



In Favor Of:	Athletic Directors (114)	Coaches (94)	Principals (77)	Total (285)	Pct.
Moving Both	29	12	19	60	21%
Moving Boys Only	32	43	16	91	32%
Moving Neither	53	39	42	134	47%

Course Available in Fall?	Total
Yes	78
No	28

COMMENTS

Athletic Director (Neither)

The weather for golf tournament in the fall

Athletic Director (Boys)

Our local courses are more accessible in the fall than the spring.

Athletic Director (Neither)

how many schools will even be able to get golf course in fall-can't get answer to this spring when they open up again.

Athletic Director (Boys)

I asked the manager of the golf course that we use, Sterling Farms, and he told me that the Fall season makes much more sense to him than the spring. Play has decreased, the kids have had all summer to hone their games, the courses are in better shape, weather should be not an issue, especially considering that matches are 9 holes.

Athletic Director (Both)

The sense it makes to move the season to the fall after the participants have spent the entire summer playing and are at the peak of their game.

Athletic Director (Neither)

We would not mind the change, however the course is not available in the Fall.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Moving both the boy's and the girl's puts us in the same overcrowding situation we now have in the spring which is my main reason for wanting one of them to be moved.

Athletic Director (Both)

This would improve course conditions and course availability for matches and practice.

Athletic Director (Boys)

This will increase the options for boys and girls in the fall where the girls currently hold a 5 to 3 advantage in sports offered.

Athletic Director (Neither)

Our course would not be available to schedule us in the fall. We don't have a girls team just a boys team.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Please do not increase the need for early dismissals, especially when it relates to end of year tournaments

Athletic Director (Both)

it is important to be alert to both sexes if a move is made. Not just a move for the boys.

Athletic Director (Neither)

Having the girls and boys programs in different season will raise Title 9 issues.

I believe the spring season is working well for CT now.

I have not checked with our golf course at this time.

Athletic Director (Boys)

The imbalance of boys and girls sports in the fall would make it worth while to ask for a rule change. Dn't see cost as an issue with repect to splitting the boys and girls. Migth really help with the overloading of course with male and femmale players in the spring.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Read through all the background info provided and I feel that in a situation like ours where we have 4 golf teams using the same course in the spring, this would really help out

Athletic Director (Neither)

Our golf coach is also a fall coach at this time.
However, there would be more availability of the golf course in the fall.

Athletic Director (Neither)

This reflects the sentiments of our coaches as well as myself.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Offers the boys another sport in the Fall. There are limited opportunities in the fall for boys.

Athletic Director (Both)

SW does not have a girls golf team, however I feel that both boys and girls should be held in the same season. By moving the boys season this would not affect any of our athletes. In fact it will afford one of our golfers, who is also top tennis player, the opportunity to play both sports.

Athletic Director (Both)

One would assume that the season could start after a week of practice due to the timing of students playing all summer and the less physical demands of playing golf. This would give schools 7 weeks for their schedule and allow the state championship to be played before the cold weather sets in.

Athletic Director (Neither)

1) Course availability in the fall would be an issue for us

2) Currently, the weather improves as the season goes on. If we move to the fall, the weather would get colder as the season progresses.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Moving to fall is advantage because courses are in better shape. Golfers have played all summer and the season could start early in Sept. Weather is more conducive to golf in the fall. Less leagues to compete with at all public courses.

Athletic Director (Both)

In the spring, many golf courses are requiring school teams to start play as early as 2:30 because golf membership wants to play at 4:00. This requires schools to release golf team members as early as 1:30. Golf courses encourage fall play. Membership has had their fill of golf so courses welcome school play. Golf courses are in better condition for play than in early April.

Athletic Director (Neither)

While we have no objection to the change the Alling Golf Course is not available in the Fall.

Athletic Director (Neither)

As I am sure you are aware, unlike any other sport we really do not have any say at all in this matter. It is the golf course's decision. I hope that the committee considers this and remembers that unlike many of the SWC schools, other leagues do not all play on private courses. If we ever add girls golf, Grassy Hill said that they would try to squeeze us in during the spring. We will not be allowed to play in the fall.

Athletic Director (Neither)

This is the response from all 14 school in the Naugatuck Valley League.

