

**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPRING MEETING  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

The spring meeting of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Rodney Shotwell at 8:30 a.m. at the Simon F. Terrell Building in Chapel Hill. Members in attendance included Joe Poletti, Brooks Matthews, Carla Black, Ron Butler, David Gentry, Sandy George, Paul Hoggard, Brad Craddock, Reggie Peace, Marc Whichard, Patty Evers, Darrin Hartness, Scarlett Steinert, Terry Worrell, Tim Foster, Jerry Simmons and Bobby Wilkins. Sherry Hoyle absent.

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NCHSAA staff in attendance included Que Tucker, Karen DeHart, Mark Dreibelbis, Whitney Frye, Tra Waters, James Alverson, Brad Alford, Chiquana Dancy, Ken Brown and Pepper Hines.

The minutes from the Winter 2016 meeting were submitted, motion to approve by Brad Craddock, second by Tim Foster (Approved 17-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPRING MEETING**

(Cases handled since November 1, 2016 and before April 19, 2017)

1. **VANCE CHARTER:** Place Vance Charter School in 1A Conference O effective 2017-18 school year.
2. **WILSON PREPARATORY ACADEMY:** Accept Membership Application for Wilson Preparatory Academy effective 2017-18 school year.
3. **CORNERSTONE CHARTER ACADEMY:** Accept Membership Application for Cornerstone Charter Academy effective 2017-18 school year.
4. **LANGTREE CHARTER ACADEMY:** Accept Membership Application for Langtree Charter Academy effective 2017-18 school year.
5. **R.J. REYNOLDS:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Brian Carter, lacking appropriate documentation.
6. **R.J. REYNOLDS:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Beonca Smith.
7. **NORTH BUNCOMBE:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Jayson Szot.
8. **CARRBORO:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Christina Neiswender.
9. **EAST MONGOMERY:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Elise Epps.

10. **SALISBURY:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Kevin Chawlk, Jr.
11. **CARDINAL GIBBONS:** Denied waiver of Residence Rule for Kevon Lockhart.
12. **MONROE:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Marquell Collins-Williams.
13. **EAST LINCOLN:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Annie Ammons.
14. **HIBRITEN:** Denied waiver of Residence Rule for Jarryn Kelly.
15. **CLAYTON:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Maya Williams, lacking appropriate documentation.
16. **HOLLY SPRINGS:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Jordin Ackles.
17. **NORTH IREDELL:** Denied waiver of Sports Season Limitation for Kaden Alexandra Smoot, student participated in full season in same sport this academic year.
18. **KNIGHTDALE:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Leah McCray.
19. **WEST CRAVEN:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Cody Townsend, lacking appropriate documentation.
20. **INDEPENDENCE:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Laikyn Berry.
21. **GREENE CENTRAL:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Matthew Mewborn, lacking appropriate documentation. (Decision overturned by Hardship Committee with new, supporting documentation)
22. **GREENE CENTRAL:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Cassie Congleton, lacking appropriate documentation.
23. **HOUGH:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Alexis Navarro.
24. **EAST BURKE:** Denied waiver of Age Requirement for Jacob New.
25. **GRIMSLEY:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Grace Martineau, lacking appropriate documentation.
26. **PENDER:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Michael Bell, lacking appropriate documentation.
27. **PINE FOREST:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Tatyana Mars, lacking appropriate documentation.
28. **REAGAN:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Ian Cowperthwait.
29. **REAGAN:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Onyekachukwu Egwautu, lacking appropriate documentation.
30. **MYERS PARK:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Jeremy Whitehead, lacking appropriate documentation.
31. **GRIMSLEY:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Liam Mullaney, lacking appropriate documentation.
32. **PENER:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Katie Rivenbark, lacking appropriate documentation.
33. **NORTH LINCOLN:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Trey Carter.

34. **ROSEWOOD:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Carrie Beckert, lacking appropriate documentation.
35. **CLEVELAND:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Cassidy McNierney, lacking appropriate documentation.
36. **WAKEFIELD:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Hunter Bobrick, lacking appropriate documentation.
37. **ROSMAN:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Yugo Ishada.
38. **NORTH BUNCOMBE:** Denied waiver of Eight Semester Rule for Pierson Hensley, lacking appropriate documentation.

Motion to accept the three new member applications with the understanding they would not be placed in a conference until the midway point of the next alignment (motion by Brad Craddock, second by Terry Worrell, approved 17-0)

Motion to approve other consent agenda items (motion by Brad Craddock, second by Sandy George, approved 17-0).

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** The Commissioner addressed the Board updating them on the agenda for the day, asking the board to return to the board room by 11:45 for the Nominating Committee report and to hear a full board appeal by Smoky Mountain High School.

The Board then moved into its committee work at 8:42 a.m. During this time, agenda items were discussed individually and at length.

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:** chairperson Ron Butler, vice-chair Joe Poletti, Darrin Hartness, Brooks Matthews, Sandy George, Rodney Shotwell, staff advisors Que Tucker and Karen DeHart.

**POLICY:** chairperson Paul Hoggard, vice-chair Patty Evers, Terry Worrell, Jerry Simmons, Burt Jenkins, Wendell Hall, staff advisors Whitney Frye and Brad Alford.

**REVIEW/OFFICIATING/STUDENT SERVICES:** chairperson David Gentry, vice-chair Marc Whichard, Sherry Hoyle, Jeff Morris, Brad Allen, Carla Black, staff advisor Mark Dreibelbis.

**SPORTS:** chairperson Brad Craddock, vice-chair Reggie Peace, Tim Foster, Scarlett Steinert, Bobby Wilkins, Joe Franks, staff advisors Tra Waters and Chiquana Dancy.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Jimmy Tillman, Athletic Director for Wilson County, spoke for the committee, presenting the new Board members based on their committee meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. These people will be presented to the Annual Meeting and voted on during that meeting.

Elect President - Joe Poletti, principal, Croatan High School

Elect Vice-President - Sandy George, principal, Mount Airy High School

Elect Past-President - Rodney Shotwell, superintendent, Rockingham County Schools

Elect – Charles Clark, principal, Northside High School, region 1, class 1A

Elect – Rob Jackson, superintendent, Edenton-Chowan Schools, region 1, class 2A  
Elect – Masanori Toguchi, athletic director, Hough High School, region 6, class 4A  
Elect – Doug Rhoney, principal, Alexander Central High School, region 7, class 3A  
Elect – Neil Blankenship, athletic director, Swain County Schools, region 8, class 1A

Elect – Lynn Moody, superintendent, Rowan-Salisbury Schools to a two-year term to replace Sherry Hoyle in region 6, class 1A

Two challenges for this committee, diversity and less Principals and Superintendents with athletic backgrounds. Tillman challenged the Board to try and help cultivate people who fall in those categories to get involved with athletics and the NCHSAA.

After lunch, the full Board heard committee reports on agenda items—lengthy discussion and debate ensued.

**Paul Hoggard led the discussion on behalf of the POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Ron Butler led the discussion on behalf of the FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**David Gentry led the discussion on behalf of the REVIEW AND OFFICIATING COMMITTEE**

**Brad Craddock led the discussion on behalf of the SPORTS COMMITTEE**

**TOPICAL DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Tucker updated the Board on the Legislative Items that had appeared since the last Board meeting. None of those items that were on the NCHSAA radar made Crossover. The Commissioner then introduced James Alverson to discuss the new television and media landscape since Spectrum Cable's decision to not renew its contract with NCHSAA for next year.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:20 PM.

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NCHSAA staff in attendance included Que Tucker, Karen DeHart, Mark Dreibelbis, Whitney Frye, Tra Waters, James Alverson, Brad Alford, Chiquana Dancy, Ken Brown, Kayla Austin and Pepper Hines.

Media members in attendance included J. Mike Blake of the *Raleigh News and Observer*, Conor O'Neill of the *Burlington Times-News*, Nick Stevens of *HighSchoolOT.com*, Jon Stout of *HighSchoolOT.com*, Chris Hughes from *CarolinaPreps.com*, Earl Vaughan, Jr. of *Up and Coming Weekly* in Fayetteville, Jaclyn Shambaugh of the *Fayetteville Observer*, and Joe Sirera of the *Greensboro News and Record*.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Jake Bertolini-Felice from Panther Creek High School presented on behalf of the Council. He informed the Board that SAAC has been trying to expand their presence on social media to help with Sportsmanship and My Reason Why campaigns. He informed the Board that they had to cancel Student Leadership Conference because there was not enough school participation. He told them that 8 students would attend the national Student Leadership Conference, receiving training in leadership techniques. He also shared the SAAC's discussion on student-athlete sport specialization.

