

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Tanya Turner (Chair), Bryan Tyson (Vice Chair), Sam Jones, Larry Williford, Jim Butler, Joe Franks **Staff:** Rhonda Dreibelbis

AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
<p>1. Changing the RPI Formula (Rocky River Conference)</p> <p>SP Attachment 1</p>	<p>To alter the RPI Rankings for playoff seeding with either of the following formulas: WP -35%, OWP-45%, OOWP -20% WP -40%, OWP- 45%, OOWP -15%</p>	<p>Rationale: The current RPI does not do justice to all teams. There needs to be a more equitable formula involved in playoff seeding.</p> <p>Budget Impact: N/A</p> <p>Educational Impact: N/A</p> <p>Equity Impact: N/A</p> <p>Effective Date: ASAP or the 2024-2025 School Year</p>
<p>2. Winter/Spring Sport Season Calendar Changes (Northwest 1A & Foothills 2A Conferences)</p> <p>SP Attachment 2</p>	<p>To shorten the Winter sports season or delay the start of the Spring sport season.</p>	<p>Rationale: The overlap of the Winter season and spring season is too large. Winter season is 13 weeks and spring is 9 weeks. Winter has to deal with holidays but, all schools play over the holiday breaks. Small schools who share athletes are impacted by the overlap. Most baseball and softball teams have at least 15-30% of the varsity not practicing because of the length of the winter season (mainly basketball).</p> <p>Budget Impact: N/A</p> <p>Educational Impact: N/A</p> <p>Equity Impact: N/A</p> <p>Effective Date: 2024-2025 School Year</p>

AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
<p>3. Sports Basketball Calendar Change (RCSS-PAC 7 Conference Schools)</p> <p>SP Attachment 3</p>	<p>All basketball teams start practice and games at the same time. All Schools would start practice on October 30 with games starting on November 17.</p>	<p>Rationale: All schools should be equal. Allowing non-football schools to start a week earlier gives those schools an unfair advantage.</p> <p>Budget Impact: N/A Educational Impact: N/A Equity Impact: N/A Effective Date: 2024-2025 School Year</p>
<p>4. Sports Calendar Change for Basketball</p> <p>SP Attachment 4</p>	<p>To amend the current 2024-25 NCHSAA Sports Season Calendar for Basketball to the following: First practice non-football playing schools: October 23 First contest non-football playing schools: November 4</p>	<p>Rationale: The current sports calendar does not allow non-football playing schools enough days to play 6 games before the football playing schools begin their basketball seasons.</p> <p>Budget Impact: N/A Educational Impact: N/A Equity Impact: N/A Effective Date: 2024-2025 School Year</p>
<p>5. Update Individual Wrestling Late-Entry Deadlines.</p>	<p>Update NCHSAA Handbook 4.14.4(c)3: Late entries may be submitted to the NCHSAA and must be in by 3 p.m. Monday (women) and 9 a.m. Wednesday (men) week of the dual-team tournament.</p>	<p>Rationale: The women need more time to seed the tournament, and this was temporary Board-approved for the 2024 wrestling season via email from Commissioner Tucker.</p> <p>Budget Impact: N/A Educational Impact: N/A Equity Impact: N/A Effective Date: 2024-2025 School Year</p>

AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
<p>6. Amend the Schedule for Bracketing and Play in Dual-Team Tennis (NCTCA)</p> <p>SP Attachment 5</p>	<p>To bracket the dual-team tennis tournament on Friday of “Week 9” of the regular season. This would allow two rounds of play during Week 10, creating space in Week 12 for a rain date that could be used in the event inclement weather forces the postponement of dual-team or individual regional competition.</p>	<p>Rationale: The current schedule call for dual team bracketing to take place on Monday of Week 10, and the first round to be played on Wednesday. There is little flexibility in the event of inclement weather.</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: N/A</p> <p>Effective Date: 2024-2025 School Year</p>
<p>7. Basketball 5-Quarter Rule Review & Discussion</p> <p>SP Attachment 6</p>	<p>Review of data from 2023-2024 season relative to the 5-quarter rule and comparison to 2022-2023 data.</p> <p>Review of penalties associated with 5-quarter use</p>	<p>***Discussion Only***</p>
<p>8. 2024 Regional and State Championships Basketball Format Review</p>	<p>Review of feedback on the new format for the 2024 regional and state championships</p>	<p>***Discussion Only***</p>
<p>9. Review of Men’s Volleyball Participation</p> <p>SP Attachment 7</p>	<p>Review of data on member school participation in men’s volleyball</p>	<p>***Discussion Only***</p>

