

October 4, 2019

To: NDHSAA Executive Board

Re: Class A Girls' Golf Start Requests

On behalf of the Class A Girls' Golf Coaches, here are the requests we would like to make to the Class A girls' regulations:

1. We would like to request adjustment of the start date of the Class A Girls' Golf seasons for 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23. In all three instances, the rationale for the request is the same: to maintain stability of golf dates and availability of golf courses during the Class A Girls' Season from year to year. Tournament locations are solely dependent upon the availability of the golf courses where they are held. Unlike a field, a track, or a gym, schools cannot determine the dates of events at venues we do not control. We are at the mercy of what courses allow. Traditionally, courses schedule events at their courses to repeat on basically the same week each year. This is true for high school events as well as those scheduled for corporate outings. So, our courses expect to host our invitationals the same time each year because their calendars are often filled on the days surrounding our events. The start dates we are requesting revolve around when Labor Day falls each year.

Beginning with the fall 2020 season, we are requesting a start date that falls four (4) weeks prior to Labor Day each year regardless of when Labor Day occurs.

Four weeks prior to Labor Day is the most common start date for Class A Girls' Golf for nearly the past 20 years (please see the attached data). If the adjustment to four (4) weeks prior to Labor Day were made moving forward, the need for this type of request in the future would be alleviated. With these facts in mind, we are requesting the following changes be made to the NDHSAA 7-Year Activity Calendar:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
2020-21	August 3	August 10
2021-22	August 2	August 9
2022-23	August 1	August 8

*The subsequent years on the current 7-Year Activity Calendar all align with the dates that work best for our courses.

2. We also request the addition of a second state qualifying event during the regular season. This matches what is currently in effect for Class B girls. Track athletes have the opportunity to qualify at any event where they might reach a qualifying mark. We acknowledge that 100M is the same distance at every track but each golf course is different but we also recognize that track athletes have opportunities to qualify for the state meet every time they compete but golfers only have one regular season opportunity and if the medalist plays really well that day, or if a golfer plays badly or is sick, then they have no second regular season opportunity. So, to match what is allowed in the Class B regulations, we request adding a second regular season state qualifying invitational location to be chosen by the coaches of each region.

Thank you in advance for considering our requests.

Sincerely,

Dan Wolf

NDHSCA Class A Girls' Golf Representative