

# Beginning golfers interested in trying out for the golf team

If you have never golfed or have little experience playing, keep in mind that you are contemplating trying to make a team that competes as part of the Wyoming High School Athletic Association. While golf staff will teach and coach within the limits of time and opportunity, the primary aim of securing a place on the team is to compete, not learn how to play. Expecting coaches to teach you how to play golf during a 6 week season is not reasonable.

With that in mind, please note the following scoring suggestions when considering whether or not to try out for the golf team:

*Boys playing from the back tees at Valli Vu (approx. 6,100 yards)*

*Freshmen—110 or better*

*Sophomores—100 or better*

*Juniors—95 or better*

*Seniors—90 or better*

*Girls playing from the forwardmost tees at Valli Vu (approx. 5,100 yards)*

*Freshmen—130 or better*

*Sophomores—120 or better*

*Juniors—110 or better*

*Seniors—95 or better*

If you cannot come close to shooting your target score suggested above when keeping an absolute honest score, playing by all the rules of golf, perhaps consider getting some lessons and practicing another year before trying out. Of course, you're welcome to try out either way, but you may not make the team if you cannot score at or around the suggested level.

If you want to improve this summer and try out in August, please carefully watch one (or both) of the beginner training video series on Youtube—see links below. Conscientiously following this video instruction and practicing what you learn will pay huge dividends.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0uaI4r3925R6pZfyupa1xQ94kWkJdSHn> (7 episodes)

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKnkfgDBi62mkWMNmNipPUUep6vcj8nYm> (6 episodes)

Coach Fullmer is also the Associate PGA Professional at Valli Vu. You can contact him at 307-248-1937 to arrange lessons. He will try to accommodate, time and opportunity permitting.

Valli Vu will conduct a junior clinic for beginners starting at 1pm on June 13th, 20th, and 27th. Many of the participants will be elementary or middle school age, but for the few high school beginners in attendance, this is a great opportunity to learn the basics.

If you want to be kept in the loop for learning opportunities and important dates, text your name from your cell phone to Coach Fullmer at 307-248-1937. He will put you in the text blast group.

Getting better at golf takes commitment. There is no substitute for meaningful practice and play. A lot of it. If you're serious about playing for the Braves Golf team, you cannot just dabble this summer; you must go all in. If you do, lots of fun, friends, and satisfaction await.