



TO: Girls Athletic Directors, Girls Golf Coaches

RE: 2011 CIF Southern Section Ford Girls Golf Freelance Tournament Bulletin
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FROM: Rob Wigod, Commissioner of Athletics

DATE: September, 2011

This Girls Freelance Golf Bulletin contains important information on the date and location of this competition as well as information regarding entry forms.

The rules regarding practice rounds, course deadlines, entry numbers, dress, conduct, participation regulations, electronic devices, ties, scoring, speed of play and advice have been written by the Girls Golf Advisory Committee and constitute rules regarding the conduct of this event.

Special Note: In order to qualify for the 2011 Girls Freelance Golf Tournament, only teams that do not belong to a golf league or an individual whose school does not have a girls golf team may apply. Each school is limited to a maximum of two individuals.

The CIF Southern Section will conduct the 2011 Girls Freelance Golf Tournament at the Rio Hondo Country Club on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 with an 11:00 a.m. start from the red tees. Location of the club is 10627 Old River School Road, Downey, California 90241. Telephone number is 562-927-2329. Dennis McReynolds, Girls Golf Committee member, will serve as tournament director for this event. Check-in time is 40 minutes prior to the beginning of this event.

Entry petitions (attached) must be completed, forwarded and received by the CIF Southern Section office by **12:00 noon, Thursday, October 13, 2011.**

To be eligible for this competition, a freelance team must achieve a nine-hole score of 240 or lower on a par 36 course for any eight matches during the season. Schools not sending teams may enter a maximum of two individuals who have a WSCGA index of **17** or better or 10 scores of 45 or better on a par 36 for nine holes since the start of the season.

A committee will review all petitions and selection for the tournament will be made by Friday, October 14, 2011. To verify acceptance of your petition, you may contact the CIF Southern Section office on Friday, October 14th after 1:00 p.m.

There will be a **\$35** green fee for each player selected to play in this event and **\$175** for each team. The fee must be paid to the tournament director at the site prior to the start of play. Please make checks payable to CIF Southern Section.

Please note: Indexes are mandatory to participate in any post-season tournament. Application forms are contained in this bulletin.

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Supervision Requirement (Rule 309): The Southern Section office has experienced a problem which has perpetuated itself over the past few years as it pertains to proper supervision and entry of student-athletes in the post-season playoffs. The situation relates only to individual sports, i.e., cross country, golf, individual tennis, track, swimming, etc. and the official recognition and registration of entrants at the respective playoff sites.

State and Southern Section Rule 309 states:

No CIF team or individual shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team/individual unless the CIF team/individual is under supervision as required by the California Administrative Code Title V or Bylaw 506(A) and 506(B). Additionally, refer to Rule 123. **The supervisor must remain in attendance at all times.**

Those persons approved for supervision purposes are:

1. Certificated personnel
2. Certified coaches (certified credentialed coaches)
3. Non-certificated temporary coaches (certified walk-on coaches).

It should be noted that schools representing the same district may send one credentialed or certified supervisor for three or four athletes. These individuals have been recognized and are to continue to be recognized for registration and participation purposes because the district has assigned him/her the supervisory role for all students from its member schools.

This rule applies to those students who are not accompanied by a faculty representative and report to the playoff site by themselves or with a parent. **Giving parents the supervision authority, whether in writing or not, does not meet the standards set forth in the above regulations.** This also applies to parents who are the student's private coach but are not under contract to the member school.

Please note: This rule was reviewed with both the State CIF office and State CIF attorney and the Southern Section Executive Committee who reaffirmed that the interpretation stands as above and that any student reporting for competition who is not under direct supervision in accordance with State and Southern Section Rule 309 is to be denied.

Qualifying for CIF Southern Section Team Divisionals and Individual Regionals: The team qualifier(s) will advance to the Eastern Team Divisional on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at Seven Hills Golf Club in Hemet with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start from the red tees. Individual(s) will advance to the Northern Individual Regional on Monday, October 31, 2011 at River Ridge Golf Club, Vineyard Course in Oxnard with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start from the red tees. The number advancing to the divisional and regional are dependent upon the numbers entering the Freelance Tournament as follows:

<u>Number of Teams</u>	<u>Number of Teams advancing to Divisional</u>
3	1
4	2
5-6	3
7-8	4

Individual entries will be determined by the Freelance Tournament Director on the day of the event.

