When a person is involved in any athletic activity, an injury can occur. One should be aware the information presented in these safety guidelines is to inform the athlete of proper techniques and inherent dangers involved with golf. There is a chance of broken bones, muscle and soft tissue and back injuries, which could lead to some form of paralysis. Not all potential injury possibilities in this sport are listed, but athletes should be aware that fundamentals, coaching and proper safety equipment are important to the safety and enjoyment of the sport.

1. Proper warm-up is essential before strenuous activity takes place. Be aware of the potentially serious injuries if you do not follow correct procedures in stretching, and conditioning.
2. If you wear eyeglasses, contact the coach for proper fitting of safety lenses, appropriate frames that are compatible with golfing. If you have a bi or tri-focal lens, contact your doctor to provide the best len(s) combination for playing on surfaces with sudden changes in elevation.
3. Perform only those skills and techniques as instructed and/or supervised by your coach.
4. Be sure all equipment, especially shoes, is fitting properly before each day’s activity.
5. Travel to and from off-campus facilities and practice/competition sites must be in accordance with school procedures.
6. Remove all jewelry and metal hair fasteners and other body adornments as required by rules and regulations for golf.
7. Be aware of your surroundings both home and away including but not limited to surface conditions, obstructions in the proximity to the golf course and safe entrance/egress to/from the course.
8. Wear outer and under garments appropriate for humidity and temperature.
9. In order to help protect the safety of all squad members, squad members with physically limiting injuries and/or health conditions must inform the coach prior to each day’s activity of limiting conditions and participate only to the extent allowed by the coach.
10. Players should hydrate themselves frequently during practice and meets and follow the coach’s direction on hydration prior to and following practices and meets.
11. Notify the coach immediately if injured.
12. Practice only when your coach is present.
13. Before swinging a club make sure your grips are dry and make certain the area around you is clear of others. Never throw a club.
14. On the practice range hit balls within the boundaries of the driving range.
15. Be aware of the position of other golfers when you are hitting or when they are hitting. Do not hit the ball until the proper distance is available between you and other golfing groups.
16. If a ball you hit approaches another golfer, yell “FORE” to warn others of the shot.
17. In severe weather occurs while on the course:
   a. Remove spikes and get away from clubs
   b. Avoid trees, shelters, hilltops, open spaces and isolated trees or metal objects
   c. Move to a wood building, low and protected area or heavily wooded area

The above information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules, safety regulations/warnings and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in the golf program.

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Date     Athlete’s Signature

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Date    Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
Yelm Community Schools GOLF

WARNING/AGREEMENT TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS

(Prior to participating, both the student and parent must read carefully and sign)

I am aware that golf is a high-risk sport and that practicing or competing in golf will be a dangerous activity involving MANY RISKS OF INJURY. I understand the dangers and risks of practicing and competing in golf include but are not limited to, death, serious neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system, and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of my body, general health and well being. I understand that the dangers and risks of practicing or competing in golf may result not only in serious injury, but in a serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities and generally to enjoy life. I also understand that the sport in which I participate may be so inherently dangerous that no amount of reasonable supervision, protective equipment or training can eliminate all vestiges of danger. I am informed the District does not assume the responsibility for the medical services required for these risks.

Because of the dangers of golf, I recognize the importance of following the coaches’ instructions regarding techniques, training and other team rules, etc., and to agree to obey such instructions.

In consideration of the Yelm Community Schools permitting me to try out for the Yelm High School golf team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including but not limited to trying out, practicing or competing in golf. I have read the above warnings and I understand their terms.

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Date     Signature of Athlete

I, _____________________________, am the parent/legal guardian of __________________.

In consideration of the Yelm Community Schools permitting my child/ward to try out for the Yelm High School golf team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including, but not limited to, trying out, practicing or competing in golf, I have read the above warning and I understand their terms.

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Date     Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian