



GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
October 23, 2024 - Zoom

The following members were present for the meeting; Mark Putnam, Coach, Mt. Zion; Josh Purpura, Coach, Frankfort Hickory Creek; Steve Clum, Coach, Winfield Wheaton Christian; Steve Horrell, Athletic Director, Macomb JHS. Not present; Chad Hochstatter, Coach, Mendota Holy Cross,

The IESA Golf Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their January 31, 2025 meeting.

Recommendation #1

Current: The intent is to advance 8 boys teams, 6 girls teams, 40 individual boys and 48 individual girls (not associated with one of the advancing teams.) One team from each boys sectional and girls sectional will advance to state, with the objective of bringing 72 male golfers and 72 female golfers to the state tournament.

Proposed: Increase the total number of state advancers to 84 for both boys and girls. This would increase the individual advancers to 52 for the boys and 60 for the girls.

Rationale: We have the capacity at the state tournament to accommodate a larger number of participants due to the format of teeing off both the front nine and back nine. Increasing the number of individual qualifiers at state to 52 for boys and 60 for girls allows for added competition and more excitement at both the sectional and state levels. Individual qualifiers decreased due to the team aspect starting in 22-23.

By-Law: 4.183

T & C: II.B.4

Handbook:

Admin Vote: 4-0

Board Action: **APPROVED**

Recommendation #2

Current: Trophies will be awarded to the top 4 teams in boys and top 4 teams in girls.

Proposed: Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams in boys and top 3 teams in girls

Rationale: Awarding the top 3 teams will keep us consistent among other activities with similar format and size. By recognizing the top three, we elevate the achievement and excitement surrounding the awards presentation, making each placement more meaningful.

By-Law:

T & C: VI.B.5

Handbook:

Admin Vote: 4-0

Board Action: **APPROVED**



Recommendation #3

- Current:** 1. Schools must pay an entry fee of \$45 per golfer to the IESA by the initial entry deadline to be eligible for the IESA Golf state series.
2. As part of the online registration process, schools may enter up to six (6) boys and/or up to six (6) girls who are certified contestants for the state series.
a. The number of participants entered online during registration locks in the number of participants the school may send to the state series.
- Proposed:** 1. Schools must pay a registration fee \$180 per division (6 boys and/or 6 girls) to the IESA by the initial deadline to be eligible for the IESA Golf state series.
2. Schools may list a maximum of 6 golfers in each division once registered and payment is received by the initial deadline.
a. During the roster deadline you will confirm whether a minimum of 1 or maximum of 6 golfers will be competing in each division during the state series. Refunds will be granted if a member school is dropping all registered spots in a division (boys, girls or both) before or on August 15.
- Rationale:** The \$180 fee would be the equivalent of taking a team (4 participants) to sectionals. There has been a shift from only individual participation to more of a team aspect since adding the team competition in 2023-2024. More than half of registered participants in the state series are on a team. We feel simplifying the registration process to 1 flat fee will make it easier for schools, administrators and the IESA staff to keep track of drops and refunds. We had over 300 refunds for golf last year.
- By-Law:** 4.183
T & C: IV.A.1, IV.A.2
Handbook:
Admin Vote:
Board Action: NOT PRESENTED

Other Items Discussed

1. Golf growth
2. Distance measuring devices
3. Registration process
4. Mandatory host school
5. Team uniforms

Next Meeting: October 23, 2025