2025 LHSAA STATE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

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LAFAYETTE – For the 10th straight year, Louisiana's best high school golfers will converge on Acadiana Monday and Tuesday as the area hosts the 2025 LHSAA state boys' and girls' golf championships.

Championship play begins Monday at 8 a.m. in three of the four boys divisions and 9 a.m. for the two girls divisions in the first of two 18-hole rounds over four different courses. Approximately 250 boys' and girls' qualifiers from last week's regional competitions are taking part in six divisions determined by enrollment.

Boys Divisions III and I will compete at The Wetlands Golf Club (6,348 yards, par 72) in Lafayette at 8 a.m. and noon respectively, while boys Division II plays at the Farm d'Allie (6,536 yards, par 72) in Carencro and boys Division IV at Cane Row Golf Club (6,291 yards, par 72) in New Iberia. Girls Division I and II girls will return to Les Vieux Chenes Golf Club (5,679 yards, par 74) in Youngsville.

Twelve regional tournaments were held across the state last Monday-Wednesday, two in each division, with the top four teams and the top four individuals not on those teams in each regional qualifying for the state championships.

The 2020 state tournament was not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but has been staged in the Acadiana area every other year since 2015 at different sites.

All six of last year's team champions made it through regional qualifying and will be trying to defend titles – although one will be in a different division. St. Thomas More of Lafayette, last year's Division II champion, moved up to Division I this year and will match up with top-division returning champion C. E. Byrd, which has won seven of the last nine titles in boys Division I.

Ascension Episcopal of Youngsville holds the longest active streak in the tournament, having won six straight titles and looking to defend its boys Division III crown. In the other boys' division, Quitman goes for two in a row after winning its first-ever title in Division IV last year.

Benton is the defending champion in girls Division I and had the best regional qualifying score, while returning girls Division II winner Ascension Christian barely made the field for this year's event.

Four of the six individual medalists are back from 2024 to defend their titles. Noah Chauvin of Ascension Episcopal, who shot 66-63—129 (15-under) to win last year's boys Division III title to lead the Blue Gators to that sixth straight title, returns along with 2024 Division IV boys champion Logan Heltz of Christ Episcopal, who won by two shots with a seven-under 67-70—137 score last year.

Both of last year's individual winners, Mattie Purgahn of Barbe and Sophia Macias of Episcopal, return in girls Divisions I and II respectively. Purgahn won a playoff with Walker's Evelyn Artiera on the first extra hole as a sophomore, while Macias won last year's Division II title by a tournament-record 29 strokes with a four-under 75-69—144 total.

The state tournaments are open to the public at no charge at all four sites. A very limited number of carts are available for rental to spectators at all four courses on a first-come, first-served basis. A coaches' meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the first tee time at each of the four courses with attendance mandatory for all coaches.

Awards will be presented to the top two teams and the top individuals in each division at each course after the conclusion of Tuesday's second and final round.