

# **Golfers' Contract Explained and Expanded**

**Team Philosophy:** Golf is a game that originated in a world dominated by gentlemen. Today's golf world includes women, and both worlds consider golf to be a privilege. A major difference between the old and modern worlds of golf is that wealth or class is no longer a requirement to participate. However, modern golf still relies on honor as the integral part of the game as each golfer must rely on integrity when assessing penalties, adding their scores, and signing score cards. High school golf is no different: each golfer displays their integrity both on their scorecard and how they communicate, dress and act. Golf depends on humility, respect, and courtesy.

**Practice Times: 3:30-5:30; or 3:30-6:00, depending on experience.** During golf season (February through May) practice is essential. Kailua golfers may practice every day, but are required to attend practice **three times per week**. Those days are up to the golfer. However, once those days are established, players have the responsibility to inform the coach of any changes and must make up the day or days missed.

**Attendance:** Attendance is **required**. **Three absences** is maximum. Golfers will no longer represent Kailua High with a fourth absence. **Three tardy attendances** is maximum. Golfers will no longer represent Kailua High with a fourth tardy. Please verify illness via a health care provider.

**Practice Locations:** Our team will practice at Pali Golf Course, Klipper Golf Course, and Bay View Golf Course. During tournament season, February through May, practice rounds on Saturday or Sunday at tournament courses, such as Pali Golf Course, Ala Wai Golf Course, Ted Makalena Golf Course, Ewa Villages Golf Course, and West Loch Golf Course will be afforded depending on available tee times.

**Practice Dates:** Interim season: **August 27-November 1:** By request, any day of the week. Pre-season: **November 25-January 31:** Tuesday/Thursday 3:30- 5:45 and by request any other day of the week. Golf season: **February -May (dates and practice days to be determined):** 3:30-6:00.

**City and County Golf Course ID cards:** Whether practicing or playing in a tournament at a City and County Golf Course, ID cards are invaluable as there is no green fee for students 17 years of age or younger who have a City and County golf ID card. The ID card does not expire and also provides to adults resident golf rates at City and County golf courses. ID cards are issued to golfers with a \$5 fee at Pali Golf Course on Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00am to 12 noon; at Ted Makalena Golf Course on Thursday and Saturday from 8:00am to 12 noon; and at Ala Wai Golf Course on Tuesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm, and on Saturday from 8:00am to 12 noon.

**Requirements to qualify for a City and County golf ID card are listed below:**

(Local)-Student picture ID card with a document reflecting their date of birth OR

(Local)-Student ID card with a document having a photo and date of birth.

For those students under 15 who do not have the above documents, a Golf ID card will be issued based upon the following:

The student is accompanied by his/her parent; AND

The student's parent meets the criteria for a Golf ID card and presents the student's birth certificate

During golf season, there are four tournaments at City and County Golf Courses. Golfers without a City and County Golf ID card are assessed a higher green fee than is charged for golfers with an ID card. Therefore, City and County Golf ID cards help support Kailua's athletic program.

**OIA and State Tournaments:** Your son or daughter will play in tournaments when meeting the following criteria: maintains a 2.0 or better GPA; attends three practices per week; plays nine holes at Pali or Klipper golf course and achieves a qualifying score: boys, 47 or under; girls 52 or under; demonstrates knowledge of basic definitions and rules of golf such as tee box, general area, abnormal course conditions (cart path, casual water) nearest point of relief, greens, out of bounds; water hazard, point of entry, lateral drop, lost ball, provisional ball, unplayable lie, through the green, ground under repair, lift and place, and pace of play. Among these criteria, pace of play is very important for tournament golf and therefore Kailua golfers are expected to be focused and ready to tee-off, ready to play their next shots, and ready to putt.