2/26/2024

To: NCHSAA Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Rocky River Conference we would like to submit a proposal to alter the RPI rankings for playoff seeding. Our conference Athletic Directors have had numerous discussions on the subject of playoff seeding and the use of RPI over the past two years. It is understood that we have to have a process for seeding playoff teams, however we have found instances where the current RPI does not do justice to all teams. We feel there needs to be a more equitable formula involved for deciding playoff seeding.

Our main concern is the use of the Opponents, Opponent's Winning Percentage (OOWP). We believe this should be the least factored category when determining a team's playoff seeding. This is the one category which a team has absolutely no control over. Your own Winning Percentage (WP) and your Opponents Winning Percentage (OWP) are far more controllable, based on who a school schedules. If the OOWP is still going to be factored into the equation then we would like to see the weighted percentage reduced to 20 or 15% of the RPI score.

Our proposed change to the RPI would be either of the following formulas moving forward:

- WP - 35%, OWP - 45%, OOWP - 20%
- WP - 40%, OWP - 45%, OOWP - 15%

The only other existing issue, which we are not sure anyone can control is the RPI vs MaxPreps Rankings. Most of the country, it seems, still looks to MaxPreps for rankings. When the RPI comes out and is significantly different from the RPI rankings for various reasons, this tends to cause a lot of confusion with schools, families and the general public. Since we know MaxPreps will not release how they calculate their rankings we would like to see the NCHSAA publish and promote the RPI rankings and where to find them in more prominent locations, through the website and the NCHSAA's social media platforms.

Thank you for taking the time to review our concerns and proposals. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Rocky River Conference or our Conference President, Shannon Batchelor, at Monroe High School.

Sincerely,

Tim Niedermeier - Athletic Director - Monroe High School

Randy Jordan AD - Anson, Jake Thomas AD - Forest Hills, Mark Gosnell - AD CATA, Mike Helms - AD Parkwood, Kim Cantey AD - Piedmont, Chad Yow - AD West Stanly, Chris Shinn & Jay Niessner - Rocky River Conference Secretaries, Shannon Batchelor Rocky River Conference President.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Northwest 1A & Foothills 2A Conferences

School/LEA/Conference/Group:

We/I request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

Recommendation/Proposal: (State in detail the recommendation/proposal)

Please consider either shorten the winter season or delay the start of spring season.

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)

The overlap of the winter season and spring season is too large.

Winter season is 13 weeks and spring is 9 weeks. Winter has to deal with the holidays, but all schools play over the Holiday breaks.

Small schools who share athletes are impacted by the overlap. Most Baseball & Softball teams have at least 15 to 30% of the varsity not practicing because of the length of the winter season; (Mainly Basketball). The spring season starts and Basketball has not played the first round of playoff games. Then they only play 2 basketball games per week in the playoffs which makes the basketball season even longer for schools who make a deep run in the playoffs.

Because the RPI so important to a schools playoff chances.

This Situation forces schools to make difficult decisions:

1. Postpone games till all players are done with winter sports. Then you are almost guaranteed to play many weeks with 3 games each to try and get the full season in. (Major impact on baseball pitchers).
2. Play without complete squad and take chance on poor RPI results.
3. Cancel games which can have impact on RPI as well as financial impact in lost revenue.
4. No coach wants to risk an athlete trying to play 2 sports in one season.
5. A later start to the spring season would be better for warmer conditions for the mountain schools

- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)

The cancelation of spring games can cost schools between \$500 and \$2000 per contest in gate and concession revenue.

- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)

With a trend of fewer students playing sports we should not make athletes CHOOSE one sport over another. We should do everything possible to make it easier and more pleasurable for an athlete to compete in multiple sports

- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)
- This situation effects Male and Female student athletes.

- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?)

Spring 2025

Signature_____ Date_____

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Chris Chapman, Robert Mitchell, Cody Moran, Jake Smith, Andrew Davis

School/LEA/Conference/Group: RCSS (PAC 7 Conference 2A schools)

We/I request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

Recommendation/Proposal:

State in detail the recommendation/proposal. Include attachments if necessary.

Sports Basketball Calendar Change (please see attached)

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)

All schools should be equal (please see attached)

- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)

N/A

- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)

N/A

- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)

N/A

- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?)

2024-2025 Calendar

Signature _____



Date _____

3-28-24



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Five of the Seven schools in the Piedmont Athletic Conference would like to propose a change to the Basketball portion of the NCHSAA Sports Calendar. We did not hear back from one school and the other school is a school that this would potentially negatively affect. Southwestern Randolph, Providence Grove, Trinity, Wheatmore, and Randleman are all in agreement to this proposal.

We would like to see all basketball teams starting practices and games at the same time. Currently, the calendar for 2024-2025 allows Non-Football schools to start basketball practices on October 23 and allows them to play games as early as November 6. In the meantime, schools that have football are not allowed to start until October 30 with games as early as November 17. We would like to propose that ALL schools, regardless of whether they have football or not, start basketball on October 30 with games on November 17.

Our reasoning behind this is, schools that have football are already at a disadvantage when it comes to boys basketball because the football playoffs and sharing athletes. Even with an October 30 start, football schools may not have their entire team at practice for a period of time anyway. Allowing non-football schools to start a week earlier gives those schools an unfair advantage. In addition to this, football does not affect girls basketball but this rule also impacts girls basketball. We would not want to propose that the girls be allowed to start earlier than the boys because we feel things should be equal with both genders.

If we were not having to compete against these schools it wouldn't be a big deal. However, in our conference, we have six schools that have football and one that does not. We are having to compete with this one school that is allowed to start practices a week before everyone else. In addition, when it comes to RPI, these schools are allowed to play more basketball games which possibly gives them a slight advantage by having more freedom with their scheduling.

We feel all schools should be equal regardless of whether we have football or not. We understand that schools without football may be able to use these extra games to help with offsetting the financial burden of not having football but, it is our opinion, our basketball teams should not have to be at a disadvantage because of this.

2024-2025 NCHSAA Sports Calendar

FALL 2024	
First Practice	Jul. 31
First Contest	Aug. 12

WOMEN'S GOLF	
Reporting deadline	Oct. 16; 9pm
Regional	Oct. 21 or 22
State	Oct. 28 - 29

VOLLEYBALL	
Seeding	Oct. 17
1st Round	Oct. 19
2nd Round	Oct. 22
3rd Round	Oct. 24
4th Round	Oct. 26
Regional	Oct. 29
State	Nov. 2

WOMEN'S TENNIS	
Individual	
Reporting deadline	Oct. 14; 3pm
Regional	Oct. 18 - 19
State	Oct. 25 - 26
Dual Team	
Bracketing	Oct. 14
1st Round	Oct. 16
2nd Round	Oct. 21
3rd Round	Oct. 23
4th Round	Oct. 28
Regional	Oct. 30
State	Nov. 2

CROSS COUNTRY	
Reporting deadline	Oct. 19; 11:59 pm
Regional	Oct. 26
State	Nov. 2

MEN'S SOCCER	
Seeding	Nov. 1
1st Round	Nov. 4
2nd Round	Nov. 7
3rd Round	Nov. 11
4th Round	Nov. 14
Regional	Nov. 19
State	Nov. 22 - 23

CHEERLEADING	
Invitational	Dec. 7

FOOTBALL	
First Practice	Jul. 31
First Scrimmage	Aug. 9
Week 1	Aug. 23
Week 2	Aug. 30
Week 3	Sept. 6
Week 4	Sept. 13
Week 5	Sept. 20
Week 6	Sept. 27
Week 7	Oct. 4
Week 8	Oct. 11
Week 9	Oct. 18
Week 10	Oct. 25
Week 11	Nov. 1

