2025 UIL Region III-6A Golf Championships

Girls: April 14-15 (Monday-Tuesday)
Boys: April 16-17 (Wednesday-Thursday)
Course: Eagle Pointe Golf Club, Mont Belvieu, TX

ENTRY FEES:

The entry fees for the tournament are set at \$550.00 per team and \$125.00 per medalist.

Tournament Checks are PAYABLE TO and MAILED TO "Katy ISD Athletics" at the address below.

Please do not send entry fee checks to Eagle Pointe. Eagle Pointe receives practice round checks only.

You may also hand deliver tournament entry fee checks to Tournament Director Rick Nordstrom at the tournament.

Entry fees pay for the following items each day (2) for a Team of 5, or for a Medalist of 1:

Player lunches, 2 coaches' lunches, 1 coach's cart, green fees, range balls, live scoring fees, supplies, and awards.

PRACTICE ROUND FEES:

The practice round fee is \$30 per player with cart included.

Do NOT include practice rounds with your entry fee payment to Katy ISD.

You will pay Eagle Pointe separately for your practice round. Hand delivery is best for Eagle Pointe GC and Scott Olsen.

ENTRIES:

*District Tournament Directors please email Coach Rick Nordstrom ASAP your official district scores of the two qualifying teams and two qualifying medalists when District is immediately over so the tee sheet and seeding can be set up quickly. The UIL Golf website has the official reporting certification forms that are needed. You must include 3 Alternates.

*Every advancing coach must email their player names by playing order and their grad year as soon as possible too.

(Email address: R_Nordstrom@sbcglobal.net)

IMPORTANT U.I.L. PRACTICE RULE:

Only ONE 18-Hole practice round is allowed between the ending of your district tournament and the start of the regional tournament. No one may play on Sundays, except for the girls on Sunday, April 13 in the afternoon since their tournament begins the following day on Monday. The penalty for breaking this 18-hole rule is Disqualification by the UIL.

Each coach must contact Eagle Pointe directly for your one allowed 18-hole practice round tee-time when District is over.

<u>TEE TIMES</u>: Spectator carts are limited and first come first serve. Scott Olsen and staff will serve as the Rules Committee. Tee-times will begin at 8:00 AM on holes 1 and 10 on both days. Players will receive their scorecards and rule sheets there. On Day 1 the District Champions tee off together on the #1 tee by district scores with best seeds teeing off early. Medalists will tee off before the teams tee off on Day 1, and medalists will tee off after the teams on Day 2. Day 1 lowest regional scores will tee off last on Day 2 for teams and their team individuals. Higher scores will tee off first. Day 2 pairings are set by the tournament director according to score and will be posted on the <u>TX HS Golf app.</u>
If team individuals are tied, then "First in for Day 1 will be last out on Day 2" with their tee-times.

Entry checks payable to and mailed to: Practice round checks payable to and deliver to:

Katy ISD AthleticsEagle Pointe Golf ClubAttn: Justin Landers12440 Eagle Pointe Dr.1830 KatyLand DriveMont Belvieu, TX 77580Katy, TX 77493281-385-6666

Region Tournament Director:

Rick Nordstrom TX HS Golf app: For tee-times, live scoring, and results.

R Nordstrom@sbcglobal.net

281-797-8256 <u>Remind101:</u> For coaches' emergency communication.

~TOURNAMENT RULES ~

Region III-6A Golf Tournament at Eagle Pointe GC

Qualifiers to State Meet. Each region may qualify to state competition the top 3 placing teams, along with the top 3 placing individuals that are not on an advancing team. If an advancing individual medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams for state by their coach, the next highest ranked individual of the tournament (alternate #1) will replace the medalist at the state tournament. Each advancing coach is responsible for the UIL State Golf Tournament website information that is required for them to send in.

