



GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN

ALL STATE PROCESS

All State Selection

The committee will evaluate all nominated athletes and select the following:

Player of the Year

- One player of the year selected from all nominees regardless of division

First, Second, and Third Team All State

- First, Second, and Third Team All-State will be comprised of athletes across all divisions with the total number of honorees falling within the following guidelines:
 - First Team All State (Boys 7 - 9 players, Girls 6 - 8 players)
 - Second Team All State (Boys 7 - 9 players, Girls 6 - 8 players)
 - Third Team All State (Boys 7 - 9 players, Girls 6 - 8 players)

Honorable Mention

The committee will select Honorable Mention All State on a per division basis with the total number of honorees falling within the guidelines outlined below:

- Boys Honorable Mention:
 - Division 1: 15 - 30 players
 - Division 2: 15 - 25 players
 - Division 3: 15 - 25 players
- Girls Honorable Mention
 - Division 1: 15 - 30 players
 - Division 2: 5 - 15 players

•••The Committee may recognize fewer than the minimum allowance should the total number of nominees not support the provided guidelines. If maximum number of players is not reached in a division, the remaining number of selections can be allocated by the committee to a different division.

Guiding State Coaches

As a tool to assist state coaches in the decision of whether or not to nominate their student athletes, the GCAW will share standardized scoring average ranges for all-state honorees in previous years. Names will not be attached to these nominees.

For Example: 2025 Boys All State

First Team All-State:

- Standardized Scoring Average of 72.16 - 74

Second Team All-State:

- Standardized Scoring Average of 74 - 75.05

Third Team All-State:

- Standardized Scoring Average of 75.08 - 76.10

Honorable Mention

- Standardized Scoring Average of 76.23 - 78.16

All State Selection Criteria

Criteria on which players are evaluated include the following:

Our most important criteria in the selection process is standardized scoring average: An 18 hole standardized scoring average will be calculated for all nominees based on scores, course yardage, ratings and slopes provided. For further explanation on the standardization procedure please see [Appendix A](#).

Other factors considered by the committee during the selection process:

- State Tournament Finish
- Postseason Standardized Scoring Average
- Placement at Regionals and Sectionals
- Conference Placement (Player of the Year, All Conference, etc)
- Invitationals (Size of Field, Quality of Competition, etc)
- Consistency of play throughout the season
- Head to head competition with other nominated players
- Number of events played in during the regular season
- Sportsmanship and appropriate representation of the rules and etiquette of golf

Athletes that have missed matches during the present season because of an athletic code violation or any other conduct unbecoming will be ineligible for All-State Selection.

All forms must be completed and turned in on time.

Coaches must be paid members of the GCAW at the time of nomination.

Appendix A: Standardized Scoring Calculation

GCAW All-State selection guidelines require the committee to look at raw scoring average and the difficulty of courses played by each nominee. In an effort to objectify the scoring data submitted for each player, the committee uses the WSGA course rating database and USGA Handicap Index formula to standardize all scoring data. Nominating coaches are required to submit all scores and specific course information, including: specific 9's played (front, back, etc), tees played, exact yardage played, course rating for tees played, slope rating for yardage played. All data supplied will be verified by the committee for accuracy and necessary adjustment, prior to standardizing the scores. Once all course data is verified, the USGA Handicap Index formula will be used to calculate a USGA index for each score. A baseline of 36 per each 9 holes played is then added to that score, to standardize it against all other nominees. The nominee's adjusted (Standardized) scoring average is the average of all 18-hole standardized equivalents for the season (a score in a 9 hole event counts as ½ of an 18-hole equivalent). Below is a sample of how the standardization would work: John plays in 3 events during the season.

In EVENT ONE John shoots 38 for 9-holes on a course with a course rating of 36.2 and a slope rating of 125. Using the USGA Handicap Index formula and the baseline of 36, John's adjusted score for the event would be $((38-36.2)*(113/125)*.96) +36 = 37.56$ for (1/2) an 18-hole equivalent.

In EVENT TWO John Shoots 80 for 18-holes on a course with a course rating of 69.6 and a slope of 113. Using the USGA Handicap Index formula and the baseline of 72, John's adjusted score for the event would be $((80-69.6)*(113/113)*.96) +72 = 81.98$ for (1) 18-hole equivalent.

In EVENT THREE John Shoots 145 for 36-holes on two different courses, one with a course rating of 70.6 and a slope of 123 and the other with a course rating of 70.0 and a slope rating of 118. Using the USGA Handicap Index formula and a baseline of 144, John's adjusted score for the event would be $((145-140.6)*(113/\text{average of } 123+118)*.96) +144 = 147.96$ for (2) 18-hole equivalents. John's raw (actual) season average is 75.4, while his adjusted season average is 76.42 based on three and a half 18-hole equivalent scores.