) DO NOT cross over or observe play from teeing areas, fairways or putting greens.
- 4) DO NOT move or talk when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- 5) DO NOT attempt to decide questions of fact or attempt to apply the rules of golf.



### **Forecaddies, Markers & Marshals:**

Coaches, or a school representative, accompanying contestants will be required to serve as forecaddies, markers and marshals during the first AND second rounds of the tournament. Coaches will be assigned to each threesome/foursome to:

- 1) Accompany on foot/cart an assigned group around the course.
- 2) Forecaddie each hole played by the assigned group.
- 3) Record on a worksheet ALL strokes for each competitor.
- 4) Marshal parents, spectators, and the media who choose to walk the course BEHIND the contestants.
- 5) Submit a completed and signed score sheet at the conclusion of each round to the tournament scorer.

### **Non-Motorized Push or Pull Carts Permitted for 2015 Golf Season**

For the 2015 Golf Season, the PIAA Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the Golf Steering Committee, to permit the use of non-motorized push or pull carts where the host facility permits.

Schools should be in contact with their host facilities to inquire whether push or pull carts will be permitted for competition hosted by those venues. As in previous years, if a player wishes to carry his/her bag, that is also permissible.

This provision is effective for all Regular and Postseason interscholastic golf competition.

### **General Information:**

An organizational meeting for all coaches serving as forecaddies, markers, and marshals will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Briarwood Leader Board on Tuesday, October 6.

Coaches are advised to bring the following items to the District III Golf Tournament: (COME PREPARED!) Golf Carts Will Be Provided For Those Assisting!!

- 1) Clip board or suitable writing surface and plastic cover
- 2) Extra pencils with erasers
- 3) Appropriate outerwear to protect against the weather
- 4) Golf shoes with alternative spikes or walking shoes

Refusal of a school's coach to assist with the job assignment given will automatically disqualify the school's team from participating in the District III Team Golf Championship.



A "Rules Committee" will be assisting with the various rulings during the tournament. The committee will be comprised of one representative from each league, the Tournament Director, the District III Chairperson and the District III Hired Golf Professional. The District III Golf Chairperson and the Golf Rules Committee will rule on any possible violations of the PIAA Sportsmanship Code and/or Golf Etiquette issues. The League's Representative of the player/team involved in any ruling will abstain from the committee ruling. The Committee will rule on the Boys' and the Girls' Individual Golf Tournaments as well as the Team Tournament.

Markers will be encouraged to report possible violations to the Rules Committee. Markers will also be encouraged to give warnings on various sportsmanship issues that arise on the course. Markers will not, however, be permitted to make any interpretations and/or rulings pertaining to the Rules of Golf. The "Golf Rules" Committee will be charged with making all rulings! Markers, however, must be available to answer questions from the Rules Committee if any rulings may need to be addressed.

**Tie-Breaking Procedures:**

STEP #1: - Utilize the fifth player's score from the teams tied.

STEP #2: - Have a hole by hole team playoff starting on Hole #1 - if available!  
Utilize the lowest four players' scores per hole for a team total.

**REGIONAL AND PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION**

One AA team and one AAA team will advance directly to the PIAA Team Championship on Wednesday October 28, 2015 – Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York

