

Girls Golf Coaches,

I have had some concerns voiced to me that because of the way this girls golf season is set up there may be some issues with players getting the required number of rounds in. I asked the Tournament Director, Dick Bennett to search for a method to address this possible situation. He has spoken with Kevin Purcell who is the Executive Director of the NJSGA for advice on this matter. Kevin's response is below:

Due to a shortened schedule and unpredictable weather, you may have to use uncompleted nine-hole rounds when determining who qualifies. A minimum of **Seven holes** must be completed to use this formula. The solution proposed below makes sense given the circumstances:

Score, divided by holes played, multiplied by 9 (rounding up to the whole number)

For Example- score 29 divided by 7 holes played x9

29/7 4.142 x 9 =37.285 round up to 38 – score for round would be 38

This is a simple calculation of a potential nine-hole score based on the days play. The World Handicap System (WHS) provides a different method of completing a round, but it is based on the players handicap and not all the girls have a handicap. The objective of the WHS rule is to complete the round so the score can be posted. This method does the same.

Every effort should be made for rounds to be completed on the golf course not by calculation.

If a player or school plays 6 matches or more, only completed 9 hole scores will be used for qualification into the tournament.

The fairest way is to let the girls play. However, when circumstances arise that don't allow this, the proposed method offers a solution. And that is what is needed.

*****This system will only be used for the 2021 Spring Season.*****

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