**Carson High School**

**Boys Golf Rules & Policies**

Athletes are expected to follow all rules for Carson High and the NIAA rules & policies. The following rules, policies, and procedures are a supplement and cover more specific information pertaining to all golfers. Athletes and parents should review all materials together to have a complete understanding of what is expected of members of the Carson High Boys Golf team.

1. **Academics**
2. It is the player’s responsibility to maintain good grades. CHS and the NIAA have specific rules in place to determine eligibility to participate in athletics.
3. All athletes must earn a 2.0 or higher GPA and have NO F’s at the end of the fall semester to start the spring sports season academically eligible. If that benchmark is not attained, athletes start the season on academic probation in which the athlete may practice with the team, but not compete in any scrimmages or matches for 3 weeks. At the end of three weeks the athlete must be currently earning a 2.0 and no F’s in their classes to be reinstated for competition. If they do not after those three weeks, they are academically ineligible for the rest of the season.
4. Additionally, all athletes are checked for passing grades during the season. The coach will communicate any issues to the athlete as grade checks are completed during the season. The CHS and NIAA grade check policy will be followed during the season.
5. Players on the team who play in our matches each week generally miss a whole day of school. It is imperative that athletes stay on top of missed classes and assignments during their sport to remain in good academic standing. Time management is one of the most important aspects of being a student-athlete and life lessons learned in playing high school athletics.
6. **Attendance**
7. If you are in attendance at school, you are expected to participate in the golf activities scheduled for that day (practice, match, etc.) unless cleared by the head coach.
8. **Athletes MUST attend all classes the day of a match or day before. Failure to do so results in suspension from competition for that match, nor can the athlete travel with the team. If class is missed for a doctor appointment, dentist, or other professional appointment, the absence MUST be excused in the attendance office that day with an appointment slip or other documentation of that appointment (CHS Policy).**
9. If you cannot participate in a practice or match for a particular day, you must personally notify the head coach by phone call or text message. Parents should expect their athlete to handle that responsibility for themselves.
10. Absences will be determined excused or unexcused on a case-by-case basis by the coach.
11. **The first unexcused absence will result in a verbal warning and discussion with the player. The second will result in a one match suspension. A third unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the team.**
12. Examples of unexcused absences: Work conflicts (working during practice time or matches will not be accepted), blowing off practice (no call-no show), leaving practice early with no communication with the coach, being caught lying about an absence, constant excuse of having to work on homework instead of practice (school comes first), a pattern of calling in sick to practice (doctors note will be asked for), violation of team dress code (athlete will be sent home).
13. Please try to schedule any personal appointments for times that will not conflict with our golf schedule.
14. Missing practice or a match due to a school sponsored activity will be considered excused. The player should still communicate with the coaches about those commitments or activities, ahead of time.
15. **Equipment**
16. All golfers must supply their own clubs, balls, tees, etc. Golf shoes are highly recommended, but not required. Some players prefer athletic shoes instead of golf shoes.
17. All golfers will be issued a team bag to be returned at the end of the season. It is the player’s responsibility to keep it clean and undamaged.
18. Bags must be cleaned prior to turning them in at the end of the season.
19. **Dress**
20. Flip flops, cut-off shorts, tank tops, muscle shirts, and anything displaying inappropriate content will not be allowed on the golf course. Each course has a dress code of some kind.
21. All hats worn appropriately, bills forward.
22. Shorts and pants worn around waist appropriately, no low rides on a golf course.
23. We are playing golf in Northern Nevada during the spring time. ALWAYS be prepared for inclement weather.
24. It is the player’s responsibility to provide cold weather gear for inclement weather.
25. Any player violating the dress code for the golf team will not be allowed to participate that day and will be considered unexcused.
26. **Dress Guidelines for Matches**
27. All golfers MUST wear approved team apparel (NIAA rule). Generally, this consists of slacks or dress type shorts, team shirt, and team hat.
28. Shorts may not have oversize pockets (cargo shorts), dangling strings or straps, and should not hang more than a couple inches below or above the knee (league rule). Belts are encouraged.
29. Women’s shorts or skorts may not be more than six inches above the knee.
30. **Practices**
31. All golfers are expected to be at the golf course no later than 2:45 for practice. Team members will be informed of any practice time changes ahead of time.
32. Practices will be held Monday-Friday 2:45 to 4:30. From time to time we may end a little earlier or a little later depending on weather and public play on the golf course that day.
33. Tournament players are not required to be at practices following match days. This exception is to allow players to concentrate on school work because of the match the previous day.
34. There will be no official practices on match days for all players.
* Non-tournament players may unofficially practice on their own. The school and coaches are not responsible for them on those days.
* This also allows non-tournament players extra time to work on school work if needed on these days.
1. Being late to more than three practices without notifying a coach will result in dismissal from the team.
2. No transportation is provided to and from the practice course.
3. Spectators are not allowed to participate with our golfers on practice days.
4. **Matches**
5. Tournament Team Selection (Top 6 players chosen to play in upcoming match)
6. Recent match scores and/or last year’s performance in cup point standings, regional-state scores
7. Team Qualifier
8. Weekly Qualifier opportunities
9. Driving Range-Green Practice Observation
10. Head Coach discretion: The head coach reserves the right to bench a player for violations of team rules or change the lineup on the team based on situations that may arise.
11. Non-Tournament (JV) Play
* At many of our matches there are a limited number of tee times for the non-tournament players to compete and get experience.
* There is no guarantee each week for non-tournament players to be selected to play.
* However, all attempt will be made to insert our non-tournament players into matches to get experience and compete as a non-scorer.

