

# HISTORY OF THE 4-STATE GIRLS TEAM TOURNAMENT

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I am grateful to Ann McGrevey for all the information that she shared in preparing the history of the 4-State Girls Team Tournament. The following is a proposal sent by Mrs. E.W. Geiger Jr., 425 Arch St., Leavenworth, Kansas, August 24, 1968.

The following persons were asked to consult their State golf organizations concerning interstate Junior team play: Mrs. Fred Nydle

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Our purpose would be to encourage the Junior girls to improve their golf through competition, to allow them to play different courses and to have them meet some Jr. golfers in neighboring states.

Format:

1. Team consists of 4 girls, 1 alternate and 1 coach. Girls not yet 18 yr. old at time of competition. Girls selected as each coach or state wishes.
2. 18 hole stroke play.
3. USGA Rules – this means playing the ball as it lies.
4. Points on 3-way Nausau. Ceded by coaches. Paired by ceding. Low total of 4 of 5 members for 18.
5. \$5.00 dues per team. Traveling trophy (already donated). Medals purchased each year for winning team members. No greens fees.
6. 1 competition – 4<sup>th</sup> week in June.  
Kansas – 1969  
Iowa - 1970  
Missouri – 1971  
Nebraska – 1972  
Siting as close as possible to joining of 4 states.
7. Rules Committee consists of 4 coaches.

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The following was submitted and written by Ann McGrevey:

## FOUR-STATE JUNIOR GIRL'S TOURNAMENT

### HISTORY:

The Four-State Tournament composed of a golf team from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri started in 1969 as a one-day stroke play tournament. The team entry fee was \$10.00. In 1980 the tournament changed to a two-day stroke play tournament with the medalist being determined on the first day's score. The entry fee was raised to \$15.00. The date of the tournament has been just prior to or immediately following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Each team consists of four girls, one alternate and coach or coaches. The four low scores of each team are added each day and totaled after the second day to determine the winner.

In 1989 at the coaches' meeting at Leewood South Country Club, it was voted to raise the entry fee to \$30. The entry fee buys the awards for the five girls on the winning team and the award for the medalist. These are engraved by the host state.

At the 1991 Four-State coaches meeting, it was voted to change the format for the medalist. Instead of the medalist being the first day's low score, the medalist now will be the two days' total low score.

In 1994, the coaches added the following clarification to eligibility for the team as follows:

Any girl who has played in her State Tournament, and who is a 17 – or 18-year-old graduating senior is eligible to play on her Four-State Team that same year.

The method of choosing teams is strictly up to the individual states as tournaments vary. The five best girls should represent their state.

Hosting Rotation:

Kansas	2001	2005
Iowa	2002	2006
Missouri	2003	2007
Nebraska	2004	2008

It was, also, agreed that tournament sites should be as close to the intersecting corners of the four states as possible.