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Regional Entries
Due before Noon, Sept. 23



2026 WIAA Girls Golf Tournament Information Mel Dow, WIAA Associate Director

This document contains information necessary for participation in the girls' golf tournament series. The specific tournament assignments and time schedules can be found under Tournaments tab, Fall Sports, Girls Golf. If you have additional questions, you are encouraged to call me at (715)344-8580 or email me at mdow@wiaawi.org.

Please be reminded that as coaches you are responsible for your athletes and their well-being and you are to be available on the grounds at all times your golfers are present.

GENERAL INFORMATION

STATE TOURNAMENT

Online admission tickets- \$9 plus shipping/handling fee. Day Wristbands (for spectators) will be given at check-in on Monday and Tuesday.

The designated coach is only allowed on the greens to manage the flagstick and allowed to rake bunkers after a player has completed their shot from a bunker. The penalty for violating the flagstick rule is revocation of allowing the coach on the green.

*The WIAA Tournament Series will use iWanamaker as their official scoring system.
Each player will have to have a cellphone for scoring for each step of the tournament series.

Friday, October 9 at 2 PM--State Coaches Meeting via ZOOM

Monday, October 12

- 8:00 a.m. Division 1 Team Qualifiers Tee Off---HOLE 10
- 8:00 a.m. Division 1 Individual Qualifiers Tee Off--- HOLE 1 followed by Division 2 at 8:48 a.m.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Changes in the line-up of five competitors may be made no later than the coaches meeting at Regional and Sectional Meets. A school whose team qualifies from one tournament level to another may make changes in its five competitors at each tournament level, but schools who qualify only individuals may not substitute for that player. Substitutions continue to be allowed.

GREENS FEES

Greens fees and any other charges are the responsibility of the participating schools. Check the girls' golf web page for regional and sectional fees.

ATTIRE

A player improperly attired will not be allowed to tee off. If the player removes an outer garment during play, and the clothing underneath is illegal, that player shall receive a warning for their first offense, and if they fail to correct the problem or commits a second offense, they will be disqualified from competition for

unsportsmanlike conduct. When a golf course has specific attire rules, (i.e., collared shirt) players will comply with the rule or will not be allowed to participate in the meet. Host schools shall enforce the attire rule.

Inappropriate dress includes, but is not limited to, clothing displaying anything relating to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or inappropriate language or gestures.

The girl's dress code must follow the rules of the host course.

GOLF CLEAN UNIFORM

WIAA Rules of Eligibility as found on Page 32 of the WIAA Senior High School Handbook indicates: "A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service. **Note:** When an athlete has been identified with or without permission and/or awareness resulting in a violation of this rule, the penalty may be reduced once the violation has been rectified." Apparel, including hats, are allowed if they refer to a team's school name, nickname, mascot, or do not exceed the 2" X 3" manufacturers logo restriction. Plain apparel and hats are acceptable. This rule pertains to golf hats of any kind, this includes golf caps, baseball caps, rain caps, winter caps, visors and any other head gear.

Illegal apparel, including hats/caps, can be removed, turned inside out, or have logos covered up to become legal.

A student-athlete is in violation if he/she provides endorsement as an athlete or appears in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or a profit-making event, item, plan or service wearing a cap with an illegal logo.

Examples of illegal attire include but are not limited to the following:

- A collared shirt with an automotive distribution center's logo on it.
- A wind shirt with a hotel's logo on the shoulder.
- A sweater with a golf course logo embroidered on to the collar.
- A cap with a very large Titleist, TaylorMade, Ping, Nike or Puma logo that is larger than 2" X 3".
- A winter hat with a McDonald's logo on it.
- A visor with a grocery store's logo on it.
- A golf hat and/or shirt with a political slogan.
- A rain jacket with a PGA logo on it.

Please note that this interpretation also applies to "equipment" used during play such as golf bags or umbrellas with the exception of the manufacturer logo.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the WIAA office by calling 715-344-8580.

COACHING ON THE COURSE

Two designated coaches are allowed to coach during competition. The designated coaches may give rule options to their own players anytime, and rule options to other competitors ONLY when asked by that competitor. The designated coaches are not allowed on the greens or in the bunkers. The person acting as a coach must be under contract with the school as a golf coach and registered on the WIAA website as a coach. Players may accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coaches only. Notes, tees, and other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches are prohibited. Coaches cannot align players while the player is at address nor delay Pace of Play in any way. Penalty for violation of the coaching rule is two strokes on first offense and disqualification of player on second offense by the same player.

