

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Golf BY-LAWS
(Revised 10/15/2010)

1. Rules

- A. The United States Golf Association playing rules will apply except where modified by the P.O.E., Mountain Valley Conference, or local course rules.
- B. Summer rules will be used for all league matches on all courses unless changed by the condition of the course as determined by the home coach.
 - a) In sand traps, a ball may be moved out of an abnormal depression, such as a footprint, animal print, or other man-made depressions.

2. Levels of Competition

- A. Boys and Girls Varsity

3. Contest Rules

- A. All matches will begin at 2:30 p.m. unless noted.
- B. Each coach will present a line-up with players averages prior to the match. Players with the best average will be placed in the number one position; the player with the second best average in the number two position; the third best average in the third position and so on until all eight (8) positions are filled.
- C. A team will consist of a maximum of eight (8) players. If a team has less than eight (8) players, the team must forfeit each unfilled position beginning with the 8th position.
- D. Players will be sent off in foursomes (4) whenever and wherever possible.
- E. All matches will be scored based on 8 players in the match. One point will be awarded for the match winner of the first 9 holes. One point will be awarded for the match winner of the second 9 holes; one point will be awarded to the medal winner of the 18 hole match. Ties will be broken by the teams combined scores. During the regular season, golfers will keep their score, as well as the other 3 golfers in the group. In accordance with U.S.G.A. rules, all cards will be duly signed.
- F. In order for a match to be official, at least fourteen (14) holes must have been completed. If enough holes have not been completed to make the match official, the match must be replayed from the first tee. Both teams must make every effort to reschedule the match as soon as possible. The scoring on a 14 hole match will be 9-5 and the last 4 holes played will be scored as pars.
- G. If any questions arise concerning a rule, players should play two balls and record both scores, and request a ruling at the end of the match from the coaches. In case of a dispute, and coaches of both teams are unable to reach an amicable settlement, the golf professional of the home course will render a decision which shall be acceptable to both teams. If no local professional is available, or the decision is unacceptable, the matter will be referred to the U.S.G.A. whose decision will be rendered under medal play and is final.
- H. All female participants will tee off from the ladies' tees. Male participants will tee off from the mens' tees.

- I. All MVC golf coaches are responsible to supervise their athletes during all matches. Coaches may practice with extra golfers who are not in the match while simultaneously supervising all of their golfers.

4. Uniforms

- A. Appropriate dress and golf etiquette will be stressed at all times. No dungarees may be worn and all shirts must have collars.
- B. Walkman, radios, television, Ipods, cell phones, and similar audio-visual devices must be placed in golfer's bag during match play. The only person to be called during match play would be the coach for a rule interpretation, or in the event of an emergency.

5. Bench/Sideline Protocol

- A. There will be no coaching while match is in play. This will apply to respective coaches or any member of the gallery. Any advice given by coaches or members of the gallery, under these circumstances, will result in a two-stroke penalty and the loss of that hole on which information was given.

6. Postponement

- A. Postponement of games is up to the home team.
- B. The home team is responsible to notify all parties involved.
- C. The rescheduling of a game must be by mutual consent of the teams involved on the next available playing date, including Saturdays.
- D. Play is to be suspended in the event of threatening weather conditions that may possibly affect the safety of the participants. This is to be determined by the home team. If such conditions continue after a reasonable amount of time, the home team may postpone the match.

7. End of Season Meeting

- A. The meeting will be held at the league tournament.
- B. Coaches must attend any meeting called by the sport chairman and must complete any forms requested.
- C. Each team **MUST** be represented by the head coach or the head coach's designee (to be approved by the school's athletic director or principal). If a school is not represented a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the school.
- D. "Most Valuable Player" voting:
 - a. One week prior to the league tournament, coaches may nominate one of their own players to be considered for the "Most Valuable Player" Award.
 - b. Voting occurs at that meeting.
 - c. Coaches can NOT vote for their own players.
 - d. In case of a tie, coaches will re-vote once, voting for one of the athletes that were tied during the initial vote (coaches cannot vote for their own players).
 - e. If a tie still occurs after the second vote, "Co-MVPs" will be named.
 - f. A plaque will be awarded to the MVP(s).

8. Play-offs/Championship

- A. League Tournament
 - a. The league tournament will consist of stroke play.
 - b. The league tournament will consist of 18 holes.

- c. The league tournament will start at a time decided by the tournament course.
- d. Postponement and suspension of play will be determined by the tournament director.
- e. The league tournament will consist of three (3) flights, 8 players per team. The contestants for each school and their designated flight will be sent to the tournament director one week in advance of the tournament.
- f. In the event of a tie for flight champion and/or medalist, a sudden-death playoff will be held.
- g. Each golfer in each group will record scores of all other golfers in his group as well as his own score accurately. All cards will be duly signed.
- h. Coaching by non-participants will not be permitted.
- i. Home course rules will apply to the league tournament and will be announced prior to the start of the tournament.
- j. If any dispute arises during the course of the tournament, the Athletic Director Golf Chair and Golf Pro will decide such disputes.
- k. It will be the function of the tournament director to report results to the media.
U.S.G.A. rules will apply in the league tournament except that the "Rake and Place" rule will govern balls in sand traps.
MVC Tournament: 8 players count 8 scores.
- l. Coaches will not play during the tournament. All coaches will be on the course supervising the athletes.

B. League Championship

- a. The league champion will be determined by win-loss percentages of all league matches.
- b. In the event of a regular season tie, a playoff will be held at as neutral a course as can be secured. Regulations governing regular league matches will apply to playoffs. If, for some reason, a play-off cannot be scheduled, co-champion will be declared.

9. Reporting Game results

- A. The home team will report game results to the following media:

The Morning Call
1-800-999-5625
(610) 820-6558
Fax: (610) 820-8654

Pocono Record
1-800-756-4237
(570) 421-3000
Fax: (570) 421-6284

The Express Times
1-800-360-3601
(610) 258-7171
Fax: (610) 258-7130

Times News of Lehighton
1-800-443-0377
(610) 377-2051
Fax: (610) 826-9608

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