**TELEVISION POLICY DISCUSSION:**

1. Recommendation to allow live televised over the air contests on "premium nights" in football and basketball, with the NCHSAA Staff establishing a fee structure for each event. Motion from Brad Craddock, second by Sandy George, (Approved 18-0).

2. Recommendation to allow the NCHSAA to enter conversations with various media groups to secure coverage and production of state championship events. Motion from Brad Craddock, second by Terry Worrell (Approved 18-0).
3. Recommendation to allow the NCHSAA to take control of regular season live streaming of contests by non-school entities, establishing a fee structure and approval process for these broadcasts. Motion from Joe Poletti, second by Ron Butler, (Approved 18-0).
  - a. Point of clarification – Member Student/School produced broadcasts will be permitted without charge by NCHSAA policy.

**STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT:** Larry Price, former Superintendent of Wilson County Schools and Strategic Planning Consultant, addressed the Board with the status of the NCHSAA's progress towards a new strategic plan for the academic years of 2017-2022. He informed the Board that the staff did a great job following through with the details of the last strategic plan. This organization wants to be the "national model" and the one that other state associations look to as a guide. He reviewed the mission and values as stated in the planning of the strategic plan. The next steps will involve developing strategies necessary to carry out the goals contained in the final strategic plan. The completed plan will be presented to the Board in late May for approval.

**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:** Wendell Hall addressed the Board on behalf on his organization. Let the Board know that the School Board is in a holding pattern after 200 bills made Legislative Crossover, many with educational components, including a compromise bill, House Bill 13 which deals with class-sizes. Building is being renovated currently, and the four major departments (legal, superintendent searches, Governmental Relations, and Financial) are continuing their work. Expressed the School Board Association's strong support of the activities and priorities of the NCHSAA.

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:** Burt Jenkins reported to the Board from DPI. He alerted the Board to several bills that did not make crossover this year for the legislature; HB 116 – Student Safety in Athletics (Heat illness, etc.), SB 159/254 to permit students who attend a public school, private school or home school to participate in interscholastic athletics, HB 13 dealing with class size. Updated the board on Middle School eligibility in 2017-18 and beyond. Reminded it is an LEA decision to allow sixth graders participation, but all eligibility starts at sixth grade, whether the LEA allows participation or not (seventh graders will not be automatically eligible). Fall seasons in Middle School can't begin more than six student days before start of school. Let Board know that 2015-16 there were 3 LEA's and 5 Charters that were out of compliance with Gfeller Waller. Informed the Board of a new DPI Website with new names for Middle School policies.

**NORTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION:** Jeff Morris made the presentation on behalf of the organization. Told the board it has been a tough year for the group, but things are on the right track with new leadership in office after resignation of Jerry McGee. Had largest attended conference to date in Wilmington in April. Put two new members into the Hall of Fame, Roy Turner and Rick Strunk. Todd Schuler from Cardinal Gibbons was AD of the Year. Want to broaden reach to include Middle School and NCISAA member ADs. Want to increase number of CMAA's in NC and create new opportunities for professional development. NC Membership in NIAAA increased by 28%. State Conference will be in Asheville in 2018 at the Crowne Plaza. They are discussing a fall symposium for implementation in October for LTI classes and leadership development opportunities.

**REGIONAL SUPERVISORS AND OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVE:** Brad Allen presented to the Board on behalf of Regional Supervisors and Officials. He has been working to ensure effective lines of communication with him as their representative on the Board. Decided to stay involved in the baseball umpire on field this year, to see how the Sportsmanship Initiative took off. Urged the ADs at their conference to "Lead Your Ship." He's encouraged regional supervisors to help officials make positive impacts in their communities. He asked regional supervisors how to meet the challenges of recruitment of officials.

**NORTH CAROLINA COACHES ASSOCIATION:** Joe Franks thanked the NCHSAA for the opportunity to serve. He highlighted the partnership with NCADA and NCHSAA as a huge positive for the group. Highlighted the opportunity to provide a venue at their coaches' clinic for rules clinics and LTI/professional development classes. Thanked Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors for their support of the mission and needs of the NCCA. Reminded of the NCCA service of *From the Gym to the Jury* brochure on legal issues. New program in place with Balfour to provide a state championship ring for each NCHSAA state championship head coach.

