

TCA GOLF TEAM POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

These policies and expectations are for the growth and development of all golfers who represent The Classical Academy to promote a culture of continuing golf excellence. The coach(s) and administration at TCA will strictly enforce them.

THE CORE VALUES OF THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY'S GOLF TEAMS

- RESPONSIBILITY – DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE
- RESPECT – FOR SELF AND OTHERS
- COMMITMENT - TO THE TEAM AND YOUR ACADEMICS
- INTEGRITY - ON THE GOLF COURSE, IN THE CLASSROOM, AND IN YOUR LIFE

1. Check your emails for weekly schedules and team updates.
2. Attend all practices unless prior arrangements are made.
 - Excused absences include illness, death in the family, academic needs, or anything else determined excusable by the coach.
 - If you are unable to attend practice, you need to call, text with name, or email the coach ahead of time.
 - Unexcused absence(s) will not be tolerated and may result in suspension of play and/or expulsion from the team.
3. Punctuality to meetings, practices, and competitions is expected.
4. TCA policy for violating training rules (i.e., drinking, smoking, tobacco use) will be followed.
5. Profanity will not be tolerated at any time; using profanity will be grounds for team suspension or expulsion.
6. Players should display good sportsmanship to others at all times. This includes golf course personnel, parents, coaches, and other players on the course. Violation could result in suspension or expulsion.
7. Requirements of academic eligibility will be strictly upheld. In addition, a detention for behavior in the classroom may result in suspension from competitive matches.
8. Always encourage on the golf course; do not criticize. Give constructive advice to team mates.
9. USGA rules of golf shall govern all competitive play unless otherwise directed by local course rules. **CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED (YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE TEAM IF YOU VIOLATE THIS).**
10. Team communication problem.
 - Player-Player problem
 - Discuss directly with the other player involved.
 - Discuss with coach.
 - Player-Coach problem
 - Discuss with coach.
 - Discuss with coach and parent.
 - Discuss with coach, parent, and athletic director.

11. Display proper golf etiquette and behavior at all times.
 - Wear proper attire (collared shirts tucked in, proper slacks, or shorts, no denim, no hats on crooked)
 - Replace divots and fix ball marks
 - Deliberate damage to the course will result in expulsion from the team.
 - Absolutely no throwing of golf clubs.
12. Players are responsible for proper care of the TCA golf bags and golf uniforms. Damage to issued items will result in a bill to cover replacement cost.
13. Team selection. Team is decided by the coach during the first two or three days of practice. Team is limited to the best 12 players. In case of ties, normally the younger player will be kept as there is more time for development.
14. Determination of play.
 - Coach always has final word on who plays.
 - Top spots will be decided by qualifying matches.
 - Regional players will normally be decided by prior tournament averages.
15. Safety. No goofing around on the practice range or course. Always clear around yourself before making a practice swing or a stroke. Always be aware of your surroundings and other players who might inadvertently hit a ball your way. If you hear the word "fore", turn away from the sound and cover your head. If lightning is within 5 miles, take shelter. Use sun screen as necessary and hydrate during play.
16. Warm-up. All players should stretch and warm the muscles prior to hitting balls. Start with slow swings and work up to the driver.
17. Transportation. Parents are responsible for having their children at all practices and matches (except for out of town ones). Parents are encouraged to work together using car pools as necessary. Transportation to out of town matches will be handled on a case by case basis.
18. Lettering. The coach, with approval of the athletic director, will approve all "letters". Normally, if a player plays in about half of the varsity tournaments, they would receive a letter. Others would receive Certificates of Participation.
19. Above all, enjoy this difficult and challenging, life-long game and support each other!

I have read the policies and expectations and will abide by them all.

Golfer _____ Date _____

I have read the policies and expectations and will support the TCA golf team and coaching staff.

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____