



## Seneca Fighting Irish Golf Team Rules and Procedures



*Golfers are expected to follow all rules in the Seneca Athletic Codes of Conduct as outlined in the SHS Athletic Handbook. The following rules and procedures are a supplement and cover more specific information pertaining to all golfers. Athletes and parents should review both materials together to have a complete understanding of what is expected of Seneca High School golfers.*

### A. Attendance

1. If you are in attendance at school, you are expected to participate in the golf activities scheduled for that day (practice, match, etc.) unless cleared by one of the coaches.
2. If you cannot participate in a practice or match for a particular day, you must personally see one of your coaches. If you have a teammate tell a coach you will not be there, it will be considered unexcused.
3. Absences of any kind will be determined excused or unexcused on a case-by-case scenario by the coaches.
4. Missing a scheduled activity practice or match due to a job will not be allowed. The commitment you made to the golf team comes first.
5. Missing a practice or match due to a school sponsored activity will be considered excused, however, it is the responsibility of the player to communicate with the coaches to make them aware of the situation.
6. Schedule doctor, haircut, dentist appointments, etc. for times that will not conflict with our schedule.
7. The first unexcused absence will result in a minimum of a one match suspension.
8. The second unexcused absence will result in a minimum of a two match suspension.
9. The third unexcused absence will result in being dismissed from the team.

### B. Equipment

1. All golfers must supply their own golf clubs, balls, tees, golf spikes, etc. (Each golfer will receive one ball for each match.)
2. All golfers will be issued a polo shirt, windbreaker, and golf bag. Varsity golfers will also receive rain pants. All equipment issued, is the player's responsibility until it is returned at the end of the season. You will be charged for lost or damaged items.

### C. Dress

1. Flip-flops, cut-off shorts, sweat pants, sleeveless shirts, and anything (shirts, hats, etc.) with inappropriate content displayed will not be allowed on the golf course.
2. Golf spikes are highly suggested, but not mandatory.
3. All hats will be worn with the bill facing straight forward.
4. Shorts and pants will be worn around the waist properly. Belts are highly suggested.
5. Any golfer not able to comply by the dress rules, will not be allowed to participate that day and will be considered unexcused.



#### D. Dress- Guidelines for Matches Only

1. All golfers must wear their issued polo shirt and khaki shorts, khaki pants, khaki skorts, etc. (furnished by player) for all matches.
2. Shorts may not have oversized pockets, dangling strings or straps, and should not hang more than 1-2" below the knee. Belts are highly suggested.
3. Ladies shorts or skorts may not be more than 6" above the knee.
4. Hats worn for matches must be a Seneca hat or a golf hat with Seneca colors (kelly green, white, gold, or black). Any golfer wearing a non-conforming hat will be asked to remove it before the match begins.
5. During matches, the players are required to keep their shirt tucked in at all times.
6. Any golfer not having a proper uniform will not be able to compete in the match and will be considered unexcused.

#### E. Practices

1. All golfers are expected to be at the golf course no later than 3:05 for practices on regular school days. For all other practices, refer to the calendar for starting times.
2. JV players practice Mon.- Thurs. (Fri.- Sun. off)
3. Varsity players practice Mon.-Fri. (Sat.-Sun. off)
4. Golfers riding the mini-bus to practice should meet in the Irish Cove. The mini-bus will leave at 2:50 PM for all practices on regular school days. For all other practices, refer to the calendar for bus times.
5. On days of home matches, golfers not playing in the match are still required to practice unless otherwise stated. These golfers will have to get picked up at the course or will have to wait until the match is over to get a ride back to Seneca in the mini-bus.
6. Being late for three practices will result in a minimum of a one match suspension.
7. For each late practice after three, a minimum of a one match suspension will be given.
8. If a golfer is late for six practices, it may result in being dismissed from the team.
9. Spectators are not allowed to watch our golfers on practice days.
10. Practice end times vary by day. There are many factors, some that are out of our hands, that determine what time practice will end. Golfers being picked up from the course should arrange to be picked up at the course between 5:00 and 5:30 PM. Golfers riding the mini-bus back to Seneca will get back between 5:15 and 5:45 PM.

#### F. Matches

1. On the day of home matches, all golfers are expected to be at the golf course no later than 3:15. This will allow plenty of time to hit a bucket of balls and practice putting before the match begins.
2. All golfers competing in the match must be dressed in proper uniform before the other team(s) arrives.
3. We encourage spectators to come and watch our golfers on the day of matches. All spectators are to stay 50-100 yds. away from the players and are not allowed to talk to them. Saying "Nice shot.", "Good ball.", etc. is acceptable as long as there is no kind of advice given. Spectators are allowed to help look for a lost ball to help speed up play.
4. On the day of away matches, all golfers need to have the proper uniform and all equipment ready to go by the time announced.
5. For away matches, all golfers will be dressed in proper uniform before stepping off the bus onto the opponent's course.



6. At the end of a match, congratulate your playing partners (no matter what the outcome is) and shake their hand.
7. All golfers are required to stay until the entire match is complete and scores are tallied. You are not free to leave until the coaches release you.

### G. Riding in School Vehicles

1. If you are late, you will be left and it will be considered an unexcused absence.
2. All golfers are expected to act appropriately while riding in any school vehicle to and from practice and away matches. Behaviors decided inappropriate by the coaches may lead to a punishment determined by the coaches and/ or administration.
3. At railroad crossings, all passengers are required to be quiet.
4. Golfers may go home with a parent after the completion of an away match only after the parent has signed the athlete out.
5. In order for a golfer to go home with someone other than a parent after the completion of an away match, a written note and a call must be received before leaving for the away match. Whoever the athlete is riding with must sign them out as well before leaving.
6. All golfers are responsible for picking up after themselves in the school vehicles. This includes the proper disposal of food scraps, food wrappers, drink cups and bottles, napkins, etc. If garbage is left on the vehicles, the coaches may take away all food and drink privileges.

### H. Driving Privileges

1. All golfers that choose to drive to and from our home course for practices and matches must have a form signed by their parents by the first day of practice after tryouts.
2. All golfers that drive to and from our home course are expected to be safe and not do anything to jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.
3. Driving behaviors decided inappropriate by the coaches may lead to a punishment determined by the coaches and/ or administration. This may include losing the privilege to drive to and from our home course.
4. All golfers that choose to ride with another golfer to and from our home course for practices and matches must have a form signed by their parents by the first day of practice after tryouts.
5. All golfers that ride with another golfer to and from our home course are expected to be safe and not do anything to jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.
6. Riding behaviors decided inappropriate by the coaches may lead to a punishment determined by the coaches and/ or administration. This may include losing the privilege to ride with another golfer to and from our home course.

