2025 Regional Meetings

September 15-25, 2025

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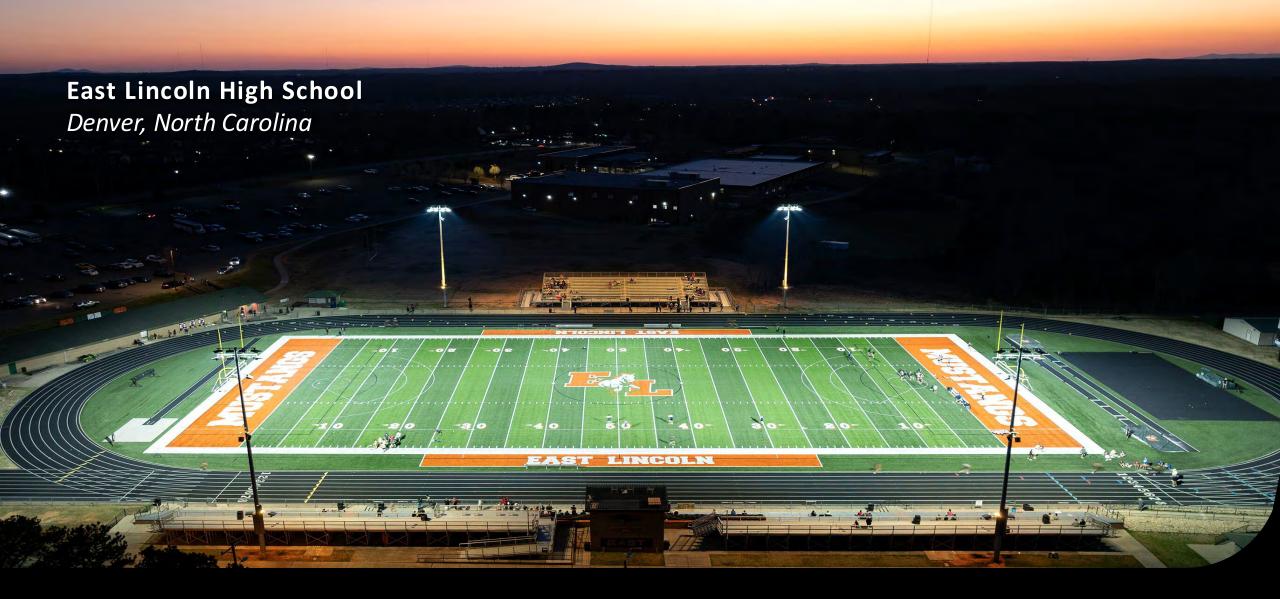






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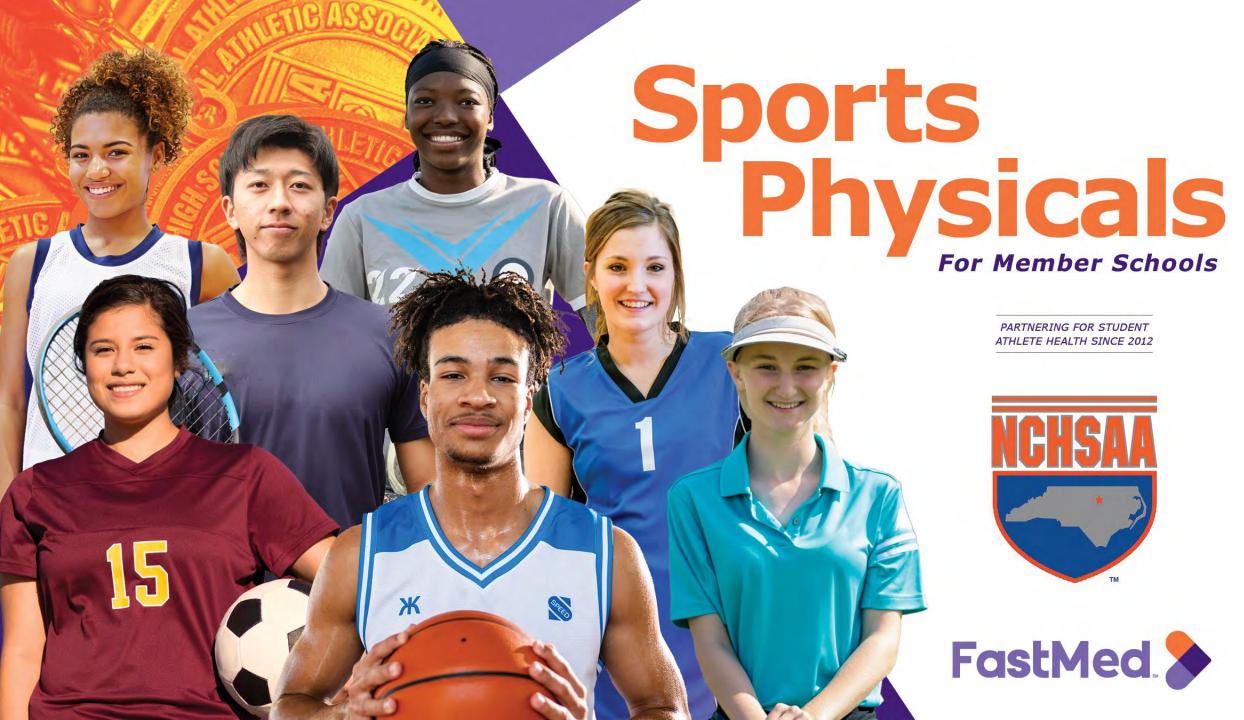


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North Carolina Coaches Association









ES ASSOCIATION

The NCCA exists to promote and improve athletics in NC's public schools and to foster high standards of ethics and sportsmanship.



