

# *NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION*

## **REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

The following action items were recommended by the Policy Committee to the full Board of Directors during the December, 2014 NCHSAA Board of Directors meeting:

**Committee Members:**

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### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. Adding USGA Language to Handbook Regarding Use of Golf Carts (Attachment P1 & P2)**

- a. Recommendations: Add language to handbook, which only allows use of golf cart with NCHSAA approval.
- b. Rationale: The NCHSAA should remain compliant with the ADA, and prevent wherever possible, the ability of competitors to have an unfair advantage against similarly situated competition.
- c. Budget Impact: none
- d. Educational Impact: none
- e. Equity Impact: Will assure that disabled competitors are provided equal access to competitive play.
- f. Effective Date: 2015-2016 School Year

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Clarify Language in Rule 1.1.10.d-Transfer Waiver Policy (Attachment P2)**

- a. Recommendation: Adjust language in the rule to comport with it's intended purpose.
- b. Rationale: The intent of the rule is that if a student transfers from a member school to non-member school and then back to home school then no transfer waiver would be required. However, the language of the rule would require the student to complete a transfer waiver request even if returning to home school from non-member school, thus frustrating the purpose and original intent.
- c. Budget Impact: none
- d. Educational Impact: none

- e. Equity Impact: Ensures that the rules are applied evenly to all students under the purpose of the rule.
- f. Effective Date: 2015-2016 School Year

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

**3. Adjust Language in Rule 4.6.2.c-Golf Playoff Entries (Attachment P2)**

- a. Recommendation: Delete directors may call from the rule.
- b. Rationale: The rule in its history has referred to regional directors, however it has caused some confusion and it does not clearly place the onus on schools to ensure that they are compliant with reporting procedures
- c. Budget Impact: none
- d. Educational Impact: none
- e. Equity Impact: The rule's application will remain the same for all member schools.
- f. Effective Date: 2015-2016 School Year

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

**4. Gfeller-Waller Sanctions for Non Compliance (Attachment P2)**

- a. Recommendation: Impose fines and penalties to member schools for failure to comply with various components of the Gfeller-Waller Awareness Act.
- b. Rationale: Every member school should be compliant with the Gfeller-Waller Act as the health and safety of our student-athletes is of paramount importance.
- c. Budget Impact: A fine and penalty may be imposed if member school's are not compliant with the act.
- d. Educational Impact: Educates those involved with interscholastic athletic activities about the signs and symptoms of concussions, return to play protocols, and provides for the implementation of an emergency action plan.
- e. Equity Impact: The rule's application will remain the same for all member schools.
- f. Effective Date: Immediately

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

**5. Education and Athletics Committee Recommendations-Sanctions for Failure to Field Requisite Sports for Conference Membership (Attachment P2)**

- g. Recommendation: Impose fines for schools who have been accepted into a conference but fail to sponsor the minimum six sports as required under the rule.
- h. Rationale: The failure to field sports after acceptance affects other member schools within the conference, as well as the students who anticipate participation in those sports.
- i. Budget Impact: Schools may be subject to a fine if they are not compliant.

- j. Educational Impact: none
- k. Equity Impact: The rule's application will remain the same for all member schools.
- l. Effective Date: 2015-2016 School Year

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

**6. Review of Handbook Changes and Layout**

- a. Recommendation: NO ACTION. Discussion Only.
- b. Point of Emphasis:

**7. Review of Recommendations from Education and Athletics Committee (Attachment P3)**

- a. Recommendation: NO ACTION. Discussion Only.
- b. Point of Emphasis:
  - i.
  - ii.

**8. Social Media Policy and Sportsmanship Discussion**

- a. Recommendation: NO ACTION. Discussion Only.
- b. Point of Emphasis:

**9. Review of Transfer Waiver Policy for 2014-2015 School Year**

- a. Recommendation: NO ACTION. Discussion Only.
- b. Point of Emphasis: