

Ross qualifies for district

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GALION — Fremont Ross survived a protest and won a spot in the Division I district tournament after finishing tied for third in sectional play Friday at Galion Country Club.

Both Lexington and Ross shot 317, and rules say only the top three teams advance to district play.

Mark Walter, who led Ross with a 77, rolled in a 50-foot, downhill putt on the last green to give the Little Giants the tie.

"There were about 20 kids standing around the green and some of them were from Lexington," Ross coach Dave Fleming said. "When Mark was coming up to the green, the kids asked him how many over (par) he was and he said three.

"The kids got to thinking and said if he made the putt, they had a chance to go to the district. The Lexington kids thought they were coaching Mark, but my kids said they had not told Mark about the putt but that he might have heard them."

The Ohio High School Athletic Association was called in Columbus with the OHSAA ruling both teams could advance to district play.