

2008 St. Pius X Golden Lion Golf

Summer Expectations for 2008 Varsity Hopefuls:

1) If you have a summer/early fall golf resume with items similar to what's below, you'll likely have a chance to prove yourself worthy to play varsity for the Golden Lions in 2008.

- Atlanta Junior Golf Association events...most players can play in six
- Georgia PGA Series events...a recommended "next step" for aspiring players
- Georgia State Golf Association sectionals...an interesting alternative to AJGA or GA PGA
- Southeastern Junior Tour events...but only if you can consistently break 85
- DO NOT sign up for the USGA Junior Amateur or American Junior events...if you're not on Varsity now, you're not ready for these levels of competition

2) If you have a consistent, repeating swing, you'll be better suited to withstand the pressures exerted upon you in the months to come. Ask yourself, can I consistently:

- Hit five wedges approximately 100 yards on target each time
- Hit five 7-irons approximately 150 yards on target each time
- Hit five 4-irons approximately 180 yards on target each time
- Hit five 3-woods over 200 yards on target each time
- Hit five drivers at/over 240 yards on target each time

3) Your short-game must be well above average as competitive golf places a premium upon scoring. This means that you should be able to:

- Make 90 % of all putts inside 3 feet
- Two-putt 90 % of all putts inside 15 feet
- Two-putt 80 % of all putts inside 30 feet
- Show competency chipping with all clubs from 6-iron down
- Carry a pitch shot inside 30 yards to a ten-foot diameter target on 80 % of all attempts
- Stop any pitch shot inside 50 yards within 10 feet of the landing point on 80 % of all attempts
- Escape a greenside bunker with a normal-lying on 80 % of all attempts

4) Are you willing to work harder than anyone else to get better? If not, don't waste your time or ours. If you are and you're willing to exhibit class, respect your opponents and the courses we play with great sportsmanship, proper etiquette, and a genuine desire to build upon the traditions and heritage of this program, you're what we're looking for in a golfer.

5) Not quite ready for varsity? Here are a few quick points about the Junior Varsity program:

- Our JV is a place where prospective varsity players can get some match experience, absorb some instructional time, and have an opportunity to interact with varsity players from time to time.
- Many Freshmen with some past golf experience qualify to play at this level.
- Sophomores with past junior varsity experience may be selected to play at this level if they demonstrate that they are clearly better than the vast majority of freshmen at this level.
- Only a rare junior-grade level player would be invited to play on the JV team. Given the number of varsity level openings for 2008, if a junior cannot capably contribute to the varsity program this year, they likely would not be chosen to play on the team from the outset.
- If you've never played golf before and show a remarkable knack for the game, you might make the JV squad...lack of golf experience does place a candidate at a tremendous disadvantage.