

INFORMATION UPDATE!!

9/28/09

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE TEE LOCATION !!

- Tees: **Women will play from the GOLD TEES** and the men will play from the blue tees.
- Please remember that ***exact yardages will be determined by the VSGA*** representatives and may not mirror the tee locations of the golf course.

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

2009 Group AA State Tournament

October 12 and 13, 2009



Williamsburg National Golf Course

"The Jamestown Course"

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IMPORTANT ITEMS OF NOTE FOR THIS TOURNAMENT:

- This tournament will take place on the **Jamestown Course**.
- **USGA and VHSL rules** are in effect and a rules committee will be in place should it be needed.
- The **VHSL Advice Rule** is in effect:
(5) In addition to provisions of USGA Rule 8, each team may appoint only one person, either its head or assistant coach as identified to the tournament director before the start of the competition each day, to give advice or ask for advice from members of that team. The designated coach may not be given advice or ask for advice from another team's players or coaches or from any other representative of his/her own team. Advice may be given anytime on the course except on the green, where coaches will not be permitted. Swing demonstration and shot alignment will also be prohibited by the coach. 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.
- Coaches with a **valid badge** will be permitted to secure a cart.
- Spectators with a **valid Handicap Sticker** or a letter from a physician may rent a cart *(depending upon availability)*.
- **Distance aid / Measuring devices** are NOT permitted.
- Tee times for the practice round start at 10:45 on Sunday. Tournament play starts at 9:00 on Monday and Tuesday.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

- **Entry forms due by noon on October 7th**. Entries not received by the deadline will not have names on the tournament t-shirt. Team forms may be found at this link: <http://www.vhsl.org/files/golf-state-team-entry-form.doc> . Individual forms: <http://www.vhsl.org/files/golf-state-individual-entry-form.doc> . **Entries must be sent as an attachment to an email to BrinsfieldJ@wjcc.k12.va.us**.
- **The name of the coach identified to give advice is due by noon October 7th**.
- **Coaches Meeting** will be held in conjunction with a catered meal at Williamsburg National on **Sunday, October 11th at 7:00 PM**. Coaches and athletes must attend this meeting which will be held at the outside Pavilion. This meeting is for players and coaches only. The restaurant will be open and available for parents and spectators.
- **Check in is required each day of competition**. Coaches should check in at the pavilion 30 minutes before tee-time.
- **Each player should report to the starter 10 minutes prior to his/her scheduled tee time.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- For information about The Jamestown Course visit www.wngc.com. Please remember that **exact yardages will be determined by the VSGA** representatives and may not mirror the tee locations of the golf course.
- Tee times for tournament play are listed on the pages below.
- Tees: Women will play from the **GOLD** tees and men will play from the blue tees.
- Practice Rounds on Sunday, October 11th are assigned as per the pages below. **There will be a \$20.00 greens fee per golfer payable to WNGC.**
- Food and Beverage: The outside snack area will be open to purchase sandwiches, hotdogs, snacks, and drinks. The restaurant inside the clubhouse is available for sit-down meals.
- Souvenirs: Martin Screen Print will be selling VHSL apparel on site.
- Attire: Proper golf attire is required. This course is a soft spike facility.
- Upon the completion of the round, each group must report to the scorer's table to attest scores.
- Upon completion of the round, no player is permitted on the range, practice areas, or the course.

Directions to Williamsburg National:

From Richmond and West:

- 64 East
- Take Exit 234 toward Lightfoot/VA 199 East (6.3 miles)
- Turn right onto Rt. 199
- Take Exit 321/Monticello Avenue (3.1 miles)
- Turn Right onto Centerville Road/VA 614
- Turn right into Williamsburg National Golf Course

From Virginia Beach and East:

- 64 West
- Take Exit 242A toward VA 199 West (7.0 miles)
- Take Exit 321/Monticello Avenue
- Take the left ramp onto Monticello Avenue (3.1 miles)
- Turn Right onto Centerville Road/VA 614
- Turn right into Williamsburg National Golf Course

Hotel Information:

Congratulations and Welcome to all participants in the 2009 Virginia High School Group AA State Golf Championship. Special Group Room Rates are available for participants and their families. All of the properties are located 15 minutes or less from Williamsburg National. Prices include all sales and room taxes. Book online (click special link below) for your convenience or call Virginia Golf Vacations at 1-877-806-8163 for questions.

