

Coaches,

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a great and successful 2017-2018 season. I realize we are about 4 tournaments into this year's schedule but with my busy schedule, I found it difficult to have time to sit down and write this memo to you. But alas, I have finally found the time and here we are.

There are a few topics I would like to touch base on. 1) Scheduling... 2) Entries and Fields... 3) Professionalism... and 4) the RGVGCA Pre-Regional Tournament.

- 1) **Scheduling.** I'd like to ask all coaches to pick and choose the tournaments they want to attend as wisely as possible. Know your team and the tournament fields. Please enter tournaments that give your team a good chance to succeed and possibly place high. This will only give them confidence and the desire to improve.
- 2) **Entries and Fields.** This one is a big concern... especially in the JV tournaments. Schools are submitting an astronomical number of players then only show up with a minimal amount. The Donna JV had SIXTY-NINE no shows. La Joya JV had FIFTY-ONE no shows. Edcouch-Elsa JV had FORTY-TWO no shows. Even the McAllen Girls Varsity tournament had THIRTY-EIGHT no shows.

**Coaches... THIS HAS GOT TO STOP.** We cannot enter a tournament claiming to bring 14 players, then only bring 6 to the event. THIS CAN NO LONGER BE TOLERATED. It is unfair to the golf course, to the tournament host, and to all the teams that actually wanted to attend the tournament but could not because the tournament was closed due to "ghost" entries. We definitely do not want it to reach a level where the RGVGCA has to make some calls to administrators about this situation.... but if that's what it takes, it will be done.

- 3) **Professionalism.** Let's be professionals this season and do our job properly. Please call the tournament director A WEEK BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT to inform them the ACTUAL amount of players you are attending with. It's our job and a courtesy to the tournament you will be attending.
- 4) **RGVGCA Pre-Regional Tournament.** The RGVGCA committee will be meeting during the Thanksgiving break to determine which 6A teams will be invited to the RGVGCA Pre-Regional tournament at The Republic Golf Course in San Antonio in March. Unfortunately, this has to be done due to the number of schools that want to attend as opposed to the number of teams and individuals that can actually be accommodated on the golf course. We will be sending some of the criteria we will be looking at in the next week or so.

Once again, I wish everyone a great season and if there are any questions, feel free to call me.

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