<u>Team Scoring</u>. Team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18-hole round. The best four scores for each 18-hole round are added together for a 36-hole total. The team with the lowest score will be the team winner. A team with less than 4 players will not be allowed to start. All entries in the regional and state golf tournaments will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director and rules committee determine it necessary to play fewer than 36 holes due to inclement weather.

<u>Player Scoring</u>. Each player will be given a paper scorecard on the first tee to keep score manually as a marker for their competitor. At the completion of the round, the playing group will all report immediately to the scoring table to check their scores and sign their scorecards. For Live Scoring, players will use their own communication mobile device to score each hole.

Playoffs for Ties. In case of a team tie, all five players will be involved with the four best scores counting per hole by sudden death. If a team has four players, then all four scores count. Team honors determined by drawing numbers and the team with the lowest number will tee first. Pairings are based on Day 2 scores. The two highest scores tee off first in a two-some, followed by the 2 four-somes according to posted Day 2 scores. Best Day 2 scores play last. If a 3-team playoff exists, then the order will be the same with 3-6-6 player groupings. Playoffs will start on Hole 1 in a sudden death format. Individual playoffs will begin on Hole 10 in sudden death if the Hole 1 is not available due to a team playoff. Best Day 2 score has honors for individuals. Team playoffs take precedence in case an individual is involved in both playoffs. If a tie for State advancing cannot be played on Day 2, then a future date is possible with approval by the schools and UIL. The USGA Scorecard playoff system can be used to break ties if playing a playoff is not possible. (Back 9; last 6; last 3; last 1; number one handicap, etc.). The UIL has a system for alternates tied.

<u>Rules Committee</u>. Scott Olsen, Head Pro at EPGC is the Head of the Rules Committee and his assistant is Pete Bruckbauer. Play will be governed according to the USGA Rules, and by special UIL rules listed in the UIL Manual for Golf, Hardcard and below. All coaches and players are responsible for knowing all USGA and UIL Rules. Call a Rules Committee member first when needed.

Special U.I.L Rules that apply:

A player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 8th stroke on a hole. If a player continues to play by accident, then the player will not receive a higher score or a DQ. They will record a 9. The player does not need to attempt all 8 strokes.

Out of Bounds/Lost Ball is Loss of Distance and a Penalty Stroke. Ball crossing a street is OB even if on another part of course.

Contestants may not use caddies or electric carts. Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver.

Coaches/managers cart rides are only allowed between 9's. During play, players may be carted by their coach only for re-hitting due to a lost ball or OB shot if needed to speed up play and get the player back into its group position.

Pull carts may be used by course rules, but players are required to begin the round with a pull cart if one is desired.

<u>Electronic Equipment</u>. Range finders, Sky-Caddies and GPS watches are allowed IF they show distance only and do not show other functions such as slope. Mobile devices may only be used for live scoring by the players. Players cannot use mobile devices for any communication between players, coaches, or spectators. (Exception: if there is an emergency situation for health or weather delay.) Local Rule: headphones and earbuds cannot be used at any time. Coaches inspect your players' devices before play that all other functions are disabled, and discuss the no communication rule. UIL Penalty: 1st time two-stroke penalty; and a 2nd time DQ.

Ground Rules. Ground rules will be discussed with coaches at the mandatory coaches' meeting, and with the players on first tee.

Disqualification and Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

According to the UIL Hard Card, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as profane, vulgar and/or abusive language audible to others; carelessly and/or deliberately throwing clubs; verbalizing with intent of intimidation; or exhibiting behavior not in accordance with the spirit of fair play. A SERIOUS BREACH OF CONDUCT could warrant immediate disqualification.

Penalty Structure for unsportsmanlike conduct: 1st offense= 2 stroke penalty; 2nd offense= DQ.

If the golfer's action warrant, penalty may be disqualification for the round, and/or in the opinion of Rules Committee and director the violation is flagrant and is extreme, disqualification could be for the entire tournament with both day scores not counting.

