

# 2017-18 Oak Ridge Golf Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Which golf class will I be enrolled in for next year?**

## GOLF CLASSES WILL BE FORMED USING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

- A. 2016-17 TOURNAMENT AVERAGE (returning ORHS players only)
- B. 2017 SUMMER TOURNAMENT AVERAGE (4 lowest 18-hole tournament scores from the Beltway JGT ([www.beltwayjgt.com](http://www.beltwayjgt.com)), Houston Golf Association, Southern Texas PGA, AJGA, **and/or** Texas Junior Golf Tour). If you play 8, 9, or even 10 tournaments this summer, I will still just take your 4 lowest rounds from this summer and use that average. If you only play 4 tournaments, your summer average will be determined on those 4 tournaments only.

**\*\*Please read--Important:** Everyone that completes 4 summer junior golf tournaments will be guaranteed to be in one of the golf classes. In some cases, incoming 9th graders or new players will meet the standards for making the last block golf class. In rare cases, players that are TRUE beginners with ZERO golf experience may be designated as "After School" only and not be assigned to a golf class. I will contact counselors prior to school starting to give them the final list of players for each class. You will also get the email. Changes may have to be made to your schedule to make the golf class assignment work out. The tentative golf class breakdown is listed below.

### TENTATIVE GOLF CLASS SET UP FOR 2017-18

**1<sup>st</sup> BLOCK GOLF** (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> period will practice from 6:45-8:30 am—morning only—9<sup>th</sup>/JV boys)

**2<sup>nd</sup> BLOCK GOLF** (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> period will practice during class time only—9<sup>th</sup>/beginning boys)

**LAST BLOCK GOLF** (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> period will practice from 1:20-4:30ish)

**AFTER SCHOOL ONLY**--True beginners will be on the team, but in an after school only capacity. No class.

2. **How long is the high school golf season?** September through April.
3. **How do we know when and where we practice or have a tournament?** We will practice the entire school year. August-May. The practice schedule and tournament information will be posted on the website. <http://orhs.conroeisd.net/Athletics/golf>.
4. **Can I play another sport and play golf at ORHS?** Yes. We encourage all of our athletes to participate in as much as they can handle. Each sport will try to work out the best possible scenario to accommodate practice and other conflicts. Golf practice must fit into your after school schedule when your other sport is in off-season.
5. **Do I have to be in the golf athletic period to be on the team?** No. We would definitely prefer all of our golfers to be in one of the golf classes to get the full benefit of what the program offers. Multi-sport and multi-activity students would need to meet with the coach one on one to discuss the options for playing golf if you are not in the golf class.
6. **How many players are on the golf team?** Our numbers have steadily grown over the past 12 years. Typically, we have between 35-40 boys and 10-15 girls each year.
7. **How many teams do we have?** Teams are made up of 5 players. Typically, we will have 2 Varsity Boys teams and 1 Varsity Girls team each season. Everything below the varsity level will be listed as JV.
8. **How will the teams be determined in season?** In Season--The teams are formed using our ranking system that combines practice rounds and tournament scores. Tournament scores count as 85%, while practice rounds will make up the other 15%. Fall—2 rankings. Spring—5 rankings.

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9. **How many tournaments will we play?** 8 tournaments plus District. Some players may not play all 8 tournaments for various reasons. The top 13 boys and top 13 girls (from our rankings) will play at the District Tournament. Players participating in the district tournament will letter for the season.
10. **Will I miss school to attend a golf tournament?** Yes. All of our tournaments are during regular school hours. Students are expected to make arrangements with all of their teachers for missed work prior to their absence. Player lists for tournaments go out one week before events. Players are expected to make up their work the next school day and will not be required to go to practice. Students will be asked to get a pass to the class or classes that they have make-up work, or passes will be written to the library for the class period.
11. **Do we have golf practice everyday?** Plan on having golf practice at the golf course 3-4 days a week for most of the season. Some Mondays and Fridays will be reserved for conditioning and strength training workouts here at ORHS during the fall. In the spring, we will shift gears and utilize Mondays and Fridays for more practice time opportunities. Expect also some conditioning workouts, videos over the rules of golf with weekly quizzes. All of the practice info will be posted on the website.
12. **Where do we practice?** Cypresswood GC, The Palmer & Player Course, West Fork GC (AM class only), The Player Course (AM class only on select days)
13. **Do we have a dress code policy for practice and tournaments?** YES. Golf attire is required for all practices. No t-shirts, no cargo shorts, and no blue jeans. Shirts must be tucked in while we are at practice and tournaments. Khaki shorts or pants and the specified “tournament” shirt will be normal attire for tournaments. Golf shoes must be worn to practice and tournaments.
14. **Does ORHS provide transportation to practice each day?** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Period golf class meets in the golf classroom (Portable E) at 6:45 am on practice days to catch the bus to practice. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> period—in class, and bus provided. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> period golf--Bus provided **to and from** practice on scheduled days/times.
15. **Does ORHS provide transportation to AND from tournaments?** ORHS will provide transportation to and from tournaments, unless otherwise stated. We leave very early on tournament days (5:45 to 6:15 am). All parents and players will be given tournament information prior to each event via email. If an event is local (i.e. The Woodlands, Conroe), then the players will provide their own means of transportation to and home from the event (Car-pooling is encouraged in this situation).
16. **How much does it cost to play golf for ORHS?** It varies from year to year. See Coach Edmonson for the latest Golf Order Form. Tournament entry fees, lunch on tournament days, and transportation to out of district events are paid for by ORHS.
17. **Interested in College Golf:** \*Grades and strong character are #1. \*Be Realistic. \*Tournament scoring average around PAR or better for Division I consideration. \*Tournament scoring average in the mid to upper 70s for Division II consideration. \*Tournament scoring average in the upper 70s-lower 80s for Division III, NAIA, and JUCO consideration. \*Take lessons and get better each week. \*Practice. \*Play as much competitive golf as you can—outside of school events. \*Contact colleges early (soph year). \*Use your resources for help. Open the lines of communication with Coach Edmonson, Counselors, and your colleges of choice. \*\*Texas Tech Head Golf Coach Greg Sands...”we want kids with very strong character, very good grades, and they need to be able to play a little golf as well...”
18. **Summer golf:** Beltway Jr Golf Tour—([www.beltwayjgt.com](http://www.beltwayjgt.com)), STPGA ([www.stpga.com](http://www.stpga.com)), Houston Golf Association ([www.hga.org](http://www.hga.org)), Texas Junior Golf Tour ([www.tjgt.com](http://www.tjgt.com)).

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