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS	
Seeding	Nov. 2
1st Round	Nov. 8
2nd Round	Nov. 15
3rd Round	Nov. 22
4th Round	Nov. 29
Regionals	Dec. 6
State	Dec. 13 - 14

WINTER 2024 - 2025	
First Practice (Indoor Track, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling)	Oct. 30
First Contest (Indoor Track, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling)	Nov. 11

INDOOR TRACK	
Reporting deadline	Feb. 1; 9pm
State	Feb. 7 - 8

SWIMMING & DIVING	
Reporting deadline	Jan. 25; 11:59pm
Regionals	Jan. 30 - Feb. 1
State	Feb. 5 - 8

WRESTLING	
Dual team	
Bracketing	Jan. 30
1st/2nd	Feb. 1
3rd/Regionals	Feb. 5
State Championship	Feb. 8
Individual	
Men's/Women's Reporting deadline	Jan 30; 3pm
Women's Regional	Feb. 7 - 8
Men's Regional	Feb. 14 - 15
Men's/Women's State	Feb. 20 - 22

BASKETBALL	
First Practice	Oct. 30
First Practice (Non-FB)	Oct. 23
First Contest	Nov. 15
First Contest (Non-FB)	Nov. 8
Conference Tournament	Feb. 17 - 21
Seeding	Feb. 22
1st Round	Feb. 25
2nd Round	Feb. 28
3rd Round	Mar. 4
4th Round	Mar. 7
Regional/State	Mar. 10 - 15

SUMMER DEAD PERIODS 2024	
July 1 - 7, 2024	
July 15 - 21, 2024	

SCHOOL YEAR DEAD PERIODS	
July 31 - August 20, 2024	
October 30 - November 19, 2024	
February 12 - March 4, 2025	
Last 5 Student Days of the 1st Semester	
Last 10 Student Days of the 2nd Semester	

SUMMER DEAD PERIODS 2025	
June 30 - July 6, 2025	
July 14 - 20, 2025	

SPRING 2025	
First Practice	Feb. 12
First Contest	Feb. 24

MEN'S GOLF	
Reporting deadline	Apr. 30, 9pm
Regional	May 5 or 6
State	May 12 - 13

MEN'S TENNIS	
Individual	
Reporting deadline	Apr. 28; 3pm
Regional	May 2 - 3
State	May 9 - 10

Dual Team	
Seeding	Apr. 28
1st Round	Apr. 30
2nd Round	May 5
3rd Round	May 7
4th Round	May 12
Regional	May 14
State	May 17

TRACK	
Reporting deadline	May 3; 9pm
Regionals	May 9 - 10
State	May 16 - 17

LACROSSE	
Seeding	May 9
1st Round	May 13
2nd Round	May 16
3rd Round	May 20
4th Round	May 23
Regional	May 28
State	May 30-31

WOMEN'S SOCCER	
Seeding	May 9
1st Round	May 12
2nd Round	May 15
3rd Round	May 19
4th Round	May 22
Regional	May 27
State	May 30 - 31

SOFTBALL	
Seeding	May 5
1st Round	May 6
2nd Round	May 9
3rd Round	May 13
4th Round	May 16
Regional	May 20 - 24
State	May 30 - 31

BASEBALL	
Seeding	May 5
1st Round	May 6
2nd Round	May 9
3rd Round	May 13
4th Round	May 16
Regional	May 20 - 24
State	May 30 - 31

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s): Vic Ramsey, Lee Matthews, Andrew Tuttle, Donald Clark

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC High School Tennis Coaches Association

We request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

The NCHSTCA Board of Directors recommends a proposal to amend the schedule for bracketing and play in the dual-team tennis tournaments.

The recommendation is that the bracketing for the dual-team tournament take place on Friday of “Week 9” of the regular season, allowing two rounds of play during Week 10, and creating space in Week 12 for a raindate that could be used in the event inclement weather forces the postponement of dual-team or individual regional competition.