Please note that in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, a player that cannot complete play because of illness or injury is not subject to disqualification for the remainder of the tournament if the tournament director or the Rules Committee is notified and the reason satisfactory. Injury or illness substitutions are allowed for the next 18-hole round with a non-tournament player or alternate from that school to fill out a team.

Players disqualified due to a golf rule infraction and not due to unsportsmanlike conduct will only have that one 18-hole round disqualified. They remain in the tournament and their other round score still counts.

<u>Coaching.</u> Two designated school coaches may coach their school's team player(s) "<u>UP TO</u>" the green if it does not slow play. A natural pace must be kept by the player and coach when coaching a player walking up to the green. Coaches must walk away when the player reaches the green with their ball on the green. <u>Coaches cannot be on the green, nor talk to their player on the green about putting.</u> <u>Coaches must wait to talk until all players have holed out.</u> Coach to the "Spirit of the Game" with integrity. 1st Offense – Warning. 2nd Offense – 1 Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach. 3rd Offense – DQ.

<u>Only coaches can give players</u> food and drinks if it does not slow play. Golf equipment is not allowed to be given while playing mandated by USGA rules. Golf balls are not considered to be golf equipment and can be given out during play. Clothing may be given out by coaches only for the health and safety of the player. Cart rides only allowed in between nines by coaches/managers.

Spectators. Parents and interested spectators are only spectators, and they are not allowed to report possible rule violations in any circumstances. Rule violations can only be reported by the players or the marshals of the meet. Spectators are only allowed to look for lost balls. They cannot give out any clothing, equipment, or advice. Spectators may leave food and drinks on the next tee box, but must stay away from players and not converse. They must stand off to the side near the cart paths, and not give shot lines on dogleg shots or shots into the greens. They cannot walk in the fairways or rough alongside the golfers. Spectators must stay a substantial distance of at least 30 yards from players during the round.

On course encouragement, support and applause is not considered coaching and is permissible by all. Spectators may only cart players to shelter during emergency weather situations or for serious emergency first aid.

<u>Protests.</u> A UIL protest can only be initiated by the coach or school administrator. It must be initiated before scores are designated as final by the tournament director and the rules committee. The UIL will be notified preferably prior to decision.

Regional Practice Rounds. Individuals and teams qualifying for region golf may be permitted ONLY one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the region tournament between their district and region dates. The penalty is DQ for any player breaking this rule. Under certain restrictions listed below, teams and individuals who qualify for regional and state tournament may use the Sunday afternoon preceding the tournament for the one 18-hole practice round allowed by Sections 1206 (b) (3)(A) 1260 (g) (7). Providing: a) The first round of competition is scheduled on Monday, and b) Practice rounds are allowed by the tournament director. Girls may schedule their practice round on Sunday after 12 PM noon since they play on Monday. Boys cannot practice on Sunday.

Breaking the practice round rule will result in a DQ of that player. Any playing on the course with or without the coach is considered an 18-hole practice round. Playing more than 18 holes is not allowed. Walking the course is also considered a practice round. No one is allowed to return on another day to use the putting green or chipping green. The driving range is allowed any day. New rule: Putting and chipping are allowed after 12 PM on the day prior to the player's first tournament playing day.

In between the competitive rounds of play, players are permitted to use the driving range, and the putting and chipping greens. Players cannot practice or walk throughout the course in between rounds, but may watch school teammates on nearby greens.

Emergency Situations. Coaches sign up on Remind101 early as instructed. Text 415-799-3791 for: @Regiongirl @Regionboys

Local Rules will be discussed at the mandatory coaches' meeting. Player Rules Sheets will be given on the first tees.

CONTACTS. See Coaches' Program Phone List: for Rules Officials, Tournament Staff, and Coaches contact numbers.

