

	Athletic Directors	Coaches	Principals	Total	
In Favor Of:	119	146	89	354	Pct.
Keeping Both in Spring	49	60	37	146	41%
Moving Boys to Fall	70	86	52	208	59%

Course Available in Fall?	Total
Yes	93
No	9

Comments	Pros/Cons Pros/Cons
I am not opposed to moving golf to the fall, but in my opinion due to budgets, Title IX, and availability, if you move one golf season, you need to move both. They should be kept together.	
As a small school we have a hard time filling out program numbers at any time of year. Golf moving to the fall would in theory free up athletes to participate in other spring sport offerings. Conversely, golf moving to the fall would pull athletes from our fall sport offerings.	
For Canton it will be a challenge no matter when the sport is offered. I believe it is important for us to keep it where it currently falls. Our golf programs are under much scrutiny due to the high cost and low participation numbers. I fear a move could result in the elimination of the programs all together.	
	End of season is most impt and weather is worse in Nov than it is in June. It's ok to lose some time in March but would be a disaster if we had an early snow storm in fall and lost whole end of season.
We only have boys golf and I believe that moving it would negatively affect our overall athletic program.	
The courses we use have their busiest months in September, we would not be able to schedule home matches in that first month	
I am concerned with the impact this will have on student-athletes who play other fall sports, coaches who have other fall commitments (including coaching) and how that will impact athletic departments and feel that the reasons it is better to move to the fall for the boys (courses more available, better condition, better weather) creates an inequity for the girls.	*I have not asked the courses we use if we can play in the fall.
Availability of course for the fall season is unknown at this time.	
I am also the Golf Coach Is there any chance of starting golf earlier in the fall? What if the season started in late August? It might help with course availability as well as allow the kids to play in better conditions.	
	Too much interference with Fall sport athletes. The high school athletes are already in tune with playing golf in the Spring as a spring sport.
Daylight savings	
	Fall Golf at Platt would lower the participant pool Cons in this proposal as presented here outweigh the pro's.
At one time, I supported moving golf to the fall. I saw the success that Maine had with the move. I also looked at it from a medium/large school prospective. Now that I'm at a small school (Parish Hill) our golf program would be lost because so many golfers play a fall sport and we don't have the luxury of finding golfers to replace those who play a fall sport.	If you look at the pros and cons of keeping golf in the spring or moving it to the fall, I think you would find the pros and cons cancelling each other out. What it will take is changing the mind-set (the culture of the CT high school golfer). We look forward to playing golf in the spring especially after being kept indoors in the winter. My worry is that high school golfer would lose interest in playing golf if they waited to the fall just like the adult golfers do now (the adult golfer plays less golf in the fall than they do in the spring)After a full spring & summer of playing golf, the high school athlete wants to do something else.
We have many golfers who play fall sports and would have to choose. This would hurt football, soccer and XC programs for us.	
We had been told in the past that our home course is not available in the fall.	
	I feel there is no guarantee courses will be in better condition in the fall compared to the spring. In fact with fall foliage lost balls could impact scores and delay matches. It was mentioned moving boys' golf to the fall increases athletic opportunities for boys from three sports to four sports in the fall, but it also decreases the opportunity for boys who presently play spring golf to compete in fall golf if they play another fall sport already.

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I might lose my coach if the season was moved due to his schedule.	
And transportation will be a real problem especially with the two other public HS in town. There	
will be many days when I know I will not be able to get a bus.	
Also, the early dismissal time the golf team often needs is not a great way for those student	
athletes to start the school year.	
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issues:	Not sure of course availability
Weather It is better to have the best weather at the end of the season (May/June weather is	The same of course availability
much better than late Oct/Nov) rather than the beginning.	
Competitive balance Athletes who play all summer long at private courses will have even more	
of an advantage over those who pay to play occasionally. While those who belong to clubs will	
already have a decided advantage, the spring start makes an uneven playing field slightly more	
leven.	
A November Final would be difficult weather wise.	
I would like to see what the regular season dates would be and when the season would be	Courses would be in better playing condition and missing school in the fall is less disruptive than
completed by.	the spring.
	Student Athletes (golfers) have been playing all summer going into the season - instead of
	having 5 months off before the season starts.
	Less leagues at the course to deal with in the fall - Course would be ours.
A great idea. Better conditions, less rain/snow. Kids come out of summer having played not idle	
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Helps to reduce pressure on the courses to open in the spring and to schedule all the area boys	The courses are in better shape in the fall.
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Feel it is a good move for both boys and girls golf.	This would help us with one course in town of two high schools for both boys and girls teams.
	This is very difficult for our course.
	Must happen with other two high school towns.
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1. Course availability for each school. Some schools could lose golf if the course they play will	
not allow them out there.	
	Course would be much more accessible.
	We currently have only 3 boys sports in fall and 5 in spring.

