



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Zone Qualifiers

FROM: Aaron Helmick, Director of Student Activities, West Potomac High School

DATE: October 7, 2016

RE: Girls State Golf Open Championships

The Girls State Golf Open Championship will be held on **Monday, October 24th and Tuesday, October 25th, 2016, at International Country Club, Fairfax, VA.** Please see the information sheet below for additional information.

VHSL Girls State Entry Forms can be found at <http://www.vhsl.org/athletics.golf> under "Resources" (Girls Exempted Entry Form and Girls Open Championship Entry Form).

PLEASE TYPE and make sure you have the correct spelling of players' names. **PLEASE E-MAIL THIS FORM TO: Aaron Helmick ([abhelmick@fcps.edu](mailto:abhelmick@fcps.edu)).** It is very important that this form is submitted by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20th.**

This final report will be used to determine individual pairings. This form must be typed so we can ensure names will be spelled correctly on scorecards and score sheets.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Aaron Helmick at: 703-718-2561 (West Potomac High School Student Activities Office), or 703-203-9496 (cell number), or email [abhelmick@fcps.edu](mailto:abhelmick@fcps.edu).

We look forward to a great tournament. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

## 2016 STATE VHSL GIRLS GOLF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### REGIONAL QUALIFYING:

#### The Girls State Open Qualifying process is as follows:

- The number of golfers advancing to the State VHSL Girls Open will be **20%** from each of the zone qualifiers.
- Exemptions will be offered to any girl who participates in her Region golf tournament and finishes among the top 15 individual scorers or any girl playing as a member of her school's team in the Boys State Championship and finishing among the top 15 individual scorers.
- Girls who qualify as individuals from regional competition to state competition must choose whether they intend to participate in the individual portion of the Boys State Championship event or in the Girls Open Championship.

### COURSE:

International Country Club  
13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy.  
Fairfax, VA 22033  
(703) 449-3430

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Springhill Suites-Fairfax Fair Oaks  
11191 Waples Mill Rd.  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
Please call Magali Boyle at 703-691-7880 before October 20<sup>th</sup> to secure the VHSL Golf group discount.

**TEE TIMES:** Tee times for Monday and Tuesday, will be posted at <http://www.vhsl.org/golf>. Tee times will range from approximately 8:30 am to 11:45 am.

**PRACTICE:** Please contact International Country Club pro shop at 703-449-3430 to schedule practice rounds. Practice rounds will be available on Friday (10/21), Saturday (10/22) and Sunday (10/23). (Note- Sunday practice is permitted by the VHSL.)

**RANGE BALLS:** Range Balls will be provided at no charge on Monday and Tuesday prior to the start of the tournament.

**RULES DINNER:** There will be a **mandatory** rules meeting for all coaches and players at Chantilly High School on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dinner will be served (free of charge for Coaches and Players) at 6:30 p.m.

Address: Chantilly High School  
4201 Stringfellow Road  
Chantilly VA 22151

**EQUIPMENT:** All participants must furnish their own equipment. Players must carry their own bag. Use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) ONLY is permitted as long as information requested by those in your group who do not have a DMD is provided. Any DMD that has weather and slope available on it is ILLEGAL, even if the functions are deactivated – PENALTY is DISQUALIFICATION.

**PLAYER**

**TRANSPORTATION:** USGA- Rules of Golf - Appendix I - Part C- Conditions of the Competition  
If it is desired to require players to walk in a competition, the following condition is recommended: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

Stroke Play- Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: Four Strokes.

**RULES:** USGA and VHSL rules will apply.

**COACHES PLAY:** There will be no coaches play either day.

**COACHING:** The coach of each team will be the only person who can give advice to a player. If another person is to assume this role, that person should be designated to the director prior to play. If the designated coach is not employed by the player's school, written permission for that person to serve in that capacity must be provided by the school in advance. The coach will be identified with a name-tag credential supplied by the tournament director.

**CART RENTAL:** Carts will be provided for all coaches and VSGA Officials. Coaches with multiple players in the event will have priority. Other cart rentals will be at the discretion of the course pro shop. All carts must be signed out. Carts will be rented to persons with handicapped driving pass (identification required) and other spectators depending on availability.

**AWARDS:** No awards will be presented until the event has concluded. The protocol for presenting the awards is Individual (1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place) will be recognized with medals provided by the VHSL. There will be no playoffs for any place other than 1<sup>st</sup> place. Additional medals for ties will be available through the VHSL office.

## PLAYER ETIQUETTE:

Coaches are reminded to inform their players and spectators:

1. Proper dress.
  - a. Shirts with collars
  - b. No cut-offs
  - c. Proper footwear (Soft Spikes)

### 2. Sportsmanship.

#### 1. Playing Etiquette

##### VHSL Rule 70-1-2

1. A player will not be permitted to throw or abuse any piece of equipment during the match.  
Penalty- Such action constitutes a sportsmanship violation and must be reported to the VHSL office.
2. A player shall not use profanity during a match  
Penalty- Such action constitutes a sportsmanship violation and must be reported to the VHSL office.
2. We are trusting in the honesty and integrity of each golfer to give his or her marker the proper strokes per hole.
3. Remind players that scores for each hole should be written on the score card before teeing off on the next tee.
4. At the conclusion of play, score cards should be checked for correctness before being turned into the committee. USGA Rules of Golf- 6-6d."The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he shall be disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand."
5. In case of ties, they will be played off at a hole determined by the VSGA Official in charge in accordance with VHSL Regulation 70-4-10.
6. USGA Rule 14-3 Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Unusual Use of Equipment will be in effect. This prohibits the use of any equipment that might assist a player in making a specific stroke or generally in her play.
7. Parents and spectators are to be reminded that they shall in no way be involved with coaching the players.