**POLICY COMMITTEE:** Paul Hoggard addressed the Board on behalf of the committee.

1. Recommend the 2017-18 Non-Athletic Calendar. Seconded by Patty Evers (Approved 17-0)
2. Recommendation to amend the current amateur rule policy (Rule 1.2.14) regarding athletes who violate policy losing eligibility in that particular sport as noted below. Seconded by Scarlett Steinert (Approved 18-0)
  - a. "(e) Acceptance of money or a forbidden award will cause an athlete to lose athletic eligibility for the sport in which the violation occurred and the following semester, with the appeal process to remain consistent with current policy."
3. Recommendation to amend current policy to surrounding a senior exception in the manners listed below.
  - a. to the minimum load requirement is advisable did not make it out of committee (Rule 1.25).

- b. Recommendation to amend Handbook Rule 1.2.13(b) to say “Students may be allowed to wear school uniforms, including protective equipment, in outside organization competition, so long as the student has exhausted athletic eligibility in that sport and received permission from the member school Approval from the LEA is strongly recommended. Recommended LEA approval before participation.” Seconded by Terry Worrell (Approved 17-0)
  - c. Recommendation to amend Handbook Rule 2.2.15(e)(4) to say “Numbers restrictions – add language to allow an exception to the numbers restrictions for students who have exhausted their eligibility in that sport. Dead period rules would remain.” Seconded by Terry Worrell (Approved 17-1)
- 4. Recommendation to provide clarity and guidance for interpretation of Handbook Rule 1.2.9(g) when students turn 18 or are legally emancipated as detailed below. Seconded by Sandy George (Approved 18-0)
  - a. “Emancipation for athletics purposes is when a minor by legal determination or otherwise is freed from control by his or her parents or guardian(s), and the parent(s), guardian(s), or other individual(s) are free from any and all responsibility for the child.
- 5. Recommendation to provide language to the membership for vote in accordance with NCHSAA Bylaws to modify Bylaw II 3. Quorum. Seconded by Brad Craddock (Approved 17-0)
  - a. “A quorum shall consist of eleven (11) members of the Board of Directors”
- 6. Recommendation to allow the following revisions to the NCSHAA Transfer Rule. Seconded by Terry Worrell (Approved 16-2)
  - a. A student’s first transfer after initial entry into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade is not subject to the NCHSAA transfer rule (LEA to LEA). For any transfer thereafter, the student must sit out for 2 consecutive semesters (at least 50% of the current semester plus the following semester) or 365 days, whichever is less.
  - b. NCHSAA Transfer Committee will be composed of the NCHSAA Executive Committee and at least one (1) non-district affiliated member.
  - c. Modify initial entry interpretation for non-district affiliated schools (Charter and Non-Boarding Parochial) – Rule 1.2.1(a)(2): boundary criteria shall only apply after initial entry into ninth grade.
  - d. Students who want to participate in cheerleading are not subject to the transfer policy, however all current eligibility requirements would remain applicable.
- 7. Recommendation to change to residence requirement language for students when no custody order has been entered. Seconded by Terry Worrell (Approved 18-0)
  - a. Residency shall be deemed to be with the parent with whom the student begins the school year with (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> semester).



8. Recommendation to alter language in the NCHSAA Handbook Rule 4.1.6(a) to clarify who bears the financial responsibility for Endowment Games against non-member schools as listed below. Seconded by Bobby Wilkins (Approved 18-0)
  - a. "The home team will remit twenty-five percent of the gross revenue to the NCHSAA's endowment fund. If a member school plays an endowment game against a non-member school, the member school is responsible for remitting payment to the NCHSAA regardless of where the game is played. Expenses will be deducted from the remaining proceeds and the competing schools will divide the remainder. The competing schools are responsible for determining allowable expenses and the team shares."
9. Proposal to incorporate a rule in which after a certain date of the sports season NO FURTHER ADDITIONS to the eligibility roster would be allowed did not make it out of committee.
10. Recommendation that once a student athlete is eligible for a sports season, then they shall remain academically eligible for the duration of that sports season did not make it out of committee.
11. Recommendation for cheerleading coaches to be required to attend an annual rules clinic. Seconded by Patty Evers (Approved 17-1)
12. Recommendation to add language to the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Index and Athletic Activity Chart in the 90 or Above category as follows below. Seconded by Brad Craddock (Approved 18-0)
  - a. "Athletic Activity Guidelines: SUSPEND PRACTICE AND MUST INCLUDE MANDATORY BREAKS AS DIRECTED BY A GAMEDAY ADMINISTRATOR DURING A CONTEST"

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Ron Butler addressed the Board on behalf of the committee.