Athletic Director (Neither)

harder for schools with lower participation rates to change seasons as some of these athletes play more than one sport, where we are essentially asking them to make a choice as to what sport they must play.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Don't know if our course will stay open long enough in the Fall.

Athletic Director (Both)

What ever the decision it is important to move both boy's and girl's as many of us have co-ed teams and a budget for one coach.

Athletic Director (Neither)

I would not recommend girls'/boys' playing different seasons because of the OCR ruling.

Athletic Director (Neither)

We do not have a girls golf team

Athletic Director (Boys)

I would move the girls to the fall as well if girls swim moved to the winter season

Athletic Director (Boys)

If we moved to the fall, could winning individuals from the state matches still play in the New England in June as individuals? I understand that teams shouldn't/ couldn't play, but why not allow individuals?

Athletic Director (Boys)

Players are ready from the get go. I know NY state plays before school even starts in Sept. CIAC could waive the 2 week pre-season training.

Athletic Director (Both)

when would the start date be?

Coach (Boys)

We are less apt to lose days as a result of bad weather. Often we cannot get much practice in before the season because courses are not yet open.

Coach (Neither)

Some current coaches are only available to coach golf in the Spring and would have to give up their position if moved to the fall. This is also true of some current athletes who will have to give up golf or their current fall sport. For example, I have 4 of my 12 golfers that play either soccer or run cross country.

Coach (Boys)

If either boys or girls or both are moved to the fall, the season should start earlier to allow the golfers to get a full season in (including championships) by the end of day light savings. Golf teams can start at the same time as football and the first match can be right after Labor Day. I would rather have my first practice August 23 than March 21 and the first match September 3 than April 7.

Coach (Neither)

My main concerns are:

1. Playing the important post season tournaments in questionable weather/conditions.
2. Losing a few players to other fall sports.

I agree that the players will be more prepared however the weather getting worse, not better is a major factor. I believe the current system works very well and I don't believe the Pro's for Fall Golf outweigh the cons.

Coach (Neither)

Over the years this recommendation has been submitted by the schools in the southern part of the state. Over and over the consensus has been in favor of spring golf. Why do we continue to model something different that has worked for years. Furthermore; I am in the position of losing a coaching job in soccer that I have spent years of building a successful program.

Coach (Neither)

UNLIKE SPRING GOLF, THE WEATHER DOES NOT IMPROVE. WE CAN HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY COLD DAYS AS WE HAD THIS PAST FALL. LOCATING BALLS IS A PROBLEM IN THE FALL WHEN THE RAYS OF THE SUN CHANGE. ADDITIONALLY, THE FALLING LEAVES PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL OBSTACLE.

Coach (Neither)

Will moving Golf to the Fall create too many choices for student/Athletes in the fall?

Will moving Golf to the fall limit the number of choices student athletes have in the spring?

Coach (Neither)

Courses are in great condition at the end of the season, when it is time for tournament / championship play. At the beginning of the season when it is mainly fundamentals is when problems arise with course and weather conditions, but it is mainly range work that is going on and not as much play. By the time the season tees off in April the courses are in fairly good condition, and ready for play.

Coach (Boys)

I know that my course would be more open for play. Most of their leagues are over and getting time on the course would be much easier.

Coach (Neither)

We had snow in northern CT in October which limits the ability to make up matches as the weather worsens as the season progresses, which is the opposite of Spring golf.

Coach (Boys)

In regards to the New England tournament issue, how do Mass. and NH deal with the competition??

I would like to know how the Fall golf issue was presented to the OCR, as the way the question was framed might lead to a certain response. Some states do offer girls and boys golf in different seasons, so clearly the OCR response in this case is not a definitive "no". (See below for a potential benefit for the girls if the seasons should be split)

Coach (Both)

Need to consider waiving the CIAC pre-season in order to begin as early in Sept. as possible. No real need to have minimum number of practice days.

Also, need to consider allowing more than three scheduled matches per week. No real need for 'off days/practice days' for golf. Can play matches every day if necessary.

Coach (Boys)

I think you will find that you will gain as many new athletes as you may lose due to shifting to fall. The most common second sport for golfers is baseball.

Coach (Neither)

Stick to what works.

Coach (Boys)

Would this open more practice time for girls on course?

Would we be able to use Rockledge more or less?

Coach (Neither)

You answered your own questions with the 11 reasons why not to move to the spring. This is a dumb idea.

