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## **Inaugural High School Golf Tournament**

### **'Pathways to College Golf'**

**Pitt Meadows, BC** – Grizzly Golf TOUR is proud to announce its Inaugural High School Golf Tournament designed around the theme, "Pathways to College Golf."

The unique 54-hole tournament is scheduled for **June 9-10** at Golden Eagle GC in Pitt Meadows. This tournament will bring together student-athletes, educators, and community partners to highlight how academics, athletics, and leadership can open doors to post-secondary opportunities.

High school golf coaches and their players will participate in a unique, competitive opportunity designed to mirror the NCAA Golf championship experience. This 54-hole event is intentionally structured to provide both players and coaches with an authentic collegiate golf experience on and off the course.

This tournament will be conducted in a three-round, 54-hole stroke play format, consistent with NCAA championship standards. Teams will compete over multiple days on a championship-caliber course, emphasizing preparation, endurance, strategy, and team management.

Teams will also attend the tournament banquet to meet coaches and learn about the pathways to college golf. University and college coaches will be available to provide information and feedback. The event will welcome high school golfers from around the province, offering a competitive and supportive environment while also introducing resources and conversations focused on university preparation.

Beyond competition, the tournament emphasizes personal growth, academic planning, and the diverse pathways available to students after high school.

"Golf is a sport that teaches discipline, integrity, and perseverance—qualities that translate directly to success at the university level and beyond," said Tournament Director Lance Kraus. "This tournament is about more than scores. It's about showing students that their talents, both on and off the course, can help shape their future."

For more information about the tournament and future Pathways to University initiatives, please contact:

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### **About Grizzly Golf Tour**

Grizzly Golf Tour is a golf organization that brings like-minded golfers together with a focus on growing the game as both recreational sport and a competitive game in the province of BC. 'Affordable and inclusive' is the mantra that organizers of the GGT will follow in an effort to bring young people from every social and economic demographic into the game of golf.

The Grizzly Golf tournaments will be played according to The Rules of Golf. To produce better golfers (and life-long golfers) organizers place a priority on explaining the rules, etiquette, and pace-of-play to all participants.

Grizzly Golf Tour is fun yet competitive and is available to golfers of all ages. Our vision is to create an opportunity for junior and women golfers to excel in their strengths on and off the course through their passion for golf.

Established in 2016, the Grizzly Golf Tour was founded to give golfers of BC an opportunity to develop their competitive skills, learn the rules, meet friends, and have fun.