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LOUISVILLE - The Bluegrass Golf Foundation (BGF) has developed a recognition program for high school golf. Results from events are used to determine Bluegrass Golf All-Stars and Honorable Mentions. A total of 112 boys and girls are recognized as Bluegrass Golf All-Stars with an additional 67 players recognized as Honorable Mentions.

“One of the primary goals of the Bluegrass Golf Foundation is to support players wishing to pursue golf at the collegiate level, and the Bluegrass Golf All-Star program provides another opportunity to assist high school golfers with building their resume,” said Chris Redle, Executive Director of the BGF. “The rankings formula used by the BGF is the first system that rewards players shooting lower scores. By combining regular season events with the Regional and State Championship results, players from every region have the chance to receive recognition as an All-Star or Honorable Mention.”

The ranking system combines points earned in the best five (5) high school regular season events, Regional Tournament, and State Tournament. Bonus points are awarded for all players with a score of -3 or better as well as players with scores between -2 and +1. Yardage requirements are consistent with expectations for other recognition programs. The points system focuses on complete transparency with at least three All-Stars and two Honorable Mentions from each high school golf region.

Each of the All-Stars will receive a membership with the Bluegrass Golf Tour and an invitation to compete in the Cullan Brown Invitational which helps support the Cullan Brown Memorial West Kentucky Junior Golf Development Fund. Dates for the 2021 Invitational will be announced in the next few weeks, but the target is a mid- to late-July date as a potential preview shortly before the start of the high school season. College players are included with the Cullan Brown Invitational providing graduating seniors the chance to compete with college players after finishing their high school career.

All-Stars and Honorable Mentions will be listed through the [Kentucky High School and Junior Golf](#) website. The website was developed by a group wishing to share additional resources for high school and junior golf in Kentucky. The Bluegrass Golf Foundation was not involved with the creation of the website, but the site allows for transparency with the process used to determine All-Stars and Honorable Mentions. Information will also be posted on the [Bluegrass Golf Tour](#) website.

“Congratulations to the first group of Bluegrass Golf All-Stars and Honorable Mentions, and we hope to see everyone competing with the Bluegrass Golf Tour and the Cullan Brown Invitational,” added Redle. “This recognition should not take away from any awards presented by other organizations or groups, and the list of players provides recognition of top talent in each of Kentucky’s golf regions. I look forward to showcasing junior and college golf in Kentucky through BGT events!”

ABOUT THE BLUEGRASS GOLF FOUNDATION: The Bluegrass Golf Foundation was founded in 2018 to promote regional tournament programs with a focus on growing the game of golf. The Foundation will assist players wishing to pursue golf at the collegiate level by providing guidance and educational opportunities focused on preparing them for this experience. For more information about the Bluegrass Golf Foundation, please reach out to Chris Redle at CRedle@BluegrassGolfTour.com.

ABOUT KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR GOLF: The website was created in 2020 to provide additional resources for junior golfers highlighting tournament schedules and rankings. The site provides recognition for All Region teams using scoring, course ratings and slope to support the rankings. For more information about the website, please reach out to kentuckyjrgolf@gmail.com.

BLUEGRASS GOLF ALL-STARS (112 players)

Region 1 (Boys): Jay Nimmo (Marshall County), Peyton Purvis (St. Mary), Hunter Reynolds (Trigg County), Rocco Zakutney (St. Mary)

Region 1 (Girls): Trinity Beth (Marshall County), Savannah Howell (Marshall County), Megan Hertter (Marshall County), Madison Glisson (McCracken County), Mary Browder Howell (Murray), Cathryn Brown (Lyon County)

Region 2 (Boys): Jackson Hill (Madisonville-North Hopkins), Jakob Wellman (Owensboro Catholic), Grant Puckett (Webster County)

Region 2 (Girls): Macey Brown (Apollo), Kaitlyn Zieba (Madisonville-North Hopkins), Cate Blane (Hopkinsville)

Region 3 (Boys): Charlie Reber (Bowling Green), Jacob Lang (Greenwood), Chase Wilson (Franklin-Simpson), Dalton Fiveash (Franklin-Simpson)

Region 3 (Girls): Faith Martin (South Warren), Abbie Lee (Glasgow), McKenna Stahl (South Warren), Nina McMurtrey (Glasgow), Emma Harmon (Greenwood)

Region 4 (Boys): Luke Coyle (Taylor County), Colten Wilson (Boyle County), Seth Smith (Taylor County), Hayes Mason (Taylor County)

Region 4 (Girls): Madison Borders (Thomas Nelson), Alexis Daniels (Thomas Nelson), McKenzie Trautman (Russell County)

Region 5 (Boys): Allan Lockwood (Central Hardin), Andrew Bennett (DeSales), Carson Childress (LaRue County)