Coach (Boys)

I am in favor of moving Boys golf to Fall, and undecided on moving the Girls season to the Fall too.

Coach (Boys)

Its a conflict for me personally because I coach football too. I think its better for the program however.

Coach (Boys)

I read through the data that was sent and believe the CIAC has unfairly presented the information. For example, I am in a town with many parents who have told me that their son would play golf, but can't because they are a lacross player. You information presented numbers of studnets who would be lost, but I believe we would see an increase in participation.

While "the conditions deteriorate" in the Fall, they are horrible at the start of the Spring. Most courses are not open. So an argument can be made for both Fall and Spring in response to the concern over equality of girls.

Coach (Boys)

It is not a matter of equity for girls and playing conditions unless you make it one. Conditions are bad in the early spring and great at the end. The fall has great conditions in the beginning and get worse toward the end. The main focus should be on tee times, having boys and girls on the same course during the same season places pressure on the course, especially since the public/members are eager to begin playing after a long winter.

Coach (Boys)

If you are opposed to the change is it because it inconveniences you as a coach, or do you have the true interest of your players in mind?

Coach (Boys)

Please move the boys to the fall....

Coach (Boys)

Thank you for your hard work on this issue. My concerns:

1. OCR compliance issue? Massachusetts has boys golf in the fall and girls in the Spring according to your own information. How can they (OCR Boston) say it's ok for their state and not for ours? Equal opportunity? Does everyone not realize that having the boys and the girls in the same season restricts the size of both the girls and boys squads due to course limitations (my school can't be the only one)? We are currently denying opportunities to both girls and boys who are cut in the spring to meet course limitation requirements. "Following" the boys into the fall season will deny opportunities to girls for years to come who could be accommodated by expanding rosters in the Spring once the boys are gone. Move only the boys to the fall and you increase opportunity for girls and boys and eliminate the potential CIAC imbalances for girls created by moving both teams to the fall.
2. Virtually every course in our area now aerates in the Spring. Your suggestion that it is only a consideration in the fall is factually incorrect in many places across the state. Your mentioning of frost as a negative when the only date the entire season in which we play in the morning is the State Championship without countering the much greater likelihood of a March or April snow storm (a few years ago an April storm wiped out over a week of the season) is unfair. You mention fall leaves as a negative. I would rather look for a ball above ground and under a leaf than a plugged ball submerged out of sight under ground any day (which we deal with for half of every Spring season).
3. You fail to mention the possible benefit of more courses being willing to host a CIAC State Championship in the Fall (when their play is greatly reduced) than in the Spring when people are coming out in droves after waiting all winter to play again.
4. Con #9 lists the potential "problem" for golf coaches who coach in the Fall but you do not list a "pro" regarding the new opportunity to coach baseball, LaCrosse, Track or any of the other Spring sports.
5. You mention the number of "displaced" fall athletes but you do not mention the potential positive impact on athletes that currently do not play a fall sport but now would or the benefit to athletes whose two favorite sports are in the spring that will now be free to pursue each in different seasons (I have both of these situations every year in my school).
6. I currently have nowhere to take my team on Wednesdays because none of the courses will make themselves available (to our boys or girls) due to the heavy play that day. If my team plays in the fall I suspect that may no longer be an issue and I may actually have more course availability - not less. The big issues here are not "better course conditions" or "better weather". The big issues are better overall balance of CIAC sports for girls and boys for years to come as well as increased opportunity for girls and boys for years to come. The reason to move to the fall is that it is the right thing to do for both girls and boys (as many other states have recognized and put into practice). Once the move is made, knowledgeable and imaginative people can create a model (or borrow one of the several already in place in other states) that can accommodate the vagaries of smaller issues like weather, daylight, etc. Thanks again for all of your work and I commend you for creating a more open and transparent methodology for deciding this important issue than has happened in the past (including when I was on the committee!). Best,
Tom

Coach (Both)

Do it for a trial period of two years and then re-evaluate!

Coach (Neither)

Golf course is not available as often in the Fall...more tournaments. Also, 90% of the athletes that play golf play a fall sport. Football has 70-80 boys every year.

