

Dear Athletic Director: This information and the attachments pertain to the 2014 Women's Golf 3-A Regional Championship on October 21. Because our list of women's golf coaches in the region is incomplete, we ask you to pass this along to your women's golf coach if he/she hasn't received it. Thanks

2014 3A WOMEN'S GOLF REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FAST FACT SHEET

Dear Fellow Golf Coach: This is the second letter of information about the Regionals. If you did not receive the first one, please check with your AD or contact me.

As previously announced, the 3-A Western Region Women's Golf Championship will be held at the Etowah Valley Golf Club and Lodge ("Etowah") on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Etowah Valley GC&L is located in Etowah, NC between Hendersonville to the east and Brevard to the west, along U.S. 64. The GPS address is 470 Brickyard Road, Etowah, NC.

This is a one-day, 18-hole event. Eligibility will be established by the NCHSAA from Regional Golf Entry Blanks submitted to them on-line by **October 14** by each coach at forms.nchsaa.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=regional%20entries&-loadframes. The names of the contestants, their year of graduation, hometown, school name and scoring average are the data elements to be sent.

A maximum of 78 players will be in competition. Play will be in threesomes from the red tees on Etowah's North and West courses; the yardages have been adjusted to meet the NCHSAA standard. The practice range will be available at 8:00 AM, with designated times assigned by players' starting times (since we don't have 78 hitting stations). A practice green is also available with a similar schedule. There will be a players' and spectators' meeting at the range at 8:40 AM. Play will start at 9:00 AM from the West 1st tee and North 1st tee. In case of frost this starting time may be delayed. A no-host, grab-and-go, hot-off-the-grill lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken, chips and water or a soft drink will be available in the \$10 range. Complimentary refreshments will be available at the Scorer's tent at the conclusion of play. A course map and scorecard have previously been sent to you. The draft local rules are attached; the final local rules will be distributed at the coaches' meeting on the day of competition (see below). If you have any suggestions please get them to me this week.

Walking practice rounds are available at no charge on Monday, October 20 after 1:00 PM. These rounds are arranged by the player or coach calling the Etowah Golf Shop directly at 828-891-7141 **after October 6**. There is no bag storage. Spectator carts are available on Monday and Tuesday at a daily rate of \$11 for nine holes or \$20 for eighteen holes. Charges for cart rental must be paid in the Golf Shop at the time of the rental. Please emphasize to all spectators that whether on foot or in carts, spectators must stay on the cart paths and not talk to the players (see Local Rules).

We recognize that the early starting time (which allows an early leaving time) will necessitate an overnight stay for many players and families. One of the reasons for the popularity of Etowah Valley GC&L as a Regional site is that it is a golf resort. A block of 40 deluxe accommodations has been reserved for players, families and guests at a special rate of \$89.99 per room plus tax, for arrival on Monday, October 20 and departure on Tuesday, October 21. This includes a hot breakfast buffet for 2 adults and all children under 17 on Tuesday morning. Lunch and dinner are available for guests at

Zeke's Greenside Patio on-site behind the clubhouse, at menu prices, until 9:00 PM. Parking is free. The room rate will also be available for earlier arrivals or extended stays. Reservations for these rooms and rates must be made by **Monday, October 13** and guaranteed by a major credit card; after October 13 rooms are on a space-available basis at prevailing rates. Reservations may be cancelled at no charge 72 hours prior to arrival. Reservations are made directly with the Lodge by calling 828-891-7022 or 877-312-5454 and asking for Lodge reservations. Individuals are responsible for settling charges and incidental expenses on departure. A brochure on the Etowah Valley Lodge has previously been sent to you. There are other motels, B&Bs and restaurants in the area.

Please note that the NCHSAA requires a mandatory meeting of all coaches. This meeting will be held at 8:00 AM in Zeke's Greenside Tavern in the Clubhouse. The agenda is attached. If you have any other agenda items, please get them to me in advance of the meeting.

As the host coach for the Regionals, I will be happy to answer questions and help with arrangements. Please call in the evening or e-mail anytime. If you will send your e-mail address to me at burtharr@gmail.com, I will send updates between now and the match.

We look forward to your visit and wish your players all the best.

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LOCAL RULES FOR 3A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

OCT. 21, 2014

Today's match is at stroke play according to the USGA Rules of Golf, amended by these local rules:

- Play is from red tees
- Scores are recorded by a marker
- Lift, clean and place through the green (one clublength, no closer to the hole)
- Casual water through the green
- Casual water in bunkers: rake and place nearest to water's edge no closer to the hole
- Note ground under repair (GUR), both marked and unmarked
- Embedded ball rule is in effect through the green
- North Course: A ball striking the tower is played either from where it lands or from the drop circle, without penalty. A ball striking the power line is re-played from the original spot, without penalty.
- Free drop from all flower beds (1 clublength no closer to the hole)
- Free drop into same condition from tree roots (1 clublength no closer to hole)
- Flag colors: Red=front, white=middle, blue=back
- Spectators, whether walking or in carts, must remain on the cart paths, except to help look for lost balls on the cart path side of the fairway. Players may not talk to or interact with spectators. **COMPLIANCE IS THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY**; in the event of a violation the player must call a 2-stroke penalty on herself and let her marker know. (Ref: NCHSAA Conditions of Competition). A second occurrence is cause for disqualification.
- Players may be ferried on carts between West 9 to North 1, and North 9 back to the Clubhouse, since both are very long distances which would otherwise affect pace of play.
- All other prohibitions stated in the NCHSAA Conditions of Competition for Regional and State Championships are in effect, including pace of play. The "triple bogey" rule **IS NOT** in effect; all balls must be played into the hole.
- Immediately upon completion of your round, go to the Scorer's area. Sit at the players' table and go over your scorecard with your marker, and when you are both satisfied that the score is accurately recorded, detach the marker's portion and hand the card, signed by both player and marker, to the Scorer at the Pavilion.
- In case of a dispute, do not sign the card, consult with your coach, and bring the dispute to the attention of the Scorer.

NCHSAA WOMEN'S GOLF, REGION 3A WEST
ANNUAL COACHES MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014, 8:00 AM

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Call of the roll**
- 3. Distribution of credentials**
- 4. Old business**
- 5. Introduction of CGA Rules Official**
- 6. Appointment of Committee for Championship**
- 7. Pairings**
- 8. Review of local rules**
- 9. Advancement of teams and individuals to State**
- 10. Resolution of ties**
- 11. Location of 2015 Regional Championship**
- 12. New business**
- 13. Adjourn**

