Putnam County League for Golf
1975 - 2025

High school golf in Putnam County was first played in the spring of 1965. It continued as a spring sport until the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) switched seasons and made it a fall sport in 1974. Golf was adopted by the PCL in 1975.

In 1975, the golf schedule was set up in a league format with six participating schools, Continental, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Miller City, Ottoville and Pandora-Gilboa. Ottoville won the first PCL championship with an undefeated 5-0 record, followed by Fort Jennings 4-1, Pandora-Gilboa 3-2, Miller City 1-4, Continental 1-4 and Kalida 0-5.

The determination of the PCL champion was changed from a league to a tournament format in 1976. Ottoville was the PCL winners under this format also for their second consecutive championship. No other information on the first PCL Tournament could be found.

From 1977-2013, the PCL champion was determined by this same tournament format with all team and individual scores reported in the newspapers. In 2014, a new method for determining the PCL Champion was initiated. The schools would play a league match in the regular season and then this record would be combined with the PCL Tournament results for the final league record.

The PCL has determined the All-League members in two different ways with adjustments. The first method was used for seven years from 1976-1982. The top three players of the PCL Tournament were selected. If there was a tie, a play-off was used to determine the medalist.

From 1983-1989 the two teams were expanded to four players on each team. If there were ties, it was possible to have more than four on a team or co-medalist since play-offs were eliminated. From 1990-2018 the teams were expanded to five players on each team.

Major changes were made in 2014 for determining the All-PCL teams. The teams were expanded to six players on each team. The schools would play a regular league match and the individual PCL honors will be awarded by a point system. The medalist of a PCL match will receive 12 points and then decrease 11, 10, etc. down to 1 for the last place individual.

The medalist of the PCL Tournament, if seven teams, will receive 42 points and then decrease 42, 41, etc. down to 1 for the last place individual.

In 2025, a second PCL Tournament was added

Individual All-PCL selections were based on the total accumulation of points earned from the regular season and the two PCL Tournaments.

The top point getter and ties will be the Player of the Year.

The winner of each PCL Tournament will be the medalist.

The top six players and all ties will be 1st Team All-PCL. The next six players and all ties will be 2nd Team All-PCL. Once the 1st and 2nd Team players have been determined, each coach may name two players to the honorable mention list.

In addition to this, any senior who has maintained a 3.5 or better GPA will be named a Scholar Athlete.

The coaches will also choose a Coach of the Year following the PCL Tournament.

There did not seem to be any pattern as to where the PCL Tournaments were played until 1992. At this time, the coaches voiced a concern over site determination and whether it was feasible to go to a neutral site for all the schools. Previous to 1987, the PCL Tournaments were played at the golf courses in Delphos (Delphos Country Club), Bluffton (Bluffton Country Club), McComb (McComb Golf Course), Kalida (Country Acres and Moose Landing) and Ottawa (Kildaire and Pike Run). Since 1988, it has been played at only Delphos, Kalida and Ottawa.

When Pandora-Gilboa entered the PCL in 2020, Bluffton Country Club was usedd. However, in 2025 Pandora-Gilboa did not have a home course so Bluffton was not used.

In 1992, it was determined that the PCL Tournament will be held at the host school's home course and it would be rotated alphabetically each year.