Coach (Neither)

Availability of courses, especially public courses

Coach (Boys)

Killingly only has a boys program

In favor of both spring and fall golf seasons

Coach (Neither)

I actually would like to see it offered in both spring and fall, but I know that would not happen. Its impact on end of season tournaments is the main reason why I would like to see it remain a spring sport.

Coach (Neither)

Pros and cons depend on the school or individual, but the civil rights aspect applies to all.

If any changes are implemented, and I am not in favor of any changes, they must be done with several years advance notice to allow athletes and coaches to align their interests.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this matter.

Coach (Boys)

This would help out both our boys and girls golf team by opening up more spots for each team. We are currently restricted by the total number of players that we can bring to the course on any given day. By moving the boys it would double the number of players for each team.

Coach (Neither)

Weather leading up to the End of the Year Tournaments. This year, we had did have snow in October.

Coach (Boys)

I am in favor of moving one or the other but NOT both.

New England states that have Fall golf do attend the New England Championship -- why couldn't CT.

Coach (Boys)

I would like the committee to consider what season high school golf is played in other cold weather states.

Coach (Neither)

For similar reason listed in the background information packet. Also, several students use the season to prepare for CSGA youth events and New England youth events. These events, being 18 holes, are the focus of college coaches. They do not care about the 9 hole matches. What would happen to CHAPPA?

Coach (Neither)

As a coach that is not a teacher my work schedule would not permit me to coach in the fall due to my work load.

Coach (Boys)

I believe that the decision to change to the Fall season should be based on the collective season, not simply the end of the season tournament. The benefits of moving the entire season should far outweigh the possibility of poor weather on the day of the end of the season tournament. Thank you.

Coach (Boys)

Ignore the first survey I sent. I have a girl on the team, but she will be playing with the boys since we don't have a girls team.

Coach (Neither)

Our local golf course is more accessible in the Spring for practice and matches.

Coach (Boys)

Concered about the use of our home course late in the Fall. Hopefully our schedule can be adjusted and we play late matches away.

Coach (Both)

Golfers have summer to work on their game and are ready for season.

Courses are in better shape in fall.

Coach (Neither)

I would have very limited course availability during the fall season. The course we use, Stonington Country Club, could not guarantee use of the facility in early September.

Coach (Boys)

In view of what so many other states do, it would ease the burden of each.

Would the golf season need to start earlier than all other fall sports?

Coach (Neither)

Kids like the golf team and would hate not being able to play because moving it to fall they would play other sports first. They don't want to play any other spring sports. Just golf.

Coach (Neither)

Move Girls Golf to the Fall as there are fewer number of teams.

Coach (Neither)

Our biggest concern is that we would lose our home course if golf became a fall sport.

Coach (Boys)

Player and courses are ready on day one.

Waive preseason training time. Could even start before school starts (NY state does this).

Play 3 matches per week, maybe on Sat afternoons, 16 matches could be played in 6 wks.

State Championships could be played before the end of Oct, maybe on week-end.

A shorter season could save schools money for coach's compensation.

Coach (Neither)

Although course conditions are at their peak when the season would start in the fall, I think that this fall season proved that the weather in October in New England can be unpredictable. I would rather start a season cold and progressively get warmer than start a season warm and then worry about cancellations due to snow. Thanks for at least considering the idea and listening to the concerns of the coaches.

Coach (Neither)

Many of my concerns have already been stated in the Pros and Cons. I coach Soccer basketball and Golf. By moving the Golf season you would be eliminating not only my ability to do both but many athletes as well. Being from a Small school such as Windsor Locks we have many athletes that compete in multiple sports. By moving the season you would be forcing them to choose between them.

The Weather concerns are also quite important. I would prefer my players to compete in better conditions as the season goes on.

Principal (Neither)

I don't see any positive outcomes for our school

Principal (Both)

I am overwhelmingly in support of this proposal.

Principal (Neither)

This will present a conflict with our student athletes who already play fall sports.

Principal (Both)

The weather is much more conducive to playing golf in the Fall rather than in the Spring.

Principal (Boys)

The courses are in better shape in the Fall and the student athletes have had their summer rounds just before the season begins.

Principal (Neither)

Title IX seems to be a big issue if we move one golf program and not the other.

Principal (Neither)

Succintly, I think that the cons, as presented, outweigh the pros. If 600+ participants are going to be put into conflict and potentially lost I couldn't support the change. I believe that daylight savings will create a shorter season that we currently have.