Tournament Director, Rick Nordstrom: 281-797-8256 Rules Committee Chair, Scott Olsen: W 281-385-6668 C 281-658-3400

Asst. Rules Director, Pete Bruckbauer: 512-656-1288 U.I.L. Director of Golf, A.J. Martinez: C 361-816-1281

UIL Region III-6A Golf Coaches' Meeting – Agenda

A. Introductions:

- 1. Tournament Director Rick Nordstrom
- 2. Eagle Pointe Staff Head of Rules Committee Scott Olsen & assisted by Pete Bruckbauer
- 3. Assistants -
- 4. Katy ISD Administrator on Duty Justin Landers
- 5. Top 3 teams & to 3 individuals not on an advancing team will advance to State.

 We must have clear alternates for 4th and 5th. UIL has a non-playing system for the alternates.

B. Philosophy:

- 1. Excited to be back at Eagle Pointe. We have a lot of past Region Golf tradition here. Started in 2002.
- 2. Very appreciative of Scott Olsen and the care that he has for our tournament.
- 3. The UIL wants a 36-hole tournament weather permitting. Will play as late as needed. UIL allows fewer holes, but all players must have played the same holes.
- 4. We will: Work hard for you, be organized, be fair, make it special, and have no DQ's unless necessary.

C. Pre-Tournament:

- Proof-read tee sheets for errors. Sent out by email on the Google Doc, and posted on: TX HS Golf app.
- 2. Join Remind101 from emails. It is very important if we have weather issues to get everyone notified.
- 3. Know your UIL rules, teach your kids, and teach your spectators.
- 4. Inspect your range finders and measuring devices. No earbuds or headphones. No electronic mobile communications by players, or none allowed to players from coaches, spectators, or fellow players.
- 5. Tell your kids to keep accurate score after every single hole, and all agree to it. Players will use paper scorecards handed out on first tees. Live scoring after each hole will be done by players, and is unofficial.

D. Schools Arriving at course:

- 1. Pick up a Coach Program in the pavilion.
- 2. Tee sheets, rules, phone list, and tournament info all posted on emailed Google Doc. Tee-times and rules posted on TX HS Golf app. Kids receive their scorecard, rules sheet and pin location sheet on their 1st tee.
- 3. Coaches carts will have school names on them. One cart per team or medalist only. Spectator carts are first come first serve, and are limited.
- 4. Please pick up the Master Phone List. Please always keep it on you, so you can request an on-course golf ruling with Head Pro Scott Olsen and his staff. Use it to notify other coaches when players might need them in emergencies or meltdowns. We are all in education to help all kids.
- 5. Get your players to their first tee 15 minutes early for the starter to go over the rules. Do not be late!

E. **During Play**:

- 1. Pace of Play is a big emphasis this year by the UIL. Please help your players speed up when needed.
- 2. The Rules Committee Head is Scott Olsen and assisted by Pete Bruckbauer. The committee includes myself and my assistants, but Scott will be there first to handle most of the rulings. See the Phone List in your program for everyone's numbers, and call Scott's cell phone first, Pete's number second, the Pro Shop third, and me last. Questions towards me should be more UIL/Tournament off-course items. Have your players play two balls if needed, inform their group players, and say which ball they want to score.
- 3. Coaching is allowed "Up to the green" as stated by the UIL on the UIL website by two coaches only. It may only begin again after all players have holed out their putts. Use the "Spirit of the Game" when coaching. Coaches may coach thru the hole with simple "basic options" for relief drops and penalty drops. Remember that an error by the coach will penalize the player if wrong and reported. Call for an official when needed or play two balls. Our goal is to play perfectly by the rules of golf, and have no controversy or DQ's. Your team members may not coach or advise other teammates too, or it is a penalty. Happens a lot.
- 4. Spectators and assistant coaches must always keep their distance from players. Only the 2 Coaches may hand out water and snacks directly to the players. Leaving it on the next tee is OK if not a Coach.
- 5. No cart rides are allowed between holes except at the turn, and it must be the designated 2 Coaches at the turn. Committee members may cart or instruct the Coach to cart a player backward and forward to get the player back into position due to a ruling or lost ball. Spectators may only cart in case of weather/emergencies when clearing the golf course. We encourage their help in weather emergencies.
- 6. Live scoring by players is every hole and is unofficial. Players must all do it every hole. TX HS Golf app.

