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## Re: Update Regarding Golf Championships

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To: "Tackett, Julian" <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Thu, May 16, 2019 at 4:28 PM

Mr. Tackett,

I shared the golf championship information with our coaches. Our Head Girls Golf Coach, Chris Hunkler, wanted me to pass along his feedback:

"Option 2 would be better for McCracken Girls to advance to State. Taking 2 teams from the Region is better. However I do not like only 4 players having the opportunity to play versus 5 but at least the Coach does have the opportunity to choose those 4."

Thanks,  
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Assistant Activities Director  
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**From:** "Tackett, Julian" <jtackett@khsaa.org>  
**Date:** Friday, May 10, 2019 at 12:17 PM  
**To:** Mallory Breeding <mallory.austin@mccracken.kyschools.us>  
**Subject:** Update Regarding Golf Championships

This is being sent only to the Principal and Designated Representative of each KHSAA member school, with a copy to each Superintendent. It is your discretion as to distribution to other individuals, but as the representative to the Association per Bylaw 1, this information is officially being committed to the Designated Representatives.

As you know from so many pieces of communication this year, the Board of Control has been examining the Golf Championships for the past year. As was detailed in the March summary post (<https://khsaa.org/031919-golf-realignment-and-format-status/>), this review was comprehensive, to say the least.

At its November meeting, the Board defined four basic parameters for the project in its discussion and decisions:

- There would not be an interleaving round added to change the number of schools who had an opportunity to advance to the state as had been discussed among a subset of golf coaches;
- The alignment for golf would be the same for boys and girls schools;
- The state championship would be capped at 144 golfers;
- The Association would continue to bring the winning and runner-up teams

In keeping with those objectives, in January, the decision was made and published to only bring four golfers to the state championship tournament for each qualifying team.

In February, the alignment was finalized and distributed along with the summary of the championship structure going forward.

Following this decision, the Board and the Association staff heard from some specific program parents and a minimal number of coaches with displeasure over the final product, including a couple of individuals who desired to address the Board at its May meeting. The Board held an open comment session before its May meeting and heard from two sets of individuals with concerns specific to the January decision regarding team composition.

After a review of that input, it was the direction of the Board President to place the item on the agenda for the July meeting for a final review before implementation in September of 2019. The Board will be asked to choose from two, and only two, alternatives going forward:

OPTION 1 (restore five-person team only bringing region winning team)

- Cap the field at 144 golfers with each region's winning team advancing and the best seven at-large players not on the region winning team also advancing;
- All 144 qualifying players eligible for the individual championship;
- Only the twelve region winning teams would be eligible to compete for the team championship;
- Each team competing for the team championship having five golfers participating and the top four scores counting for the team score;
- Each team competing for the team championship participating in both the first and second round with individual second round advancement based on adopted principles

OPTION 2 (affirm the February adoption)

- Cap the field at 144 golfers with each region's winning and runner-up team and the best four at-large players not on the region winning team;
- All 144 qualifying players would be eligible for the individual championship;
- Only the twelve region winning and runner-up teams would be eligible to compete for the team championship;
- Each team competing for the team championship having four golfers composing that team counting for the team score
- Each team competing for the team championship having its four competitors selected by the coach from those four or five that competed in the region tournament
- Determination of second-round advancement and play based on adopted principles

If you have feedback, feel free to reach out to the members of the Board or submit your notes to me by reply. Any feedback submitted to the office will be provided to the entire board.

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

*"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are," Coach John Wooden*

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