2025 Clinic Highlights

Numbers recovering since COVID

Clinician Highlights



Board of Directors 2025-2026



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2025-26 NCCA Cards





2026 NCCA Coaching Clinic Dates



Monday, July 20-Wednesday, July 22, 2026



Hackney Publications

High School Athletics

- Each issue will be emailed to every school's Athletic Director.
- AD's! Please forward to your coaches and administrators, and central office staff.



www.nccoach.org







www.eastwestallstars.com



Monday, July 20, 2026

East-West All-Star Basketball



Sunday, December 21, 2025

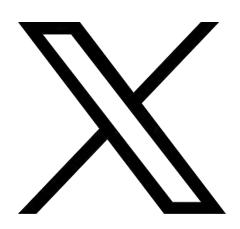
East-West All-Star Football



Tuesday, July 21, 2026

East-West All-Star Soccer

@NCCoachesAssn North Carolina East-West All-Star Games





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News and information for North Carolina

high school and middle school coaches.

Summer 2021

Welcome to the digital NC Coach newsletter!

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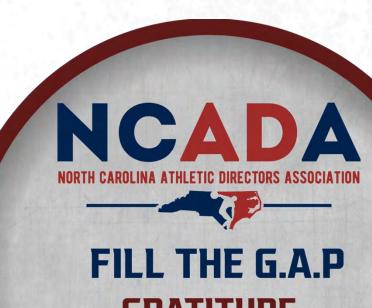
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GRATITUDE
ACCOUNTABILITY
PURPOSE
2025-2026





NCADA Leadership - Executive Board

- Executive Director Roy Turner, Retired
- Associate Executive Director Vernon Aldridge, Retired
- President Steve Robinson, CMS Director of Athletics
- Vice-President Brad Hinson, Cox Mill High School
- Secretary Colin Fegeley, Green Level High School
- NIAAA Liaison/PD Chair Deran Coe, Wake County AD







NCADA Leadership – Board of Directors

Region 1

Region 2

Region 3

Region 4

Region 5

Region 6

Region 7

Region 8

At-Large A (1 & 3)

At-Large B (2 & 5)

At-Large C (4 & 7)

At-Large D (6 & 8)

Wes Mattera

Matt Davis

Crystal Massenburg

Patty Evers

Brad Fisher

Jason Fowler

Nathan Robinson

Justin Heatherly

Mike Dunphy

Leslie Reeves

Dustin Kerley

Brian Carver

Holmes HS

Pender HS

South Garner HS

East Bladen HS

Reynolds HS

East Meck HS

Alexander Central HS

West Henderson HS

Willow Springs HS

West Brunswick HS

Watauga HS

Enka HS







NCADA Leadership – Board of Directors

Affiliate Members

NCHSAA - Que Tucker

NCCA - Joe Franks

NCISAA - Chris Satterfield Cannon High School

If interested in serving on the NCADA Board of Directors, visit www.ncada.net, click **Board Information**, and click **Application**.







Let Us Partner With You – Why the NCADA?

- Building Value in the World of Athletic Administration
- After School Security and Event Safety Certifications
- Certification of Athletic Administrators and Coaches
- National Recognition of Exceptional Athletic Programs
- Membership Benefits Liability Insurance and Resources
- State and National Recognition and Awards
- Partnering with Parents and Community Members







Leadership Development Opportunities

2025 NIAAA National AD Conference – December 13-16, 2025 Tampa
 Convention Center in Tampa, Fl

2026 NCADA State Conference – Friday, March 13-16, 2026, at the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville, NC

2026 Summer Leadership Academy – July 20-21, 2026 Greensboro
 Coliseum Complex



2026 NCHSAA/NCADA Le<u>AD</u>ership Breakfast – July 21, 2026
 Greensboro Coliseum Complex at 8:00 am



NCADA Dual Membership Benefits and Resources

NCADA Marketplace (Vendors and Distributors)

NCADA Mobile APP

NIAAA Resources and Insurance

AD Insider and Professional Learning Communities

NCADA Toolbox

NCADA Vault (Media Hub)

Members will have access to legal assistance and Federal Advocacy with D.C. based Lobbyist

NCADA/NIAAA Dual membership includes an additional \$2,000,000
 of liability insurance along with Accidental Death or
 Dismemberment insurance and \$2,500 in Term Life Insurance.





