

High School Postseason Plan

The KGCA in conjunction with KGA-PGA, Inc. has met to develop the following revised High School Postseason plan. Dates reflected in this proposal relate to the scheduled 2019 Postseason dates previously published.

Regional Championships

- Each Regional Championship would take place between Monday, September 23 and Saturday, September 28.
- Regional Managers would work with host facilities and member schools to develop Regional Championship date.
- The Top 5 Teams would advance to the 1st Round State Tournament Site.
- The Top 15 Individuals not otherwise on qualifying teams would advance to the 1st Round State Tournament Site.
- If at least four (4) players from the same school advance as Individuals, those players may still compete at the next level as a team.

1st Round State Championship Sites

- Six (6) 1st Round State Tournament Sites will consist of advancing teams and individuals from two (2) Regional Championships.
- Regional Managers from each Regional Championship advancing to the 1st Round State Championship Site will work with two (2) Certified Rules Officials provided by KGA-PGA.
- The Boys 1st Round State Championship will take place on Monday, September 30, and the Girls 1st Round State Championship will take place on Tuesday, October 1.
- The Top 4 Teams would advance to the Final Round State Tournament Site (Bowling Green CC).
- The Top 6 Individuals not otherwise on qualifying teams would advance to the Final Round State Tournament Site (Bowling Green CC).
- If at least four (4) players from the same school advance as Individuals, those players may still compete at the next level as a team.

Final Round State Championship

- The Boys KHSAA State Championship will take place on Tuesday-Wednesday, October 8-9, and the Girls KHSAA State Championship will take place on Friday-Saturday, October 12-13.
- KGA-PGA, Inc. will work with the KHSAA to manage the Final Round State Championship.
- The Top 12 Teams (and ties) would advance to the 2nd day of the Final Round State Tournament.
- The Top 20 Individuals (and ties) not otherwise on qualifying teams would advance to the 2nd day of the Final Round State Tournament.
- Individuals from the same school will be paired in consecutive tee times.
- Coaches with more than one participant at the Final Round State Championship will be provided the opportunity to purchase a designated cart at the fee determined by the host facility.

Additional Considerations

- With the Postseason potentially starting one week earlier, we recommend the first date for Regular Season competition be moved from Friday, August 2 to Monday, July 29.
- Regional Managers should be assigned to a 3-year term with the potential of working with Host Schools each year for the Regional Championships.'
- KHSAA would need to align 12 Regions for Boys and Girls golf while equalizing participation in each Region.
- Geographically arrange three (3) pods consisting of four (4) Regions in each pod to create a 3-year rotation for paired Regions at each 1st Round State Championship site. For example...
 - In 2019, Region "A" will be paired with Region "B" and Region "C" will be paired with Region "D"
 - In 2020, Region "A" will be paired with Region "C" and Region "B" will be paired with Region "D"
 - In 2021, Region "A" will be paired with Region "D" and Region "B" will be paired with Region "C"
- KGA-PGA, Inc. will commit to utilizing their Tournament Management software for each 1st Round State Championship Site as well as the Final Round State Championship Site.
- KGA-PGA, Inc. will commit to scheduling two (2) Certified Rules Officials at each 1st Round State Championship Site with eight (8) Certified Rules Officials and GHK staff at the Final Round State Championship Site.

Key Benefits for Revised Postseason Plan

- A total of at least 60 teams will advance out of the Regional Championship round (compared to 22/24 teams currently).
- A total of 180 Individuals will advance out of the Regional Championship round (compared to 44/36 currently).
- The Final Round Championship Site will consist of 24 teams and 36 Individuals for Boys and Girls.
- Each Region gains flexibility with scheduling their Regional Championship date.
- The level of competition at the Final Round State Championship site should improve significantly with the additional round of competition.
- A total of three (3) additional dates will be available for High School Invitationals during the Regular Season (4 additional dates added to start Regular Season, and one date lost on final weekend of current schedule).