

PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BANK GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

TO: DISTRICT III SCHOOLS

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RE: DISTRICT III M&T BANK GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries:

All girls who can score 104 or better at the Boys' League Meet are eligible to participate in the District III Golf Tournament. The qualifying course must be set up at a minimum length of 5,000 yards in length.

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) by Saturday, October 3, 2015, at 9:00 p.m. Please include any independent qualifiers on this sheet. This information must **include the Competitor's Name, School and Grade.** THIS IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF ENTRY.

Location:

Briarwood West Golf Club (717-792-9776)
4775 West Market Street\Route 30 West, York, PA

Dates:

Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10, 2015 – tee time will be 10:30 a.m

Format:

The tournament will be 36 holes of medal play; however, **in AA the competitors with the lowest eight scores and ties will advance to the final round. In AAA the competitors with the lowest 16 scores and ties will advance to the final round.** Caddies are not allowed.

The first round will be a shotgun start from the **gold** tees (more forward tees may be used on the following holes based on the discretion of the District III Golf Chair: 3, 6, 7, 11 and 17). Play will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 9. **A coach or chaperon must pick up all materials for their participants at the reception table at the east course prior to 9:30 a.m.** Contestants should be present at 10:45 a.m. at the West Course Leader Board for instructions.

The second round play will consist of assigned tee times from tee #1 on Saturday, October 9, 2015, starting at 10:30 a.m.



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 days of the tournament. You must rent the balls. There is not an area to hit your own shag golf balls. The range hours for the girls on Friday, October 9th are 9:15 -10:30 a.m.; the range hours for the boys on Friday, October 9th are 7:00 –9:15 a.m. Please adhere to the range hours designated for each group.

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 top six finishers.

Inclement Weather:

Sunday, October 11, 2015, will be used only under the most extreme conditions.

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 are not 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 or 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 for both the boys' and the girls' tournaments will be held at the Briarwood Leader Board on Friday, October 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. **ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.** Specific assignments will be distributed to the coaches at this session. Additionally, please also plan on attending the General Meeting at the West Course at that course's respective Leader Board at 10:30 a.m. **(Remember, a school representative may serve this duty for a coach.)**

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 contestant(s) from participating in the District III Golf Tournament.

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 involved in any ruling will abstain from the committee ruling. The Committee will rule on both the Boys' and the Girls' Golf Tournament issues.

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.



REGIONAL AND PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

In class AAA, eight girls will advance to the Regional Championship.
In class AA, four girls will advance to the Regional Championship

PIAA Eastern Regional Tournament

Monday, October 19, 2015 – Golden Oaks Golf Club

PIAA Championships

- Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York
- *Individual Championship (two classes)* - Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2015
- *Team Championship (two classes)* - Wednesday October 28, 2015

