

Dear Parents and Players;

Welcome to the VSS Golf Program. If you have not already looked at our Website, please check it out. <http://www.sd22.bc.ca/~spiller/Golf.htm> We believe the great game of golf offers much to promote character and value development in students. (see website for more info) **All players must fill out the Player Profile form** (on Website) so we have some idea of their skill level and **join the FACEBOOK group "VSS Golf Team"**. This allows us to communicate easily with all players. All players must have their own equipment and have played before.

Tournament and Fall Practice schedule (see second page for dates)

Parental support is critical in developing a child's interest and love of golf. We only have a limited number of Tournaments (5 tournaments, 5 spots each time) and the Fall Practice Sessions and this is not enough time to get better. Students must practice and play throughout the season. Good, reasonably priced, Junior Memberships are available at local golf courses, (see Website for more info) which include lessons, playing privileges, and allows players to establish handicaps.

Picking, Paying, and Playing in Tournaments

At this point, **most students get to play at least one tournament round with the Team.** (see Tournament Schedule) All players are ranked. (see Top 10 Players list) Their rank from last year, and their handicap, will determine the priority of picking tournaments. Alternate spots will be picked the same way. One pick per person for whatever tournament, then we go through the list again until all spots are taken and then we do alternates the same way so that alternates are prioritized too. **Alternates often get to play.** If someone does not attend the tournament selection meeting they could become first alternates.

Our priority is that we have 5 players every tournament. **Tournaments are very reasonably priced** with; round fees, meal (usually burger, fries, pop), prizes, and fuel costs included. We leave VSS around noon on Thursdays and come back around 9:00pm, depending on the tournament location. **Payment in cash** (this is what the courses want) is preferable the week before your tournament, usually Thursday or Friday, on Monday payment is due and we immediately start asking alternates on Monday afternoon if we don't have players paid up.

Practice Sessions

Thursdays in September at 4:00 we play the executive course at Spallumcheen for ten dollars a player. This gives the coaches a chance to play with the students, see their games and help them develop. We may have a minitournament at the end of the year.

The top five VSS golfers go to the Zone Tournament

Check the website as the season progresses for who is likely to make the top 5 and go to the Zones. The Zone tournament determines if we qualify for the Valley Tournament and then that determines if we go to the Provincials.

Feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions for improvement.

Regards

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