

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE ACTION ITEMS
BETWEEN WINTER 2022 MEETING & SPRING 2023 MEETING

January 19th

Selection Committees tasked with interviewing three Regional Supervisor vacancies, forwarded the following names for Board approval, effective immediately:

Ben Wooten for Blue Ridge Soccer Association

JJ White for RTP Women's Lacrosse

Sydney Abernathy for Triad Women's Lacrosse

By a digital vote, the three individuals were approved. 18-0

January 31

Due to a change of heart of Sydney Abernathy, the Triad Women's Lacrosse Regional Supervisor position was again vacant. Running out of options, and having been given names for consideration, Cecil reached out to two persons who agreed to do the job with help or a partner. The search committee reconvened and recommended submitting their names to the Board for an electronic vote.

By a digital vote, the Board unanimously approved **Kathleen Johnston and Brian Malones as the Co-Regional Supervisors of the Triad Women's Lacrosse**. 18-0

March 13, 2023

Through electronic communication, Board of Directors were asked to consider that with the officiating fee structure approved at the December meeting, a baseball JV umpire receives \$71, and a softball JV umpire receives \$68. Even though there isn't a fee option when only one official is used, several regional supervisors wanted to pay the one individual two (2) game fees. The following recommendation was proposed:

"If it becomes necessary to use one umpire to officiate a JV Baseball or JV Softball contest, a school will pay one (1), plus one-half game fee."

By a digital vote, the recommendation **was not approved, 10-8**

March 17, 2023

It was brought to the attention of staff that softball teams were playing by "15-3 Rule" which allowed a softball game to end after three innings if the score differential is 15 runs or more. The NCHSAA does not have an official game ending rule that allows this. The NFHS softball rules are clear that an Association's game ending procedure should be followed or use the NFHS rule of 7 innings.

Needing immediate action, the Executive Committee was asked to take immediate action to approve the 15 runs after three innings practice to continue until the Spring meeting so this can be discussed in

detail. Apparently, softball games are experiencing some very lopsided scores and the fear is without this, perception will be that we are forcing teams to be embarrassed or humiliated.

The following game-ending recommendation was presented:

“If after the third inning of a softball game, if the run differential is 15 runs or more, the losing coach can request that the game be terminated, and it count as a completed contest.”

The recommendation **was approved unanimously approved 6-0**