During the tournament series, coaches will be asked to wear badges to identify them as coaches. Exchanging of the Coaches Badge from a head coach to an assistant coach during the WIAA tournament is NOT allowed unless the designated head coach has to leave during the meet. Tournament managers will have these badges for distribution to coaches. Many times, other players in a group do not know who the person is talking to. The penalty for violation of the coach rule is two (2) strokes on the first offense and disqualification of the player on the second offense by the same player.

Coaches are allowed to use electronic communications (e.g. cellular telephones, smartphones, etc.) in emergency situations, to follow live scoring and to text coach to coach during competition.

Coaches are to be on the course and monitoring their players.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Coaches aware of unsportsmanlike conduct (throwing or burying of clubs, swearing, etc.) should report the violation to the tournament manager immediately. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be penalized as follows:

PLAYER	First violation	Warning
	Second violation	(Two) 2 stroke penalty
	Third violation	Disqualification from competition

In addition, a two-stroke penalty will be assessed to a player who throws a club, which, even inadvertently, strikes any person. Any flagrant throwing of a club, causing danger to any person will result in disqualification and that player will be required to miss the next meet.

Players may also assess another player a warning for the first violation and two (2) stroke penalty for the second unsportsmanlike conduct violation, but must report a third violation to the tournament manager for disqualification.

Players disqualified from competition for unsportsmanlike conduct will also be required to miss the next event on their schedule.

COACH	First violation	Two (2) stroke penalty applied to team score
	Second violation	Disqualification of entire team

WEATHER

In the event weather prevents completion of a tournament, the winning teams and individuals will be determined on the basis of the last complete nine holes of competition. IF weather is threatening, the use of a shotgun start would be permissible during the WIAA tournament series--Regionals, Sectionals and the State Tournament--when conditions assure completion of at least nine (9) holes of play by all competitors. WIAA approval is required.

SIGNALS FOR SUSPENDING AND RESUMING PLAY

Suspend Play: One consecutive blast of horn.

Resume Play: Two consecutive notes of horn, repeated.

When you hear the horn to suspend play, mark your golf ball immediately and return to the clubhouse to seek shelter. Players should NOT continue to play as we have dangerous weather coming in when you hear the air horn.

GALLERIES

People on the golf course during competition are becoming more prevalent. All galleries must stay in the rough areas or on cart paths. Coaches are asked to comply and assist when out on the course by directing spectators to these areas. We do not want to exclude spectators from viewing their daughter's participation in these meets. Work with your parents to help them become better spectators.

Additional spectator guidelines:

1. Spectators should keep at least 10 yards from any competitor while she is playing a hole. Look before crossing any fairway - someone may be teeing off behind you.
2. Spectators may NOT converse with competitors. Applause and positive comments such as "nice shot" are encouraged, but spectators may not speak in private with the competitors. Please do not attempt to give rulings to competitors. Violation of this rule could result in the following penalties:
 - a. **1st Violation--Warning**
 - b. **2nd Violation-- 2-stroke penalty added to competitor's total score and removal of violator from golf course.**
 - c. **3rd Violation-- Disqualification of competitor**
3. We are the guests of the golf course and ask for your assistance in using trash cans, observing proper golf course etiquette and refraining from purchasing alcoholic beverages and using tobacco products.
4. Lightning Procedure: If inclement weather dictates the removal of people from the golf course, a warning horn will be sounded. Please seek shelter immediately.
5. Spectators are allowed to use Electronic Devices to follow live scoring. All other forms of communication can only be allowed around the clubhouse.
6. As guests of this facility, please conduct yourself in such a manner that we will be welcomed back for future events.

PRACTICE PUTTING

Practice putting on a previous green is not allowed during the WIAA tournament series.

BREAKING TIES

When conditions do not allow play to be held to break individual or team ties, the scorecard will be used to break the tie using the following procedure:

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| 1st Step - Score(s) from Holes 10-18 | 5th Step - Score(s) from Holes 1-9 |
| 2nd Step - Score(s) from Holes 13-18 | 6th Step - Score(s) from Holes 4-9 (1st step when only 9 holes) |
| 3rd Step - Score(s) from Holes 16-18 | 7th Step - Score(s) from Holes 7-9 |
| 4th Step - Score(s) from Hole 18 | 8th Step - Score(s) from Hole 9 |

(To break team ties, best four out of five scores would be used for all steps. The fifth player's score would not be used to break a tie.) Playoffs are on a sudden death (hole-by-hole) basis.