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Course Deadlines and Practice Rounds: Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, course deadlines are no longer in effect. The Girls Golf Committee voted to make this change on December 3, 2009. Course deadlines previously prohibited players and coaches from playing golf courses used for Southern Section post-season competition after a specified date. **This does not, however, allow for organized practice on Sunday at any time.** Please refer to above Practice Restrictions related to Bylaw 310 and 2012.

Speed of Play: Speed of play is critical. We ask that you do not wait for others to putt before you survey your own putt. When you can do so without interference, have club selection made as quickly as possible while others are hitting. Do not walk up to the green on every approach to measure the distance. Take pains to walk at a good pace between shots. Do not stand on ceremony as to who is away in every instance. If two players are far apart on the same hole, and can shoot safely, we urge you to go ahead and hit without waiting for "your turn" when you can do so without distracting other players. Do not walk in front of other players while they are hitting. If a tournament official instructs a group to move up on a par three, that group hits and upon reaching the green, marks their balls and waves the next group up before putting out. Groups of four, in stroke play, should take no more than 15 minutes per hole. Penalties may be assessed to individuals or groups who, after a warning, remain out of position.

Advice: Please remind all participants of Advice Rule #8 (Advice and Assistance) of the Rules of Golf which specifically prohibits players from receiving any counsel or suggestion from anyone (including coaches, teammates, other players, spectators or parents) which could influence their play, the choice of club, or the method of making a stroke. **Advice" is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke.** Note: Information on the rules of Golf, matters of public information and/or Local Rules for this tournament is not considered advice.

A player shall **not** give advice to anyone in the competition. Verbal or non-verbal communication between coaches, players, parents and/or spectators that meet the criteria of the Advice Rule will be considered a violation. The penalty, as described in the Rules of Golf (Rule 8, stroke play) is two strokes. A player who witnesses a violation of the Advice Rule is to call the infraction immediately to the attention of the competitor. Tournament staff who witness infractions are empowered to call the violation and assess the penalty.

If a course permits spectators, parents and spectators are advised that they are confined to the cart paths and rough. They should be well clear of the competitors and observe rules of etiquette when applauding or cheering a stroke or play. Golf committee members reserve the right to remove unruly spectators from the course, or assess penalties against competitors who cause, encourage or promote inappropriate displays.

Dress for Players and Coaches: Players **and** coaches must be attired in collared golf shirts with sleeves, slacks or bermuda length golf shorts. **No** t-shirts, tank tops, denim jeans of any color, cargo shorts/pants or safari shorts/pants will be permitted for coaches and players. Coaches are encouraged to enforce these rules. If cargo or safari pants/shorts are worn by coaches or players they will be required to change into appropriate dress prior to the start of competition. **Please Note: The Golf Course requires that all participants, including coaches, wear soft-spiked golf shoes only.**

Rules: The USGA Rules of Golf, all local course rules and those rules stipulated in this bulletin, will govern play. Each player understands and agrees to observe all regulations and conditions set forth by the tournament committee. Any questions shall be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final. Questions after the close of play will be referred to the Commissioner of Athletics. The CIF Southern Section will determine tees for the Freelance Golf Tournament.

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Electronic Devices: No electronic devices, including distance measuring devices, cell phones, personal desktop accessories (pda's) or walkie talkies will be permitted at any post season site.

Scoring: Teams shall consist of six players and the best five of the six players' scores will be counted in determining the winners. Players are reminded to check their scorecards, hole by hole, prior to signing and turning them in at the conclusion of play. Scorecards should be marked with the number of strokes taken per hole.

Driving Range: The driving range will close 30 minutes prior to the start of competition.

Tie Breaker: In the event there are ties for teams qualifying for entrance into the Eastern Team Divisional, they will be broken by taking the score of the 6th player. With reference to ties in the individual category, they will be broken by a playoff if possible or matching cards, etc.