Principal (Both)

Principal (Neither)

I do not support this because of the imbalance of girl's options in the spring and the New England tournament in the spring.

Principal (Neither)

weather conditions improve during the spring rather than worsen

Principal (Neither)

What is the main reason for considering the switch? Is it monetary? Is it participation? Course use?

Principal (Boys)

This season would be more conducive to the country club that we are presently using.

Principal (Both)

If the start date is the same as other fall sport dates, then can the first match be played 5 days after the first practice? That would allow championships to be around Columbus Day. We can avoid missed school time. Saturday class meets and Monday Open .

Principal (Neither)

If we move the season to the fall it takes our spring trip to Florida away from our students and deny then an opportunity to travel and meet with other student athletes from around the country. Also, It makes athletes choose between sports. I.E football and golf which i played both in High School.

Principal (Neither)

The cons certainly seem to outweigh the pros of changing the season. Nationally and regionally, most schools play in the spring. What is the clear and compelling need to make this change?

Unclear why proposal was made only for boys, especially in light of potential OCR issues.

Would daylight issues increase the requests for golf teams to leave school early for matches under proposal?

Principal (Both)

Condition of golf courses early in the spring season.
Requirement of early dismissal for spring golf

Principal (Neither)

Course less available in the Fall.

Principal (Neither)

Not knowing the depth of concern that prompted the SWC request, I would like the committee to consider whether the SWC issues are, in fact, statewide. I don't sense an overwhelming feeling ... I don't believe we should make such changes without confirming that there is a very significant need to put the whole state through a change.

Principal (Neither)

We must adhere to what our home course could offer.

Principal (Neither)

I am not in favor of the change in schedule because I am concerned it would limit athletic participation for students. The information I have received indicates there would be a significant number of student/athletes who currently participate in a fall sport and would lose that opportunity if golf was changed to a fall sport.

Principal (Neither)

We would be in favor of fall boys' golf, except that, at this time, our golf coach is our Freshman Football Coach.

Principal (Boys)

Concerned about the use of our home course late in the Fall.

Principal (Boys)

I am in favor of moving the boys season to the fall. The players have the opportunity to play during the summer and can start the season in top golf condition.

Principal (Neither)

I feel that moving the Golf season to the Fall will have a negative impact on Fall sports -- in our school's case Volleyball and Track, and it will actually afford fewer students a chance to participate.

Also, moving the season to Fall:

- places it in the midst of multiple tournaments and leagues, which would, I feel inhibit scheduling and play;
- place it in the midst of seasonal weather that tends to deteriorate as the season progresses and in the midst of afternoon lighting that decreases daily as the season progresses

PROS

Athletic Director (Boys)

Athletes will be peaking at the end of a summer of playing. Courses will be readily available as opposed to under snow or unprepared.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Weather in the fall is warmer for the most part than the spring.

Athletic Director (Neither)

I would loosen up boys spring-heavy sports, but for girls it would over load an already fall-heavy season.

Athletic Director (Both)

The courses are still in prime condition and there is less chance of inclement weather in the fall than the spring based on the average weather patterns by individual months.

Basically the passion in playing golf has lessened slightly from the spring to the fall based on the average of rounds played from the spring versus the fall. I asked my coach, who is the local pro, to do a comparison.

Athletic Director (Boys)

More room for practice and matches for both the girl's and the boy's season.

Athletic Director (Boys)

This would open the possibility to us being able to provide transportation to our golf teams. Currently we have no bus availability in the Spring as we have too many teams participating then.

Athletic Director (Both)

It would be easier to schedule with the golf course that we use.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Would free up tee times at courses.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Course is in better shape.

Players are at the top of their game.

Less people on the course to conflict with.

Matches up with other New England States.

Athletic Director (Boys)

To many sports for boys in the spring.

Athletic Director (Boys)

An additional sport for the fall for the boys who currently only have 3 to choose from is big for us.

Athletic Director (Boys)

More even distribution of boys and girls teams in the fall season.

Athletic Director (Boys)

More flexibility of Rescheduling on golf matches in both the fall and spring.

Athletic Director (Both)

Would make the spring time easier since we offer other sports at that time

Athletic Director (Both)

Less buses in spring

Early spring wet and cold

kids coming off summer play - better prepared

Athletic Director (Both)

It's advantageous for golfers to play at the end of their season as opposed to the beginning. Players are better prepared for competition.