Selection of Non-Tournament (JV) Team

1. Attendance & Attitude (golfers who have the best attendance and good attitudes should be rewarded)
	* Golfers who have worked hard, attended regularly, and have had great attitudes should receive

the opportunity to play as much as we can provide.

1. Class (seniors who are in good standing on the team)
2. Travel to matches IS provided by CHS. We will leave the school and travel as a team for all away matches outside of Carson City. If a match is at our home course or another course in Carson City, athletes are responsible for their own transportation like a practice.
3. Transportation back to CHS from away matches is provided, as well. However, parents may take their child home after a match if they choose. Please complete the travel waiver form with CHS Athletics two days or more prior to the match.
4. Spectators are encouraged to come and watch our golfers compete the day of matches. The golf courses have their own dress codes, which are generally the same as the players. Jeans are usually prohibited. If in doubt call the course for additional info.
5. Spectators will be required to sign a waiver prior to following a player on the course. This includes rules for spectators on the course such as staying on cart paths, not giving any advice, coaching, or looking for lost balls. Spectators may encourage and praise players from a distance as long as no advice is given.
6. **Home Course**
7. Eagle Valley Golf Course
8. Public course owned by the city operated by Duncan Golf Management
9. Our use of this facility is generous and completely dependent upon their management.
10. One of our main goals is to represent Carson High beyond reproach. We want to be asked back every year!
11. Coaches, players, and spectators are expected to display proper behavior and etiquette on the course at all times.
12. Players on the team are given the privilege of playing on the course for free, even during the off-season.
13. Show appreciation and respect to all employees and let’s leave the course every day better than when we found it.
14. **Team Funds**
15. This is not a pay for play sport, but we do have expenses not completely covered by the school’s limited budget.
16. We may conduct a small fundraiser as a team, if we do that will be communicated.
17. Team shirts and hats every season are not recycled or used the next year. They are the player’s property.
	1. These two items are a required part of team membership and paid by the player.
	2. Any fundraising would help decrease the cost for all the players as a group.
	3. Team gear beyond that for players or parents would be purchased by the player or parent.
18. A small amount of balls must be replaced each season.
19. The extra cost for the team will be divided equally by the number of players.
20. Any funds obtained through a fundraiser will help to decrease this cost for all players.
21. Payment is appreciated as soon as these costs are calculated together.

**Final Thought on CHS Boys Golf: Keys to Success & Good Experience**

**Basic Expectations of ALL team members:**

1. Positive Attitude that is RESPECTFUL of the game, our golf courses, teammates, coaches, and opponents.
2. Consistent Practice Attendance; practice is the key to the game
3. Trustworthy & Honest
* Golf is a great character builder. It is challenging, it is filled with adversity, and golfers are expected to keep their own score, follow the rules, and regulate themselves on the course.
1. Communicate

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*Cut & Return Signed Receipt*

Please acknowledge, by signing below, that you have read the information provided and agree to the CHS Boys Golf team rules, policies, and procedures.

Player: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_