

Criteria for Golf Polls

The golf committee members use data driven information when voting for the Co-ed/Boys and Girls State Polls. The following items are considered in the rankings:

1. **Team Score** - total of 4 best scores, as reported by school
2. **Score to par** - the difference between a team's total score and par for the course played.
3. **Course Slope** - difficulty difference of a course between a bogey golfer and a scratch golfer
4. **Course Rating** - the score a scratch golfer should shoot at the course
5. **Scoring Differential** - a formula which takes into account the above four criteria
6. **Wins/Loses/Ties**

All of the above is calculated on a running average throughout the season. The information is taken directly from the Match Response Forms that coaches submit after each match. Each division has a representative on the committee who organizes the information and presents a summary to the committee each week. The voting is tabulated by the following:

1st - 8 points

2nd - 7

3rd - 6

4th - 5

5th - 4

6th - 3

7th - 2

8th - 1

The numbers are totaled for each team and are what is shown under "Votes" on the poll. The poll shows 8 teams of which 6 will make the tournament at the end of the season.

The Girls Division Poll follows the same criteria. The only difference being there are 10 teams in the polls and 8 teams will make the tournament. The points start at 10 for a first place vote down to 1 for a tenth place vote.