

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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TO: Member School Principals, Athletic Directors
 and Boys/Girls Golf Coaches
 FROM: CIAC Golf Committee
 RE: **Survey on a Request to Move Boys Golf from the Spring to the Fall**
 DATE: December 16, 2009

The CIAC Boys and Girls Golf Committee has received a request from the Southwest Conference to consider moving the sport of boys' golf to the fall season. The committee is seeking input from principals, athletic directors and coaches on this request prior to making any recommendation to the CIAC Board of Control for a change of season.

Following is some general background information and a listing of pros and cons as compiled by the Golf Committee which will assist you in responding to the survey questions at the end. Please take time to review the information and a separate survey should be completed by the principal, athletic director and coach. The survey must be completed and returned or completed online at <http://www.casciac.org/golfsurvey.shtml> by January 22, 2010.

General Information: *See attached data from 2008-09 NFHS Handbook and CIAC Eligibility Center

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
* States offering golf in the fall only.	22	16
* States offering golf in the spring.	21	27
* States offering golf in both the fall and spring.	4	6
* Region I states – NY, NJ, CT, RI, MA, ME, NH, VT		
-- Three (3) offer boys golf in the fall and five (5) in the spring		
-- Two (2) offer girls golf in the fall and six (6) in the spring		
* In 2008-09 a total of 2,408 Connecticut athletes participated in golf. A total of 665 athletes who competed in golf played a fall sport (27%)		

<u>Boys:</u>	Cross Country	82	<u>Girls:</u>	Cross Country	18
	Soccer	251		Soccer	63
	Football	<u>144</u>		Swimming	30
				Volleyball	44
				Field Hockey	<u>33</u>
	Total	477		Total	188

Grand Total – 665

- Number of boys/girls sports offer in Fall/Spring at present:

Boys - Fall:	Three (3)	Boys - Spring:	Six (6)
Girls - Fall:	Five (5)	Girls - Spring:	Five (5)

- Number of boys/girls sports offered in Fall/Spring if boys/girls golf moved to the Fall:

Boys - Fall:	Four (4)	Boys - Spring:	Five (5)
Girls - Fall:	Fall (6)	Girls - Spring:	Four (4)

- The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in Boston has stated “it would be disadvantageous for girls’ golf to remain in the spring if the boys moved to the fall. The same playing conditions and course availability that boys’ would prefer also hold preference for girls” (Beth Davis - OCR)

Pros and Cons of Moving Golf From the Fall to the Spring:

Pros

1. Weather and course conditions in September are better than in April.
2. Course availability may be better in the Fall as public play decreases.
3. Golfers are ready for the season as many play all summer.
4. Moving golf to the fall for boys increases athletic choices for boys from three to four.
5. Moving golf to the fall opens sports options for golfers in the Spring
6. Weather conditions in September are better than April and the threat of thunderstorms decreases in the Fall which could result in fewer cancellations/delays.
7. Eliminates conflicts/issues with scheduling during April vacation.

Cons

1. Moving golf to the fall displaces 665 athletes who play a Fall sport.
2. Would result in an OCR compliance issue if girls’ golf is not also moved to the Fall.
3. If girls’ golf is moved to the fall it further increases the imbalance of offerings for girls in the Fall and decreases opportunities in the Spring.
4. Course and playing conditions deteriorate as a Fall season progresses – leaves, aeration, frost, as compared to improving as teams move to the championships in the Spring.
5. Weather conditions decline as the season progresses as compared to improving in the Spring.
6. Daylight decreases as the season progresses as compared to the Spring.
7. Requires the season be completed by the last day of daylight savings time.
8. Eliminates Connecticut high school golfers from participation in the Spring New England Championships under present CIAC by-laws unless changed by the Board of Control.
9. Could possibly result in increased cost for schools if both programs are not in the same season (coaching cost, bus fees, course fees).
10. Could create problems for some coaches who coach both a Fall and Spring sport.
11. Could limit the access to courses in September when many clubs have revenue producing outings.

2009

Total Male Golfers: 1,879
Total Female Golfers: 529

Fall Sports Played:

Boys Cross Country:	82
Boys Soccer:	251
Field Hockey:	33
Football:	144
Girls Cross Country:	18
Girls Soccer:	63
Girls Swimming:	30
Girls Volleyball:	44

Total Athletes Impacted: 665 of 2,408 (27%)

2008

Total Male Golfers: 1,939
Total Female Golfers: 537

Fall Sports Played:

Boys Cross Country:	56
Boys Soccer:	273
Field Hockey:	50
Football:	128
Girls Cross Country:	18
Girls Soccer:	59
Girls Swimming:	29
Girls Volleyball:	45

Total Athletes Impacted: 658 of 2,476 (26%)

2007

Total Male Golfers: 1,957
Total Female Golfers: 470

Fall Sports Played:

