

# *NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION*

## **REPORT OF THE REVIEW AND OFFICIATING COMMITTEE**

The following action items were recommended by the *Review and Officiating* Committee to the full Board of Directors during the April 29-30, 2014 NCHSAA Board of Directors meeting:

Committee Members:

Leon Mack

Ron Butler

Sandy George

Dennis Sawyer

Roger Morton

Wendell Hall

Staff:

Mark Dreibelbis

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. Incident/Penalty Report**

- a. Recommendation. To review and approve the comprehensive listing of incidents per school. Fine(s) assessment will be included in this report
- b. Rationale. To detail the incidents and fines
- c. Budget Impact. Varies; Schools are responsible for payment of fines
- d. Educational Impact. Serves to educate and enforce the regulations of the NCHSAA Handbook
- e. Equity Impact. Consistent for all schools and programs
- f. Effective Date. Current date to payment of fines and reconciling school/sport account

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Ejection Report**

- a. Recommendation. To review and approve the comprehensive breakdown of ejections per school and sport. The report includes a summary of percentages of year-to-date versus previous year(s) infractions. A breakdown by sport is also included in this summary
- b. Rationale. To track the number of ejections in review of the NCHSAA Ejection Policy and its enforcement
- c. Budget Impact. None
- d. Educational Impact. Serves to reinforce the sportsmanship initiatives of the NCHSAA and its ongoing effort to provide quality athletic competition for positive educational outcomes
- e. Equity Impact. Consistent for all schools and programs
- f. Effective Date. Current date to end of 2013-14 school year

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. NFHS Sportsmanship Course**

- a. Recommendation. Any student athlete who is ejected or disqualified from a contest is required to complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course before being eligible to return to competition.
- b. Rationale. STAR Sportsmanship wants to charge \$10 per course to maintain their relationship with the NCHSAA
- c. Budget Impact. None. NFHS Sportsmanship course is free of charge.
- d. Educational Impact. Continues remediation initiatives currently in place as part of the Ejection Policy and Sportsmanship Code
- e. Equity Impact. Consistent for all schools and programs
- f. Effective Date. August 1, 2014

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

### **4. Testing Standard (Attachment 1)**

- a. Recommendation. To increase the minimum eligibility standard for officials to a score of 75. Current standard is set at 65
- b. Rationale. To increase the rules applications and knowledge preparation of our game/match officials. The current standard allows officials to pass with a basic knowledge or experience in the sport and the new standard will aid in rules knowledge preparation and application
- c. Budget Impact. None
- d. Educational Impact. New standards of excellence for our program
- e. Equity Impact. Same for all officials; all sports
- f. Effective Date. August 1, 2014

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

### **5. Background Checks (Attachment 2)**

- a. Recommendation. Change background check service provider to PeopleTrail, Inc.
- b. Rationale. They are integrated into the ArbiterSports system. All criminal record “hits” will show up on the Arbiter account. NCHSAA will have administrative access to check any individual in question. Legal compliance assisted as PeopleTrail, Inc. notifies the official of potential eligibility concern and gives the appeal notification as opposed to the NCHSAA
- c. Budget Impact. \$8.50 charge as opposed to \$11 with current service provider
- d. Educational Impact. Better background check service
- e. Equity Impact. None
- f. Effective Date. August 1, 2014

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Booking Fees to Regional Supervisors (Attachment 3)**

- a. Recommendation. Games/matches will not be assigned officials/umpires if required booking fees to regional supervisors are not paid.
- b. Rationale. Regional supervisors are having to give repeated requests to schools for payment of fees in accordance with handbook/contract guidelines.
- c. Budget Impact. Re-schedule fee will be imposed.
- d. Educational Impact. Adherence to guidelines should be an expected practice
- e. Equity Impact. Only non-compliant schools will be affected
- f. Effective Date. August 1, 2014

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Schedule Deadlines to Regional Supervisors (Attachment 3)**

