Royal Oak

High School



*Go Ravens!!!*

##### ***Head Golf Coach***

##### ***Ray McMann***

*“I’ll do the very best I know how – the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end”*

*Abraham Lincoln*

## **Mission Statement**

To be a first class championship team, surrounded by people who have fun working hard academically, athletically, and socially. It is based on the core belief of dedication, discipline and selflessness, while always demonstrating honesty and integrity.

## **Program Goals:**

* Team GPA over 30
* Players have leadership roles on campus and in community
* Be active as a team in the community
* Strive for a winning season every year
* Work hard to qualify for Regionals as a team every year

## **As a Coach I will**

* Help develop life skills in my players, as well as emphasizing the success of the program
* Emphasize the importance of academics and to remind the athletes that they are students first and athletes second
* Emphasize that being productive citizens and giving back to the community are important parts of their lives, and I will also help develop my players into people
* Clearly state expectations of all players at the beginning of the season and will continue to emphasize these throughout the season

## **Philosophy**

* My philosophy is based on providing a high quality, competitive, hardworking, and character driven program that always refers back to the Mission Statement
* The team is always my first concern over the individual results of golfers
* Each player will be responsible to demonstrate the Mission Statement beliefs at all golf functions, practice, home, school and of course matches
* We will all work hard to help each other succeed on this team
* Every player will have a role on the team, and no one role is less important than another The success of our team will be based on how each and every boy performs his role

## **Attitudes**

* As a member of the Royal Oak High Golf Team, you are representing our school, the team and me. Anything that sheds a poor light on our school and embarrasses our golf team will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances, including but not limited to suspensions in school, being kicked out of sporting events etc. This may affect your ability to make the golf team
* You will use proper golf etiquette at all times. We will go over proper etiquette in our practices. You will be expected to abide by the etiquette of golf regardless of what other players are doing
* You need to have a working knowledge of the rules of golf. The rules are there to help as well as penalize. Ignorance is no excuse. You can order a book, or download a copy, or get the USGA Rules App
* Golf is the only sport where the competitors are their own referees. It is a sport that promotes and expects the utmost in honesty and integrity of its participants. Please be honest with yourself when you are playing
* Attendance at school is a top priority. You will be at school and get your class work done on time. You will be missing a great deal of school, make sure to get your work before you miss school, not once you get back to school

## **Attire**

* You will be expected to be dressed neatly and appropriately for our practices and meets
  + Matching golf pants and shirts will be worn for all meets
    - These will be purchased by the players
  + Golf pants or shorts and a collared shirt will be worn at practices
* Head wear
  + Caps, visors, stocking caps, etc. will promote either Royal Oak Golf or a golf related company (Nike, Taylor Made, Calloway, Titleist, etc.)
  + Head wear promoting other things, will not be worn during golf unless it is a golf related company hat. This applies at both matches and practices

## **Practice**

* Practice times will vary based on the location of our practice. Plan on practice lasting approximately 1 - 2 hours each day
* Some practices will be later in the evening in order to utilize the golf course
* You need to be at practice. Unexcused absences before a match will result in forfeiture of your right to play in the next match. 2 unexcused absences may result in your removal from the team

## **Golf Matches**

* The school does not provide busing to our matches. We will have to carpool and meet at the course
* Playing time will be my decision based on a number of things
  + Past scores in meets
  + Qualifying/Challenge rounds
  + Skills seen during practice
  + Attitude and behavior will also be factored in
* Golf balls (1 per nine holes) will be supplied for matches
* All golfers must be able to play 18 holes while walking and carrying their own clubs in a timely manner
* Most matches include 5 or 6 players

## **Equipment**

* The school does not supply clubs, which means you will need to provide your own set of clubs
* The school will provide carrying bags, rain gear, and golf balls ( to an extent) for matches
* Keep all of your equipment clean and in good condition
  + Shoes washed regularly
  + Clubs cleaned after every practice and match
  + Your uniform should be washed and cleaned between matches

## **Tryouts**

* Depending on the number of boys trying out, the first round of cuts will be made based on the following (Down to 15 guys maximum)
  + Ability to hit a golf ball at specified targets at the range
  + Putting drills inside the school
* Round 2 will be done once we are able to actually get on the course and or courses. Courses will be chosen based on availability
  + Royal Oak
  + Normandy Oaks
  + Rackham
  + Sylvan Glen
  + Sanctuary Lakes
  + Red Run
* Each round will be played based on the USGA Rules of golf and the MHSAA
  + Competitors are reminded that according to the USGA rules, players are not permitted to play/practice on the course on the days of the tryout
  + Each player will be responsible for their own greens fees, unless we can make arrangements through the course to waive the fee
  + Students are required to carry their own bags
  + Tees for each round will be determined by me, prior to tee off
  + Tryout exemptions
    - Any golfer that individually qualified for the 2015 Regional Tournament
* Team Placement
  + Varsity – 6 – 10 Players minus exemptions
    - 6 – 10 players with the lowest two day totals
    - In the event we do NOT have a JV the lowest 10 scores will be taken
  + Junior Varsity – 6 players
    - The 6 next lowest players (may include 4 guys rotating on Varsity)
  + Coach’s Pick
    - I reserve the right to keep 1 or 2 developmental players with the intent to improve their skills for the following season They may work their way onto a team
  + Varsity Exemption List 2016
    - Jake Transit