Recommendation/Proposal: (State in detail the recommendation/proposal)

- **Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)**
- The current schedule calls for dual-team bracketing to take place on Monday of Week 10, and the first round to be played that Wednesday, as follows.
 - Week 10
 - Monday - Dual-Team bracketing
 - Wednesday - Dual-Team first round
 - Friday-Saturday - Individual Regionals
 - Week 11
 - Monday - Dual-Team second round
 - Wednesday - Dual-Team third round
 - Friday-Saturday - Individual State Tournament
 - Week 12
 - Monday - Dual-Team fourth round
 - Wednesday - Dual-Team semifinals
 - Saturday - Dual-Team finals
- The NCHSTCA Board expressed concern over the fact that there is very little flexibility in the event of inclement weather.
 - For instance, if rain prevents the completion of the regional tournament, moving to the following Monday would create a logjam with the completion of the regionals, two rounds of dual-team play, plus the state individuals, all taking place within six days.
 - Moreover, tennis is particularly susceptible to even small amounts of rain. A light drizzle that a soccer or baseball team might just play through will quickly render tennis courts dangerously unplayable, and take hours to dry.

- Our idea was to set the deadline for dual-team results to be posted to MaxPreps to be Thursday night of Week 9 (the week in which conference tournaments are usually played), freeze the RPI at midnight, and do the bracketing on Friday. This would allow two rounds of dual-team play to be scheduled during Week 10, and provide some flexibility to the schedule.
 - The proposed schedule also provides that the 1-A tournament begin at the same time as the other classifications, even though it is a five-round event as compared to the six rounds played by the other classifications. Again the goal is to provide flexibility in the event of inclement weather.
- The proposed schedule is as follows:
 - Week 9
 - Thursday - Dual Team results deadline
 - Friday - Dual-Team bracketing
 - Week 10
 - Monday - Dual-Team first round (all classifications)
 - Wednesday - Dual-Team second round (all classifications)
 - Friday-Saturday - Individual Regionals
 - Week 11
 - Monday - Dual-Team third round (all classifications)
 - Wednesday - Dual-Team fourth round (2-A, 3-A, 4-A)
 - Friday-Saturday - Individual State Tournament
 - Week 12
 - Tuesday - Dual-Team semifinals (all classifications)
 - Wednesday/Thursday - raindates available as needed
 - Saturday - Dual-Team finals (all classifications)
- So, if the regionals needed to be completed on Monday of Week 11, then the dual-team schedule could be bumped back, with the third round on Wednesday, and three rounds the following week (Monday/Wednesday/Saturday, just as we do now).
 - The same schedule modification could be used if rain disrupted the dual-team tournament.
 - If the state individual tournaments were disrupted by weather, then they could be completed on Monday of Week 12, and the semifinals could be pushed back to Wednesday or Thursday.
- Week 9 is generally used by schools for conference tournaments and regional qualifiers. Very few schools, if any at all, are playing dual-team matches on Friday or Saturday of Week 9, so there's no detriment to the regular season.
- NCHSAA staff concurs that having more palatable options to address the scheduling issues that might be caused by significant inclement weather during our postseason is desirable, and that conducting the bracketing on Friday of Week 9 would not be a problem.
- **Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)**
 - No budget impact is anticipated.