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playing condition than after a winter of not playing golf.	
 April vacation hampers player involvement and scheduling in the spring. 	
 Lightning is more likely to occur during the spring and disrupt or delay play. 	
• Courses have more member tournaments, particularly in late spring, than in the fall, which	
limits opportunities for high school teams to play and to make up postponed matches.	
• The fall season, which is more favorable to golf, will start even earlier in 2015-2016.	
• There are 440 boys play golf in the fall. That is only about 2.5 students per school and moving	
to the fall would open even more opportunities to more kids.	
 Many kids that play golf also play tennis. Those kids would have the opportunity to play both if 	
Length of seasonEarlier starting date for competition When would the championships be	proBetter weatherLess overall interest in golf by the general public in the fall.
played.	con Determining a championship schedule late in the fall.
Course availability should be improved by moving the season to the fall.	
All our SWC member schools support the move to the fall.	
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Please consider beginning the Golf season when Football begins. This will ensure that contests	
begin in August and the Championships could be played in the middle of October when	
conditions are optimal for that time of year.	
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in optimal course conditions.	
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The Southwest Conference presented a plan to CAAD three years ago in hopes of getting the	
dialogue started about moving boys golf to the fall. Our conference is %100 behind this move.	

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Golf courses have not opened with the spring season since I became AD	I think traditional golf athletes are not the same as our fall sport athletes. I do believe we lose golfers to spring sports like baseball, tennis and lacrosse
	Greens and Courses in better shape Kids are better conditioned
The fall season is going to start earlier and the spring season is going to start earlier. Making conditions even more favorable for the fall. Many kids that play golf also play tennis. Tennis has been hurt by increasing participation of lacrosse. Moving to the fall would allow more kids to participate in both tennis and golf.	The golf courses are telling us they may not be able to allow schools golf at their course in the spring much longer.
	Fall golf would create a better balance of sports at PHS. Bus issues abound in the spring trying to get everyone where they need to be. Moving golf to the fall would also mitigate spring sports bus issues.
	Promote sport of golf for teams that are "co-ed" Allows girls co-ops in Class S and schools with low numbers Less crowded golf courses
	I think it would be advantageous for the boys to play in the fall because there are a limited number of sports available in the fall for boys and almost too many available in the spring.
Weather conditions/consistent play through summer into Fall. Alleviated burden on golf courses since Winter can effect opening of courses	
Much better weather - with the addition of boys volleyball spring season has become to busy -	
The Spring season has to many sports which makes transportation for all these teams very difficult. The fall does not have as many sports and the weather is good enough to play golf.	
In addition to the improved course conditions thought, the amount of time on the course and out of the gym (which creates space conflicts in the spring) would drastically improve. There is only so much that can be covered in a 40 x 40 room.	
It makes sense to have the kids enter the season after being able to play and practice throughout the summer.	
Course availability in the fall would be a bonus.	
The weather is better in the fall.	
Moving both does not make sense to me because there are already 5 sports for girls offered in the fall. Adding a 6th would make it difficult for small schools to fill all sports but adding a 4th sport for boys and taking one out of the spring will actually help schools field more teams.	
This would give another option for Boys sports in the Fall.	This would also create more options for girls golf as far as playing times.
	Too many leaves on the ground and too many lost balls, opposed to ground being to wet and possibly snow on the ground

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Inclement weather is far more likely to impact the season in the fall. Also, because of frigid conditions, the season, were it moved to fall, would need to begin immediately and would be problematic to run into November. This would necessitate a shorter golf season, which would not give it the same fair shake as other sports.	
Fall will compete with soccer kids, Spring competes with baseball and lacrosse we lose kids to other sports either way.	An early winter could affect tournament play, where a late spring (like this year) had less of an impact.
Many fall athletes play other fall sports, especially soccer players, moving it to the fall will reduce the numbers of students playing golf.	
	Not sure Clinton Club would have us in September as the course gets much play from members during this time.
The small schools will not benefit from moving the golf season to the Fall. Small schools rely on multi-sport athletes. Moving a traditional spring sport to the Fall will not make an athlete select golf over traditional Fall sports like soccer, football or cross country.	In the Fall the days get shorter and the weather gets worse. In the Spring the days get longer and the weather gets better.
How would matches be completed on time during the late Fall season when the sunsets around 5:50? The fall season has two very high sports in soccer and football already that many golfers participate in. We would lose many golfers to those sports.	
As a former General Manager of Country Clubs and immediate past president of our country Club I can tell you that they are busier in the Fall thean the Spring. My concern would be that our host Club be available. In September, they have outside tournaments every Monday and Thursday in September and half of October. There is also a club league on every Wednesdaywhen do we play or even practice? As much as I think it would be better for the student athlete, I do not think the feasibility of club availability would be there for us. You would also have to move Girls to the Fall and I think the sport would suffer	the pros are that the student has hopefully competed all summer long, we would need nomore than a 10 days to get ready. CONS-schools have to allow teams to leave early-we cannot start matches at 3pm in the Fall and coaches would have to be on time!!!!
Cost for two teams Cold weather for State Championship Small schools will loose golfers Soccer playes)	
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Conference and state tournaments may run the risk of not being held if New England golf courses are covered in snow	
Daylight savings, leaves, more missed classes and the most important golf played in the worst weather.	

