

## 2018 Class A Girls Golf Recommendations

1. At the 2018 girls' Class A golf tournament in Jamestown, the coaches unanimously voted to ask the NDHSAA Executive Board to consider our request to change the start date for the 2019 Class A girls' golf season from August 12, 2019 to August 5, 2019. The rationale for this change is:
  - The current scheduled start date will lead to student-athletes missing more school time at the beginning of the school year. Moving the start date to August 5 will help to reduce the number of school days missed.
  - In the east region, coaches have already heard from at least three golf courses (Edgewood, Village Green, and Grand Forks CC) indicating that moving away from the "traditional" date would mean that the course would potentially be unable to host a meet next year.
  - The earlier the region and state tournaments are held, the more likely it is that weather conditions will be more favorable.
  - Wahpeton, host site of next year's state tournament, has already indicated that a change of date will not impact the ability of their course to host the state tournament.

For the reasons listed above, the Class A Girls' Golf Coaches respectfully request a change of start date for the 2019 season from August 12, 2019 to August 5, 2019.

2. The Class A girls' golf coaches would like to make a request to change the regulations for Class A girls' golf. Currently, we are able to choose one regular season event as an individual qualifier for the state tournament. Occasionally, a player will qualify for a school but is not part of their lineup for EDC/State. When this happens, the qualifier is unable to take part in the region tournament even though they have qualified for state. In no other sport does an athlete not get to participate in the region tournament but does get to participate at state. So, the Class A coaches would like to request that, in the event a golfer qualifies for the state tournament but is not part of that team's EDC lineup, the golfer is allowed to participate at the region tournament as a non-team counting individual. They would still be eligible for individual awards at the region tournament but would not count toward their school's team score. This would likely not happen very often but we believe should be included in the Class A girls regulations.

Further, although this issue has only been recommended by the girls' coaches, as someone who coaches girls and boys at their school, I feel very certain that the boys' coaches would support this request as well.