Region 5 (Girls): Macie Brown (Bullitt East), Hailey Coleman (North Hardin), Paige Gray (Central Hardin), Ella Scherer (North Hardin)

Region 6 (Boys): Jackson Finney (St. Xavier), Matthew Troutman (Christian Academy-LOU), Michael Long (Trinity), Ben Wulkopf (Trinity), Drew Wallace (North Oldham)

Region 6 (Girls): Grace Clark (Shelby County), Abigail Sutherland (Sacred Heart Academy), Isabella Wiley (Shelby County), Grace Walker (Christian Academy-LOU), Emily Warner (Sacred Heart Academy), Jenna Estravillo (Whitefield Academy), Hannah Talbott (Christian Academy-LOU), Janie Morgan (Sacred Heart Academy), Emily Allen (Shelby County)

Region 7 (Boys): Rylan Wotherspoon (Cooper), Ian Asch (Covington Catholic), Ryan Butler (St. Henry), Christopher Harpum (Ryle), Barry Alexander (Walton-Verona), Mason Butler (St. Henry)

Region 7 (Girls): Reagan Ramage (Cooper), Eva Maley (Cooper), Kendall Brissey (Cooper)

Region 8 (Boys): Justin Gabbard (Highlands), Tyler Mitts (Grant County), Luke Muller (Highlands)

Region 8 (Girls): Maddi Hudson (Grant County), KJ Toole (Highlands), Lilly Baumann (Owen County), Ellie Rowland (Highlands), Laura Tatum (Grant County), Victoria Camacho (Grant County)

Region 9 (Boys): Clay Pendergrass (Madison Central), McKean Collins (Lexington Christian Academy), Warren Thomis (Madison Central), Charlie Spiller (Lexington Catholic), Grey Goff (Lexington Christian Academy), Alex Bennett (Great Crossing), Cameron Bassel (Lexington Christian Academy)

Region 9 (Girls): Elizabeth Eberle (Madison Central), Casey Powell (Paul Laurence Dunbar), Mary Keene Marrs (Lexington Christian Academy), Christy Ann Carter (Lexington Christian Academy), Carter Lankford (Lexington Christian Academy), Claira Ramsey (Madison Central), Kyla Lunsford (Henry Clay)

Region 10 (Boys): CJ Corum (Clay County), Kannon Tucker (Somerset), Gehrig Sexton (Wayne County), Justin Begley (Clay County), Gage Gregory (Wayne County), Eli Fischer (Corbin), Brayden Reed (South Laurel)

Region 10 (Girls): Riley Clark (Rockcastle County), Anna New (Pulaski County), Lauren Worley (Pulaski County)

Region 11 (Boys): Zach Watterson (Lee County), Cam Roberts (Pikeville), Kade Benton (Estill County), Weston Miller (Breathitt County)

Region 11 (Girls): Izzy Christy (Paintsville), Sophia Beverly (Shelby Valley), Maddie Jo Benton (Estill County)

Region 12 (Boys): Logan Liles (Lewis County), Dylan Stultz (Greenup County), Logan McCormick (Montgomery County), Connor Calhoun (Ashland Blazer), Logan Shepherd (Mason County), Mason Butler (Mason County), Matthew Tomolonis (East Carter)

Region 12 (Girls): Kate Hanni (Ashland Blazer), Morgan Kennedy (Boyd County), Tessa Leibee (Russell)

BLUEGRASS GOLF HONORABLE MENTIONS (67)

Region 1 (Boys): Camdyn McLeod (Marshall County), Trey Wall (Marshall County)

Region 1 (Girls): Ellie West (Graves County), Katie Roberts (Marshall County)

Region 2 (Boys): Nolan Nofsinger (Muhlenberg County), Aaron Munger (Madisonville-North Hopkins), James Folz (Hopkinsville)

Region 2 (Girls): Holly Holton (Daviness County), Anna Fort (Hopkinsville), Mary Ann Lyons (Apollo)

Region 3 (Boys): Nathan Oliver (Greenwood), Chase Hodges (South Warren)

Region 3 (Girls): Allie McCoy (Glasgow), Reagan Richardson (Bowling Green), Bree Russell (Barren County), Sydney McClanahan (South Warren)

Region 4 (Boys): Ethan Loghry (West Jessamine), Adam Kehoe (Taylor County), Clay Anderson (Russell County)

Region 4 (Girls): Maggie Cerquiera (Boyle County), Baylee Allen (Green County)

Region 5 (Boys): Gabe Shelley (Spencer County), Kaleb Martin (Spencer County)

Region 5 (Girls): Haley English (Meade County), Sydney Shouse (Pleasure Ridge Park), Katie Gray (Central Hardin)

Region 6 (Boys): Sam Guest (Collins), Derek Limberg (Trinity), Evan Beery (Oldham County), Micah Bertram (Ballard), Andreas Olsen (Trinity), Riley Bender (St. Xavier)