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Why does not the state tournament take place over two days? If the goal is to take into consideration the true nature of the sport and to create a true champion, the event should span two days. The top 4 teams should return for a second 18 holes. No real/major golf event spans JUST 18 holes. Efficiency should not trump what is right.	The biggest con of switching to the fall is that the most important golf would be played in (by far) the least "golf friendly" weather conditions. At least in the spring the weather gets progressively better.
What would be the opening date to play a match in the fall? What would be the date of the state tournament?	
availability of the golf course	
I just can't imagine having the student athletes play championship matches in cold weather in late October or November. The weather could even cancel CIAC tournaments if we were unlucky. Who would tell the kids they'd have no shot at a state title when they had the team to beat? I think it is a good idea for states in the southern part of the country, not ours. I'm very surprised to hear that there are states that do this. Not to mention it gets dark quite a bit earlier in the Fall!	
It would be far better to extend the season by a week in June that to start a week earlier in April Courses aren't typically open and ready for play the first week of April. Starting sonnet doesn't help the golf season.	Course availability is a huge factor. We get access in the spring (for matches only - no practice privileges) prior to the busy season at the course. In September we would have LITTLE TO NO ACCESS because September is the busiest time for outings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Add to that the fact that there are relatively few public courses in Fairfield county to accommodate all the school teams, even in the spring when fewer are golfing.
Is there a main reason for changing this? Is there any research that proves one is better than the other? Is there esearch showing how many fall players would stop their current sport and play golf? Are any other states considering to change? If we change to spring can we compete again Massachusetts?	Would scholarships to colleges be easier to get if they had golf in the fall? Maybe
move lacrosse- that is the last sport that joined the spring lineup	l am a fall coach of Soccer for 33 years
	Soccer is a big sport for many of my golfers. I believe most would choose soccer. My program would suffer. Also, there are Massachusetts teams playing in the Fall at a lot of area courses. We may not have a venue in the fall.
	The fall has more options for teams, and the teams are ones which need a bigger roster. This would definitely impact the golf team negatively.
	While the weather is better early in the fall, I do not want to play our league championships and state championships in a time of year when the weather could be the worse. It did snow during Halloween 2 years ago. I much rather play in the Spring.
Competition between soccer and football would be too much. Weather would be better, but that does not negate the fact that a large majority of athletes who have golf talent also are involved in a major fall sport.	
I'm concerned with the date of the state tournament being so late in the season.	
If we move golf to the fall it will eliminate our ability to field a team. All of our team members play golf as a second sport to a fall sport.	State and conference playoffs will have freezing weather.
most of my golfers play soccer,football or XC	
	BOY AND GIRLS GOLF SHARE THE SAME HOME COURSE, IT WOULD BE CHEAPER FOR THE SCHOOL AS FAR AS BUSSING WHEN BOTH TEAMS TRAVEL TOGETHER FOR PRACTICE.
Too many golfers playing fall sports. This will hurt my golf program.	

Comments	Championships/Tournaments which are held later in the golf season will then be played in colder conditions. If moved to the fall, I do agree that the early part of the season September/October, will be better of conditions wise, however, in the Northeast, could cause some problems for state and league tournaments. Also- I do believe course availability would remain consistent. In many instances, golf teams need to leave school earlier because of earlier tee times. I think this would be much more impactful during the fall when the year is just staring off, and students are building a foundation for the rest of their school year.
Several golfers also play soccer at a very high level and would be forced to choose one over the	
other. I am also the boys cross country coach and would be forced to choose one over the other	
Looking at the pro's and cons I don't see the benefit? Why is there such a push?	
A "pro" that was listed about golfers playing all summer would lead me to think that baseball should be moved to the fall as well. In my particular school there are not golfers playing all summer. I am sure that may be true elsewhere.	Though golf courses are generally in better shape in the fall, all courses punch their greens which could make for interesting matches. The leaves can me everywhere in late October including all over the greens slowing down play. Looking for balls and removing debris before putting does not appear to help speed up play. Play is too slow nowThank you for offering feedback. I am sure there are more sides to this than meets the eye.
Championship and League play would be during the potentially worst weather of the year. I would lose players to soccer being a soccer school.	
	Con Coaching multiple sports Time restraints due to daylight savings later in the season.
I would be in favor of moving the girls to the fall so that the boys and girls would be played in different seasons. This might enable schools to coop an make legitimate girls teams. If the girls were to play in the fall, then she would know beforehand if the school was going to be able to play a girls season or if she would have to wait for the spring for the boys season.	I contacted my course and was told that, due to how busy they are in the beginning of September, we would not be able to get on the course until at least the middle of September. That would only leave me 6-7 weeks to play a full season (before tournaments would have to start).
Having the students in mind, golfers play their best in warmer weather. How will moving golf to the fall help our students to excel and show success when weather is a bigger issue in the fall than in the spring for championships?	Con - Conflict with cross country and soccer.
My major concern involves the playing of league and state tournament matches. The spring offers us the ability to play our best golf in the best course and weather conditions. Whereas the fall holds the threat of an early storm similar to those we have experienced in recent years that could eliminate those competitions altogether.	
Some courses donate the use of their facilities; allowing programs to exist. The courses may not allow usage in the prime of their seasons, causing conflicts with leagues finishing, as opposed to rolling our in the Spring.	
	The weather of late May/early June is obviously much better than the weather of late October/early November. It's much more important to have the better weather for the major events such as conference and state tournaments.
fall has better weather, athletes are in better golf condition, courses are just as available, courses in far better condition, at our school this would equalize spring/fall opportunities for boys(4 per season), splitting girls and boys allows formore available golf facilities, daylight savings does not start until nov, there would be no issues with light	ahtletes displaced from a fall sport would now be able to play a spring sport, should be a wash. equity issues should be similar to volleyball and swimming with different seasons, common sense dictates that facility availability trumps the need to have both at the same time. golf coaches who coach in the fall should not hinder what is best for kids by demanding that golfers suffer to satisfy them.
I would like to see a schedule of events for the when the State Tournament would take place, and when the start of the season would start. If the first play date would be September 1st, this could work. In the fall you will go from good weather to colder and windier weather. You also have to deal with leaves on the ground. If this can be worked out, I would be in favor.	Would like to see alternative State Tournament sites. Consideration of the weather getting worse as the season progresses. (leaves, cold, wind, etc.) Less disruption of students taking AP exam's.

