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State Golf Championship - Advancement Proposal

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Julian / Joe,

Attached to this email is a proposal to upgrade the way teams and individuals advance from Regions to State-First Round and then on to the State Championship. This proposal was sent out to every boys and girls golf coach in the state over the last month and was met with strong support, as you will see in the list of co-signers below. In a nutshell, this proposal will deliver two main things - 12 Teams at the State Championship and a much better "team player to individual player" ratio that will bring Kentucky much more in line with Ohio, Tennessee, and Indiana.

This proposal will apply the new guidelines evenly across all regions, as well as apply evenly for the boys and girls. It also made sure field sizes remained basically the same so weather delays and pace of play issues would not be used as a reason to not consider.

I would greatly appreciate bringing this proposal to the attention of the Board of Control for their consideration as soon as possible so we may be able to make changes for the 2026 golf postseason in September and October. If either of you have any questions about the proposal specifics, please reply to this email or give me a call at 502-314-4653. Thank you for your anticipated support.

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