F. Post Play:

- 1. Official Scoring will be done in the pavilion. All players must report immediately as a group to the inside Scoring Area when done, and not do any scoring on the way after recording their final hole at live scoring on hole 9/18. The paper scorecard is the official scorecard. Once it has two signatures and the players have left the scoring table, then the score becomes official.
- 2. Meals for players and coaches will be provided in the pavilion after scoring.
- 3. Day 2 tee times, pairings, and scores will be posted about 1-2 hours after play on the website app. Don't call. Second day pairings are done strictly by scores. Individuals tied on a team will go "first in, last out". Teams will tee off first on the second day, and medalists last. Top scoring teams will be the last teams out.
- 4. Playoffs for advancing teams and individuals, or for medals, will be on the hole 1. Team playoffs take precedence over individuals if the individual is also involved in a team playoff. If needed, then hole 10 will be used for individual playoffs if teams are using hole 1. UIL has a system for all playoffs and will be communicated prior to the playoff. Alternates have a different playoff system by UIL.

5. The 3 advancing teams and 3 medalists' coaches must get their State Tournament information from the State UIL website and are responsible for everything needed by the UIL. I only report and certify the Region results. Each coach must do everything required by the UIL such as sending in your State line-ups, scheduling your one allowed practice round, understanding the rules, and paying the entry fee.	

UIL Spectator Rules

<u>Spectators must stay on cart path at all times</u>. EXCEPTION: when watching play on or around the green spectators may go up on the mounds that surround the green to watch. Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players.

Spectators MAY NOT walk down the fairway with the players.

Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players at all times.

Spectators are allowed to help search for lost golf balls.

<u>Spectators are NOT allowed to give players snacks or drinks</u> during the stipulated round. ONLY the designated coach may give the players snacks or drinks.

<u>Spectators are NOT allowed to get involved in any scoring or rules issues.</u>

<u>Spectators MAY NOT give any advice during play</u>. ONLY the designated coach may give the player advice during a stipulated round. Any other communication could be deemed advice. The player could be penalized 2 strokes for every breach or disqualified.

<u>Spectators MAY NOT shuttle players at any time</u>. EXCEPTION: In the event of inclement weather or dangerous situation, spectators MAY transport players to safety.

Inclement Weather Plan and Emergencies

Coaches and staff communication is texted by: <u>www.remind101.com</u>
 Emergency or weather situations are texted out to all coaches and course staff by the Director.

All coaches are given these signup instructions 2 weeks ahead of the tournament. Spectators are allowed to sign up also at the course to join the emergency info group.

- 2. Prior and continued communication presented to: coaches, players, golf course personnel, marshals, and spectators through radios, text system, website, etc. This includes procedures for the players prior to teeing off.Director and Head Pro will forward information to coaches and marshals.Coaches and marshals will forward information to players and spectators.
- 3. We have tournament websites also: TX HS Golf app and www.CincoRanchGolf.net. The communication is constantly being updated by Director for: warnings, stoppage of play, emergency shelter, delay times, return times, plans, etc. It is also used for daily tee-times and results.
- 4. Shelters and Warning horns: Each nine has a covered restroom building. The scoring pavilion is a very big walled-in building next to the pro shop. It is large enough to hold all the people needed. Everyone is made aware of its purpose and location. It also has security locks if needed.
- 5. In case of a needed course evacuation: Players are given procedures on first tee.
 - a. Pro shop and Head Pro have weather equipment/radar/horns/important emergency phone numbers/first aid kits/AED, etc.
 - b. Head Pro communicates to the tournament director and his marshals.
 - c. Tournament director communicates to coaches and spectators through both www.Remind101.com and the website www.cincoranchgolf.net