

Good morning! At the county middle school golf meeting yesterday, we were informed that we will indeed have a season this year - yay! Since the middle school matches are held at First Tee, there was some question as they are merging with The Patch. Matches will still be played at First Tee and we will meet there once a week for practice. Our other practice will be here at school. There is a chance we will be able to have an additional afternoon practice at First Tee, but we will be informed of that (hopefully!) later this month. The county Athletic Director is meeting with Lashunda Hall, First Tee Program Director, today to discuss practice and match schedules. **Additionally, if all paperwork is not complete and cleared in DragonFly by the end of January, you will not be able to participate in any way.** This is necessary so matches can be scheduled through the county.

The practice season is scheduled to begin *27 February*, with matches starting *12 March*; this is due to daylight savings time. Practice and matches will continue through the week after Spring Break/Masters (nothing during that full week). **Championships will be on the 16th (girls) and 17th (boys) of April** so everything is complete before testing begins. All matches (traditionally four of them) will begin at 3:00. Parents will be responsible for getting golfers to and from First Tee for practice and matches, and are welcome to rideshare with others.

At the meeting, we were also informed that we will be allowed to field four boys and four girls in matches. That being said, if extra slots are available, they will be evenly distributed amongst the competing teams. The Davidson Middle School Golf Team currently has shown sincere interest by three girls and eight boys. We were able to carry extra boys in the past as long as everyone understands that players who do not score as well will not play as many matches, but everyone will play at least one match.

As a simple reminder, boys must wear a collared shirt that is tucked in, along with a belt. Girls are not allowed to wear leggings unless they are under a skirt. Hats should be removed while inside the clubhouse. All golfers should be respectful at all times, be mindful of other golfers, and always show good sportsmanship – **the DFA way**! 😉