Attention all Athletic Directors and CIF Southern Section Golf Coaches:

As previously announced in 2009-2010, the Southern Section will now require golfers – male and female – to have a valid GHIN for entry into playoffs. The Women’s Southern California Golf Association (WSCGA) has generously agreed to provide these numbers free of charge to all female golfers in the Section. The Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) will issue numbers for boys golf.

Please note: golfers must only have a GHIN number for the 2010-2011 school year; they are not required to have a valid index. ***Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all golfers are expected to have a valid index for entry in the playoffs. It takes a minimum of five 18-hole rounds (or ten 9-hole rounds) to establish an index.***

What do I have to do?

Pre-Season

- Coaches are expected to register any player on their roster who is not a member of the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club. **The deadline is September 30, 2011.**
 - There are two ways to register a player who needs a GHIN number or currently has a GHIN number but is not a member of the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club.
 - Mail or fax the application to the CIF-SS Office
 - Email the following information for any player who needs a GHIN number to Jeff Evans (JAEvans@LBSchools.net): name, home address, birthday, email address, and GHIN number (if a player has a GHIN number already or used to have one)
 - The application form can be found under the Girls Golf News/Events and in the CIF-SS Girls Golf Preview.
- Coaches and players can find their GHIN number on the CIF-SS Website on a list that will be posted under Girls Golf (News/Events). The list will be updated on a weekly basis.
- You do not need to re-register any player who is already on the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club Roster.
- Former Players – If a player has graduated from your high school or is no longer playing for your school, she needs to be inactivated from the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club. She will still be able to keep her GHIN number and join another golf club even after she has been inactivated. Please email the WSCGA to inactivate players at handicap@womensgolf.org.

During the High School Golf Regular Season

- Coaches or players may post scores. Scores may be posted on the posting computer at the golf course or online.
 - For online posting – <http://www.womensgolf.org/wscga/netpost/>
- ***Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all golfers are expected to have a valid index for entry in the playoffs. It takes a minimum of five 18-hole rounds (or ten 9-hole rounds) to establish an index.***

Post-Season

- Former Players – If a player has graduated from your high school or is no longer playing for your school, she needs to be inactivated from the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club. She will still be able to keep her GHIN number and join another golf club even after she has been inactivated. Please email the WSCGA to inactivate players at handicap@womensgolf.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is to prevent coaches or players from artificially altering scores?

Answer: The sport of golf is a sport of integrity and honesty. If it is discovered any coach or athlete has altered scores or entered incorrect data that person faces a ban from playoff competition.

Question: If a player has a GHIN number with another golf club, does she need to also register with the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club?

Answer: Yes. The player will use the same GHIN number and be a member of both clubs. A player can be a member of multiple golf clubs, and must use the same GHIN number.

Question: Should a player have a separate GHIN number with the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club?

Answer: No. A player is only allowed to have one GHIN number at any time. If a player is discovered to have multiple GHIN numbers, the numbers will need to be consolidated so that the player has only one GHIN number.

Question: What if a player does not complete enough rounds during the season to establish a handicap index?

Answer: We do not restrict the rounds that players post towards establishing their handicap index. Players are encouraged to post every time they play golf. This includes rounds outside of high school. This allows a player ample opportunity to complete the minimum number of rounds to establish a handicap index prior to the start of the playoffs.

Question: What if a player is not registered with the CIF-SS Girls Golf Club by the deadline of September 30, 2011?

Answer: Please make every effort to fax the applications to the CIF Southern Section office at 562-493-9500 or email Jeff Evans prior to the deadline. It makes it difficult to get players registered when coaches wait until the end and we encounter a massive amount of entries at the same time. If you miss the deadline, please contact Jeff Evans.

Question: What if I have a question that has not been answered or I have additional questions?

Answer: Please email Jeff Evans – JAEvans@LBSchools.net; Jeff Evans is the Head Girls and Boys Golf Coach at Long Beach Wilson High School, and is a member of the CIF Girls and Boys Golf Advisory Committees. Jeff is serving as the Handicap Chairman for the CIF Southern Section.



