

# NATION-WIDE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED

John Griffith, publisher of Athletic Journal, 6858 Glenwood Ave., Chicago 26, Ill., is prime mover of a nation-wide campaign to conduct golf tournaments for high school boy and girl students.

The campaigns are to be conducted locally and have the backing of the National Golf Foundation as well as the sponsorship of the Athletic Journal.

In announcing the program Griffith says:

"The tournaments are to be only intramural and in no way are the winners to be matched against those from other schools, either in actual play or by comparison of scores. Every state has excellent organizations to govern interscholastic play and many excellent state golf tournaments are held. This program is only designed to encourage the inclusion of golf in the physical education program on an intramural level.

"There may be either a boys or girls tournament or both, depending upon the local situation. The tournaments may be conducted in any manner desired, although it is recommended that match play be used as affording the greatest interest to participants. It has been suggested by numerous coaches and physical education instructors that for the finest test of golf all girls' matches be eighteen holes and the same for the boys with the exception of the final round, for which thirty-six hole matches are recommended.

"The greatest obstacle to growth of scholastic golf has been the lack of facilities. It is here that the National Golf Foundation, through its contacts with club managers and club professionals, can be of inestimable service. Through GOLFDOM Magazine recommendations will be carried to every golf club in the United States, urging that their facilities be made available for this endeavor. Furthermore, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, vitally interested in golf for the youths of the community, has offered to aid in securing suitable courses for the tournaments. It is suggested that golf clubs or municipal golf course officials in

your community or surrounding locality be approached for discussion of plans.

"As an aid in conducting the tournaments, draw cards with other material including information as to methods of seeding and arranging byes will be sent to you.

"As a reward to tournament winners and as a further incentive to increase participation, attractive pins will be included for the winners of both the boys and girls tournaments. These pins, while expensive in appearance, will not be of such monetary value as to conflict with scholastic eligibility rules.

"To assist in conducting this tournament program an advisory committee has been formed consisting of: Herb Graffis, Editor, Golfdom and Golfing magazines; John Griffith, Publisher, "Athletic Journal"; Eldon I. Jenne, Director, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Portland (Ore.) Public schools; Glenn Morris, Director, National Golf Foundation; Robert J. Strauss, Supervisor of Golf, Public Recreation Commission, City of Cincinnati.

"Tournaments may be held any time during the school year 1947-1948. Schools that also conduct fall golf programs may run two tournaments both in the fall and spring, if they so desire."

Score sheets as well as prizes are being supplied to schools by the Athletic Journal.

Griffith's reference to GOLFDOM recommending to club officials that courses be made available for these competitions under supervision of the high school athletic department is not only confirmed here but we'll double anything he could say in this respect.

Encouragement of high school golf is plainly foresighted on the part of club officials, members and pros. Not only the future of the game calls for early development of keen interest and playing ability of youngsters but the current need of caddies fully warrants cooperation to the fullest extent with high school athletic departments.

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