

13. GOLF

13.1 Senior Golf

1. Senior Golf will be played on Wednesday afternoons in Term 1 at Midlands Golf Course commencing at 4pm.
2. Teams will consist of 4 players unless otherwise negotiated between the staff members present. Teams can be mixed.
Girls will hit off red markers however the male score card will be used for competition purposes. (Boys to play off white markers).
3. The format for the competition will be two by two-person match play Ambrose.

Schools will tee off in a group of four players – (i.e. BG v MCC) with games being contested over a maximum of seven holes or until 5.15 pm. Players should complete a hole if they tee off before 5.15 pm, however they should walk quickly to the club house as soon as the hole is completed.

Competition will be a scratch competition played to the following rules:

- (a) Teams of four players.
 - (b) All four players from each team tee-off from the nominated tees and start at hole as directed by event manager.
 - (c) The best positioned ball is then marked and played by the owner.
 - (d) Other players place their ball if on fairway or drop ball if off fairway within one club length of selected ball, no nearer the hole
 - (e) When on the green, place marker beside chosen ball
 - (f) Players then putt in any order, repeating procedure until holing out
 - (g) Balls are to be placed on the green at the marked spot
 - (h) A minimum of one tee shots must be used by each player in the group (initials to be marked on card where each group member uses his tee shots)
 - (i) Scoring system is match play – e.g. – BCC 4 strokes defeats BHS 5 strokes on hole 1. Therefore, BCC are 1 up after one hole.
 - (j) Matches will be completed when a result is obtained – for example DC defeated BGS 4 and 3 (by winning holes 1 to 4). Play concludes at this point and players should return immediately to the club house. Schools can then send players out on the course for additional practice subject to teacher's discretion.
 - (k) Cards must be clearly labelled and signed by Team Captains at the end of play. Cards are to be placed in the BAS results box at the clubhouse at the conclusion of play. Results not received by Tuesday at 5pm shall result in no points be awarded for that match.
4. Schools will be permitted to enter up to two teams and will be required to provide one official per team to provide rule interpretations and encouragement to players to compete in a manner consistent with the traditions and spirit of golf. Each team will nominate a team Captain who shall be responsible for signing the score card. Failure to sign a card or signing an incorrect card will result in disqualification and the loss of the match.
 5. At the conclusion of the scheduled rounds the winner will be determined according to ladder positions determined using the following ladder format –

- 4 points for a team win (if team wins 3 matches = 12 points)
- 2 points for a tied team result
- 1 point for a loss
- Teams on the same number of points would be differentiated by percentage to be calculated from weekly scores.
- In the event that teams cannot be separated on the basis of ladder points after scheduled rounds, percentage will be used to determine the Premier School. If teams cannot be separated based upon individual matches won, joint premiers will be declared.

Practice Round

The first week of play will be reserved for a practice round. Schools will play on their own from alternate tee's as directed by the event manager and staff should use this as an opportunity to confirm the rules of competition and proper golf etiquette.

The draw will be finalised after the practice round.

Logistics

The competition will be managed by the Executive Officer

Players will be required to comply with the rules of golf in relation to footwear and must be attired in a recognisable school playing uniform. All players must have their own golf clubs and schools must ensure all players are familiar with the etiquette and rules of golf.

13.2 Junior Golf

1. Junior Golf will be played on Wednesday afternoons at Midlands Golf Course, commencing at 4pm. The focus for Junior Golf will be 'come and try' with all students having the opportunity to learn how to play, experience actual match play in various formats and be involved in a culminating stableford event.
2. Players are not required to have a handicap and there will be no limit to the number of students entered by a school. Individual entries must be received by the Executive Officer 1 week before the scheduled start date for competition.
3. Proposed Format:
Week 1 & 2 – Coaching Clinics
Weeks 3 – 5 – Ambrose (individual entries that will be grouped according to experience)
Week 6 – Individual event over 6 holes
4. Ambrose: Weeks 3- 5
 - (a) Schools to forward names and handicap of individual students to EO.
 - (b) Draw for weeks 3 – 5 will be distributed to schools.
 - (c) Students will be allocated in groups of 4 according to handicap and experience.
 - (d) All four players tee off from the nominated tee.
 - (e) The best positioned ball is marked and played by the owner.
 - (f) Other players place their ball if on the fairway, or drop ball if off the fairway within one club length of selected ball, no nearer the hole.
 - (g) Repeat the procedure until reaching the green.
 - (h) When on the green place marker beside chosen ball.
 - (i) Players then putt in any order, repeating the procedure until holing out. A minimum of one tee shot must be used by each player in the group. (Initials to be marked on card where each group member uses their tee shot.)
 - (j) Players should complete a hole if they tee off before 5.30pm, and then make their way quickly to the club house once that hole is completed.
 - (k) Completed score cards for each group are to be submitted.
5. Stableford: Week 6
 - (a) 6 holes to be played
 - (b) 4pm – 6.30pm
 - (c) All players will be allocated a handicap for this event.
 - (d) Groups of 3 or 4
 - (e) Stableford scoring / format to be followed.
 - (f) ALL players to submit a completed and signed card at the conclusion of the event.
 - (g) Final scores will contribute to an overall team / school score (format to be determined once entries are received)
6. Schools will be required to provide one staff / official to assist with rule interpretations and encourage players to compete in a manner consistent with the traditions and spirit of golf.

7. Players will be required to comply with the rules of golf in relation to footwear and must be attired in school sport uniform. All players must have their own clubs and schools must ensure all players are familiar with the etiquette and rules of golf and the course hosting our program.

13.3 BAS Golf Championships

Commencing 2020, BAS will combine with Golf Victoria to run an event that caters for both BAS students and SSV students from the Western District and provides pathways to state finals.

The tournament will be held on a date in Term 1 at Midlands Golf Course, Ballarat with tee off at 1pm.

1. Individual students can complete their own entry online through Golf Victoria. Alternatively, schools may manage students' entries and utilise the entry form provided. Schools will then be responsible for submitting student entries online.
2. This will be a stroke event (maximum score per hole is double par)
3. Students must choose to play either 9 or 18 holes.
4. Categories will include Junior (Years 7, 8 & 9) and Senior (Years 10, 11 & 12). Juniors do have the option of playing 9 holes on a shortened course, normal 9 holes or 18 holes. Seniors may play 9 or 18 holes, although 18 holes is required to be eligible for the Independent State Final.
5. BAS Students wishing to qualify for the Independent Schools Final must play 18 holes.

*Please note that previously students must have played in the AGSV / APS / BAS event to be eligible for this final. The BAS Tournament is now considered a qualifying round. Should your school still intend taking students to Spring Valley on the 20th of April they MUST nominate prior to the Ballarat event which pathway they wish to pursue. Students cannot attempt to qualify at more than one event. Similarly, BHS / MCC /PC students must nominate the BAS pathway or the SSV pathway and BG, ICCES or BAS. Students may play in both events but only 1 score shall be considered for entry at the next level.

6. Students finishing 1st, 2nd & 3rd in their category will be recognised. BAS will award the perpetual trophy to the BAS winning school.