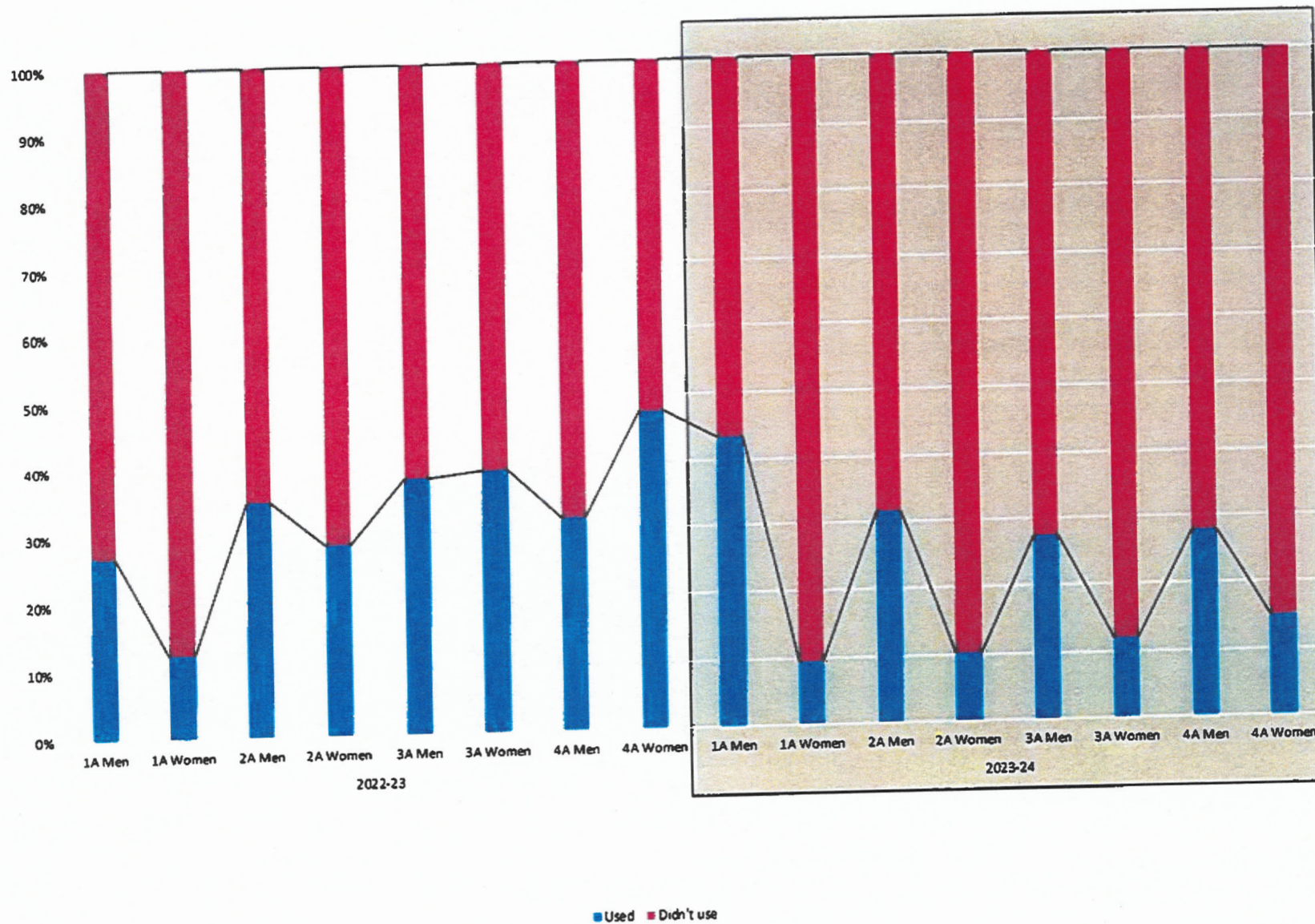
- **Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)**
 - No adverse educational impact is anticipated. The actual number of playing dates in the dual-team and individual tournaments is unchanged.
- **Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)**
 - The same process would be used for both the men's and women's tennis season.
- **Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?)**
 - We request that the effective date for this change would be for the fall 2024 women's tennis season.
 - We note that, given the implementation of the bylaw amendment regarding eight classifications is scheduled for 2025-26, we anticipate that the tennis postseason schedule will need to be revisited prior to the fall 2025 season. However, for 2024-25, we believe the proposed change is merited.

