

Beckman Golf Handbook 2021 - 22



Coach Contact Information

Head/Varsity Coach: Cheyne Blair; cblair@tustin.k12.ca.us; Room 214

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NOTE: *Must have **full athletic clearance**, including athletic physical & athletic clearance form turned in to Sissy Oberlin to participate in team functions! Additionally, athletes will NOT be enrolled in 6th period Golf if they are not cleared prior to the start of the 2nd semester.

Athletic clearance is now done online at www.athleticclearance.com. Athletes will need to register and create an account that is used throughout their high school career. All clearance paperwork is available through this website.

To complete the entire process, the signed page of completion from the clearance website and the completed physical form must be turned in to Sissy Oberlin prior to participation in practices.

NOTE: Unfortunately, transportation costs must be completed/cleared for the athletic clearance to be completed. This does not apply to golf (as it is self-transportation) but is not reflected on the website.

Athletes should see Mr. Fischel or Mrs. Cullinan to confirm that you are participating in golf and that the fee needs to be waived so you can complete the clearance process.

Competition Information

Pacific Coast League: Beckman, Irvine, Laguna Hills, Northwood, Portola, University, Woodbridge

Home Course: Varsity – Tustin Ranch GC; JV – Riverview GC

Season: Late February to early May. CIF competition throughout May. **MATCHES MAY BE SCHEDULED ON FRIDAYS OR BREAKS.** Anticipate that minimum days, non-student days, and some Saturdays may be used to schedule practice rounds at CIF competition sites. These are equivalent to a team practice and so are mandatory.

Practices: TBD by coaches and course availability. Calendars will be sent out prior to the start of the season. Save instruction & observation until after practice concludes, or on Fridays and weekends. **Practices are closed to parents and meant for team interaction and as an opportunity for the coaches to gauge progress and make any necessary line-up changes.**

Competitions: Include 6 competitors who walk 9 holes. 5 lowest scores count. 7th is alternate when spot is available. Usually 2-3 matches per week. JV will typically play 12-14 matches during the season. At the Varsity level the season consists of Non-league matches (4-6), League matches (10), and one or two full field tournaments.

Team: Golf is a cut sport. Typically teams hold 6-7 players on Varsity and JV depending on level of golfers who tryout. No guarantee that there will be a JV team. **Coaches decide who makes the team.** Decisions about who makes the team include but are not limited to: 1. Academic eligibility, 2. School attendance record, 3. Golf Skills, 4. Behavior and character, 5. Potential to make/contribute to Varsity, 6. Meeting Requirements discussed below.

USGA rules apply during competition. Must know the official rules! Get a rule book or go to www.usga.org. Ignorance of rules is not an excuse during a match and competition.

Athlete and Team Requirements

Attendance Commitment: You must commit to attend every scheduled practice and match (including practice rounds during CIF competition) after school, on time. Matches get you home as late as 8:00pm sometimes. There are no reasons to miss a practice or match unless you are sick or have a family emergency, both of which require phone and email communication with coach for approval. **Do not** plan trips, vacations, Doctor appointments, etc. during the season. **Unexcused tardies or absences** will result in:

1. Warning and discussion by coach and fitness reminders and being held out of next competition.
2. After 2nd unexcused absence or tardy, coach will discuss and warn player of possible team dismissal. Coaches reserve the right to decide on dismissal or leniency after considering possible extenuating circumstances.

Equipment & Skill: players must have own clubs, balls & equipment, be a skilled golfer, & **know the USGA rules**. This is a competitive high school sport, not a club or recreation league. Players are their own rules officials during a match.

Transportation: No transportation is provided by the school. Coaches are unable to transport individual students. Students are responsible for finding their own way to practices and competitions. Carpooling is an option for parents, but all parents that plan to transport athletes other than their own child must complete volunteer transportation paperwork with administration.