Region 6 (Girls): Alexis Haller (Collegiate), Ella Hardy (Assumption)

Region 7 (Boys): Evan Stewart (Cooper), Ben McDaniel (Ryle), Kevin Tobergte (St. Henry)

Region 7 (Girls): Skylar Anderson (Cooper), Hannah Dargie (Ryle), Natalie Lovell (Notre Dame Academy)

Region 8 (Boys): Joel Craft (Highlands), Joe Hamilton (Owen County), Korey Blake (Bourbon County)

Region 8 (Girls): Emily Bertram (Pendleton County), Heidi Stedam (Owen County)

Region 9 (Boys): Mason Hamrick (Richmond Model), Cooper Eberle (Madison Central), Carl Space (Frederick Douglass)

Region 9 (Girls): Morgan Shown (Bryan Station), Miller Luhan (Henry Clay), Taylor Brennan (Bryan Station), Layla George (Paul Laurence Dunbar), Ashley McLaughlin (Lexington Catholic), Lydia Harrel (Madison Central)

Region 10 (Boys): Jacob Stevens (Somerset), Harley Davidson (Clay County)

Region 10 (Girls): Elivia Marcum (Clay County), Brooke Hopkins (Pulaski County), Avery Janutolo (Clay County)

Region 11 (Boys): Isaac Napier (Estill County), Andrew Elam (Estill County)

Region 11 (Girls): Cailin Lindon (Hazard), Emily Lawson (Pike County Central)

Region 12 (Boys): Kaden Grooms (Mason County), Gunner Cassity (Russell)

Region 12 (Girls): Cambria Burke (Greenup County), Lauren Nolty (East Carter)

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS FORMULA

To provide complete transparency, regular season events receive points based on field size, course yardage, and scoring bonus. All ties will receive points for the tied position. The best five (5) regular season point totals for each player are combined with Regional Tournament and State Tournament results to determine individual rankings. Future consideration will be given to awarding additional places based on strength of field rankings.

Field Size: Events will be placed into point tiers based on the number of players that start an event. All 2020 events were recognized regardless of tee time gaps or pairing methods approved by local health officials, and tiers were adjusted for COVID-19 restrictions. Standard field size and points:

- **Large Field (72+ Players):** Points awarded to Top 10 places at 75, 65, 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25.
- **Medium Field (54-71 Players):** Points awarded to Top 8 places at 70, 60, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25.
- **Small Field (32-53 Players):** Points awarded to Top 6 places at 65, 55, 45, 35, 30, 25.

Yardage: Minimum yardage requirements apply to course set-up in relation to par or maximum yardage at the course. Events failing to meet minimum yardage requirements will have 10 points per position deducted from the player point totals.

- **Par 72+:** 6500+ yards for Boys and 5400+ yards for Girls (or maximum course yardage)
- **Par 71:** 6350+ yards for Boys and 5250+ yards for Girls (or maximum course yardage)
- **Par 70 or lower:** 6200+ yards for Boys and 5100+ yards for Girls (or maximum course yardage)

Scoring Bonus: Any player achieving lower scores in relation to par will receive scoring bonus points added to the field size points. Scoring bonuses will be awarded to postseason competitions. If the event is a 2-Day stroke play event, scoring bonuses may be earned each day. Scoring bonuses awarded as follows:

- **-3 or better:** Additional 20 points
- **Between -2 and +1:** Additional 10 points

Regional Tournament: Each Regional Tournament participant would be eligible for "Scoring Bonus" points. Regional points are added to the best 5 regular season points. Points awarded to the Top 15 places at 150, 120, 100, 90, 80, 70, 65, 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25. Each Regional Champion (and ties) is guaranteed a spot on the All-Star listing.

State Tournament: Each State Tournament participant would be eligible for "Scoring Bonus" points each day. State points are added to the best 5 regular season points and Regional points. Points awarded to the Top 25 places at 250, 220, 200, 180, 170, 160, 150, 140, 130, 120, 110, 100, 90, 80, 75, 70, 65, 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25.

Bluegrass Golf All-Stars: In the final rankings following the State Championship, the Top 50 players (and ties) and Regional Champions (and ties) will be Bluegrass Golf All-Stars. Rankings are extended to include at least three players from each region are recognized as All-Stars.

Bluegrass Golf Honorable Mentions: In the final rankings following the State Championship, players ranked between 51 and 75 (and ties) will be Bluegrass Golf Honorable Mentions. Rankings are extended to include at least two players from each region are as Honorable Mentions.

Administration: The Bluegrass Golf All-Star rankings and formulas will be maintained by the Bluegrass Golf Foundation staff in cooperation with a Committee of coaches, media representatives and administrators committed to recognizing High School golfers.