<https://secure.guestdesk.com/reservations/?id=459&systemType=2&packageURLID=6490>

VHSL HANDBOOK RULES – GOLF:

70-1-1 Playing Rules-The golf rules set forth in the current rule book of the United States Golf Association shall govern all League golf matches and tournaments, except in those instances where the rules conflict with the special rules set forth in this section, in which case these special rules shall take precedence. Girls competing on the boys team, where there is no separate girls team, will play 85 percent of the distance from the men's tees. The course pro will determine which holes and which tees are necessary to accomplish the 85 percent (or as close to as reasonably possible). It is the home team coach's responsibility to provide this information to opposing teams prior to the start of the match. If the course pro cannot determine the 85 percent factor, girls may play from the designated women's tee.

70-1-2 Playing Etiquette-

(1) A player will not be permitted to throw or abuse any piece of equipment during the match.

Penalty: First Offense - 2 stroke penalty

Second Offense - Disqualification from match

(2) A player shall not use profanity during the match.

Penalty: First Offense - Warning

Second Offense - 2 stroke penalty

Third Offense - Disqualification from match

(3) A player shall not use tobacco or tobacco-like products during the match.

Penalty: First Offense - 2 stroke penalty

Second Offense - Disqualification from match

70-2-1 Schedules-Each school shall make its own playing schedule and allow practice within the dates published on the current year's VHSL Competition Calendar. See Sports Season Rule, 27-7-1. Each school team shall be limited to 12 matches per season, exclusive of district, regional and state tournament matches. A multiple school match shall count as one match.

70-3-1 Championships-League schools shall determine district, regional and state team and individual championships in tournaments held on the dates specified on the Activities Calendar (inside front cover of *Handbook*). District individual and team championships may be determined at the discretion of the appropriate district council.

70-4-1 District Procedures-A team shall consist of a minimum of four players and a maximum of six players. District championships may be determined by regular season play or through tournament play. District councils may select either match or stroke play for regular season and district championship matches. Each district should have in place a format for breaking ties during the regular season. For tournament tie breaking procedures refer to section 70-8-1.

70-5-1 Determining Regional Championships-Qualifications for the regional tournament shall be set by each regional council. Failure of a region to determine its appropriate representatives on or before the date specified on the Activities Calendar (inside front cover of the *Handbook*) shall disqualify the regional winners from competing in the state championship. A team shall consist of a minimum of four players and a maximum of six players. Each entrant shall play either 18 or 36 holes of stroke play (determined in advance by individual regional councils). The four-man team with the lowest aggregate score for the tournament shall be declared the regional champion. The individual with the lowest aggregate score shall be declared the individual regional champion.

70-6-1 Determining State Championships:

(1) All groups shall determine state team and individual championships on the date specified on the Activities Calendar (inside front cover of the *Handbook*). All championship matches on the state level shall be determined by stroke play.

(2) For the state tournament each region may qualify 2 teams that will provide an 8 team state tournament. Alternates for individual qualifiers will be determined by the results of regional tournaments. The tournament director must be notified by the regional director regarding substitutions by noon of the day before the state tournament begins. Each region may further qualify 6 individual golfers determined by the 6 lowest regional scores attained

by golfers who are not members of qualifying teams. A team shall consist of a minimum of four players and a maximum of six players.

(3) Each entrant should play 36 holes of stroke play. The team score for each 18 holes will be the total of the four lowest scores for the individual team members for those 18 holes. The team score for the tournament will be the total of each team's two 18 hole rounds as determined above. The team with the lowest score for the tournament will be declared the state team champion. The individual with the lowest 36 hole aggregate shall be declared the individual champion. For Play Stoppage Rule see section 70-7-1.

(4) The tournament director will assign competitors on the basis of schools represented and scores reported on the entry form. On the first day pairings will be as follows:

- Pair the four regional championship teams together with No. 1 through No. 6 players respectively in each foursome and one from each region in each foursome.
- Pair the four regional runner-up teams together in the same manner.
- Pair the first through the sixth individuals from each region in the same manner.
- When possible, players will tee off, each day, from the front and back nine, with the best scores teeing off last. Tee times will be based on entries for day one and based on first day scores for day two. Second day foursomes will be assigned by using the first day's scores. Players from the same school may not be paired together. Players with best scores from the first day will play last.

Options for front and back nine starts:

- Teams (48 players) off one nine and individuals (24 players) off the other nine.
- Divide the field of 72 players into two groups of 36.
- If only one tee area can be used each day, players with the best scores will tee off first to promote faster play. On the first day, individuals will tee off first followed by teams. On the second day, teams will tee off first followed by individuals.
- Alternates listed on the team entry form may be inserted on either day of the tournament until the scheduled tee time for the individual being replaced.