NCDPI Interscholastic Athletics Update

Brad Alford
Director for the Office of Athletics

September 15 - 25, 2025



Today's Presentation: https://bit.ly/IAUpdates91525







2025-2030 Strategic Plan for North Carolina Public Schools



Superintendent

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

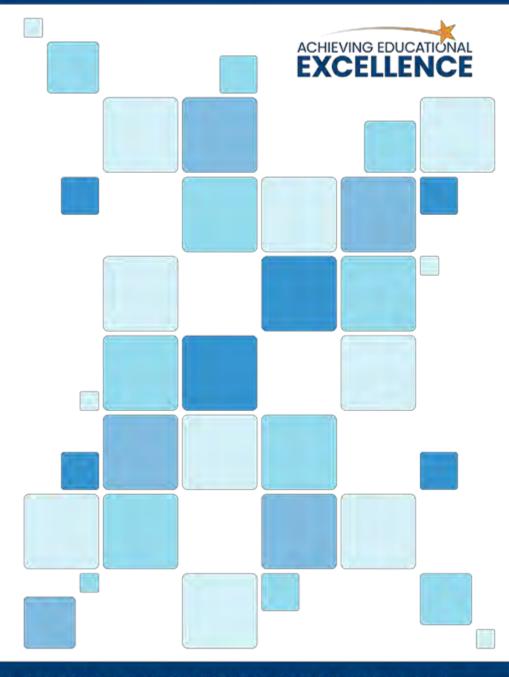


Mission

The mission of the North Carolina State Board of Education and the North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction is to use their constitutional authority to guard and maintain the right to a public education for every student in North Carolina and to support public school units in providing every student an excellent education that prepares them for success in their next phase of life.

Vision

Achieving Educational Excellence is the vision for this strategic plan. This vision has three main components: high academic achievement, character development and making North Carolina public schools the best in the United States of America.



ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



PILLAR 1

Prepare Each
Student for
Their Next
Phase in Life



PILLAR 2

Revere Public School Educators



PILLAR 3

Enhance
Parent,
Caregiver,
and
Community
Support



PILLAR 4

Ensure
Healthy, Safe
and Secure
Learning
Environments



PILLAR 5

Optimize
Operational
Excellence



PILLAR 6

Lead
Transformative
Change



PILLAR 7

Celebrate the Excellence in Public Education



PILLAR 8

Galvanize
Champions to
Fully Invest in
and Support
Public
Education





Excellence for All

- Traditional
- Adaptive
- ESports
- Special

Unified

- **Olympics**



Safe **Environments**

Continuing Education



2025-2030 Strategic Plan for North Carolina Public Schools



Well-Being

- Mental Health
- Physical Health
- School-based **Health Services**



Celebrating Interscholastic **Athletics**

Storytelling

Athletics Focus Areas



NCSIS Infinite Campus

Webinars

- Tools for Athletic Directors
- SIS Coordinator Reports
- Athletic Team Options



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Communications

Educational Directory & Demographic Information Exchange (EDDIE)

- In June, EDDIE administrators were provided a list of the new availated fields that they need to complete
 - Includes "Athletic Director"

Interscholastic Athletics Webpage (link)

- Districts & Schools
 - Interscholastic Athletics

Social Media







Education-based Athletics Triangle

Shaping the Future of Interscholastic Athletics







Education-based Athletics Diamond

Shaping the Future of Interscholastic Athletics









North Carolina Department of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



Questions?

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- Pursue Academic Excellence: Strive to achieve our best in all academic endeavors.
- Advocate for Healthy Choices: Abstain from using illegal substances and encourage others to do the same.
- Advance SAAC's Mission: Actively support and promote the objectives of the SAAC.
- Engage Fully: Participate with enthusiasm and commitment in all SAAC activities.
- Represent Student-Athletes: Serve as a voice for student-athletes throughout the state.
- Exemplify Sportsmanship: Demonstrate and promote good sportsmanship in all our actions.
- Respect Everyone: Treat all individuals with respect and dignity.
- Live Healthily: Commit to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



#NCHSAAGameLockedIn Toolkit

- Audio PSAs Male and Female Voiceovers
- * Custom Co-Branded Logos (featuring your school's name!)
- Animated Logo GIF
- **Eye-Catching Infographic Poster**
- Ready-to-Use Game Announcement Script
- Wideo PSA Quick Hit (30 Seconds)
- Wideo PSA Full Story (1:17)



Board of Directors Updates

About the Board of Directors Meeting Chairperson

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Mission and Vision



The <u>MISSION</u> of the NCHSAA is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs in NC that support and enrich the educational experience of students.



The <u>VISION</u> of the NCHSAA is to be the national model for developing and inspiring greatness through interscholastic athletic experiences.



