



2021 GIRL'S GOLF PLAYER/PARENT INFORMATION AND PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Welcome to the 2021 girls golf season.

Practice starts August 9th at Shoal Creek GC (*****PLEASE REFER TO PRACTICE TIMES/TEE TIMES DOCUMENT ON WEBPAGE**)

Each player is required to communicate with the coaches if they have been in contact with anyone with COVID 19 or is experiencing any symptoms associated with the virus. If any player has been in contact with or is experiencing symptoms, please communicate with your parents and coaches as well as **DO NOT COME TO PRACTICE**.

All girls must have a completed physical and all documents uploaded to PRIVIT before beginning practice.

The Liberty BlueJay golf program is an extremely competitive golf program.

Our program is not designed to be a series of golf lessons or accommodate entry level golfers.

It is imperative that the girls have worked during the offseason leading up to tryouts to improve their game and increase the likelihood of making the team.

Being a part of the team last year does not guarantee a spot on the team as well as playing opportunities throughout the season.

Before school starts, Practice times will vary so attention to the schedule will be **IMPERATIVE** and practice is mandatory each day.

Getting out of the high school parking lot in due time is crucial in arriving to practice on time.

Tee times are scheduled to begin at 3:40 so it is extremely important to be on time, dressed and ready to practice.

A shuttle bus (TBD) will be available to transport players to practice in the event a player needs a ride to the course from school but the bus does not arrive to the course until roughly 4:00 which it makes it extremely difficult to participate fully in the practice.

Each player is expected to call Coach Carr (816-522-9915) if they cannot be at practice or will be late.

Our practice facility is Shoal Creek Golf Course.

The course limits the number of players we can keep on the team and that number is 15.

This limit placed upon us causes the necessity to make squad reductions the first week of practice.

Squad reductions will be based on a number of factors: qualifying scores, ability, level of golf skills, knowledge of the game, rules, etiquette and courtesies, **COACHABILITY, WORK ETHIC** and potential.

A normal golf team consists of a Varsity team of the top 5 players, a JV team which consists of the next best 5 players and the rest are practicing and competing to get playing opportunities.

Playing in competitions goes to the best players due to their qualifying scores and how they rank within the team.

Although we attempt to schedule additional contests for girls not playing in the varsity or junior varsity contests, many of the schools competing in women's golf in the Kansas City area do not have full rosters of 15 players.

Practice conditions may be very hot in the beginning of our season. Each girl should have a water bottle with her at practice.

Transportation will be provided to and from match and tournament sites via rental vehicles from Enterprise. We will all wear masks while transporting to and from tournaments and matches.

Because we will be traveling in rental vehicles, this means that there will not be room for pull carts. It will likely be necessary for players wishing to utilize a pull cart to arrange alternative methods for the transporting of these carts to the site of play if need be.

The opportunity to play in matches and tournaments is based upon practice/qualifying scores and the coach's discretions.

It is imperative that all players know the rules and apply them to their games. It is equally imperative that all girls recognize their responsibility to keep score accurately. A golfer's integrity should never be compromised. Golf is a game of honor. All team members should adhere to the courtesies of the game as well as know the rules.

The above represents the guidelines for your participation as a member of the Liberty High School.

All team members must adhere to the Liberty High School Athletic Handbook rules and guidelines. Failure to do so could result in suspension or removal from the team.

All girls must wear shorts/skirts/skorts of a reasonable length (no short shorts are allowed by golf courses) and appropriate shoes (either golf shoes or tennis shoes). No denim may be worn as well as a collared shirt must be worn at all times. We will issue team shirts once the team has been established and at each practice, LHS team issued gear must be worn.

Team captains will establish a weekly attire schedule to be followed for matches and tournaments once the season starts.

We are extremely fortunate to practice at Shoal Creek GC and call that our home course so we must at all times be on our best behavior. Be kind and respectful to the employees as well as leave the course in better shape after we leave.

Last but not least, each potential member of the team should have the following in their bag:

1. Sharpie (to make identifying marks on your golf balls)
2. Tees
3. Divot repair tool (repair yours and at least 1 other divot on the greens)
4. Towels
5. Marking coins to mark your ball on the green. NO TEES ALLOWED TO MARK YOUR BALL.
6. Pencil
7. Paper Pad
8. Water bottle
9. Umbrella
10. Distance finder (optional) but extremely helpful
11. Extra golf glove
12. Rain gear and/or jacket
13. Extra golf balls
14. Ziplock bag to keep extras dry in the event of rain or wet weather

We are extremely excited for the season to get underway! We have many goals to reach but ultimately, we want to be as competitive as possible in all facets of the game of golf as well as in all of our matches in tournaments. The ultimate goal we have is to make it to state and take home some hardware!

GO JAYS!

Coach Carr, Coach Whitley and Coach Newland