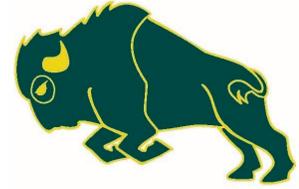




2023 Golf Handbook



Congratulations! You have been selected to represent The Villages Charter Middleton Middle School Golf Team. You possess a willingness to be a team player, you have athletic ability in golf, and great potential. You demonstrate a positive work ethic, drive, competitive attitude, and lastly, skills and/or experience pertinent to this team. We are a growing program and are thrilled that you will be a part of its continued success.

Please read the following information carefully and share it with your parents. This handbook contains guidelines for the Golf program and may provide answers to your questions. You and your parent must sign and return the last page after you have read through this material together.

The Villages Charter Middle School Athletic Participation Policy

Students will only be permitted to participate in one athletic program per season unless coinciding programs do not directly conflict with one another. If two coinciding programs do not have a direct conflict with practice or competition times, however, students will be permitted to participate in two programs existing at the same time of year. Also, if programs overlap, athletes must complete the first program before beginning the next program.

The Villages Charter Middle School Athletic Eligibility Policy

The following policy will govern students in grades 6-8 who participate in the following middle school athletic programs: boys' football, girls' volleyball, golden girls, girls' and boys' golf, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' and boys' tennis, girls' softball, and girls' and boys' track.

A student must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for participation each semester. If a student falls below a 2.0 GPA, he/she becomes ineligible.

Keep in mind that if a student in any grade level is not promoted to the next grade that he/she will be ruled ineligible for the first semester of the ensuing school year regardless of GPA.

School Fundraiser

Each player must sell 10 school fundraiser discount cards before the start of each season. The cards are to be sold for \$15 each and the monies must be collected and submitted before the player may play in a game. Student Athletes are only required to sell 10 cards per year. If your student is involved in another school-sponsored sport they will not have to sell them again this school year.

Practice & Match Guidelines

You are expected to make every effort to attend every practice. If you miss one practice due to a detention or other disciplinary action you will not be allowed to play in the following match. If this kind of behavior continues you may be removed from the team. Academics must be a priority for each golf team member. If you are failing a class, you may be asked to work on schoolwork after school (missing practice & that week's match) to get your grades up to passing. If you cannot be at practice, you are expected to contact the coach **before** practice starts.

Phone numbers are provided below for your convenience.

Please refer to the practice schedule to find out where practice and matches will be held so you can pick up your athlete on time.

Once the dismissal bell rings you are to pick up your clubs in room 4-108 and wait for the coach to dismiss you to load the bus. You will assist loading the equipment before boarding the bus to the Belle Glade Golf Course. On the bus, your behavior must exhibit the core values of TCVS. If there are any behavioral issues on the bus en route to practice the player will not be allowed to practice or play in that week's match. During the course of practice you are expected to ALWAYS display the VCS core values. Everyone will display a positive attitude and show respect toward their teammates, as well as their coaches. This is not a time for horseplay. Each practice includes specific skills and drills to be covered. Let's maximize our time and improve upon your abilities. Water breaks will be provided throughout each practice. Practice ends only after the coaches release you to your parent. Everyone is expected to repair any divots on tee box and ball marks on all greens.

You will not be dismissed from the matches until your parent comes to either Coach Dawson, or Coach Grumpy. You are now part of a team that is composed of talented players who will work to be the best that they can be. Remember to play like winners, you must act like winners. Scores on a card don't dictate the person you are, your attitude does.

Players are expected to wear game day shirt (black collared golf shirt) and school approved dress pants/shorts (khaki) to school the day of a game. If you cannot be at a practice or match, you are expected to let the coach know. While at a game, everyone will show respect for, be considerate of, and display a positive attitude toward teammates, coaches, opposing players, and parents.

Playing time may be affected if you choose to engage in inappropriate behavior. Actively watching a sport can provide a valuable learning opportunity that you can take advantage of!

Competitive team athletics, by its very nature, creates situations where everyone may not have equal playing time and we do not guarantee equal playing time at each match. Playing time is determined by performance, attendance, attitude, effort, the athletes potential, the team's needs at the moment, and the team's needs in the future. Each Wednesday before a match all player's will keep score of all holes played. The lowest 5 scores of that scrimmage will play in that week's match. Playing decisions are left solely to the discretion of the coaches and are not up for debate or question. You are, however, encouraged to ask about what you can do to improve in order to get lower scores and opportunities to attend matches. Our goal is to give everyone the opportunity to improve their playing ability so they will be able to play in matches and perform at the highest level while representing the Village Charters School Golf program.

We hope that you find the time spent with our team beneficial and enjoyable. We encourage your efforts to model good sportsmanship behavior as we enter into another exciting season!

Review of Team Expectations

- *Wear Villages Golf team attire on game day.**
- *Turn in discount card monies to coach prior to the first match.**
- *Be on time to pick up equipment and ready to be on bus at 3:00.**
- *Be a good steward of the equipment VCMS has provided for the team to use.**
- *Keep grades above the required grade point average to participate in school sports. (2.0)**
- *Make up any work that you miss due to early dismissal for a match.**
- *Know that making the team is a great honor, and something to be proud of.**
- *The coaches expect all players to exhibit the VCS core values on and off the course.**

Important Phone Numbers:

VCMS 352-259-6860

Coach Dawson (352) 259-6860 ext 44211 cell (561)-718-5496

**Buffalo Golf Team
Player/Parent
2023 Handbook Agreement**

I/We have read the player/parent handbook of The Villages Charter Middle School Golf Program and accept the responsibilities associated with being a part of this team.

I/We understand all that is written within the handbook and agree to abide by all the rules and requirements as stated without reservation.

GO BUFFALO!!



Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____