1. Recommendation the the NCHSAA Insurance Investment Policies be handled as listed below. Seconded by Darrin Hartness (Approved 18-0)
  - a. Review to determine if deceased
  - b. Any non-deceased person's policy be turned in for cash value
  - c. All monies placed in the NCHSAA Endowment as originally intended.
2. Gave a review of 2016-17 budget versus actual revenues and expenses through March 31, 2017.
3. Gave a review of 2016-17 sports comparison financial report relative to previous years(s).
4. Gave a review of investment accounts based on summary reports from management groups through March 31, 2017.
5. Gave a review of various methods of presenting information relative to funds distributed to membership.
6. Gave a review of existing 5-year strategic plan.
7. Gave a review of ticket prices charged in other NFHS Section 3 States relative to NC.

8. Recommendation to raise the live radio fee for football and basketball playoffs and state championship games to \$100 per game. Seconded by Brad Craddock (Approved 17-0)
9. Gave a review the NCHSAA Television contract and the future of television and digital video rights with respect to NCHSAA member school, playoff games and event coverage.
10. Recommendation to approve the use of fine monies collected from non-compliance with coaches' certification requirements to offset costs for coaches to take NFHS Learn courses for a two-year pilot program. Seconded by Sandy George (Approved 17-0)
11. Review recent and upcoming NCHSAA personnel changes

**REVIEW AND OFFICIATING COMMITTEE:** David Gentry addressed the Board on behalf of the committee.

1. Recommendation to approve the comprehensive listing of incidents per school. Seconded by Bobby Wilkins (Approved 18-0)
2. Gave a review the comprehensive breakdown of ejections per school and sport. This report includes a summary of percentages of year-to-date versus previous year(s) infractions and a breakdown by sport.
3. Gave a review spring sports data relating to ejections and disqualifications during scrimmage games.
4. Recommendation to approve the use of three umpires for Softball Regionals Finals beginning with the 2017 Regional Softball Finals. Seconded by Brad Craddock (Approved 18-0)
5. Recommendation to amend Handbook Rule 4.5.4(c)(3) to add language clarifying "Use of a Clock Operator is not an allowable game expense." Seconded by Tim Foster (Approved 17-1)
6. Recommendation to approve change to Wrestling Handbook Rule 4.14.6(j)(1) to include language, "Officials for the Dual Team State Championships will be made by the NCHSAA Supervisor of Officials." Seconded by Marc Whichard (Approved 18-0)
7. Recommendation to approve the establishment of a lacrosse local officials' association in the Cumberland County area. Seconded by Sandy George (Approved 18-0)
8. Recommend to amend Handbook Rule 4.1.17 to include NCHSAA approval of playoff host venues as listed below. Seconded by Terry Worrell (Approved 17-0)
  - a. "The NCHSAA has the right to require host teams to find an adequate facility based on expected game attendance and/or quality of venue."
9. Recommendation to approve the following regional supervisors based on search committee recommendations listed below. Seconded by Darrin Hartness (Approved 18-0)
  - a. Judy Stroud, Western NC Volleyball
  - b. Taylor August, Northeast Basketball
  - c. Kyle Dunn, Northwest Wrestling

- d. Todd Mason, Southwestern Basketball
- 10. Recommendation to approve amendment to Handbook Rule 2.1.7(f) adding language to, "Add a web-based clinic for coaching credit." Seconded by Marc Whichard (Approved 18-0)
- 11. Recommendation to approve an amendment of the specified time period for coaches to complete the annually required courses after June 1, 2017 and prior to the first date of practice in their sport. Seconded by Sandy George (Approved 18-0)
- 12. Recommendation to approve adding an officiating requirement for a swimming official to serve on a high school diving panel. Official must be registered as an NCHSAA Swimming Official, pass the NCHSAA Diving Judge Test and a USA Diving official must be registered with the NCHSAA. Seconded by Marc Whichard (Approved 18-0)
- 13. Gave a review NCHSAA implementation of "Sportsmanship ... Together, We Make the Right Call."
- 14. Gave a review of Student Services Programs.