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	Pros: course availability, weather, higher level of performance
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	We have to look at the issue from the perspective of the Golf Courses, who are in business to make a profit. An example would be our home course, Wintonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield. Wintonbury Hills is a very popular course with a lot of play. In the spring, they have to try to schedule matches and practices for five teams. The Bloomfield High School Boys team, the Loomis Chaffee Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys and Girls Varsity and Girls Junior Varsity teams. By moving Bloomfield High School to the fall, it would help the course to keep times available for the paying public golfers. Another pro in my opinion is the reduction in general play and tournaments scheduled after labor day.
Players raised the issue of missing so much school time early in the senior year when grades are still primary concern. End of school year missing school for early dismissals is no longer an issue.	
Why didn't this poll offer the choice of golf being offered in both the fall and the spring? Why didn't you offer the choice of golf (boys and girls) being in opposite seasons? Why did the CIAC pose such ridiculous polling requirements and unattainable percentages for the proposal to pass and be implemented in the past? Why did the CIAC count absentee ballots as being opposed to the change to the fall the last time this proposal came up? What were the elements preventing CIAC from changing to the fall when there was such unanimous outpouring to change it 10 years ago across the state? Why did I, personally, have to approach members of the CT PGA Sectional to instigate this issue? Why were selfish, self-serving members of the CIAC Golf Committee who coached fall sports -and didn't want to lose their gig as golf coaches- allowed to deny this move over the past years? Why is there such bias against FCIAC schools relative to proposing changes such as this? When is the Golf Committee going to use electronic scoring during the State Championships and not run them like some bar outing or fund raisers so that the players will feel actually rewarded for their efforts? When will the CIAC GOLF Committee drop the format of qualifying for the state championship based on differential within Classes and change to overall differential? Schools in M and S now qualify with differentials in the 40's and 50's while schools in LL and LL fail to qualify in 20's and 30's. You are rewarding mediocrity and ignoring quality. Why are we waiting two the three years? If golf is your passion, play it instead, or are we just waiting for the members of the CIAC Golf Committee to retire? It appears the stalling tactics continue.	The precedent of staggered season of boys and girls golf exists in volleyball, so don't buy the Title IX lawsuit threats that arose in past year. The question below about "home courses" is irrelevant and misleading. Every home course in the FCIAC prefers golf be a fall sport because the spring is the time for growth of grass and high school plays negatively impacts that growth.
Let's face the fact: The CT Section PGA is recommending this-end of story. Let's listen to them rather than a few coaches who don't want this for whatever reason. this is better for the kids.	We have been asking for this for several years and it never even gets to the table??????????? Thank you for the opportunity to speak up!
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I believe that his would benefit the student athletes for many reasons stated in the pros. There will always be choices athletes will have to make, but in this instance it opens up more opportunities for male athletes to play different sports in the fall. I think that the losses of golfers to the fall sports will be made up and possibly exceed by athletes from baseball, lacrosse, track, tennis, and volleyball having the choice to play golf in the fall. The move will also open up more availability of the golf courses for both the girls and boys golf programs. This is a huge benefit for the athletes and programs.	
Move the boys or the girls to the fall - it will free up the competition between the 5 teams that currently play at my course for availability.	
Start date of the season would need to be early enough so that the state championship could be played by the end of October.	I am not sure if Madison CC would be available to our team in the fall. I will check on that.