Signature:

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Date: March 20, 2024

Comparison | 5-Quarter Utilization



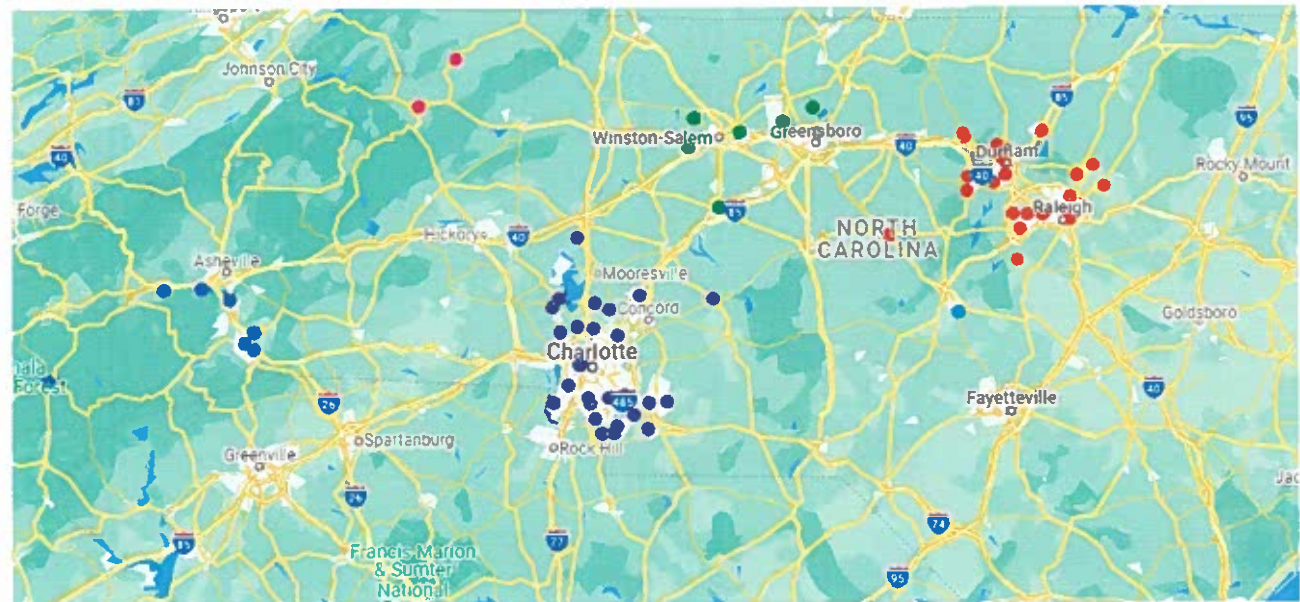
GROWTH OVERVIEW - NC

COMPETING HIGH SCHOOLS

2022 - 7 NCHSAA schools
 2023 - 24 NCHSAA schools
 2024 - 67 NCHSAA schools

	2022	2023	2024
NCHSAA Total	7	24	67
1A	2	5	11
2A	0	3	6
3A	0	1	12
4A	5	14	38

2024 – 67 Schools



IN 2 SHORT YEARS WE HAVE SEEN AN 857% INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION. WITH NO SIGNS OF SLOWING NEXT SEASON!

2024 PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS

Note that most schools field a JV & Varsity team.

1A

12 schools

Bradford Prep
 Christ the King
 Gray Stone Day
 Mountain Island Charter
 Union Academy
 Ascend Leadership Academy:
 Lee County
 Eno River Academy
 Excelsior Classical Academy
 Falls Lake
 Triangle Math and Science
 Academy
 Voyager

2A

6 schools

Lincoln Charter
 Lexington Senior
 Franklin Academy
 Jordan Matthews
 NCSSM-Durham
 Hendersonville

3A

12 schools

East Lincoln
 Harding
 Piedmont
 Ashe
 Carrboro
 Durham School of the Arts
 Orange
 East Henderson
 Enka
 Franklin
 North Henderson
 Pisgah

4A

36 schools

A L Brown	Watauga
Ardrey Kell	East Forsyth
Butler	Northern Guilford
Charlotte Catholic	Northwest Guilford
Cuthbertson	Page
Hopewell	Ronald W Reagan
Marvin Ridge	West Forsyth
North Mecklenburg	Apex
Olympic	C E Jordan
Palisades	Cardinal Gibbons
Berry	Chapel Hill
Porter Ridge	Enloe
Providence	Green Hope
South Iredell	Hillside
South Mecklenburg	Millbrook
Sun Valley	Riverside-Durham
Weddington	Rolesville
Hough	Roberson