Core Values

Sportsmanship

Integrity

Fair Play

Honesty

Respect

Equity

Fair Competition

Education & Development of Student-Athletes



Board of Director Officers



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Superintendent
Randolph County
Schools



Mark Garrett, Vice-President

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Henderson County
Schools



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Assistant Superintendent Watauga County Schools



Que Tucker, Commissioner

NCHSAA



Board of Directors By Region

1

- Matthew
 Cheesman
 Beaufort County
 Schools (1A)
- Larry Williford

 Farmville
 Central High
 School
 (3A)

2

- Jamie King
 Sampson
 County Schols
 (3A)
- Henry Rice
 Pamlico County
 Schools (2A)

3

- John Williams
 Northampton
 High School
 (2A)
- Eddie Doll Hunt High School (5A)

4

- Andy McCormick Union Pines High School (6A)
- Stefanie
 Phillips
 Moore County
 Schools (8A)



Board of Directors By Region

5

- Sam Jones
 West Stokes
 High
 School (4A)
- Allen Plaster
 East Forsyth
 High School
 (7A)

6

- Erica Turner
 Charlottee
 Mecklenburg
 Schools (8A)
- Bryan Tyson
 Cabarrus
 County
 Schools (7A)

7

- Paige
 Badgett
 North Surry
 High School
 (4A)
- Don Phipps
 Caldwell
 County Schools
 (6A)

8

- Dana Ayers
 Jackson County
 Public Schools
 (5A)
- Brett Lamb
 Highlands High
 School (1A)



Board of Directors Affiliate Members

Elbert Lassiter

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NC Department of Public Instruction

Roy Turner

NC Athletic Directors' Association



Board of Directors

Finance/Personnel

Policy

Committees

Review/Officiating

Sports



Work of the Board of Directors

The membership submits agenda items

- Nov. 1 deadline for Winter Meeting
- April 1 deadline for the Spring

Agenda items "worked through" in committee

- Presented/discussed before full board
- Some items are recommended for approval

Based on the MOU, all eligibility rules must be approved by SBOE



Nominating Board Members

The Nominating Committee depends on name submissions

Principal/Designee can make nominations in the online form





Master of Science in Sport Management

Western Carolina University
College of Business Graduate Programs
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully online!
- 30 credit hours (10 classes)
- Finish in as little as 12 months!
 - Full-time and Part-time enrollment
 - 8-week courses
- Start August or January
- Experience in sports not required
 - Applicants should demonstrate motivation and goals applicable to sport management

COST OF ATTENDING

- Part-Time Enrollment (per credit hour, 1-8 credit hours)
 - \$329.82 NC Resident
 - \$975.32 Non-NC Resident
- Full-Time Enrollment (per semester, 9+ credit hours)
 - \$2,968.38 NC Resident
 - \$8,777.88 Non-NC Resident

Note: A full-time NC resident can complete the program in 12 months for under \$8,000



Graduate Certificates

Students enrolled in the Master of Science in Sport Management (MSSM) program have the opportunity to customize their degree by selecting one of two graduate certificate options to fulfill program requirements:

- the Graduate Certificate in Project Management or,
- the Graduate Certificate in Innovation Leadership.

This enhancement allows students to complete their MSSM degree and earn a graduate certificate, all within ten courses, providing both academic depth and a competitive edge in the marketplace.

Innovation Leadership

- ENT 601 Entrepreneurial Innovation
- ENT 615 Design Thinking
- ENT 635 Intrapreneurship: Innovation within Organizations
- ENT 637 Building Innovative Organizations

Project Management

- PMC 610 Project Initiation and Planning
- PMC 620 Project Execution and Closeout
- PMC 630 The Project Manager and People Skills
- PMC 640 Managing Project Teams





QUESTIONS? HTTP://BUSINESSGRAD.WCU.EDU

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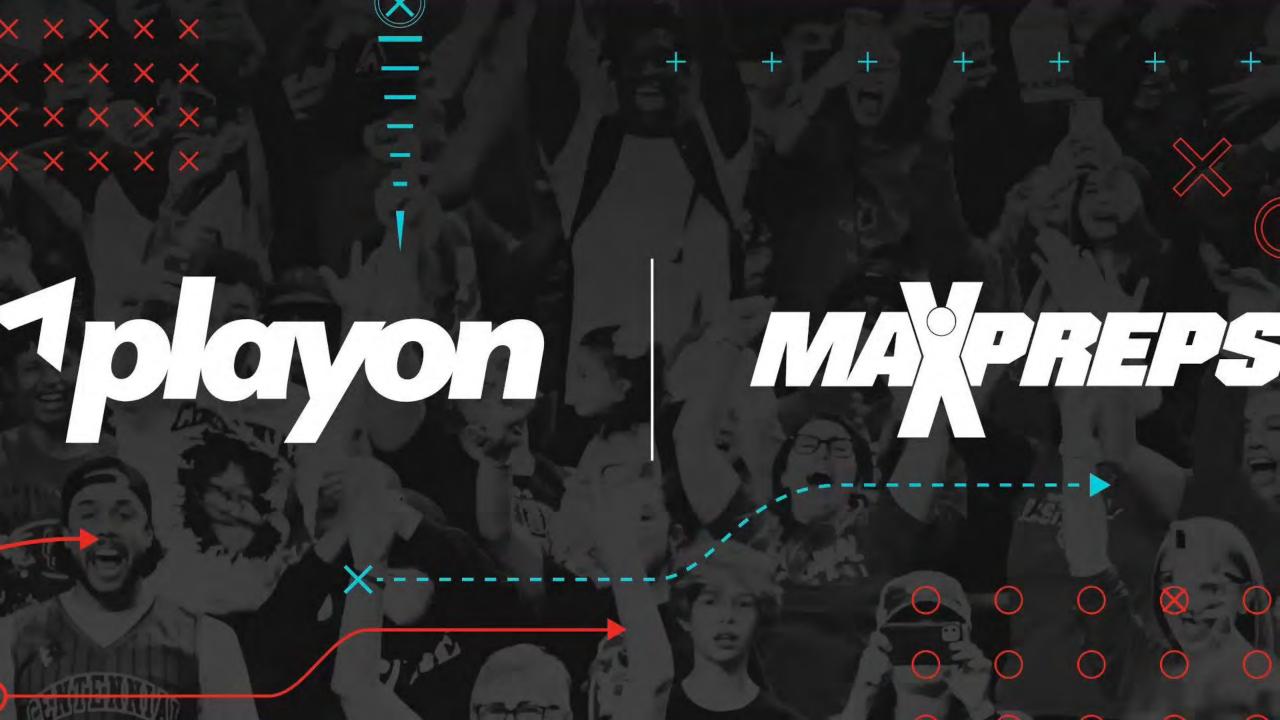


