

Section VII Girls Golf NYSPHSAA Qualifying Structure

Split-season model

Purpose: Section VII will qualify girls golfers for the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship through a split-season structure aligned to the CVAC fall season and MVAC spring season. Section VII will use a score-based standard while preserving a maximum State team of nine golfers.

Component	2026–27 School Year	2027–28 School Year and Beyond
CVAC Pathway	CVAC girls may qualify in the fall qualifying round.	CVAC girls may qualify in the fall qualifying round.
MVAC Pathway	MVAC girls may qualify in the spring qualifying round.	MVAC girls may qualify in the spring qualifying round.
Score Standard	A score of 105 or lower makes a golfer eligible for State qualification.	A score of 103 or lower makes a golfer eligible for State qualification.
If 9 or fewer golfers meet the standard	All eligible golfers meeting the standard qualify for the NYSPHSAA Championship.	All eligible golfers meeting the standard qualify for the NYSPHSAA Championship.
If more than 9 golfers meet the standard	Section VII qualifies the 9 lowest scores from the designated Section VII qualifying rounds.	Section VII qualifies the 9 lowest scores from the designated Section VII qualifying rounds.

Policy Language

Section VII Girls Golf shall use a score-based qualifying standard for the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship. For the **2026–27 school year**, the qualifying standard shall be **105 or lower**. Beginning with the **2027–28 school year**, the qualifying standard shall be **103 or lower**.

If **9 or fewer** eligible golfers meet the qualifying standard, all golfers meeting the standard shall qualify for the NYSPHSAA Championship. If **more than 9** eligible golfers meet the qualifying standard, Section VII shall qualify the **9 golfers with the lowest scores** from the designated Section VII qualifying rounds.

CVAC girls golfers shall qualify through the **fall** qualifying round and MVAC girls golfers shall qualify through the **spring** qualifying round.

Section VII will assume both qualifying rounds are conducted on the **same course**, from the **same tees**, and under the **same format** when comparing scores across seasons.

If there is a tie for the **final qualifying position**, tied golfers from the same qualifying event shall participate in a playoff when possible. If the tie involves golfers from different seasons, Section VII may conduct a **spring play-in playoff** prior to the NYSPHSAA Championship. If a playoff is not practical, the tie shall be broken by **matching scorecards** using back 9, last 6, last 3, and final hole scores.

All golfers must satisfy NYSPHSAA and Section VII eligibility requirements, minimum participation requirements, and any published tournament entry standards.