(5) In addition to provisions of USGA Rule 8, each team may appoint only one person, either its head or assistant coach as identified to the tournament director before the start of the competition each day, to give advice or ask for advice from members of that team. The designated coach may not be given advice or ask for advice from another team's players or coaches or from any other representative of his/her own team. Advice may be given anytime on the course except on the green, where coaches will not be permitted. Swing demonstration and shot alignment will also be prohibited by the coach. 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.

(6) Local rules of the host club shall be observed implicitly, and the authorized faculty sponsor for each competing school shall be responsible for such compliance by members of his/her group. As noted under Rule 6-3 of the USGA rules, if the player arrives ready to play within five minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes to be added to the first hole score. No caddies or carts shall be used by participants. The tournament director may share his/her responsibility to rule on technical questions arising from play to some other person and/or committee, appointed by the director. The decisions of the committee are final.

(7) Competing teams and individuals shall defray all expenses of travel, board, lodging and other incidental expenses. All equipment, including balls, shall be furnished by competing teams or individuals.

70-7-1 Play Stoppage-In case the state tournament cannot be completed in its entirety (inclement weather, darkness or otherwise), the following rules shall apply:

- If the first day is entirely rained out, scores for completed holes on the second day will determine the team and individual champions.
- All rounds in which participants begin on the same tee will consist of two nine-hole stipulated rounds and will follow USGA rules in calculation of scores.

(3) All rounds which involve multiple tee starts will count only scores for holes completed by every individual.

(4) All ties will be broken using USGA standards. For purposes of competition, last nine will include holes 10-18 and the first nine will consist of holes 1-9. In the case of ties involving teams, the four lowest individual scores for that day will be used in all calculations.

70-8-1 Breaking Team Ties-Team ties for district, regional and state champions and qualifiers for the next level of play, and for place finishers at the state tournament will be resolved in the following manner:

(1) Each coach will select 4 players to represent the school in the playoff.

(2) Playoff will start on a hole designated by the tournament director.

(3) A sudden victory format will be used. The aggregate total, after each hole, of the four-member teams, will count.

(4) Each coach must rank his/her players 1 through 4.

(5) In a two team playoff, the third and fourth ranked player from each team will be paired together in a foursome. In a three or four way tie, one player from each team will be paired with equally ranked members of each team.

(6) Play should be continuous. When the first group finishes the first hole, they should move directly to the second hole and continue play.

(7) Play will continue until all ties are broken.

(8) In the event a playoff cannot be completed, all ties will be broken using the acceptable method of matching cards as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf.

70-8-2 Breaking Individual Ties:

(1) In the event of a tie in a stroke play competition, a hole-by-hole playoff will be used to determine placement. The hole or holes to be used should be designated prior to the tournament or as soon as appropriate during the tournament.

(2) In the event a playoff cannot be completed, all ties will be broken using the acceptable method of matching cards as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf.

70-9-1 Practice Round on Sunday-When the district, regional or state championship is scheduled to open on Monday, schools have permission to have a practice round at the site on the Sunday preceding the championship unless the district or region denies permission for a Sunday practice preceding its own championship. It is strongly recommended that only courses that can provide adequate practice time be considered for a state championship.

Guidelines on Handling Contests during Lightning Disturbances

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play;
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty Minute Rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30 minute count, reset the clock and another 30 minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Guidelines for Lightning Safety" contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

Guidelines for Fans on the Course

1. Do not offer advice to the golfer between the tee and green. Examples would include but are not limited to:
 - "Wow, look how much the wind is blowing."
 - "That green really slopes back to front, doesn't it?"
 - "Boy this next shot is downhill."
 - "You should take relief from that."
 - "That sand is really wet from the rain last night."Examples of statements that would not constitute advice include but are not limited to:
 - "Your ball is in-bounds."
 - "Your ball is over by the third Oak Tree."
 - "That was a great shot from a tough lie."
 - "Keep your head up and don't get down on yourself."
2. As a general rule of thumb, fans should never be on the closely mown or first rough cut areas, including sand traps, of the golf course. This should allow the participants to participate without issue and the spectators to see all of the action. Use of the cart path as a defining area can limit spectators from seeing the action. Consult the host professional for the most appropriate defining criteria.
3. Fans should never converse with the participants, about their score prior to the scorecards being attested and submitted to the official scorer.
4. Fans should not confront other golfers and/or coaches on the golf course. This is a Sportsmanship Violation and will be grounds for removal from the facility

