

***PLEASE READ AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS.***

Port Townsend High School  
**GOLF INHERENT RISK FORM**

Port Townsend High School strives to protect each student from possible injury while engaging in school activities. The guidelines and/or practices identified below have been established for this activity in order to protect the student and others from injury and/or illness. Participants and their parents should recognize that conditioning, nutrition, proper techniques, safety procedures, and well-fitting equipment are important aspects of this training program. Each participant is expected to follow the directions/standards of the coach and must understand that failure to follow such directions or adhere to standards may place the participant at risk.

Travel to and from off-campus facilities shall be in accordance with the directions of the activity coach.

Guidelines are as follows:

1. Make certain that you wear all equipment that is issued by the coach. Advise the coach of any poor-fitted or defective equipment
2. Advise the coach if you are ill or have any prolonged symptoms of illness.
3. Advise the coach if you have been injured.
4. Engage in warm-up activities prior to strenuous participation.
5. Be alert for any physical hazards in the locker room or in or around the participation area. Advise coach of any hazard.
6. Before swinging a club, make certain that the area around you is clear of others. Be careful after hitting not to throw the club as you could injure someone.
7. Be aware of the danger of standing in front of or on the side of a person who is attempting to hit the ball, as one may be injured by the ball or by the rebounding of the ball from trees, signs, markers, etc.
8. Be aware at all times of other players' positions on the course when you are hitting or when they are hitting. You are vulnerable at all times. Do not hit the ball until proper distance is available between golfing groups. If you observe a ball off course, make any nearby group aware of its existence by shouting or other appropriate means.
9. Keep hands and grips dry to minimize the danger of clubs being released.

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 that 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, blindness, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligament, muscles, tendons and other aspects of my body, general health and well-being. I understand that the dangers and risk 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 understand that due to the nature of the sport, it is imperative that I use the proper techniques while participating in the golf program.

We agree that neither the school district or the staff of the school district, nor the student organization of the school district shall in any way be held liable for any accident or injury in anyway received on account of or while engaged in any athletic activity sponsored by the district. We further agree that neither the district nor any of the staff or student organizations shall be responsible for the payment of any bills rendered for medical services as a result of such accidents or injuries. We also acknowledge that it is our responsibility to provide for any medical, disability or other insurance to mitigate any costs that may be unfortunately incurred as a result of participation in this activity.