

THREE RIVERS CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
GOLF
Safety Guidelines

(Prior to participating, BOTH the student and parent/guardian must read carefully and sign the backside of this form.)

GOLF (Minimum 10 practice days required)

Golf is unique from other sports in that players are called upon to “referee” themselves. Cheating will never be a part of the game. Golf is a game of honesty, etiquette and composure. You are responsible for your actions and conduct. Make sure those actions and conduct are continuously positive. Any outward display of anger will never be tolerated and will result in tournament suspension. Continued displays of negative conduct will result in permanent and immediate dismissal from the golf team. You must know and abide by the rules of golf and conduct yourself in a respectful manner when it comes to the courses you play, plus the game’s honor and traditions. Have enough respect for yourself to know how to dress for success. Make sure shirts are tucked in and no cargo shorts for guys, and ladies no tummies showing and watch the length of your shorts. The school dress code is also in effect for any golf course. No denim is ever allowed on the course and all shirts must have collars. Also, have enough respect for yourself to not verbalize your negative thoughts. The words “I can’t” are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

The following golf etiquette will be followed:

1. Dress: Make sure your dress is casual, smart and appropriate for the game of golf. You must wear a collared shirt. You can wear a sweatshirt or rainwear. No denim, no cargo shorts or actual sweat material pants are allowed.
2. Safety: Make sure you shout “fore” if a ball is hit in the direction of other golfers. Be aware of debris, people, equipment that might be in your way.
3. Courtesy: When another player is about to hit, do not speak or position yourself in such a way that might be distraction or disturb the concentration of the golfer. Stay far away, stay quiet and watch when others hit.
4. Course Care: Rake bunkers (place rake outside bunker always), repair divots, repair spike marks, and pick up your broken tee on the tee box. Even if you are not the cause of disrepair on the course, at least help to repair it when you can.
5. Pace of Play: Do not delay or inconvenience other golfers on the course. Let golfers play through you if there is no group in front of you.
6. Honor system: Typically, on the tee box, the first person to tee off is the person with the lowest score on the previous hole. It proceeds in ascending order. If there was a tie on the previous hole, then play in the same teeing order as the previous hole.

7. On the Green: Always mark your ball and ask other golfers to mark their ball on the green. Make sure you mark your ball prior to lifting it. If a marker interferes with the line of the putt, upon request, move it one or more clubhead lengths to one side. Completely remove the flagstick from the green to avoid any ball hitting the pin.

8. Cell Phones: Cell phone usage will be allowed on the course for contact only to parents. If the cell phone is seen or used for any other reason and cell phone use is abused, then the privilege will be taken away and the cell phone will be relinquished every day before practice. Cell phones will never be used in tournament play; and if a TRCS golfer is seen using a cell phone during tournament play, the player will be disqualified from that tournament.

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Athlete's Name (Please print): _____

I am aware that golf is a high-risk sport and that practicing or competing in golf can be a dangerous activity involving **MANY RISKS OR INJURY**. I understand the dangers and risks of practicing and competing in golf, include but are not limited to death, serious neck and spinal injuries, which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious aspects of the muscular skeletal system, and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of my body, general health, and injury, but in a serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life. I also understand that the sport in which I participate may be so inherently dangerous that no amount of reasonable supervision, protective equipment or training can eliminate all vestiges of danger. I am informed the Three Rivers Christian School District does not assume responsibility for the medical services required for these risks.

Because of the dangers of golf, I recognize the importance of following the coaches' instructions regarding techniques, training, and other team rules, etc., and agree to obey such instructions.

In consideration of the Three Rivers Christian School District permitting me to try out for the high school golf team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including but not limited to trying out, practicing, or competing in golf, I have read the above warnings, and I understand their terms. I have also read and understand the preparation guidelines for practices/contest, locker room safety rules, and emergency situations, as explained in the Three Rivers Christian Athletic Handbook.

Signature of Athlete: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print): _____

As the parent/legal guardian of the above-named student and in consideration of the Three Rivers Christian School District, I give permission for my child/ward to try out for the high school golf team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including, but not limited to, trying out, practicing or competing in golf. I have read the above warning, and I understand their terms. I have also read and understand the preparation guidelines for practices/contests, and emergency situations, as explained in the Three Rivers Christian Athletic Handbook.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____