

ST. PIUS X GOLF

The purpose of the St. Pius X Golf Program is to provide St. Pius students in the 5th through 8th grades the opportunity to learn the sport of golf, including golf etiquette, and participate on an organized team. All teams will be established under the direction of the Golf Director.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES **(ADOPTED 9/9/19)**

The following is a list of guidelines and procedures which govern the St. Pius X golf program. Exception to any guideline or procedure must be granted by the Golf Director and the President of the Athletic Association. Players, parents and coaches must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Eligibility** - All participants in the golf program must be in the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. Participation is open to currently enrolled students at St. Pius X grade school or St. Pius X parishioners who are home schooled and not enrolled in any other school.
2. **Establishment of Teams and Coaches**
 - (a) The establishment of teams will be done by the Golf Director at his/her discretion. It will also be up to the Golf Director to decide if there is enough talent to designate teams as “A” teams or “B” teams for league play based on the talent level.
 - (b) The coaches for each team will be selected by the Golf Director. Parents of players are permitted to coach their son or daughter.
3. **Playing Time**
 - (a) Teams compete in the Northern Kentucky Middle School Golf Team.
 - (b) Every effort will be made to give golfers the opportunity to participate in an equal number of matches, subject to the player’s availability. Each golfer is usually given the opportunity to participate in a minimum of 8 matches.
 - (c) There is a league tournament at the end of the year for the top golfers from each school. The Golf Director will select the players who will represent St. Pius in this tournament. His selection criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the players’ scores from matches throughout the season and consultation with the coaches.
4. **Uniforms**

All players will purchase a uniform golf shirt prior to the season. Uniform hats and visors will be offered for additional purchase but are not required. The players may wear any solid color shorts, pants, or skirts of their choosing.
5. **Cost & Volunteer Requirements**
 - (a) **Registration Fee:** A registration fee is required for each participant in the St. Pius X golf program. The registration fee will be collected prior to the beginning of the season and the fee amount will be determined annually by the St. Pius X Athletic Association in consultation with the Golf Director. The cost of the uniform shirt may be included in the registration fee.
 - (b) **Greens Fees:** Each player is expected to pay a greens fee at each match. The greens fees are minimal and usually run between \$5-\$7.
 - (c) The parents of all participants are asked to volunteer at some matches throughout the season.
6. **Behavior** – In the sport of golf there is an emphasis on rules and etiquette. Players and coaches are expected to be familiar with the rules of the league, practice good golf etiquette, and be honest in their

scoring. Additionally, players, coaches and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that represents the Catholic values of St. Pius X Church. Each player, coach, and parent will be required to sign a St. Pius X School Athletic Association Code of Conduct each year. Individuals that fail to abide by these Guidelines or the Code of Conduct may be restricted from further participation or attendance at golf practices or matches.

7. Problems/Disputes

The Athletic Association recognizes that problems or disputes may arise occasionally. The Golf Director strongly recommends that every effort be made to work these problems out on an individual basis with the coach. If a parent or player has a disagreement with a coach, they should speak with the coach in a calm and respectful manner in an effort to resolve the issue. Likewise, if a coach has a problem with a parent, participant, opposing coach, game official or league organizer, he/she should speak directly to them in a calm and respectful manner to resolve the issue. If a reasonable attempt to solve the problem on this basis has failed, the person is urged to contact the Golf Director. Matters that cannot be resolved with the Golf Director can be escalated to the Athletic Association Executive Committee. Every effort will be made to mediate/resolve the matter within the guidelines of the golf program.

8. Other Issues

Any issues not addressed by these Guidelines will be handled at the discretion of the Golf Director with approval of the Athletic Association Executive Committee.