

DETERMINING QUALIFIERS

The following changes were approved at the January 2010 Annual Meeting and will affect the 2011 qualifying process:

? **Individual Qualifier Changes:**

- o Most individual sports changed from automatically qualifying the top 3 places to automatically qualifying the top 4 places in all individual sports qualify. The only exceptions are:
 - ✍ Tennis which changed to the top 3
 - ✍ Golf which is still only by meeting the MPS based on the course slope rating
 - ✍ Triathlon, Hammer Throw and Triple Jump which qualify all participants.
 - ✍ Qualifying down is still the same

? **Team Sport Qualifier Changes:**

- o Team sports now work like individual sports in terms of qualifying down.
- o The top 3 placing teams are the automatic qualifiers – the states no longer can identify the teams they want to qualify.
- o If you are an open state you may also use the qualifying down process for additional qualifications if out-of-state teams are in the top 3 places. See the qualifying down section below for more explanation.

OVERVIEW

? **Individual sports**

1st – 4th qualify in...

- ? Archery, Badminton, Bowling, Cycling Horseshoes, Race Walk, Racquetball, Road Race, Shuffleboard, Swimming, Table Tennis, and Track & Field.

1st – 3rd qualify in...

- ? Tennis

Order of finish does not apply in...

- ? **Golf** – Athletes **MUST** meet the minimum performance standard for the slope rating of your course to qualify – 1st-3rd place DOES NOT qualify an athlete. The acceptable range (Men – slope 119-126, Women – slope 113-120) with the corresponding MPS they must shoot is attached in the '2009 Min Perf Stds...' file. Please remember you must apply for an exemption if your slope rating is not within the acceptable range.
- ? **Triathlon, Hammer Throw, and Triple Jump** (All finishers qualifiers)

Minimum Performance Standards...

- ? Those who meet the MPS in Archery, Golf, Race Walk, Road Race, Swimming and Track & Field will qualify, no matter what place they finish.

Please capture data for all finishers...

- ? As always, we reserve the right to extend beyond the current qualifying standards. Please remember to keep records on all finishers for qualifying down and in case we add qualifying spots.
- ? You do not need to identify your qualifiers. If you submit all your results with their places, scores/distances/times, representing states and other personal info, the system will do the work for you and pull the correct number of qualifiers.

? **Qualifying Down – Applies to individual and team sports for open states**

If you are an open state, you may utilize qualifying down to ensure if all/some qualifying spots are taken by out-of-state competitors/teams, then that number of in-state athletes/teams will qualify as well.

I know this can be complicated, but our new system will do the work for you. I just want to try to give an overview. Please feel free to call/email with any questions about this.

EX - In a sport where the top 4 finishers qualify, they will all still qualify. However, if 2 of those people are from out-of-state you may take the next 2 finishers who are from your state. If only 1 was from out-of-state, you can take only the next in-state competitor. If all 4 were out-of-state, you may take the next 4 in-state.

? This is an example using archery in Kentucky (open state)

ATHLETE	STATE	FINISH	QUALIFIED?	REASON
John	KY	1	Yes	In Archery, 1 st -4 th always qualify no matter what state they are from
Bob	TN	2	Yes	In Archery, 1 st -4 th always qualify no matter what state they are from
Tom	OH	3	Yes	In Archery, 1 st -4 th always qualify no matter what state they are from
Joe	KY	4	Yes	In Archery, 1 st -4 th always qualify no matter what state they are from
Matt	KY	5	Yes	2 of the 4 qualifiers were from out-of-state, so 2 more in-state athletes can qualify
Jack	IN	6	No	This athlete did not finish in the top 4, nor are they from KY so they do not qualify
Mark	KY	7	Yes	2 of the 4 qualifiers were from out-of-state, so 2 more in-state athletes can qualify

? Team sports

- ✍ The top 3 teams in each age group are automatic qualifiers.
- ✍ If you are an open state, you may also qualify additional teams if any/all of the top 3 teams are from out-of-state. Qualifying down is explained in more detail above and it works the same way for teams as it does for the individual events.
- ✍ All 80+ basketball teams qualify.
- ✍ In Softball, if your state divides competition into skill categories (up to 3 for men and up to 2 for women), you may qualify 3 (or more if qualifying down applies) teams per skill category in each age-division.