Athletic Director (Boys)

Better weather, better for golfers. Since they play all summer they begin the season in better golfing condition

Athletic Director (Boys)

Better course conditions, less traffic from public players as matches proceed through the season

Athletic Director (Boys)

2. Golf courses are more accessible, no leagues and we could play on Sat afternoons.

3. 16 matches could be played in 6 weeks, thus shortening the season and save on coach's compensation. Plus the weather is historically better in Sept and Oct than Apr and May.

4. State Championships could be played on week-end, one less day of missing classes. Try to play the last part of Oct.

5. As for NE Tournament, it would only affect 8 players for all 4 divisions and they could play in Jun. As it is now the NE Tournament conflicts with final exams and graduation.

Athletic Director (Both)

more baseball and softball players could participate...weather little more predictable...less last minute cancellations...

might be cheaper for schools...should be best golf if kids play all summer...

Coach (Boys)

Less leagues are playing at that time.

It would not interfere with college use.

Coach (Neither)

better weather to start season

Coach (Boys)

Since a fall season would allow for better playing conditions for the entire season (including tryouts) then it should allow for better scores which then might result in better college opportunities for the golfer.

Coach (Neither)

THE GOLF PROFESSIONALS WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF THE FALL BECAUSE THEIR GOLF LEAGUE SCHEDULES ARE OVER AT THIS TIME.

Coach (Neither)

Weather- However, this is New England.

Coach (Boys)

There is more availability in course use during the fall as opposed to the fall.

Players would have played during the summer so we could spend less time at the beginning of the season for practice.

Coach (Neither)

Weather becomes more enjoyable as the season progresses.

Coach (Both)

Players will be in mid-season form and receive a fair evaluation before making the team. Players will be able to showcase skills to a level that is true to the athletes abilities.

Coach (Boys)

Adds more space for boys and girls at the course

Coach (Boys)

I have favored moving golf to the Fall for many years, for many of the reasons listed. However, I became even more interested in the Fall season with the advent of girls golf in recent years. While the OCR statement might be an important concern, I believe the OCR must also consider the that having girls and boys golf in the same season must ultimately lead to conflict between the two for tee times/practice, etc. While the schools may have to consider Title IX issues, the courses are under no such restraint. My fear is that eventually the boys and girls

may both be forced to limit/reduce practices and matches as courses begin to simply allot blocks of time to high schools, forcing the two teams to split available times.

At present, it seems that girls golf has stopped growing, but should it start growing again, conflict is inevitable at some courses. Having the girls and boys play golf in different seasons might allow girls golf to expand more easily, and at the same time balance girls and boys opportunities (Fall/Spring) in Connecticut.

Coach (Boys)

Courses will be in playable shape from start of season

Won't have to compete for practice course time/range time with as many teams

less distractions

Allow course to sell more times to public

Coach (Neither)

None, I see no clear advantage.

Coach (Boys)

Though there were more Cons, the Pros were heavier.

Coach (Boys)

Better course availability, players are in top playing form. Better weather.

Coach (Boys)

There will be less competition for limited resources (courses) if boys are moved. As now we have 5 teams at our course (2 Varsity girls, 2 JV boys, 1 Varsity boys).

Every pro I have spoken to (4) is in favor.

Students who now chose to play baseball or lacross over golf will now be able to play golf in the fall.

Our students who are good enough to play in college will have an extra season (fall) to show their skills/scores to potential college coaches, as most students are accepted in the winter/spring.

Coach (Boys)

Players are at their peak at the end of the summer, as opposed to April.

Decision to change should be made based on what is best for the athletes, not the convenience of coaches to coach two sports and lose one if season is changed.

Weather is not an issue (see Massachusetts and other New England states w/ Fall golf.)

Two week "practice" is irrelevant since players have a 10 week pre-season of playing all summer.

Since we are guests at most courses, the overwhelming consensus among pros and superintendents is to play in the fall. (we should be accommodating guests.)

Courses are in better shape in September than in April.

On average, temperatures are higher from Sept to Nov than from April to June.

On average, rainfall is higher from Sept. to Nov. than from April to June.

The bias against Northern golfers can be reduced.

Coach (Boys)

Potential for athletes in college recruiting, utilizing their senior year performance.

