

Section VII Boys Golf NYSPHSAA Qualifying Structure

Split-season model

Purpose: Section VII will qualify its nine boys golfers for the NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Championship through a split-season structure aligned to the CVAC fall season and MVAC spring season, while preserving a clear access point for eligible golfers from both leagues.

Component	Fall Season - CVAC	Spring Season - MVAC
Day 1	CVAC Team Championship	MVAC Team Championship
Day 2 Field	Top one-third of the Day 1 individual field, rounded up as needed and including all ties at the cut line; also includes eligible returning MVAC golfers described in the transition and ongoing access provisions below.	Top one-third of the Day 1 individual field, rounded up as needed and including all ties at the cut line; also includes eligible fall near-miss golfers described below.
Day 2 Format	18-hole individual NYSPHSAA qualifying round	18-hole individual NYSPHSAA qualifying round
State Qualifiers	Top 7 Day 2 finishers qualify for the NYSPHSAA Championship.	Top 2 Day 2 finishers qualify, plus any additional positions released by fall qualifiers who cannot attend States.
Selection Basis	State qualifying placements are based on Day 2 results only.	State qualifying placements are based on Day 2 results only.

State Team Summary

Source	Qualifiers	Notes
Fall qualifier	7	Qualified on Fall Day 2
Spring qualifier	2 + released fall spots	Base allocation of 2; increases if fall qualifiers decline
Total State team	9 golfers	Section VII Representatives

Key Provisions

- 1. Fall declaration deadline:** Fall State qualifiers must declare their intent to attend the NYSPHSAA Championship no later than one week before the spring qualifier.
- 2. Released fall spots:** If one or more fall qualifiers cannot attend States, those position(s) are added to the spring qualifier. Example: if one fall qualifier declines, the spring qualifier advances three golfers instead of two.
- 3. Transition rule — Fall 2026 only:** For Fall 2026 only, eligible MVAC golfers who finished in the top 14 at the most recent spring Section VII qualifier will receive automatic entry into the Fall Day 2 qualifier.
- 4. Ongoing fall-to-spring access:** CVAC golfers finishing 8th-14th on Fall Day 2 automatically qualify for the following Spring Day 2 qualifier. If any choose not to attend, Section VII will not backfill with finishers 15th or lower.
- 5. Ongoing spring-to-fall access:** Beginning after the Spring 2027 qualifier, eligible MVAC underclassmen finishing 3rd-8th on Spring Day 2 automatically qualify for the following Fall Day 2 qualifier. If any choose not to attend, Section VII will not backfill beyond 8th place.
- 6. Eligibility:** All golfers must satisfy NYSPHSAA and Section VII eligibility requirements, minimum participation requirements, and any published tournament entry standards.