

**2009 AAA State Golf Tournament**

**The Waterfront Country Club**

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RE: Information Packet for 2009 AAA State Golf Tournament

The 2009 AAA State Golf Tournament will be played at The Waterfront Country Club in Wirtz, Virginia on Monday, October 19 and 20, 2009.

**I. Tournament Schedule**

- A. A coaches meeting will be held on Sunday October 18 at The Waterfront Country Club at 7:00pm. A meal will be provided.
- B. Check-in from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>
- C. Contestants will tee off starting at 8:30 a.m. on the first and seventh tees. Group pairings and tee times will be available on October 16, 2009.
- D. Each player will be given range balls 45 minutes before his/her tee time.
- E. Players should report to the starter 15 minutes before his/her scheduled tee time.
- F. At the completion of their round, each group must report directly to the scorer's table with the official scorer to attest score cards.
- G. Please park in the parking lot only- spectators and/or buses should not be parked along the side of the course or in the neighborhood.

**II. Format – 18 holes – stroke play from the black tees (gentlemen) and the white tees (ladies)**

- A. Qualifying: the top 2 teams from each region, plus the top six (6) individuals from each region who are not on qualifying teams.
- B. Please bring six (6) contestants who are playing and up to two alternates. No caddies allowed. Alternates are not allowed on the course during the tournament unless they are with a coach. For substitutions information, please refer to VHSL guidelines
- C. **Participants will be carted between holes #6 and #7 and between holes #9 and #10.**
- D. Team and/or individual playoffs will begin at the seventh or first tee.
- E. Only ties for the top six medals and the sixth individual seeding will be played off. Individual ties will be decided by comparing scorecards starting with the #1 handicap hole.

**III. Tournament Registration**

- A. Regional Tournament Directors please fax or email the official state entry form to TJ Shepardson by October 11, 2009. The entry forms may be found in the Principals Handbook at [www.vhsl.org](http://www.vhsl.org). The fax number is (540) 483-3715 and the emails are [sandy.coblentz@frco.k12.va.us](mailto:sandy.coblentz@frco.k12.va.us) or to [tj.shepardson@frco.k12.va.us](mailto:tj.shepardson@frco.k12.va.us)

**IV. Tournament Information**

- A. Free lunch tickets will be given to all players and two coaches for each day.
- B. Remind all players that club rules require appropriate attire, soft spikes, and prohibit blue jeans. . The Tournament Director will disqualify players for improper dress.
- C. Proper golf course etiquette should be demonstrated at all times. Players should repair their divots and ball marks
- D. VHSL rules of golf and USGA rules of golf will be in effect throughout the tournament.  
Please Review the following VHSL Rules Changes:

**1. 70-1-2 Player Etiquette**

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

Penalty: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense= 2 stroke penalty

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense= Disqualification from match

b) A player shall not use profanity during the match.

Penalty: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense= Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense= 2 stroke penalty

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense= Disqualification from match

c) A player shall not use tobacco or tobacco-like products during the match

Penalty: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense= 2 stroke penalty

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense= Disqualification from match

## 2. 70-6-1 Identification of coach for advice

a) Each team may appoint one coach; however, the speed of play should not be affected by this interaction between player and coach.

Penalty: a two stroke penalty will be assessed to the individual player or to the teams total score if it is a coach who demonstrates a breach of these conditions.

## 3. Measuring devices will not be allowed.

- E. The rules committee will consist of the Waterfront Golf Pro, the Regional Champion Coaches, a VSGA Official, and Head Coach of the Host School (if not participating in the tournament). A total of six people.
- F. One cart will be available to each head coach for the tournament. Spectator carts are available for rent from the Pro Shop at \$20 a day (numbers permitting). Spectators must keep golf carts on the cart path at all times during the tournament. **Conversation between contestants and spectators during play is prohibited. Spectators may not leave the cart path to look for a contestant's lost ball. Spectators who violate these regulations will be asked to leave the course.**

## V. Post Tournament

- A. Upon completion of their round, no player is allowed to return to the course or practice area for any reason.
- B. The range and practice areas are strictly off limits to all players after finishing the tournament.
- C. Players may not use, sit in, or operate golf carts.
- D. Players who have finished their round must remain at the scoreboard area. Please do not allow your players to wander to restricted areas.
- E. Tournament awards will be presented as soon as all scoring and/or playoffs are completed.

**VI. Practice Rounds**

The practice rounds are available for Saturday and Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with tee times between 12:00 and 2:20. This is a first come first serve process where The Waterfront Country Club will accommodate up to four teams/individuals per day. Please call Mark McKee, golf pro, to secure a tee time at 540-721-2653. Please mention the AAA State Tournament when you call. The practice rounds are free to players. Please call the Pro Shop for further details.

**VII. Hotel Information**

See attached for information on hotels and rates. Please mention the AAA State Tournament when you call for reservations.

A. The following Inns are located about 6-8 miles from the course:

Westlake Waterfront Inn – 8 miles from the Waterfront Golf Course/\$85.00 per night/room  
2050 Morewood Road  
Hardy, VA 24101  
540-721-3307

Lake Inn – 6.5 miles from the Waterfront Golf Course/\$75.00 per night/room  
45 Enterprise Lane  
Hardy, VA 24101  
540-721-3383  
888-466-LAKE (5253)

B. The following Inns are about 20 miles from The Waterfront Golf Course and come with a slightly cheaper rate than the Inns at the Lake:

Comfort Inn Smith Mountain Lake – 18 miles from course \$59.00 night  
1730 North Main Street  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151  
540-489-4000

Holiday Inn Express – 15 miles from course \$70.00 per night  
395 Old Franklin Turnpike  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151  
540-489-5001

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

Parents/Family/Friends wishing to play golf over the weekend may want to play at Westlake Country Club, located about 8 miles from the Waterfront Golf Course.

Do not hesitate to contact me at (540) 489-6141 (cell) and 540-483-5332 (athletic office) or by email at [tj.shepardson@frco.k12.va.us](mailto:tj.shepardson@frco.k12.va.us) with any questions.

**Tie-Breaking Procedures:**

**Team Ties:**

1. Each coach will select 4 players to represent the school in the playoff
2. Playoff will start on hole designated by the tournament director
3. A sudden victory format will be used. The aggregate total, after each hole, of the four members, 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 1 of the USGA Rules of Golf.

**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 1 of the USGA Rules of Golf.