PACE OF PLAY

During the Girls Golf Season, a warning followed by a one-stroke penalty WILL be assessed to groups that do not meet the pace of play limits when reporting to the scoring area. However, tournament managers do need to have at least two check points to regulate participants' pace of play. Tournament managers will be required to use the WIAA Pace of Play regulations, identified on the WIAA website.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualifications as a result of USGA rule violations (e.g., attesting for a wrong score, arriving late for a tee time, etc.) shall not require a player to miss the next event for unsportsmanlike conduct.

PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING A WARNING AND ONE-STROKE PENALTY

During the **Girls Golf** season, a “group warning” must be issued before a one-stroke penalty can be assessed to groups that do not meet the pace of play limits. A group warning occurs when a group gets more than one hole behind the group in front of them and is behind in their time par. “One hole behind” is defined as a group that has not placed the flagstick in the cup of the hole they are playing while the group in front of them has completed their hole and returned the flag to the cup of the hole they are playing.

The tournament manager/designee needs to tell the group that they are now behind in their pace and must do the following until they have advanced into their proper position:

1. Quickly walk all the way to your ball, then move aside to let others hit if need be.
2. Play “ready golf.” Disregard the honor system and allow whoever is ready to hit.
3. **No 40-second pre-shot routines.**

Tournament managers/designees must remain with the group until they have caught up with the group in front of them and regained their appropriate position.

If the group is not able to regain their appropriate position by completion of their round, then a one-stroke penalty is issued to each of the players in that group by the tournament manager. At the scoring area, an appeals meeting that includes the players and coaches involved can be held to review the pace responsibilities of each player. The tournament manager can assess a player(s) responsible for the pace delays the one-stroke penalty, rescinding the penalty for the other players.

Players are allowed a maximum of 40 seconds to play a shot when it is their turn to play.

First violation - warning

Second violation - a one-stroke penalty assessed to the player by the tournament manager.

GOLF CART AVAILABILITY FOR COACHES AND SPECTATORS

The procedure for riding golf carts used during the WIAA State Golf Tournament series is: If/When golf carts are allowed for use by a golf course for head coaches and spectators, the following priorities should be followed:

1. Head coaches receive first priority for use of golf carts when allowed by the course management-one cart per school.
2. Spectators with a valid disability parking certificate or disability plate by the State of Wisconsin or that are physically disabled under the Americans with Disability Act receive second priority. Please complete and provide a completed Cart for Disabled form to the distributor of golf carts for the meet.
3. Spectators with a medical note signed by a doctor receive third priority. Please complete and provide a completed Cart for Disabled/Medical form to the distributor of golf carts for the meet.

****Coaches and spectators are allowed to carry players’ clothing, food, umbrellas, water, allowed energy drinks (see WIAA Banned & Discouraged list), etc.**

****Expenses for golf carts must be handled by the coach or spectator making the request. (unless driver requested)**

****Only coaches and spectators who purchased golf carts can ride in the cart. Players, parents and other spectators may not be given rides**

REGIONALS

PRACTICE ROUND

One practice round will be allowed at the regional and sectional site outside the 15 meet maximum, with a coach present.

REGIONAL ENTRY

All season scores must be reported on the iWanamaker website. **Scores must be reported no later than noon on Wednesday, September 23.**

ESTABLISHING GROUP/PAIRINGS

Pairings are determined and then provided to the Regional host from the WIAA Office.

Foursomes/threesomes will be determined based on “**Best 6**” 9 hole season averages. The season averages can be viewed on the iWanamaker website.

***Coaches, be sure to have your scores updated frequently throughout the season.

7-Team 3 teams - the highest 9-hole season averages
Regionals 4 teams - the lowest 9-hole season averages

8-Team 4 teams - the highest 9-hole season averages
Regionals 4 team - the lowest 9-hole season averages

9-Team 3 teams - the highest 9-hole season averages
Regionals 3 teams - the middle 9-hole season averages
 3 teams - the lowest 9-hole season averages

PLAYOFFS

A player disqualified during that day's play will not be allowed to participate in a playoff.

TEAM Playoffs may be necessary to determine the first place team (plaque recipients) in Division 1 or Division 2. In Division 1, a team playoff will be needed for a tie at fourth place. In Division 2, a team playoff will be needed for a tie at third place. All five members or a team can participate in the playoffs with the scores of the top four counted, and the score of each individual is not cumulative. Do not use the fifth player's score to break a team tie. If scores are tied after the first hole, continue to the next hole.

INDIVIDUAL In Division 1, the top four individuals, who are not members of the first, second, third, or fourth place team, will advance to the sectional meet. Playoffs should be conducted if there is a tie to the 4th individual qualifier. . In Division 2, the top three individuals, who are not members of the first, second, or third place team, will advance to the sectional meet. A playoff should be conducted if there is a tie to the 3rd individual qualifier.