Golf course availability (limited as it is currently) would be improved for makeups and league tournaments etc.

Coach (Boys)

1) Better course availability and conditions

2) Performance will be enhanced b/c boys would be coming off of golf all summer which should lead to more college interest.

3) Golf courses are overwhelmed with both boys and girls teams competing in the Spring.

4) IT MAKES SENSE.....

Coach (Both)

- Warmer Weather

- Players have been playing all summer long and will be fresh and prepared to start the season.

Coach (Boys)

1. Players have played since Spring- better quality golf
2. Better availability of practice tee-times and match times
3. Less rain- no April showers

Coach (Both)

As a northern CT school, I typically have found that we are still melting snow off of our courses for two to three weeks after the season starts. Schools closer to the coast often begin practice at the first date to begin practices allowing them 2 to 3 weeks advantage over the schools in the northern parts of the state.

Coach (Neither)

I can not think of any.

Coach (Boys)

Having boys (or girls) Not both, play in the Fall would allow for easier scheduling and easier re-scheduling of make-up matches.

More quality practices could take place because there would be less players vying for golf course resources.

Coach (Boys)

Better course access.

Players can have time to work on their games over the summer.

There is no vacation week.

Coach (Neither)

Who doesn't love golf ANYtime of the year??

Coach (Neither)

Better weather.

Better conditions.

Longer Season.

Coach (Neither)

In the spring after being cooped up all winter the kids enthusiasm to get to the course is tremendous. We can't keep them away -- they still want to go out and play when it's raining.

Principal (Both)

Student-athletes are coming off playing all summer and are in better "golf shape" than they would be coming from the winter season.

Principal (Boys)

It will help with our transportation issues in the spring.

Principal (Boys)

It would help us coordinate use of the course we now use.

Principal (Boys)

Move the girls season to the fall if the girls swim season can move to the winter or move girls volleyball to the spring.

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Athletic Director (Boys)
None that I can think of.

Athletic Director (Both)
The athletic director has more sports in the fall than in the spring, so his availability to play in the fall is lessened also.

Athletic Director (Neither)
We checked with the Alling Memorial golf course administration. The course would not be available to us during the Fall.

Athletic Director (Neither)
Our boy's golf team play fall sports.

Athletic Director (Boys)
The number of offerings for girls in the fall makes it difficult to add girls golf. On the other hand there are less offerings for boys.

Athletic Director (Neither)
Loss of staff (due to other commitments during the fall season)

Athletic Director (Boys)
The weather getting colder and lack of light.

Athletic Director (Neither)
Our course has many tournaments in the fall

Athletic Director (Neither)
Additional financial costs due to forming two teams in place of a co-ed team -- bus transportation, coaching salary.

Athletic Director (Neither)
I am the golf commissioner for the SCC and most of our schools said it would be better to play in the spring.

Athletic Director (Boys)
As far as girls going to the fall, I believe we get many girls from field hockey to play golf and this may be the demise of our girls program if golf was in the fall.

Athletic Director (Neither)
We are not sure of our home golf course is available in the fall.

Athletic Director (Both)
Golf course space would be a problem, but we would work to find a solution

Athletic Director (Both)
Loss of daylight
Loss of balls due to leaves and fall debris -- longer matches looking for balls
Not playing in New England

Athletic Director (Neither)
There are several schools in our league (SCC) whose public courses would not be available in the fall. At our league meeting the majority of coaches want the season to remain in the spring.

Athletic Director (Neither)
Golf course has more private outings and tournaments scheduled in the fall than in the spring

Athletic Director (Neither)
-Weather (Shortened season)
-Course allows 40 kids to be on the team in the spring. Court would allow less in the Fall

Athletic Director (Boys)

Poor weather possible during most important events, like conference and state tournaments

Athletic Director (Both)

aeration much later than this...

very few qualify for NE CHampionship

Coach (Boys)

Number of teams losing players to other fall sports.

Coach (Neither)

worse weather to end season

Coach (Boys)

Some courses aerate in the spring and fall. So this could be a problem for a fall season.

Coach (Neither)

Golf in late fall! It is difficult to stay warm in soccer. Now we want golfers to possibly play a state tournament in colder weather especially in

the northern part of the state. Much more opportunity for available times at golf courses in the spring. Most courses don't have big events until after Memorial Day. Our season is just about over!