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Break

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ESPN

Attend

Tickets

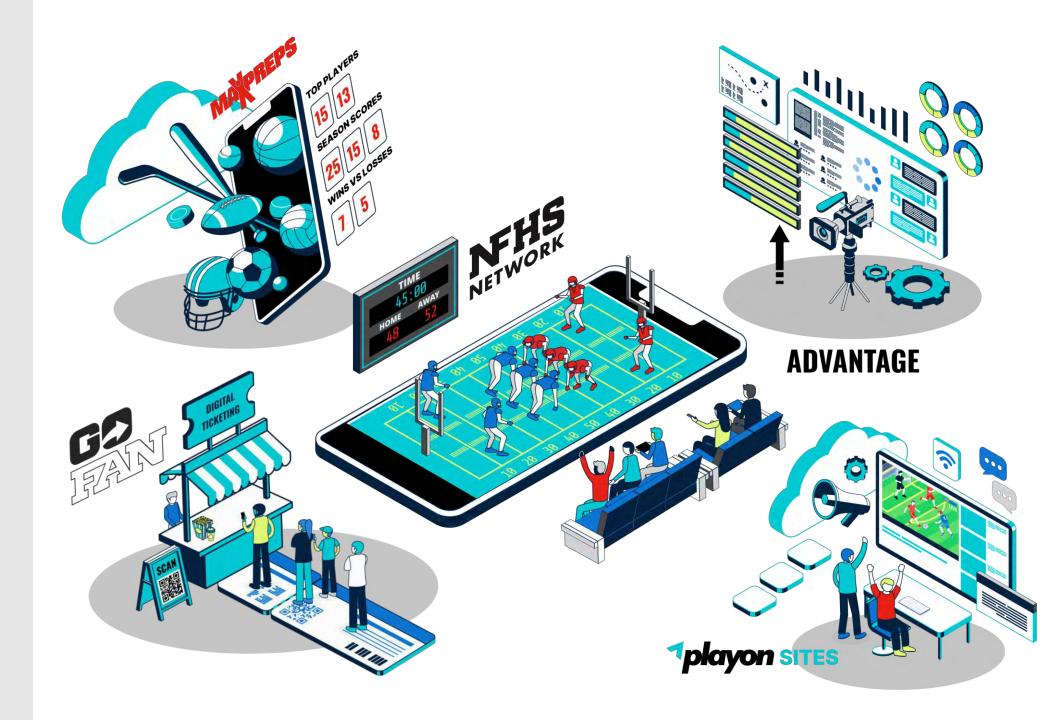
Stream

MLB.TV

Analysis & Breakdowns

Connect

Braves.com



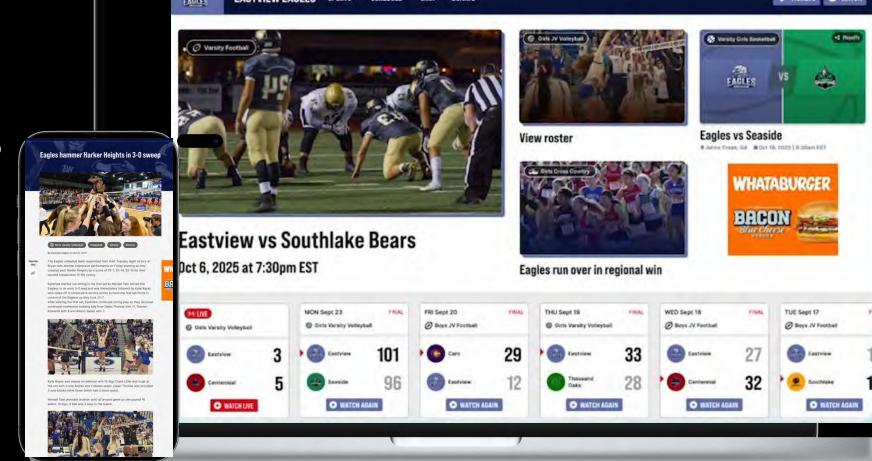
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AMPLIFY BRAND