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This would help us when we are limited at the courses. Issues I have are: 1. Boys rotate courses for states. The girls should rotate just like the boys and not play orange hills ever year. Put orange hills in the mix with the boys then. 2. Girls only take 15 teams for states while the boys take 20. We have 45 teams posting scores on the ciac site while the boys have a max of 40 teams per division and 1 division has 39. They take 50% so the girls should take 50%. These are two title 9 issues I see now that need to get fixed.	
Below I address the four "cons" listed in the survey to move the sport of boy's golf to the fall. Moving boys' golf to the fall displaces 440 male athletes who participate in a fall sport: I have coached football and golf at the high school level for the past 26 years and in my town there are many more golfers on the tennis, lacrosse and baseball teams than on the football and soccer teams. If most towns are like mine in this regard then I believe that moving boys' golf to the fall will result in a significant net gain in opportunities for boys over the next decade. Announcing the move of boys golf to the fall two or three years in advance allows current athletes to finish their careers without disruption and allows incoming athletes time to make choices. Moving boys golf to the fall could increase costs for schools if both boys and girls golf are not held in the same season: The opposite may prove true. After not playing golf all winter the demand by the public to play golf in the Spring is high and every tee time that courses give to local high schools is potential lost revenue for the (public) course. The CT PGA recently voted unanimously to request the CIAC move to the fall. The CIAC cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the economic realities facing CT golf courses today. Failure to provide the golf courses relief by moving the boys to the fall will likely result in the further expansion of the new practice of courses charging high schools for use of their courses (in our league Greenwich and Danbury High Schools currently pay fees to course they use) and one of those courses is rumored to be considering a charge on all visiting teams next year as well. Once high schools become a new source of revenue for the golf courses you may not get them to rescind this practice - even if you do move boys to the Fall in the future. In addition, if courses across the state follow suit and start charging high schools to play the true "cost" may be the loss of golf teams at schools that cannot afford to pay to those c	
students and their families into a "pay to play" scenario in order for the school to keep their golf	
teams. Moving boys' golf to the fall would create some problems for golf coaches who coach a fall sport: I have coached a fall sport (football) and a Spring sport (golf) at my high school for the past twenty-six years. If the CIAC moves boys' golf goes to the fall I will have to give up my football inb. Lam ready and willing to do that because I believe it is in the best interest of students and	
Resubmitted: received email on failed message Our players lose their senior season regarding possible college recruitment because their last year is after any offer considerations.	 Frost delay issue is minimal at best Male/female split of sport season already happens (swimming, volleyball) We have 5 teams at our course (Richter Park) 3 boys, 2 girls. Sure the master schedule for us will be far less complicated
Playing golf in the fall would be a benefit to the players because the weather conditions would be much better, however, most of the outings at the golf courses occur during the fall. I'm not sure if you could get the pros at the courses on board with this change. In the spring, we are usually the only ones on the course.	
As both the FLHS boys golf coach and the Assistant PGA Professional at our home course H. Smith Richardson G.C. I see this situation from two very different perspectives. Both of which lead me to conclude that boys golf should be moved to the fall. The largest factor behind this is course availability. At Smith Richardson we have two highschools both of which have boys, girls, and JV teams. We currently are limited to Monday-Wednesday for one hour each day.	Pros: course availability, course condition, level of play would increase due do being able to play on a course prior to the season starting.
I think that both should be moved to the fall, as it is a much better playing season for the sport.	
Working from the end of the fall golf season back to its start, what are the limitations that would change, when would the season begin, and would the nu,her of matches allowed be reduced.	Equity issue would be a trade off if girls me boys were in different seasons. Increase in course availability and practice times would increase for both groups if they were split.
Someone will always complain for Fall or Spring we can't make everyone happy but, kids are ready to play golf come September they are not ready in April. Neither are the courses.	- more time on the course with only 1 team practicing head pros on courses that I have talked to are all in favor of Fall golf for a kid to have any chance of playing in college he better have a great Junior season, Senior year final semester is way to late to get any kind of scholarship money.

Comments	Pros/Cons
what are amount of boys that play spring sports	
1-Allowing golf to start practicing the same time football starts so matches can start	
immediately after labor day. 2-Allow for 4 competitions a week (prior to re-schedules) since most courses are not available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday significantly impacting common days for two plus schools to find available dates.	
3- Allow outside tournaments on weekends to count as an allowable 5th competition for the	
week for high school golfers.	
4- Put a policy in place for the use of temporary greens in qualifying for the state tournament (as	
individuals and as a team).	
Our girls matches are difficult to arrange on area courses due to overcrowding of multiple teams competing for times during Spring Season. If we add any more girls teams it would be difficult to abide by current policies for play (i.e. doing tri-matches hurts players for number of rounds to play to throw out some scores. State rules say you have to play 10 rounds.	down and members/consumer may not be opposed to allowing teams play. I know my home state of OHIO changed to fall because the weather was better and course conditions were to. One other consideration it would be better overall for the players as they are coming off the "golf season" and their games would be ready to go. Disadvantage for the girls. It is awful that we cannot work with the teams in the OFF SEASON as their is not 'outside' instruction going on in the dead of winter. I personally think the restrictions on working with golfers in the summer is archaic and should be reconsidered. November to late March is virtually impossible to work
	with golfers the best opportunity to get players better is in the summer. Why can other sports able to work with 50% of their team and golf not? Makes no sense to me.
After previous attempts to switch the schedule to the fall, I have already asked my course about the change and they would agree; however, they also commented that this time is also busier with tournaments and outings. Therefore, some practice times and/or matches maybe be limitted to certain days of the week.	I have no problem switching to the fall. More player availability (from baseball, track, and lacrosse players) More players would be "ready to go" after summer vacation.
The current imbalance in the numbers of sports offered each season is unfair to both the boys	
and the girls. This move would help remedy the situation. It would also benefit both the boys and the girls to split the use of the facility across seasons, as is done in swimming and volleyball.	
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Better for both boys and girls!	It will be better for the courses for it to be moved to the fall. The courses will be in better shape and less crowded. More students will get a chance to participate.
Being a relatively new program, the course conditions the past two springs has made it impossible for us to work with our inexperienced golfers (boys and Girls) to help them improve. By the time course conditions allowed we were well into match season and practice time was minimal, not allowing us to help our young golfers get better.	
1. That courses are available to us in the fall.	With the boys in the fall and girls in the spring both sets of players will have more time available
That courses are available to us in the fall. That the girls season remains in the spring.	to each group to have practice time, to reschedule matches, to get better.
As President of the Ct PGA - we had a meeting and we were all in favor to move to Fallthat's who needs to be askednot the coaches	Pro Less outings for Clubs
	Kids come in ready to play Gives players one more season to have college look at them
	Con
	None -Great move