Boys Cross Country:	61
Boys Soccer:	273
Field Hockey:	41
Football:	107
Girls Cross Country:	20
Girls Soccer:	44
Girls Swimming:	32
Girls Volleyball:	40

Total Athletes Impacted: 618 of 2,427 (25%)

2008-09 NFHS Handbook:	GOLF		SWIMMING		VOLLEYBALL	
State	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Alabama	Spring	Spring	Fall	Fall	----	Fall
Alaska			Fall	Fall	----	Fall
Arizona	Fall & Spring	Fall & Spring	Fall	Fall	Spring	Fall
Arkansas	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
California	Spring	Fall	spring	Spring	Spring	Fall
Colorado	Fall	Spring	spring	Winter	----	Fall
CONNECTICUT *	SPRING	SPRING	WINTER	FALL	SPRING	FALL
Delaware	Spring	----	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
D.C.	----	----	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Florida	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Spring	Fall
Georgia	Spring	Spring	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Hawaii	Winter & Spring	Winter & Spring	Winter	Winter	Fall	Fall
Idaho	Spring	Spring	----	----	----	Fall
Illinois	Fall	Fall	Winter	Fall	Spring	Fall
Indiana	Fall & Spring	Fall & Spring	Fall	Fall	----	Fall
Iowa	Fall & Spring	Spring	Winter	Fall	----	Fall
Kansas	Spring	Fall	Winter	spring	----	Fall
Kentucky	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Louisiana	Spring	Spring	Fall	Fall	----	Fall
Maine *	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Maryland	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Massachusetts *	Fall	Spring	Winter	Fall	Spring	Fall
Michigan	Spring	Fall	Winter	Fall	----	Fall
Minnesota	Spring	Spring	Winter	Fall	----	Fall
Mississippi	Spring	spring	Fall	Fall	----	Fall
Missouri	Spring	Fall	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall

State	GOLF		SWIMMING		VOLLEYBALL	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Montana	Fall & Spring	Fall & Spring	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Nebraska	Spring	Fall	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Nevada	Spring	Fall	Spring	Spring	Spring	Fall
New Hampshire *	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	Fall	Fall
New Jersey *	Spring	Spring	Winter	Winter	Spring	Fall
New Mexico	Spring	Spring	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
New York *	Spring	spring	Winter	Fall	Winter	Fall
No. Carolina	Spring	Fall	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
No. Dakota	Spring	Fall	Winter	Fall	----	Fall
Ohio	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Oklahoma	Spring	Spring	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Oregon	Spring	Spring	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Pennsylvania	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	Spring	Fall
Rhode Island *	Spring	spring	Winter	Winter	Spring	Fall
So. Carolina	Spring	Fall	Fall	----	----	Fall
So. Dakota	Fall & Spring	Spring	----	----	----	Fall
Tennessee	Fall	Fall	----	----	----	Fall
Texas	Spring	Spring	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Utah	Fall	Spring	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Vermont *	Spring	Spring	----	----	----	----
Virginia	Fall	Fall	Winter	Winter	Fall	Fall
Washington	Spring	Spring	Winter	Fall	----	Fall
West Virginia	Fall	----	Winter	Winter	----	Fall
Wisconsin	Spring	Fall	Winter	Fall	Fall	Fall
Wyoming	Fall	Fall	Winter	Fall	----	Fall

SUMMARY

GOLF

Boys – 20 in fall
 33 in spring ** 4 states offer both

Region I (New England states, New York, New Jersey)
3 in fall / 5 in spring

Girls – 24 in fall
 25 in spring ** 2 states offer both

Region I (New England states, New York, New Jersey)
2 in fall / 6 in spring

SWIMMING

Boys – 9 in fall
 35 in winter
 3 in spring

Region I (New England states, New York, New Jersey)
7 in winter

Girls – 17 in fall
 25 in winter
 3 in spring

Region I (New England states, New York, New Jersey)
3 in fall / 4 in winter

VOLLEYBALL

Boys – 4 in fall
 1 in winter
 11 in spring

Region I (New England states, New York, New Jersey)
1 in fall / 1 in winter / 4 in spring

Girls – 50 in fall

Region I (New England states, New York, New Jersey)
7 in fall

Survey – Request to Move Boys Golf to the Fall from Spring

- ___ I am in favor of moving only the boys’ season to the Fall.
- ___ I am in favor of moving both the boys’ and girls’ season to the Fall.
- ___ I am not in favor of moving either the boys’ or girls’ seasons to the Fall.

Questions / comments you want the Golf Committee to consider:

Additional Pros:

Additional Cons:

For Athletic Directors Only:

The golf course used by the school is available if the season for both boys’ and girls’ is moved to the Fall?

- ___ Yes
- ___ No

Course Name _____

Name _____ Position _____

School _____