

# SPORTS COMMITTEE

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## AGENDA ITEM

## RECOMMENDATION

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. 2023-2024 Sports Calendar & Football Calendar

[Attachment S1]

To approve the sports calendar for the 2023-2024 school year and the football calendar for the 2023 & 2024 school years

**Rationale:** N/A  
**Budget Impact:** N/A  
**Educational Impact:** N/A  
**Equity Impact:** N/A  
**Effective Date:** 2023-24 School Year

2. Basketball Shot Clock

[Attachment S2]

To approve the adoption of the 35-second shot clock rule in basketball using a 3-year phase in period

See Attachment S2

**Rationale:** See Attachment S2  
**Budget Impact:** \$3,000 - \$4,000 per school + cost of personnel during each game  
**Educational Impact:** May reduce length of games allowing students to get home earlier from games  
**Equity Impact:** Applies to both boy's and girl's teams  
**Effective Date:** 2023-2024 School Year (Year 1)  
 2024-2025 School Year (Year 2)  
 2025-2026 School Year (Year 3)

**AGENDA ITEM**

3. Dual Team Tennis –  
Playoff Expansion

**[NCTCA]**  
**[Attachment S3]**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Expansion of the dual team playoffs in tennis:

- 64 teams in 3A/4A
- 48 teams in 2A
- 32 teams in 1A (no change)

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Rationale:** This would provide more playoff opportunities for deserving teams and put a percentage of teams in the playoffs similar to other sports

**Budget Impact:** One additional round of playoffs would require 6 cans of tennis balls and an additional bus trip for away teams

**Educational Impact:** Minimal impact. Schools with long first-round travel may have to leave school early but in line with other sports

**Equity Impact:** Applies to both women’s and men’s tennis

**Effective Date:** 2023-2024 school year

4. Dual Team Tennis –  
Partial Teams

**[NCTCA]**  
**[Attachment S4]**

That dual team tennis matches played against “partial teams” (defined as those with three or fewer players on the roster), nor matches scheduled against schools that do not field a team:

- Not be counted as “wins” or “forfeits” for the opposing school
- Not be included in conference or overall records when assessing playoff qualification
- Not be included in the calculation for the number of automatic berths in the dual team tournament

**Rationale:** See Attachment S4

**Budget Impact:** N/A

**Educational Impact:** N/A

**Equity Impact:** Applies to both women’s and men’s tennis

**Effective Date:** Spring 2023

5. Update NCHSAA Handbook Language in Volleyball

[Attachment S5]

To review and adjust NCHSAA Handbook language regarding the current tournament rules & structure in the sport of volleyball

See Attachment S5

**Rationale:** This language clarifies the number of matches that volleyball teams can play in a day and how tournaments need to be conducted to create equitable contests across the state

Also alleviates the issue with seeding as MaxPreps does not count tournament matches in the rankings, even if they are 3/5 matches

**Budget Impact:** None

**Educational Impact:** None

**Equity Impact:** None

**Effective Date:** 2023-2024 School Year

6. Golf – Maximum Score on a Hole

[NCGCA]  
[Attachment S6]

To amend current Handbook Policy 4.6.1(n) as follows:

*Maximum Score Rule on a Hole – No student-athlete shall score more than triple bogey on any hole (6 on a par 3; 7 on a par 4; 8 on a par 5) during the regular season. Once a student-athlete has reached this threshold, they shall pick up their ball, record a triple bogey on the scorecard and let the group complete the hole and move onto the next hole.*

**Rationale:** Golf courses are private entities and schools are at the mercy of the ownership for golf competitions. Ownership has complained regarding the length of time rounds are taking to complete, in addition to some competitions not being able to finish before sunset.

Previous double-par rule has increased playing time for a 9-hole event by an hour

**Budget Impact:** Reduction in expenses by requiring 1 less hour to pay for an activity bus driver

**Educational Impact:** Increase allowable study time by at least 1 hour

**Equity Impact:** Applicable to men’s and women’s golf

**Effective Date:** Spring 2023

7. Golf – State Championship Qualification

[NCGCA]  
[Attachment S7]

To adjust the current policy for state championship qualification from the regionals to the following:

- Men’s Golf State Qualifying
  - 3 teams per regional will qualify and will be allowed to take 5 players to the state championship
  - Top 9 individuals that are not on a qualifying team will advance to the state championship
- Women’s Golf State Qualifying
  - 3 teams per regional will qualify and will be allowed to take 5 players to the state championship
  - Top 17 individuals that are not on a qualifying team will advance to the state championship

**Rationale:** Ensure that teams which make the state championship are allowed to play all 5 players. This will ensure a fair playing field for all the teams at the state championship. It also guarantees that the best individual golfers, not on a qualifying team, earn a spot to compete in the state championship

**Budget Impact:** N/A

**Educational Impact:** N/A

**Equity Impact:** Applicable to men’s and women’s golf

**Effective Date:** Spring 2023

8. Union Academy – Wrestling Regional Assignment

[Attachment S8]

To approve the move of Union Academy from the 1A West Region to the 1A East Region for the 2022-23 NCHSAA Individual Wrestling Regional Competition

**Rationale:** See Attachment S8

**Budget Impact:** None

**Educational Impact:** None

**Impact:**

**Equity Impact:** Applies to both genders

**Effective Date:** December 1, 2023

9. Officiating

[Attachments S9 & S10]

To review and discuss the proposal submitted by the NCHSAA Ad Hoc Committee on Officiating.

To review and discuss the proposal submitted by the Carolinas Umpire Association.

**\*\*\*Discussion Only\*\*\***