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2011 WSCGA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Application Deadline: **September 30, 2011**

Complete this form (one form for each player) and mail to: CIF Southern Section 10932 Pine St. Los Alamitos, CA 90720 or fax to 562-493-6266. Retain a copy for your records. You may also email the information directly to Jeff Evans JAEvans@LBSchools.net. **Please print clearly with a dark pen.**

CLUB NAME: CIF Southern Section

High School: _____

Does player have an existing GHIN number? YES NO MAYBE

WSCGA or GHIN NUMBER:

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CLUB OR ASSOCIATION NAME:

If you are unsure if you already have a GHIN number or cannot remember it, please indicate MAYBE. We will look up your name in the system to determine your status. A player is only allowed to have one GHIN number.

FEMALE

High School Graduation Year: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

*REQUIRED - DATE OF BIRTH: (Month/Day/Year) ____/____/____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

WOMEN'S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION



Coaching During CIF Southern Section Championship Competition (Divisional, Regional and Championship Events)

*On January 25, 2010 the Southern Section Boys and Girls Golf Committees approved a proposal to allow coaching, under limited circumstances, during the conduct of Southern Section divisional and regional competition and Championships. The purpose was to allow a coach to provide instruction, encouragement and information to his/her golfers without interfering with play or the conduct of the event. The proposal was **approved for the 2011-2012 school year only** for both girls and boys. The Committee will evaluate the success of the rule change after the conclusion of the 2012 boys' golf season.*

Coaches must adhere to the following regulations:

- Between the play of holes, a coach is allowed to communicate advice to his/her players.
 - Between the play of holes is defined as that period when an entire group has completed play of a hole and ends when the individual player hits his or her tee shot on the next hole.
- The communication of advice may not impede the pace of play.
- Coaches are NOT allowed to communicate any advice (verbal or non-verbal) during the play of the hole. A violation of this would result in the player being penalized under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.
- Coaches who are in violation of this policy may be subject to one or more of following consequences from a member/members of the tournament committee:
 - Warning
 - Limited coaching time
 - Removal from the golf course (coach may remain in the clubhouse/practice area)
- Only the golf coach as specified under Bylaw 309 may communicate advice to his/her players.
 - The golf coach is defined as the person who signs in the team at the event, and is listed on file at his/her respective high school as the golf coach.
 - Throughout the competition, the golf coach must wear a wristband identifying him or her as the golf coach. CIF will provide the wristbands at each post-season event.
- As a reminder, players are still prohibited from communicating advice, as defined by Rule 8, to other players at any time during their round. Any player who gives or asks for advice will be penalized according to Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.

Any head coach, assistant coach, or school employee who is found to be in violation of the regulations outlined above may be denied entry at future CIF post-season events, and may cause his/her team or individual players to be disqualified from the event. The suspension and disqualification penalties are subject to the judgment of the Commissioner of the CIF Southern Section whose decision is final.

Note: Coaching is **prohibited** during CIF/WSCGA Southern Regional and CIF State events.

In accordance with State CIF Rule 309, please list the name of the authorized person (school principal/athletic director or certified employee of the school and/or district) designated to supervise the entrants.

Name

Coach's (or person supervising student)
Cell Phone Number

School

Position

Signature of Principal

This form must be received in the CIF Southern Section office **no later than 12:00 noon, Thursday, October 13, 2011**. Return of this entry form constitutes a commitment to play if the entry is accepted.

Return to:

**Pat Schmidt
CIF Southern Section
10932 Pine Street
Los Alamitos, California 90720
Fax: 562-493-6266**

CIF Southern Section Girls Freelance Golf Tournament Individual Entry Petition

Must be typed or printed legibly with a dark pen.

Special Note: If you submit a team entry, you do not have to submit an individual entry form.
All team entries are eligible for individual qualification.

Name of Entrant: _____

School Address: _____

City Zip

GHIN Number (Required): _____

WSCGA Index (Required): _____

In accordance with State CIF Rule 309, please list the name of the authorized person (school principal/athletic director or certified employee of the school and/or district) designated to supervise the entrants.

Name

Coach's (or person supervising student)
Cell Phone Number

School

Position

Signature of Principal

Note: If the student's wSCGA INDEX is 18 or above, submit this form along with the following verification of 10 scores of 45 or better for nine holes since the start of the season on a par 36 course or better. This form must be received in the CIF Southern Section office **no later than 12:00 noon, Thursday, October 13, 2011.** Return of this entry form constitutes a commitment to play if the entry is accepted.