Team Budget and Donations: To run the Beckman Golf Program at our current level costs in excess of \$8,000. Taking that cost and previous fundraising into account, that breaks down to a suggested **\$620 donation for each new player** (this includes the cost of a new team bag, if you do not wish to purchase a bag the amount will be deducted) and a **\$420 donation for each returner** for this season. *No student will be denied the right to participate in golf due to a lack of ability to contribute a donation. Please do not opt out of golf because you are concerned about this, arrangements can be made.* **Donations above the suggested amount are of course welcome.** Program costs include: Beckman team golf bag, team shirts and other apparel (these items can vary due to costs and budget), match balls, driving range card to cover practices, misc greens fees, end of season banquet, and CIF competition golf rounds. In order to afford and receive uniforms, budget contributions are necessary. Players keep all items. **Contributions can be brought to Coach Blair directly, or, to Robert Reinsberg in the student store. All checks should be payable to Beckman ASB, and include Boys Golf and the golfer name on the memo line.**

Due to the uncertainty of the season with the COVID pandemic, there is a chance that the season will be suspended or modified during the fall.

Pre and Off Season Expectations: Practice several days a week and record practice time on the provided log sheets (see Coach Blair). Tournaments are helpful in preparing golfers (See www.scga.org for Jr. Tournament links). You should play as many rounds as possible, including courses other than Tustin Ranch. A varsity golfer should average 34-39 for 9- holes. JV should average at least 40-45 for 9 holes.

Playing Time: No athlete is guaranteed playing time in matches. Being part of the team is a privilege, not a right. It is the coaches' prerogative to decide who plays in a match and what position they play. JV playing time is used to develop golfers for the transition to Varsity. The alternate slot (7th) is used to develop players for Varsity competition. Due to this objective, playing time will not always be equal.

Dress Code: Dress code is strictly enforced. Proper golf apparel at all practices and matches: appropriate shorts, pants, and a collared golf shirt, team golf shoes.

No denim jeans, baggy pants, tank tops, t-shirts, or sandals.

Team issued uniforms at all competitions. This includes all uniform items and team bag. Improper dress will result in: 1) fitness reminder, 2) warning & discussion from coach. After 1st warning, coach reserves the right to

hold player out of next match.

Insubordination: Coaches reserve the right to remove any player from the team temporarily or permanently due to insubordination regarding any of the previous topics.

Behavior Code: Being on the Beckman Golf Team is a privilege. Disruptive or inappropriate or substandard behavior will be addressed on an individual basis, but will be subject to: 1) Fitness reminder, 2) warning & discussion from coach. After 1st warning, coach reserves the right to hold player out of next match. Coaches reserve the right to remove any player from the team temporarily or permanently due to insubordination regarding any of the previous topics.

In Season Expectations: Golf counts as a physical education class and so has a grade attached to it. Athletes are expected to attend all scheduled practices and matches/tournaments. Athletes are expected to be available throughout the spring season; lessons, doctors appointments, vacations, tutoring, etc. should all be scheduled outside practice/match hours and not during the week. Junior tournament participation is always encouraged, however, they should not interfere with team activities during the season.

Parent Expectations: All practices are closed to parent spectating and involvement, parents may spectate during matches and tournaments, subject to course or host team policies. During League finals and CIF play, spectating policies are determined by the Pacific Coast League and the host facilities, check ahead to see if spectating is permitted for each event.

COVID Precautions and Impact: Due to the nature of the coronavirus outbreak many of the policies and provisions in place and described in this document are subject to change as new information and CIF/District policies are enacted. Sharing and handling of equipment not belonging to an individual is discouraged. Any athlete that feels ill, shows any symptoms, or has come in contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID must not participate in practices or matches until they have completed recommended isolation or have a negative test. The number of matches, days, and times at the JV and varsity levels WILL be affected by the pandemic due to course availability. Additional details and the COVID waiver are available on the Beckman HS website.

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Signature of understanding: I have read & understand the commitment and expectations of being a part of the Beckman golf team:

Print Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Print Student Name _____

Student Signature _____