Comments	Pros/Cons
Moving boys golf to the fall can not be done quick enough.	All pros:
Make the move this fall 2015. It makes no sense to wait!!!	Better course and weather conditions
Many current spring athletes playing baseball and lacross would be able to participate in an	More participation
additional sport. (one of a couple that you can play for the rest of your life)	Most all the golf courses have requested or suggested the move to the Fall.
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	Pro: Baseball & Lacrosse players will make a great transition to golf.
	Pro: fewer sports in the Fall.
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I believe the course availability issue is paramount here, as well as offering more sports for boys	
in the fall.	
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	Pros- weather is better, athletes are "warmed -up" by Fall, course availability is better, could
	coach another Spring sport, no vacation or break time in the fall so easier to re-schedule if
	necessary
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	members would have played all summer and the inconveniences would be less stressful to them
I am strongly in favor of this and as soon as possible. If the move is made to the fall and I	I also don't think you necessarily HAVE to move both boys and girls to the fall. With swimming
sincerely hope it happens, the timing should be quick. One year announce it, next year move it.	and volleyball in the fall on the girls side, keeping spring golf for the girls makes sense to balance
	the number of sports offered each season. Plus, if you keep girls in the spring, there is actually
and a fall sport have to make a choice yes, but to wait 3-4 years makes no sense to me. To make	
that move and wait, you are also preventing kids who play a spring sport from also playing golf	
	Last point I will make if a move to the fall is approved is to make the mandatory start of practice
in the fall for whatever the waiting period is. And there are more spring sports than fall so you	time before a match can be played as early as feasible in August. Golf is a tad different than the
would create more of a chance for a kid to participate as soon as you make the move tp the fall	football and soccers of the world. Can we figure out a way to start matches September 1 and
so why wait! One of the reasons to move to the fall is to balance the amount of sports offered	plan first start day of practice back from that date. Most fall sports start games later than that
each season as most schools have more in the spring. So no matter when you make a move to	(mid-September) but by starting September 1, that gains us an extra week-plus on back end of
the fall, it will be an inconvenience. If the decision is to move to the fall, I hope it is a quick and	schedule for state tournaments to be played 3rd week of October with good golf weather still
decisive move. Golf teams are small and a golf/football/soccer combo player is quite rare while	here in CT. Looking to August 2016 - no reason first practice can't be Aug 20 and first match date
many a golfer has played baseball or might like tennis or lacrosse and a move to the fall helps	September 1Make it happen! Thanks for allowing our input!
that athlete and I think there are way more instances like that. So, I am in HUGE support for	
move to fall and to make the move as quick as possible. I say play golf spring of 2016 and then	
again fall of 2016 for the 2016-17 academic year.	
Fall golf makes sense for three primary reasons. First, the athletes will be season ready early,	
without having to wait for weather, which sill not be as much of a problem in September and	
October as it is in April and May. Second, the courses are in their best shape of the year in the	
fall. Finally, many afternoon adult leagues end at Labor day, so conflicts will not be as much of a	
problem for both practice and matches.	
I feel the kids are playing their best golf after the summer. We are always fighting with the	
course to get us tee times because everyone is itching to get out after the winter. The fall, most	
people will be content of letting us get out.	
	Moving boys to the fall will free up tee times in the spring allowing more times for girls teams,
	possibly leading to the addition/expansion of girls golf in schools that don't presently have a girls
	program
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Weather issues in the spring are creating a huge issue for schedules and matches. This is a no	Better balance is key here
brainer	

Comments	Pros/Cons
Moving boys' golf to the fall displaces 440 male athletes who participate in a fall sport.	I am in total agreeance with Tom OD from Darien.
I have coached football and golf at the high school level for the past 26 years and in my town	
there are many more golfers on the tennis, lacrosse and baseball teams than on the football and	Move the boys to the fall please!
soccer teams. If most towns are like mine in this regard then I believe that moving boys' golf to the fall will result in a significant net gain in opportunities for boys over the next decade.	
Announcing the move of boys golf to the fall two or three years in advance allows current	
athletes to finish their careers without disruption and allows incoming athletes time to make	
choices.	
Moving boys golf to the fall could increase costs for schools if both boys and girls golf are not	
held in the same season. The opposite may prove true. After not playing golf all winter the	
demand by the public to play golf in the Spring is high and every tee time that courses give to local high schools is potential lost revenue for the (public) course. The CT PGA recently voted	
unanimously to request the CIAC move to the fall. The CIAC cannot continue to turn a blind eye	
to the economic realities facing CT golf courses today. Failure to provide the golf courses relief	
by moving the boys to the fall will likely result in the further expansion of the new practice of	
courses charging high schools for use of their courses (in our league Greenwich and Danbury	
High Schools currently pay fees to course they use) and one of those courses is rumored to be considering a charge on all visiting teams next year as well. Once high schools become a new	
source of revenue for the golf courses you may not get them to rescind this practice - even if you	
do move boys to the Fall in the future. In addition, if courses across the state follow suit and	
start charging high schools to play the true "cost" may be the loss of golf teams at schools that	
cannot afford to pay to those course fees Another possibility is you will force high school	
students and their families into a "pay to play" scenario in order for the school to keep their gol teams.	
Moving boys' golf to the fall would create some problems for golf coaches who coach a fall	
sport. I have coached a fall sport (football) and a Spring sport (golf) at my high school for the	
past twenty-six years. If the CIAC moves boys' golf goes to the fall I will have to give up my	
football job. I am ready and willing to do that because I believe it is in the best interest of	
students and the sport of high school golf in CT. Coaches in similar situations may actually. A suggestion would be to mandate that any coach who currently coaches a fall sport recuse him	Simply based on weather, the average daily high in March is 47, April 58, May 68. The average
or herself from the voting process. It would be a vote based on what is best for the coach and	daily low in March is 31, April 41, May 51.
not based on what is potentially better for the athlete. The displacement of fall athletes also	The average daily high in September is 74 with an average daily low of 58, October daily high is
applies in the spring for those who have to make the choice between sports. I am also not sure I	63 with a low of 47. Average precipitation in the spring is 4 inches per month, Average
agree with the statement that course conditions deteriorate in the fall in comparison to how poor they are in the spring. Is this survey a vote? If so and the majority of coaches favor fall golf	precipitation in the fall is 3.49 inches. Depending on whether we can start practice in August there would be plenty of time to get the 16 dates in prior to November, also the fall weather
will this be passed on to the CIAC board of control? The above statement only reflects the	based on current U.S. climate data is more conducive to outdoor sports.
outcome of a recommendation by the golf committee and does not indicate whether they will	
align themselves with the voice of the coaches.	
Weather is better in September and October than it is in March and April.	
Players are playing better, having played in the summer.	
The argument that weather conditions and daylight would be a negative at the end of season is minimal. Championship season at the end of October and first week of November is still decent	
weather. Daylight would not be a concern because championship events are held early in the	
day.	
Moving to fall golf allows all golfing athletes to compete in a season where course conditions are	No Cons. Growing the game in Connecticut
better and it allows the golfing athlete to possibly secure a college scholarship.	
Having been a boys golf coach for 9 years and a girls coach for 5 years prior, I can safely say that	In order to mention "displaced" student athletes, equal numbers should be attained by figuring
this is a question of growing the game and doing what is best all young people.Fall golf is worth	out how many athletes would be "placed." i.e. Golfers who may now play baseball or another
a try. Trying a change is the only way to truly determine what is better.	spring sport.
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	Every PGA professional I spoke to recently agreed that golf should go to the fall. Course availability is not an issue.
	According to coaches I have spoken with, college coaches can efficiently recruit high school
	players in during the fall. Fall golf should
	open opportunities for potential next level golfers to be seen.