SUNDAY 10/11/09

Team Tee Times

10:45	Reg I, Team 1	Reg I, Team 1	Reg I, Team 1	Reg I, Team 1
10:55	Reg I, Team 1	Reg I, Team 1	Reg I, Team 2	Reg I, Team 2
11:05	Reg I, Team 2	Reg I, Team 2	Reg I, Team 2	Reg I, Team 2
11:15	Reg II, Team 1	Reg II, Team 1	Reg II, Team 1	Reg II, Team 1
11:25	Reg II, Team 1	Reg II, Team 1	Reg II, Team 2	Reg II, Team 2
11:35	Reg II, Team 2	Reg II, Team 2	Reg II, Team 2	Reg II, Team 2
11:45	Reg III, Team 1	Reg III, Team 1	Reg III, Team 1	Reg III, Team 1
11:55	Reg III, Team 1	Reg III, Team 1	Reg III, Team 2	Reg III, Team 2
12:05	Reg III, Team 2	Reg III, Team 2	Reg III, Team 2	Reg III, Team 2
12:15	Reg IV, Team 1	Reg IV, Team 1	Reg IV, Team 1	Reg IV, Team 1
12:25	Reg IV, Team 1	Reg IV, Team 1	Reg IV, Team 2	Reg IV, Team 2
12:35	Reg IV, Team 2	Reg IV, Team 2	Reg IV, Team 2	Reg IV, Team 2
12:45	Reg I, Ind 1	Reg I, Ind 2	Reg I, Ind 3	Reg I, Ind 4
12:55	Reg I, Ind 5	Reg I, Ind 6	Reg II, Ind 1	Reg II, Ind 2
1:05	Reg II, Ind 3	Reg II, Ind 4	Reg II, Ind 5	Reg II, Ind 6
1:15	Reg III, Ind 1	Reg III, Ind 2	Reg III, Ind 3	Reg III, Ind 4
1:25	Reg III, Ind 5	Reg III, Ind 6	Reg IV, Ind 1	Reg IV, Ind 2
1:35	Reg IV, Ind 3	Reg IV, Ind 4	Reg IV, Ind 5	Reg IV, Ind 6

*** All practice rounds will begin on the first tee.*

MONDAY 10/12/09

Team Tee Times (Front Nine)

9:00	Reg I, #2	Reg II, #2	Reg III, #2	Reg IV, #2
9:10	Reg IV, #2	Reg I, #2	Reg II, #2	Reg III, #2
9:20	Reg III, #2	Reg IV, #2	Reg I, #2	Reg II, #2
9:30	Reg II, #2	Reg III, #2	Reg IV, #2	Reg I, #2
9:40	Reg I, #2	Reg II, #2	Reg III, #2	Reg IV, #2
9:50	Reg IV, #2	Reg I, #2	Reg II, #2	Reg III, #2
10:00	Reg III, #1	Reg IV, #1	Reg I, #1	Reg II, #1
10:10	Reg II, #1	Reg III, #1	Reg IV, #1	Reg I, #1
10:20	Reg I, #1	Reg II, #1	Reg III, #1	Reg IV, #1
10:30	Reg IV, #1	Reg I, #1	Reg II, #1	Reg III, #1
10:40	Reg III, #1	Reg IV, #1	Reg I, #1	Reg II, #1
10:50	Reg II, #1	Reg III, #1	Reg IV, #1	Reg I, #1

Individual Tee Times (Back Nine)

9:00	Reg I, #6	Reg II, #6	Reg III, #6	Reg IV, #6
9:15	Reg IV, #5	Reg I, #5	Reg II, #5	Reg III, #5
9:30	Reg III, #4	Reg IV, #4	Reg I, #4	Reg II, #4
9:45	Reg II, #3	Reg III, #3	Reg IV, #3	Reg I, #3
10:00	Reg I, #2	Reg II, #2	Reg III, #2	Reg IV, #2
10:15	Reg IV, #1	Reg I, #1	Reg II, #1	Reg III, #1

TUESDAY 10/13/09

Team Tee Times (Front Nine)

9:00	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV
9:10	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III
9:20	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II
9:30	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I
9:40	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV
9:50	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III
10:00	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II
10:10	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I
10:20	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV
10:30	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III
10:40	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II
10:50	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I

Individual Tee Times (Back Nine)

9:00	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV
9:15	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III
9:30	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I	Reg II
9:45	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV	Reg I
10:00	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III	Reg IV
10:15	IV	Reg I	Reg II	Reg III

*** Tee times for Tuesday will be based on Monday's Results.
Players with the highest scores on Monday will have the
earliest tee times on Tuesday.*