SECTIONALS

PRACTICE ROUND

One practice round will be allowed at the regional and sectional site outside the 15 meet maximum, with a coach present.

ESTABLISHING GROUP/PAIRINGS

Pairings are determined and then provided to the Sectional host from the WIAA Office.

PLAYOFFS

A player disqualified during that day's play will not be allowed to participate in a playoff.

TEAM Playoffs may be necessary to determine the two teams who will advance to state. All five members of a team participate in the playoffs with the scores of the top four counted. The score of each individual is not cumulative. Do not use the fifth player's score to break a team tie. If scores are tied after the first hole, continue to the next hole.

INDIVIDUAL Playoffs are necessary to determine the medalist, and the individual qualifiers (if necessary) who are not members of the qualifying team.

STATE

Use of Live, Online Scoring via iWanamaker

The system will include scoring updates after every hole. Team scores and individual scores will be posted on the iWanamaker website throughout the tournament. Coaches, players, parents, and spectators will all be able to monitor scores during the two-day event.

To access the iWanamaker program, simply use your internet browser and go to www.iWanamaker.com. During the WIAA State Golf tournaments, a link will be provided on the WIAA website (www.wiaawi.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is important that you read and study the following information carefully prior to your arrival at the state meet.

1. You will be required to pay greens fees of **\$50 per player** for the Sunday practice round prior to taking the course on Sunday. Make checks payable to University Ridge Country Club.
2. Everyone will play the red tees. The total distance will be 5216.
3. No shirts, hats, etc., are allowed that advertise beer, taverns, or tobacco products.
4. University Ridge requires players to wear a collared shirt. The Golf Coaches Advisory Committee has recommended that players not wear blue jeans. Any shorts worn must have a hem. Nonmetal spikes are required.
5. It is not necessary to tip the shuttle attendants. Use your discretion.
6. No one is allowed to caddy for a player during the Sunday practice round.
7. Carts will only be rented to spectators with certified physical disabilities during the two days of play or for the practice rounds. Coaches may rent 1 cart/school. Cart fee is \$25.
8. University Ridge will be selling souvenir apparel in the \$40-\$50 range. Tee-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats will also be available.
9. The course will be closed to general public play on Monday and Tuesday. Coaches may not play the course Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday.

PRACTICE ROUND TEE TIMES

Sunday has been set aside for practice rounds. Do not call University Ridge to reserve a tee time for the practice round. These times will be determined once teams have qualified. The assignment of times will be made by the WIAA based on geography. Practice round tee times will be available on the WIAA website. The information will be available after all sectionals have been completed.

The five or six members of your team will be allowed to play together. Schools that qualify only an individual will not be allowed to bring additional players to play a practice round. To accomplish this, 10-minute intervals will be used between groups. The first groups will tee off Hole 1 and Hole 10 at 11 a.m. Players will be expected to walk the practice round. The schedule will allow time for all players to complete their round before dark.

RANGE BALLS

Range balls and yardage books will be available, but schools will be required to pay for them. Range balls will be \$10/player -or- \$50/team for unlimited practice balls for the three (3) days of the WIAA tournament. Tour yardage guides \$12, regular yardage books are \$8.

LUNCH

Concessions will be available in the clubhouse. You will NOT be permitted to "run a tab." Please plan accordingly.

PRACTICE PUTTING GREEN AND DRIVING RANGE

The practice putting green and driving range will be available to players on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. The driving range is open at 7 a.m. All players have access to the range.

TEAM PACKETS

Team and individual packets will be available at University Ridge on Sunday. Tee times for Monday will be posted on the WIAA girl's golf webpage. Coaches will receive an email on Monday, with Tuesday tee times.

TIME SCHEDULE

Monday, October 13 - 8:00 a.m.	Tee Off	Hole 10	Division 1--Team Qualifiers
8:00 a.m.	Tee Off	Hole 1	Division 1-- Individual Qualifiers
8:48 a.m.	Tee Off	Hole 1	Division 2
Tuesday, October 14 -8:00 a.m.	Tee Off	Hole 1	Division 1--Team Qualifiers
8:00 a.m.	Tee Off	Hole 10	Division 1--Individual Qualifiers
8:48 a.m.	Tee Off	Hole 10	Division 2

Awards presented upon completion of round - Clubhouse area

GREENS FEES

Greens fees for Monday and Tuesday are paid by the WIAA & the Wisconsin State Golf Association (WSGA). Please acknowledge their support as appropriate.