Comments	Pros/Cons Pros/Cons
Right now we are playing wrong differentials because over 90% of the matches are played by winter rules. Once you prefer your lie it changes the differential. So teams aren't playing by the same rules. In the fall that wouldn't be the case. Also the committee is misleading everyone in this survey by putting Cons that aren't relevant. A coach coaching a different fall sport has no impact for changing golf to the fall. Playing conditions still improve through the Fall, not decrease. There are 7 spring sports not 6(Baseball, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, Golf, Lacrosse, and Crew). Please this time do not count no response from coaches and AD's as No votes.	Pros Will eliminate the use of playing Winter rules and using the wrong course differential. (Which would have the right teams make the States. right now they are wrong). More weeks on the course then Spring (some courses don't open until May 1st) More percentage of other Spring sports players play Golf then Fall Sport Players (at least 10 times more) i.e Baseball and Lacrosse players. Players will be more prepared and ready to start matches, since they have played all summer. Courses aerates their greens at the time States start in the Spring, so you are playing a lousy condition course.
* The Fall golf season will bring a larger amount of participants to the sport. I see a huge decline in numbers in recent years (big in part to the influx of lacrosse players in my town). * Transportation would be much easier for our school to provide (less to to transport in the Fall). * Golfers would be in better golf form in the Fall after a summer season of playing. * I know my local course would prefer to give us tee times in the Fall than in the Spring.	To me, it's only logical, boys golf should be a Fall sport.
Course condition, athlete playing season, course availability (leagues not still going on in fall), Better golf the kids would have been playing all summer.	
Athletes are coming off the summer in which they can practice their game. In the spring, athletes are reaching max potential by the end of the season instead of from the start.	
course availability is becoming a major problem in the spring. The public and high school golf teams are both anxious to play, so tee times are at a premium. Courses are losing revenue by holding tee times open for team practice and matches.	
golfers would be better prepared for the season, the weather would be an improvement, course conditions would be much improved, and private club members put the clubs away after labor day. all these factors dramatically favor fall golf. this should be a no-brainer. i've coached for 3 seasons and we've played in the snow in the first week all 3 years. that's ridiculous	
Frees up course availability for girls in Spring and the boys in Fall. No competition for restricted course time. In essence the available time would be doubled for both teams.	
I think the best approach to move just the boys program to the fall is to look at the positives of such a move for both boys and girls programs and also focus on why it will work instead of why the move won't work. In other words don't list the "cons". The season can start earlier to avoid the late season weather concerns. It won't be necessary to have the 10 day tryout period. This year's season will be less than 8 weeks. If golf were held this fall, the season could start on 9/1 and end on 10/27 and have a full 8 weeks. Since the fall season rules are different for football than soccer, field hockey, cross country, etc., then the rules can also be different for fall golf. Thank you for conducting the survey.	Tryouts can be shorter – possibly 2 or 3 rounds. (Colleges usually have 1 or 2 at the most) This will also allow for the expansion of the girls state championship to two or more divisions because of more course availability. I believe that different courses will be available in the fall to host state tournaments. Spring and summer seasons are big for club's hosting charity/corporate golf outings. The fall season has fewer outings.