HIGHLIGHT SUCCESS

BUILD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

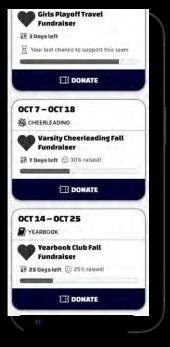
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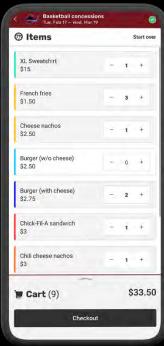


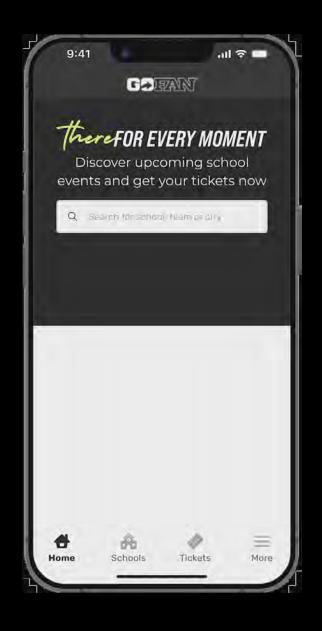
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Digital Ticketing, Concessions, & Donations

- Ticket links on athletic wesite
- & MaxPreps
- Campus-wide events
- Fast gate experience
- No lost revenue
- Easy point of sale







Captivate

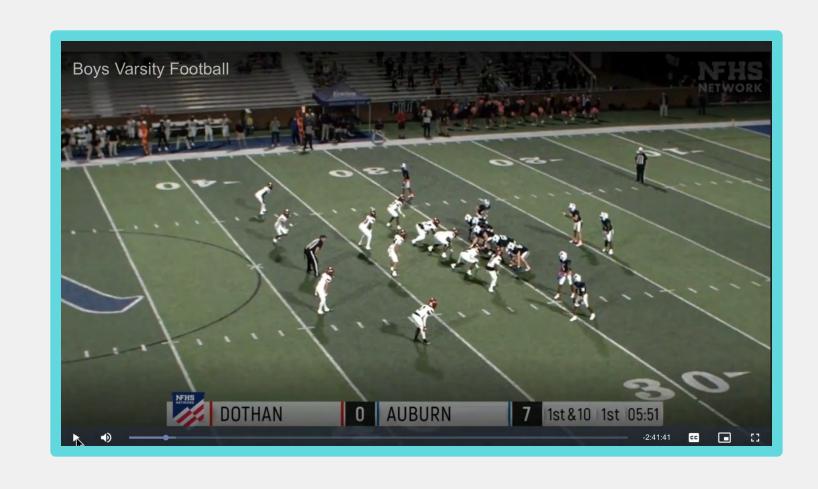
Capture your events on camera so your fans never miss a moment.

First Down Line

Raise the caliber of your football broadcasts with a first down line.

In-Game Replays

Provide a professional-level experience for fans to relive unforgettable moments.



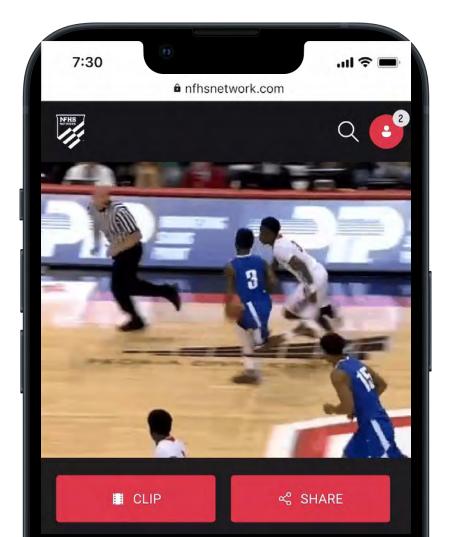
CLIPS

Build Excitement with Real-Time, Fan-Generated Clips

- For Students
- For Families
- For Schools

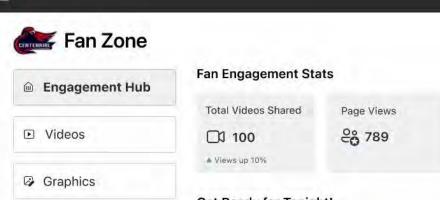
- Viral Moments
- Instant Sharing
- Broad Reach

Fan-Generated Content



PLAYON HQ





Get Ready for Tonight!







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Hi Heather 🧐

Special Programs and Eligibility

Rhonda Dreibelbis
Assistant Commissioner – Sports, Championships, and
Compliance

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Special Programs

FOR STUDENTS

- Cheersounds Scholar Award
- NCHSAA/FloSports scholarships
- Scholar-Athlete Recognition, courtesy of Governors Highway Safety Program & the Click It or Ticket initiative
- Performance of the Month, powered by Orthocarolina
- Heart of a Champion, courtesy of NC Farm Bureau
- Spirit of Sport

FOR SCHOOLS & ADMIN

- Wells Fargo State and Conference Cups
- Commissioner's Trophy
- Exemplary School Award
- Homer Thompson 8 Who Make A Difference, courtesy of NC Farm Bureau
- Ejection-Free School Recognition, courtesy of NC Farm Bureau