**Tournaments are all-day events.** Two of the tournaments are during Spring Break (March 17 and March 19). All tournament-ready golfers must play four tournaments to letter and qualify for OIA playoffs. **OIA** competition takes place on two consecutive days and generally determines which golfers will compete in the state tournament. **State tournament** competition is two consecutive days when held on Oahu, and three consecutive days when hosted on a neighbor island. A competitive golfer who plays during spring break, and plays two tournaments before or after spring break, and qualifies and participates in OIA tournaments will miss **four full days** of school. If a golfer qualifies and plays in the state tournament, **six full days** of instruction will be missed. A competitive golfer who does not play during spring break and qualifies and plays in the state tournament, will miss **eight full days** of instruction. Therefore, whether two, four, six, or eight days of missing instruction, Kailua golfers must **communicate in advance** to all of their teachers and request assignments during OIA and state tournaments.

**Transportation:** Kailua golfers travel to tournaments with Coach Wilson or with their parents. Senior Kailua golfers may individually drive to tournaments with parent permission. Kailua golfers who ride with Coach Wilson will receive a parent permission form for travel in a private automobile. If there are more golfers than the vehicle capacity (7 passengers), Kailua High will provide bus transportation.

**Athletic Lettering:** To earn a varsity letter, golfers must maintain a 2.0 GPA, attend all practices, compete in **four OIA tournaments**, and have zero disciplinary referrals from teachers or coaches. In succeeding years following award of an athletic letter, qualified athletes will receive a lettering pin.

**Student Expectations:** Golf relies on individual integrity. Golfers who represent Kailua High are expected to want to be a member of the golf team and are expected to count every stroke during qualifying and tournament play. Golfers will treat each other with respect and will follow instructions from the coach, or a coaching assistant, or employee of any golf course during practice or tournament play. Golfers will also wear to school a golf team shirt on Fridays to promote Kailua High's team sports.

**Disrespect and Consequences:** If a Kailua golfer acts disrespectful towards a teammate or

coach while at practice or at a tournament, or towards any tournament official or tournament player, or to any employee of a golf course during practice or at a tournament, **parents** will be notified by phone and/or email that their son or daughter will no longer represent Kailua High as a member of the golf team.

**Fees:** City and County Golf ID cards, \$5; City and County golf practice, free. Bay View golf course: \$12. Klipper Golf Course, \$12. Range balls: Bay View \$10; Klipper \$8. Kailua golfers who need financial assistance, please ask Coach Wilson for support.

### **Equipment and Dress Code:**

**Equipment:** Beginning golfers will be provided with **clubs** during practice. Tournament ready golfers require a set of clubs. Tournament ready golfers who do not have a set of golf clubs are encouraged to consult with Coach Wilson before obtaining a set of clubs. There are many used and affordable golf sets, and sometimes there are sets available for no cost. **Push/pull carts** are highly recommended for tournament players and are accepted at all tournaments. **Shoes:** Beginning golfers can wear any athletic type shoe. Tournament ready golfers are encouraged to wear soft-spiked golf shoes. Any tournament golfer may request assistance from Coach Wilson in order to procure golf equipment.

**Dress Code: Clothing: boys:** golf shorts or golf pants, and a polo shirt are required for practice and tournaments. Golf shorts and golf pants have pockets, belt loops, and require a belt. Swim suits, gym shorts, sweat pants, or pants or shorts with draw strings may not be worn at practice or tournaments. **Clothing: girls:** golf shorts, golf skorts, golf skirt, golf leggings and a polo shirt, or golf dresses, are required for practice and tournaments. Golf shorts have pockets, and if belt loops, require a belt. Swim suits, gym shorts, sweat pants, or pants or shorts with draw strings may not be worn at practice or tournaments. Golf leggings and polo shirts may be worn at golf practice or in OIA tournaments. In state tournaments, golf leggings are to be worn in combination with golf shorts, golf skorts, or golf dresses. Any Kailua golfer may request assistance from Coach Wilson in order to procure golf clothing. All tournament golfers will be provided with and must wear the team shirt during tournament play.

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