Comments	Pros/Cons
decision than Fall Golf. I would be satisfied if coach's comments were not considered - perhaps understanding that two sport coaches have enjoyed undue influence essentially based on their personal rather than on their charges best interests. To delay transition would simply extend a very poor practice - the benefits clearly outweigh what the committee judges to be a deficiency. If the Committee were in the field on this	The advantages of moving Boys Golf to the Fall simply overwhelm those "cons" drafted and accompanying this survey. Future Course availability alone precludes continuing the current seasonal program. Further, it remains totally unfair to the student athletes to attempt qualification for a team when they may well not have had a club in their hands for possibly five months - and not fair to coaches to ask them to evaluate team candidates. Weather during mid March to mid April is consistently bad and cancellations of both qualifications and early matches are regularly experienced. Wilton's host private club is on record requesting elimination of Spring Golf.
are my top reasons why it will make sense for golf in the fall.	Pros - in fall in CT for boys there is XC, soccer, and football at most schools - in the spring there is lacrosse, track and field,tennis, baseball, and volleyball (therefore the argument that moving to the fall would take away too many athletes from other sports is a mute point)
t makes a great deal of sense to move the golf season.	Pros Course availability Course condition Weather Players being able to golf all spring/summer A majority of the courses are in favor of this.
For those of us with heavy fall sorts calendars changing this sport from spring to fall would be problematic scheduling wise. Would this create crossover problems if both male and female golf are not in the same season. That is will some students play on both the boys and girls teams f indeed they are separate teams.	Weather is generally better in the fall so there would be fewer scheduling issues, but if that is the case why not move both?
have concern over our course availibilty in the Fall and student-athletes that are committed to other sports in the Fall.	
Please Keep it in the Spring Have you spoken to golf coaches specifically about the change of season?	
	Home Golf course availability unknown.
Our course will have limited availability in the fall.	·
The boys playing golf already play a fall sport.	Con- The most important part of the season, the end when championships are being decided would be played in the worst weather
don't think my opinion should carry much weight as our boys' golf program is not funded by the Board of Education and is run on an entirely volunteer basis. I'm not sure how much longer we'll even field a team.	
We would lose access to our country club if the program were moved to the fall.	I am also concerned about the timing of matches. As days get shorter in the fall, we would have to send our teams out before the end of the school day interrupting class time.
The Spring season works fine for us. Thank you.	
	we're a small school it probably prohibits some students to participate in the fall sports that they already participate in. or give up golf
We have many male student-athletes who already participate in soccer in the fall. Since boys golf and soccer would conflict if we moved golf to the fall, it would negatively impact one program or the other.	
Weather is better for the kids to play golf.	
Please do not change this to the fall. spring is much better.	Coord
	Cons: 1. Weather in late fall (end of season) is not conducive to play. 2. Beginning season after summer gives an unfair advantage to players with club memberships vs. those who only play occasionally.

Comments	Pros/Cons
I believe moving golf would allow for more appropriate competition for the athletes. They would be able to compete under better course conditions, weather conditions, provided more time to hone specific skills.	
Greater course availability	
Better weather It would be valuable to consider moving girl's golf to the fall season as well.	N/A
	Better course conditions Better weather More course availability - not conflicting with league pay as much
My only concern is whether the local golf courses can accommodate competition in September. It would have to be researched.	Many pros such as course availability not contingent on the length of the winter, athletes better prepared having played all spring and summer, less fall sports to compete with for student athletes.
I like that the balance in the offerings for boys in the spring and fall is more even if the move is made.	
Weather and course conditions are generally better in September than April. However, course conditions, weather and daylight decreases in the fall season, but all improve during the spring season.	
I'm in favor of moving boys golf to the fall and keeping girls golf in the spring. First, it opens the courses up, as there will be half as many golfers per season. Second, it would bring more balance to the offerings for boys and girls in each season.	
Great idea!	After further discussion and conversation, I would like to change my opinion to moving golf to
We need to start the season when football starts so we can play the championships in mid	the Fall. Thank you.
October instead of the end or early November. Would hate to see the golf tournament played in snow or terrible conditions each year.	
I believe very strongly that boys golf should be moved to the fall.	
Frees up courses that have been snow covered each spring.	Concern over boys vs girls seasons
I support my coach's and athletic director's opinion that our students are better prepared to play golf coming off the summer and that the courses are in better shape in the fall. Thank you.	
Our golf program is co-ed so that we would not have a problem doing this and the advantages to us out-weigh the disadvantages.	
While there will inevitably be new conflicts for boys who wish to play soccer or football and also golf; there will be opportunities for baseball, track and tennis athletes to participate in the great game of golf. I am in favor of the change.	
Thank you, Steve LePage Plainville High School Principal	
This move would potentially allow for growth of women's golf.	
Are the golf courses able to accommodate this move?	
I would hope that golf might be given an earlier start date (similar to football) or a relaxation of the 10 days of practice rule. The bulk of the season should be played while the weather is at its best.	One of the major cons of fall golf is potentially bad course conditions for the championships, which would probably be played in late October.
Since golfers have been playing all summer and the courses are in their best shape in early fall, I feel it benefits players and facilities to move the season from spring to fall.	
* weather conditions in the fall * Level of play after playing all summer * course conditions * no conflict w/baseball and lacrosse	
I would want the Committee to consider allowing a two year period where athletes could compete in dual sports during the Fall season as a transition for this change.	
We do not offer golf, but it seems to make sense for the fall.	
	Pro: Better weather

Comments	Pros/Cons
WHS does not have a strong opinion on this matter. A change may make transportation and the	
scheduling of matches a little simpler, but this has not been a concern of ours so far.	