Return to:

**Pat Schmidt
CIF Southern Section
10932 Pine Street
Los Alamitos, California 90720
Fax: 562-493-6266**

CIF Southern Section Girls Freelance Golf Tournament Individual Entry Petition

Verification of Scores

Must be typed or printed legibly with a dark pen.

You must submit 10 scores of 45 or better on a par 36, 44 or better on a par 35, etc., for nine holes since the start of the season for those students who do not have a WSCGA index of 17 or lower.

DATE	COURSE	PAR	SCORE

Student's Name

Student's High School

**This page must be returned with Individual Entry Petition
if student does not have a verifiable index of 17 or lower.**

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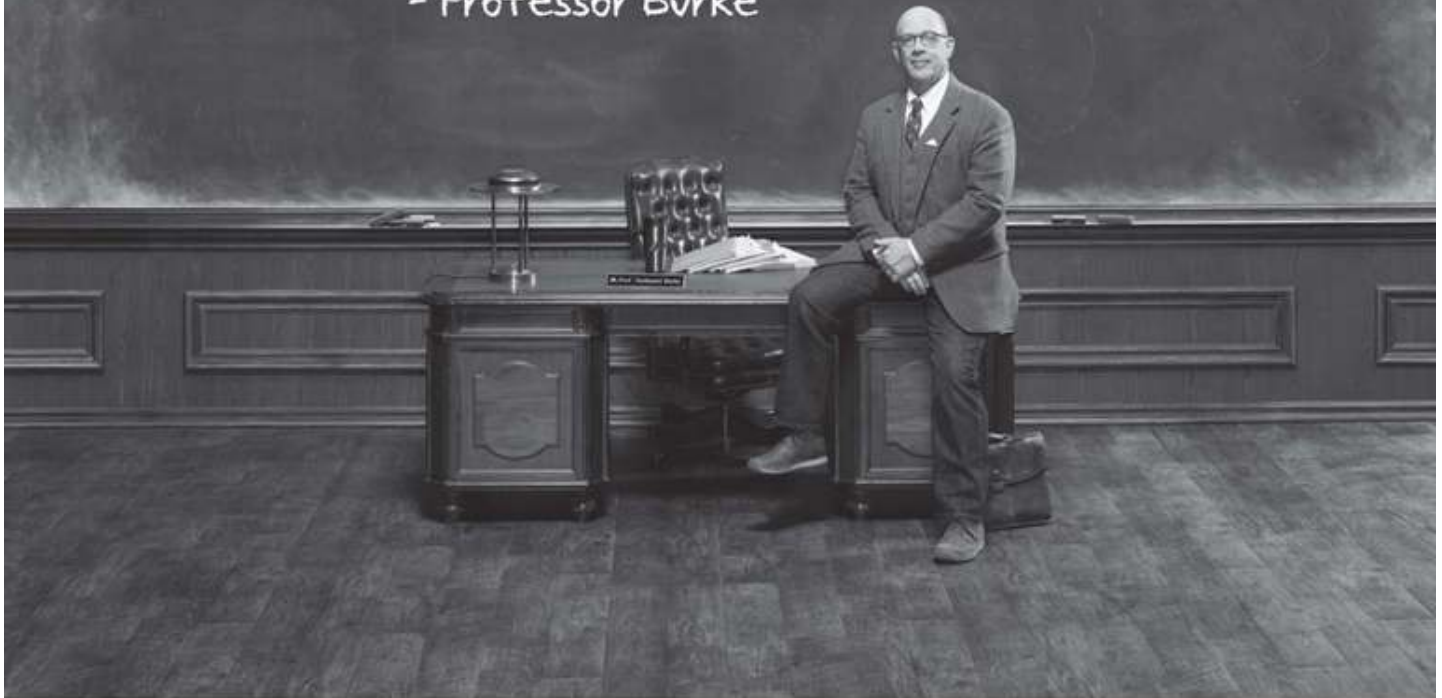
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