Student Programs

Four Goals of Student Programs

- Equipping student-athletes to thrive as mentors, role models, and trailblazers
- 2. Fostering enhancements in academic accomplishments, school attendance, graduation rates, and peer interactions among student-athletes
- Instilling positive virtues, reverence, cooperation, and sportsmanship within student-athletes and the adults affiliated with athletic initiatives
- 4. Broadening the program's reach by providing impactful training programs to a diverse array of student-athletes and adults

Student-Athlete Advisory Council

Student Leadership Program



Hall of Fame

- Nominations due by November 1st of each year
- Requires FULLY COMPLETED forms
 - Two reference letters and other supporting materials
 - Form: <u>www.nchsaa.org/hall-</u> fame





Class of 2025



2025-2026 NC State Board of Education

ATHL-005 Sections 3, 6 and 8

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Changes 2025 – 2026

Residence

- If the student's parents are separated or divorced, the residence of the parent to whom a court of competent jurisdiction has awarded primary custody of the student.
- If no custody order has been entered, the student and the student's parents shall designate one parent's residence as the primary residence and communicate that designation to the participating school prior to participation in interscholastic athletic activities.





Changes 2025 – 2026

Residence

- Two-Semester Rule
 - A student shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics on behalf of a participating school in which the student is enrolled if the student has attended any school within the jurisdiction of the same PSU as the participating school for two preceding semesters.





Changes for 2025 – 2026

Scholastic

- To determine good academic standing during the fall semester, a student may count any course that the student passes in a summer school session toward the total number of courses passed the preceding semester
- The summer school course shall not affect the total number of courses attempted in the preceding spring semester





Changes for 2025-2026

Scholastic (Attendance)

- To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, a student must be in good academic standing:
 - **Attended** at least 85 percent of the total number of instructional days in the PSU during the previous semester;
 - Passed at least 70 percent of the courses taken in the preceding semester;
 AND
 - Making sufficient progress toward meeting the academic and curricular requirements of the PSU and the State Board of Education to be promoted to the next grade level or to graduate within the next calendar year
 - Note:
 - An absence is an unexcused absence as determined by the membership entity. Excused absences are not considered for this purpose (field trip, exam exemption, or is otherwise excused from attendance)



Transfers

- After initial entry into ninth grade and absent a bona fide change in address:
 - Within PSU: Student must sit 365 days unless the PSU has adopted a policy allowing immediate eligibility for students
 - PSU to PSU: Student must sit 365 days unless governing bodies of both PSU's agree
- If membership entities do not agree, the receiving membership entity must apply to the NCHSAA for a waiver



Amateur Rule

A student shall not participate in interscholastic athletics after any of the following:

- Graduation except participation in spring sports playoffs and championships after graduation
- Signing a professional contract
- Receiving remuneration as a participant in an athletic contest, except that a student may accept a gift, merchandise, or other thing of value that:
 - Value does not exceed \$250.00
 - Item is totally consumable and non-transferable, or labeled in a permanent manner (engraved or monogrammed)
 - The item is approved by the principal and the local superintendent
 - Entering into an NIL agreement, unless the student has complied with SBE Policy ATHL-008



Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL)

Disclosure Requirements

- The student shall disclose to the school administrators the NIL agreement in accordance with the following:
 - A complete and unredacted copy of the proposed agreement or amendment to an existing agreement, no later than 10 days PRIOR to the execution of the agreement
 - The student must also complete the NFHS NIL Education Course and provide certificate of completion
 - If the student is under 18, the parent or legal guardian also must complete the NFHS NIL Education Course
 - A complete and unredacted copy of the executed agreement, no later than five business days after the execution of the agreement



Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL)

Reporting Requirements

 The athletic director of the participating school shall submit a current copy of the executed agreement to the administering organization (NCHSAA) within 30 days of the disclosure of the executed or amended NIL agreement

Recruitment Restrictions

- No athletic director, coach, other employee of the PSU, representative of a booster club, or representative of an NIL collective shall use the promise of an NIL agreement for recruitment purposes
- Act as a student's agent or marketing representative
- Facilitate an NIL agreement between a student and a third party



Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL)

Applicability

The NIL policy shall apply to any NIL agreement that a student or the student's parents or legal guardian executes during the time the student is enrolled in a PSU, even if benefits do not accrue to the student or family member until the student has graduated.





Waivers and Appeals

- Request for Waiver
 - NCHSAA Form
 - Checklist has been added
 - Complete information is a MUST
- Appeals
 - NCHSAA Final Decision
 - Can be appealed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 5 days after receipt of the final decision
 - Non-boarding parochial schools may file an appeal with the NCHSAA within 5 days after receipt of the final decision

Sports, Championships, and Health & Safety

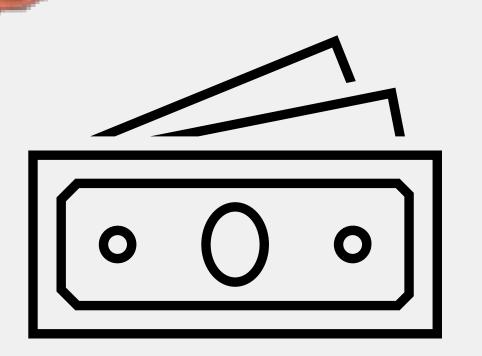
Alfie Wheeler Assistant Commissioner – Sports & Championships

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Cash Option

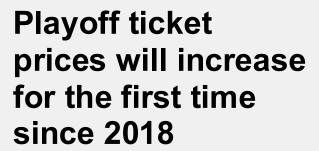
The Board of Directors approved a required cash option for payment at the NCHSAA playoffs.