PAIRINGS

The pairings for Monday will be available on the WIAA web site the morning after all sectional results are in. Pairings will be determined by sectional place. Groups for Tuesday's play will be set based on the team scores from Monday. The teams scoring the lowest totals will be grouped together and tee off last, etc. Individuals will be placed accordingly. The number five player for each team will tee off first, followed by the four player, etc.

Pairings for Monday's play will be as follows:

Hole 10-Division 1

8:00 a.m.	4--Teams #5 Sect 1, 3, 2, 4
8:10 a.m.	4--Teams #4
8:20 a.m.	4--Teams #3
8:30 a.m.	4--Teams #2
8:40 a.m.	4--Teams #1
8:50 a.m.	4--Teams #5 Sect 5, 6, 1, 3
9 a.m.	4--Teams #4
9:10 a.m.	4--Teams #3
9:20 a.m.	4--Teams #2
9:30 a.m.	4--Teams #1
9:40 a.m.	4--Teams #5 Sect 2, 4, 5, 6
9:50 a.m.	4--Teams #4
10 a.m.	4--Teams #3
10:10 a.m.	4--Teams #2
10:20 a.m.	4--Teams #1

Hole 1-Division 1

8:00 a.m.	4--Individual Qualifiers
8:10 a.m.	4--Individual Qualifiers
8:20 a.m.	4--Individual Qualifiers
8:30 a.m.	3--Individual Qualifiers
8:40 a.m.	3--Individual Qualifiers

Hole 1-Divison 2

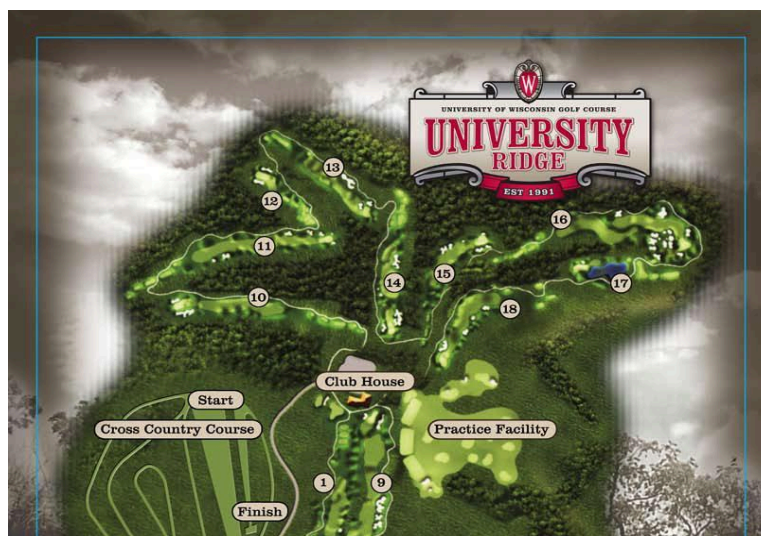
8:50 a.m.	3--Teams #5
9 a.m.	4--Teams #4 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
9:10 a.m.	4--Teams #3 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
9:20 a.m.	4--Teams #2 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
9:30 a.m.	4--Teams #1 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
9:40 a.m.	4--Teams #5 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
9:50 a.m.	4--Teams #4 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
10:00 a.m.	4--Teams #3 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
10:10 a.m.	4--Teams #2 plus 1 Ind Qualifier
10:20 a.m.	4--Teams #1 plus 1 Ind Qualifier

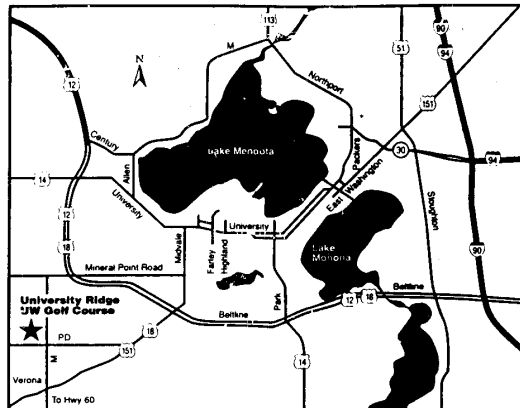
INCLEMENT WEATHER CONCERNS

In the event weather prevents the completion of the tournament, the winning teams and individuals will be determined on the basis of the last complete nine holes of competition. University Ridge and WIAA staff will make the final determination of when play must be suspended.

HOW TO OBTAIN WIAA STATE GIRLS GOLF INFORMATION

The information relative to your team's participation in the State Girls Golf Tournament is available on the girls' golf page of the WIAA web site (www.wiaawi.org).





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