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VHSL Girls Zone Qualifier Tournament Information Zone 5 – Valley

- Site:** Heritage Oaks Golf Course, Harrisonburg, VA
- Dates:** Monday, October 17, 2016
- Time:** 10:00 AM (coaches meeting 9:30am)
- Entry Forms:** Monday, October 10, 2014 @ 3:00 PM
Use the appropriate Golf State Entry Form (team or individual) that is found at: <http://www.vhsl.org/athletics.golf> Forms should be completed electronically and, upon completion, emailed to: dwilson@harrisonburg.k12.va.us
Please ensure the proper spelling of all entries as this form will be used to produce scorecards and score sheets.
- Tournament Director:** Darrell Wilson, Athletic Director, Harrisonburg High School
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School: 540-433-0450
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- Rules Committee:** David Johns, Head Golf Professional, Heritage Oaks
- Course:** Heritage Oaks Golf Course
680 Garbers Church Rd.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
540-442-6502
www.heritageoaksgolf.com
- Entry Fee:** \$9 per golfer. Payable by the day of the tournament to:
Harrisonburg High School
c/o Athletic Department
1001 Garbers Church Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Re: VHSL Girls Zone Qualifier
- Practice:** \$9 per golfer to walk (includes practice round and range balls), \$17 additional to ride; \$26.00 per person per round, cart + greens fee.
For tee times, please contact the Pro Shop at Heritage Oaks.
- Food and Concessions:** Food and concessions will be available at the Pro Shop Restaurant for participants and spectators throughout the day. Light snacks will be provided to the golfers.
- Overnight Accommodations:** Many local hotels will give the best rates possible if you need rooms. Just mention that you are in town for an event hosted by Harrisonburg High School.
- Equipment:** All participants must furnish their own equipment. Players must carry their own bag. No unusual equipment permitted. (USGA 14-3)
- Transportation:** USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I (Part C)
Conditions of 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: Coach play will not be permitted on the tournament day.

Coaching: The VHSL Advice Rule is in effect. The coach of each individual will be the only person giving advice to the player. If another person is permitted to assume this role, that person should be designated to the Tournament Director prior to play beginning. The coach will be identified with credentials supplied by the Tournament Director. Advice may be given anytime on the course except on the green, where coaches will not be permitted. Coaches whose players fall out of position when competing in an event in which the VSGA Pace of Play flag system is in effect will only be allowed to give advice from green to tee, and only when all balls of all players in the group are no longer in play. Once players are back in position as noted by the flag system, coaches will regain their full advice privileges. Advice is to be given in a private manner that does not unduly delay play. The penalty for breach of conditions by a player is a two-stroke penalty, by a coach is two strokes added to his/her team's score.

Reminders for Players and Spectators:

- Proper Dress:
 - Shirts with collars, no cut-offs, proper footwear (soft spikes).
- Sportsmanship: VHSL Handbook 70-4-3 Playing Etiquette
 - *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 League.
 - *A player shall not use profanity during the match.*
 - Penalty: such action constitutes a sportsmanship violation and must be reported to the League.
- Since this is a gentlemen's game, we are trusting in the honesty and integrity of each golfer to give his or her marker the proper strokes per hole.
- Remind players that scores for each hole should be written on the score card before teeing off from the next hole.
- At the conclusion of play, score cards should be checked for correctness before being signed and turned into officials. Players will be escorted to the scoring area to calculate and double check score cards. Players should not stop and talk to spectators, teammates, etc during this time. **No parents or spectators are allowed in the scoring area.** 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."
- Ties will be played off at a hole determined by the VSGA Official in Charge in accordance with VHSL Regulation 70-7-1.
- USGA Rule 14-3: Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment, and

Unusual Use of Equipment will be in effect with the following modification by VHSL Rule. Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) are permitted in VHSL golf competitions, provided that a golfer using the DMD shares the accurate information with the other golfers in his or her group. Intentionally providing inaccurate information to the other golfers shall constitute a sportsmanship violation. Any DMD used in VHSL competition must be a distance measuring device ONLY. The device must not have any other potential functions such as wind, slope, etc., even if those functions are turned "OFF."

- All spectators are reminded that they shall in no way be involved with the coaching of players. ALL SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN ON THE CART PATH.
- Spectators and parents are not allowed to search for lost balls. However, as a courtesy, you may point in the direction where you think the ball may lie.
- Spectators and parents are allowed on the course as a courtesy. They are not permitted to interpret the rules or involve themselves in any rule decisions.
- Upon completion of the round, no player is permitted on the range, practice areas, or the course.

Scoring:

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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.

Girls will be permitted to play on their boys golf teams until such time as a viable stand-alone program for girls exists. 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.

After 18 holes, the 20% with the lowest scores will qualify for the State Tournament. All ties will be broken by a sudden death play-off starting at the hole designated by the Tournament Director or golf course pro. In the event that weather or darkness limits this procedure, ties then will be broken by lowest back nine. In the case of inclement weather conditions that halt play or shorten the tournament, the following will apply:

- 9 Hole score the day of the tournament.

- Lowest 20 % compiled average scores from the nine hole qualifying event and/or other regular season events.