- a. Recommendation. Emphasize to Athletic Directors that it is a \$100 fine when schedules are turned in late. We have not been consistently implementing this but information shows adherence to this Handbook regulation is not being followed. Move deadline for submitting schedules for spring sports from December 15 to January 15 to assist compliance.
- b. Rationale. This puts undue strain on Regional Supervisors to have multiple follow ups with schools that is unnecessary. And, schedules are being submitted in incomplete fashion.
- c. Budget Impact. Fines to schools for non-compliance and a \$50 fee for changes made after the schedules are submitted.
- d. Educational Impact. We have implored our Regional Supervisors to be service oriented to the schools and not enforce the \$50 change fee as an “absolute” policy. Research shows we will need to be more diligent to our schools in enforcement of these fees due to incomplete schedules and not adhering to Handbook deadlines
- e. Equity Impact. Same for all schools.
- f. Effective Date. August 1, 2014

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Ejection/Disqualification Reporting Protocol**

- a. Recommendation. To change the systematic protocol of the reporting process of ejections and disqualifications.  
(1) Official enters the Ejection/Disqualification via the online submitting process on the NCHSAA web site. Official also informs his/her Regional Supervisor via email an ejection or

Disqualification has occurred in the contest

(2) The reporting official will receive a confirmation email notifying them the report has been submitted and received by the NCHSAA reporting system

(3) Email notifications of the Ejection/Disqualification report will go to the AD and principal of the student athlete penalized. In addition, a report will also be sent electronically to the Regional Supervisor of the reporting official

(4) AD's will no longer be required to submit a report of the Ejection/Disqualification.

(5) AD's will be required to send in a confirmation email of receipt of the Ejection/Disqualification report

- b. Rationale. To establish a check and balance system for reports and notifications of Ejections/Disqualifications.
- c. Budget Impact. None.
- d. Educational Impact. Comprehensive notification and confirmation process for the reporting system.
- e. Equity Impact. Same for all schools.
- f. Effective Date. August 1, 2014.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

## **9. Student Services Updates**

a. Recommendation: NO ACTION. Discussion Only.

b. Point of Emphasis:

- i. 2014-15 Grant Request for Application (RFA)
- ii. DREAM Team Trainings – increase in 2013-14
- iii. Student Leadership Conference
- iv. Fall Coach & Captain Retreat
- v. Alleghany and Hickory Coaches Leadership Workshops
- vi. Student Athlete Summer Institutes (SASI)
- vii. “Coaching Coaches: Eliminating Sexual Violence Through Coaching Language”
  - (1) NFHS Annual Meeting
  - (2) AD's Conference
  - (3) AAPHERD Conference
  - (4) Asheville High School
  - (5) NC/SC Recreation Directors Conference
- viii. Heart of a Champion Luncheon
- ix. Homer Thompson “Eight Who Make a Difference”
- x. NCHSAA & NFHS “Spirit of Sport Award”
- xi. Fundamentals of Coaching Update
  - (1) 9,045 courses completed – January 1, 2011 through March 15, 2014
  - (2) 183 Accredited Interscholastic Coaches (AIC) to date
- xii. NFHS Coach Educator of the Year -- 2014

**10. Video Program for Officials**

- a. Recommendation: NO ACTION. Discussion Only.
- b. Point of Emphasis:
  - i. HUDL program successful in football
  - ii. HUDL program relatively successful in basketball
  - iii. Initiative based on coaches submitting video
    - (1) If don't submit video, accepting of officiating program status-quo
    - (2) No mark-offs for schools not submitting video
    - (3) No appeals of ejections/disqualifications
  - iv. Video workshop with Regional Supervisors
  - v. Krossover and other mediums may be available for video product

**11. Treatment of Officials (Attachment 4 & 5)**

- a. Recommendation: NO ACTION. Discussion Only.
- b. Point of Emphasis:
  - i. Review article regarding fan behavior and shortage of officials
  - ii. Control what you can
  - iii. Set the tone at the event
  - iv. Get to the students
  - v. Have a plan to deal with unsportsmanlike behavior
  - vi. Make your officials feel like they are valued
  - vii. Post-Season assignment summary for Football