Coach (Neither)

Moving Golf to the fall will impact participants who enjoy Football, Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country.

Coaches that coach Golf in the spring and another sport in the fall will be adversely affected

Coach (Neither)

Scheduling. It is difficult to schedule makeup dates as the season progresses, because that is when courses start to get busy and ready for their season.

Weather gets progressive worse as the season progresses.

Makes young students choose between sports that they have already participated in, if they have already found themselves on Fall and Spring teams.

Coach (Boys)

Some Boys may not play

Coach (Neither)

If we move to the Fall we will loose access to our home course. We have a small school and I will loose 3-5 members of an 8 person team to other Fall sports.

Coach (Neither)

I coach volleyball, which is a fall sport.

Some of my golfers play soccer in the fall.

The state tournament would need to be in October to have a shot at decent weather.

Coach (Neither)

Have you considered the impact on coaches, how many golf coaches also coach another sport in the fall? I do.

Coach (Boys)

I honestly feel this survey a waste of time because the decision by the state committees to "keep things they way we've always done them" and the self serving interest of some coaches to protect their coaching positions in other sports, still prevails. I don't feel that the student-athletes opportunities to play at their best, under the best conditions, are honestly being considered. The selfish interests of coaches and the obstinance of the "old boy network" will defeat this and the bias against Connecticut high school golfers around the country, and - most regretably- in their own state will allow this unfortunate situation to continue. Sad. I also challenge someone reading this to read it at the final presentation.

Coach (Neither)

daylight hours in the fall to complete matches.
competition with other fall sports is a factor in our small school.

Coach (Neither)

The weather or the tournaments (league and state) is likely to be worse than what we have in the spring. Getting into mid to late October can also bring cold and wet conditions, the kind we have in the early season (spring) now. Not ideal for gold championships

Coach (Boys)

Cold weather post season.

Coach (Neither)

Moving the Boys season would impact negatively CHAPPA tournament
Fall Daylight hours are decreasing and would impact the later afternoon starts.
Compete with two large sports in Fall in Soccer and Football.

Coach (Neither)

Availability of another course.
Availability of funds for the golf program if we had to pay green fees at another course.

Coach (Neither)

1. 10 players on golf team, 3 of top 5 are on State Championship X-C team while 6 others play soccer.
2. Days get longer in the spring and shorter in the fall
3. April sunset ave 7:30.....Oct 16th 6:15 and Oct. 31st 5:54
4. The weather ALWAYS gets better in the spring and worse in the fall.
5. Ave temp in May(69)and June(76)as opposed to Oct.(62)and Nov.(51)
6. Ave precip in inches in May(3.96)and June(4.25) as opposed to Oct.(4.54) and Nov.(4.56) 7. Ave precip in April and Sept are the same
8. The conflict with April vacation is A JOKE!!! If we were concerned about conflicts with april vacation then how do you explain the winter season that has 2 vacations during the season...WEAK ARGUMENT.
9. My golf team would suffer tremendously b/c of the strong X-C team (2 time class S Champs)and the history of the soccer program.
10. Our course wants us to tee off by 2pm meaning any team playing us would get out of school at 1pm for a match.

Coach (Neither)

Most of my team members play tournament golf all summer -- by the fall they are a little "burned out." Only the very best players continue to play all fall. Also in October problems with courses clearing leaves.

Principal (Neither)

Should not move forward if only one conference is asking to do this.

Principal (Both)

Would the various courses be available at that time of the year knowing that, in the past, they have set aside specific times for high school golf practices and matches in the spring?

Principal (Neither)

Adding another sport to our fall programming will be detrimental

Principal (Neither)

Course availability will be limited in the early fall at our local course.

We will have more conflicts with other fall sports.

Principal (Neither)

My main concern is taking opportunities away for athletes to participate in fall sports. Most of our golfers participate in a fall sport now. Coaches may coach a fall sport currently as well.

Principal (Neither)

Yes you would be playing the State Championship tournamnets in colder waether rather then warmer weather in June. Leaves will slow down play and day light savings is an issue. Fall is alsos a time that many course have outings and tie up the course especially in September and early october.

Principal (Neither)

Moving to the fall creates a move to a season that has ever decreasing daylight hours vs spring golf.