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Date: February 26, 2019
To: Matt Fetsch, Executive Director, NDHSAA
NDHSAA Board of Directors
Re: Request to Survey Member Schools

South Heart Public School District #9 is submitting this request to the NDHSAA in hopes that the NDHSAA consider surveying member schools regarding possible interest in moving **Class B Girls Golf** to the fall.

Our understanding is that past surveys have been conducted directly with golf coaches, but that a more formal survey sent directly to schools has never been done. Conversation with area administrators and golf coaches in southwest North Dakota indicates that substantial interest does exist throughout the state and that a more formal survey would be appropriate (similar to the recently completed 3-class system proposal for basketball and volleyball).

We believe the following would be benefits if this change did occur:

- a. Typical spring weather has negatively impacted the golf season on a regular basis. Fall weather is much better than spring weather.
- b. Golf courses are in much better condition in the fall vs the spring
- c. Golf courses are more willing to work with high school and junior high golf teams in the fall vs spring as less pressure is experienced from the public to play
- d. Many schools have limited staff available to coach golf and splitting the Class B Boys and Girls Golf seasons could allow for coaches to coach both (as is available in Class A).
- e. The impact on girls' sports in the fall would be less vs girls' sports in the spring. If Class B Girls Golf followed the same schedule as Class A Girls Golf, the season would be complete by the 1st week in October. There are numerous dual sport athletes that successfully compete in Class A Girls Golf and another sport in the fall. For example: A girls wishes to play golf and volleyball. Prior to the start of volleyball season, 2 golf tournaments per week could be held. Once volleyball starts, 1 golf tournament per week (except for state) could be held on Mondays with girls returning to school in time for volleyball practice. The remainder of the week could then be devoted to volleyball matches. Longer daylight hours in the fall would allow for dual sport athletes to both practice golf and another sport in the same evening.
- f. Loss of school time would be substantially decreased as many golf meets could be held prior to the start of school as seen with Class A Girls Golf

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone or email noted above.

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