



Royal Oaks Scholarship Golf Athlete Program

Summary

In 2012, Royal Oaks Country Club initiated a new scholarship and mentoring program to benefit the youth of Clark County who exemplify outstanding academic achievement, high school golf athleticism, and community citizenship. The Scholar Golf Athlete Program was developed to honor and encourage area high school golfers by receiving courtesy membership privileges to Royal Oaks Country Club for the duration of their high school. The program enables student golfers to utilize facilities and resources at Royal Oaks, while helping them to continue to improve their golf game, and further their love of the game of golf.

Scholar golf athletes must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 throughout their involvement in the program, and participate in High School Golf. Those recipients who go on to play college golf may be eligible to continue to receive courtesy membership privileges with the approval of the NCAA and the student's chosen University or College.

Research & Approval

Royal Oaks member, Mark Curtis, modeled the program & application from a successful program at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon. Once the program was developed he actively sought out approval from the governing bodies of the game of golf. We wanted to make sure that we were not putting the golfer's amateur status in danger. The programs are supported by the Oregon Golf Association, NCAA and the United States Golf Association. We recommend to the high school golfer, upon acceptance to a collegiate program, confirm with the college regarding the status of this type of membership.

Execution of the program

Our goal is to award six scholarships starting their sophomore year and rotating upward. We would always have three young men & women. They are allowed to continue the scholarship as long as they are playing on a collegiate golf team and maintaining their grades. Once approved by the Golf Committee and Board we set up a committee with two members, one Club Manager, and Membership Director to execute the strategy. The staff is responsible for distributing the application form* to the high school coaches and athletic directors. Then the committee will review the applications and interview the candidates.

Upon acceptance of the award, the scholarship winners are invited to attend an orientation which helps them understand the "Scholarship Handbook", which outlines the rules and boundaries of the golf course. Our membership is excited to have these scholar golfer's at the club practicing and playing with the members. We have not encountered any significant problems with this program. It has been a success with our membership.

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