**SPORTS COMMITTEE:** Brad Craddock addressed the Board on behalf of the committee.

- 1. Recommendation to require that all men's and women's head tennis coaches attend a rules clinic. Seconded by Terry Worrell (Approved 18-0)
- 2. Recommendation to approve the adjustment of the start date for all fall sports in the 2017-18 NCHSAA Sports Calendar Seconded by Sandy George (Approved 18-0)
- 3. Recommendation to approve moving the dual team wrestling championships to a neutral site to be determined by the NCHSAA staff. Seconded by Tim Foster (Approved 18-0)
- 4. Recommendation to edit language in Volleyball Tournament Weekly limitation, Handbook Rule 4.13.1(f)(4) replacing with what is listed in attachment S1 from the Board of Directors pre-meeting packet. Seconded by Reggie Peace (Approved 18-0)
- 5. Tabled until December the recommendation to change the current qualification process for the Indoor Track State Championship.
  - a. Phase 1 – To require all times used for qualification into the State Meet to be Fully Automatic Times (FAT).
  - b. Phase 2 – Any qualifying time used for the State Championship Meet must be achieved at a meet held at an indoor track facility.
- 6. Recommendation to set the established play date as listed on the official sports calendar as the only day a team could play a contest (as proposed by the NC Baseball Coaches Association) did not make it out of committee.
- 7. Recommendation for a one-year trial all 4A schools use NCPrepSwimming.com to upload and manage results for the official regional entry process. Seconded by Reggie Peace (Approved 18-0)

8. The recommendation for a change to NCHSAA Handbook Rule 3.1.2 to state, “A conference must have either five schools or 80% of the conference fielding a team in a sport in order to be guaranteed a position in the playoffs for that sport”, did not make it out of committee. Staff was charged with ensuring that Metro 4A receive some appropriate relief, if necessary.
9. Recommendation to update NCHSAA Handbook rule 4.14.1(f)(1) dealing with Licensed Athletic Trainer coverage at Wrestling matches and tournaments to read as below. Seconded by Tim Foster (Approved 18-0)
  - a. “A licensed athletic trainer (LAT) or first responder must be present at all times in any competition area in which wrestling is being held. Ex: Wrestling in Auxillary Gym/Main Gym at the same time would require two licensed athletic trainers or first responders.
10. Recommendation to change to the winter and spring dead periods to four weeks each did not make it out of committee. Additionally, in the May dead period, any school that opts to have 21-athlete skill development in football should be allowed to continue skill development
11. Recommendation to change the length of the dead periods from six weeks each to two weeks immediately following the conclusion of the state championship in each sport did not make it out of committee.
12. Recommendation to allow training in the Olympic styles (Freestyle and Greco-Roman) of wrestling not to be included in the current skill development policies and procedures did not make it out of committee.
13. Recommendation to change the current playoff bracketing, qualification and seeding procedure for the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball as follows below. Seconded by Reggie Peace (Approved 16-2)
  - a. change bracket sizes for baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to
    - i. 1A – 48 teams
    - ii. 2A – 64 teams
    - iii. 3A – 64 teams
    - iv. 4A – 48 teams
  - b. change playoff system for wrestling, tennis and lacrosse to previous model of pre-determined brackets
  - c. use of MaxPreps Rankings for seeding of qualified teams for a trial period of one year.
14. Reviewed a strategic plan aimed at growing women’s wrestling in North Carolina.
15. Recommendation to amend current skill development policy to change in-season dead period from 6 weeks to 3 weeks. Seconded by Tim Foster (Approved 18-0)
16. Recommendation to change the skill development policy to add a new dead period for the last 10 student days. Also, to eliminate the May dead period for all women’s sports effective May 5, 2017; eliminate the May dead period for football, effective May 5, 2017, as well as maintain the May dead period for all other men’s sports. Seconded by Reggie Peace (Approved 18-0)

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Tucker began by thanking the NCHSAA Staff for their hard work and dedication. Thanked the board for their support of member schools, particularly in the response to Hurricane Matthew and the relief efforts the NCHSAA provided. She read a letter of thanks from Jeff Phipps, athletic director in Robeson Co., after their receipt of \$15,000 in support of flood relief in that county. She spoke about the collaboration efforts with affiliate members as new legislative items popped up over the course of the year. Wanted to acknowledge the good that Time Warner/Spectrum did with the NCHSAA over the course of their 11-year partnership.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

The spring meeting was adjourned at 11:22AM by President Rodney Shotwell, followed by lunch; then the commissioner and president met with media representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

James Alverson  
Assistant Commissioner