Playoff Ticket Prices





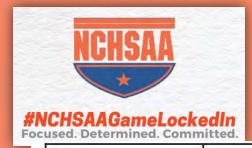


Most first and second-round contests will be \$10 per ticket

Increases incrementally in the third and fourth rounds Increases in Regional and Championship Rounds



Football and
Basketball
Championship Game
tickets will be \$20.00



NCHSAA/Member School Revenue Shares

Sport	Rounds Prior to Regional Quarterfinal Rounds 1 or 2*	Regional Quarterfinal Rounds 2 or 3*	Regional Semifinal Rounds 3 or 4*	Regional Final	State Championship
		FALL			
Football	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
	NCHSAA: 15%	NCHSAA: 20%	NCHSAA: 25%	NCHSAA: 33%	NCHSAA: 33%
Men's Soccer	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
	NCHSAA: 15%	NCHSAA: 20%	NCHSAA: 25%	NCHSAA: 33%	NCHSAA: 33%
Volleyball	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
	NCHSAA: 15%	NCHSAA: 20%	NCHSAA: 25%	NCHSAA: 33%	NCHSAA: 33%
		WINTER			
Basketball	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
	NCHSAA: 15%	NCHSAA: 20%	NCHSAA: 25%	NCHSAA: 33%	NCHSAA: 33%
Wrestling- Dual Team	Schools: 85% NCHSAA: 15%				Schools: 67% NCHSAA: 33%
		SPRING			
Baseball	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
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Lacrosse	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
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Softball	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
	NCHSAA: 15%	NCHSAA: 20%	NCHSAA: 25%	NCHSAA: 33%	NCHSAA: 33%
Women's Soccer	Schools: 85%	Schools: 80%	Schools: 75%	Schools: 67%	Schools: 67%
	NCHSAA: 15%	NCHSAA: 20%	NCHSAA: 25%	NCHSAA: 33%	NCHSAA: 33%



RPI For Qualification & Seeding Bracketed Sports

Board approved

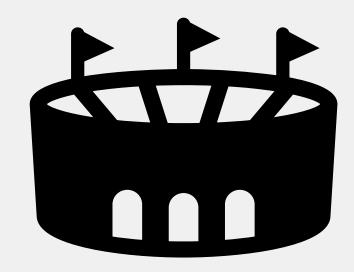
- MaxPreps Ranking System for playoff qualification and seeding (40-40-20), with no point differential.
- Berths to be awarded based on the final standings as determined by the MaxPreps Final RPI.
- In the event of a tie, additional decimal places beyond the four decimal places in MaxPreps will be added until the tie is broken.





Playoffs and State Championships

- For sport-specific playoff information, please refer to the NCHSAA handbook
- Regions for non-bracketed sports can be found on the NCHSAA website
- All playoffs for bracketed sports will begin at the same time





Baseball

- One-way communication experiment between coach and catcher has been approved by the NFHS for another season (continue to track data)
- Beginning in 2027, double first base will be required
- (Baseball Only)





Basketball

- Five-Quarter Rule Officially adopted
 - no longer a pilot program.
- Freshman and Sophomores ONLY
- Participation must be recorded in DragonFly and marked in the official scorebook
- Required documentation will be linked to the official Game Schedule
- The NCHSAA will provide additional implementation details
- Mercy Rule
 - Use triggered by a 35-point differential after halftime

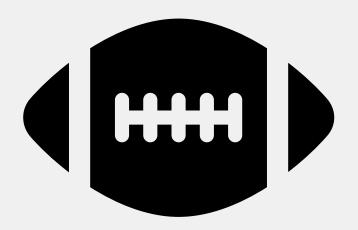




Football

Contest

- A minimum of three (3) calendar days between football contests is now required.
- This clarifies player participation during the week
- Mercy Rule
 - The Mercy Rule is now triggered by a 35-point differential after halftime

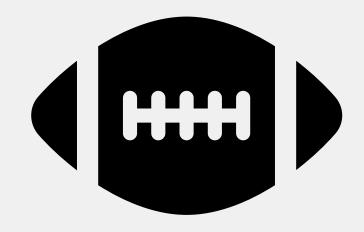




Football

8-Quarter

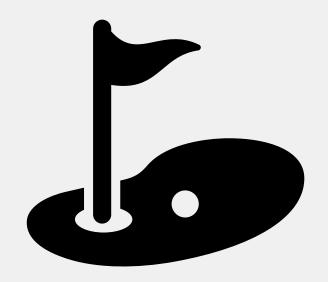
- 1A-4A: 9th- 11th graders can be utilized
- 5A-8A: 9th and 10th graders only
- The maximum number is 10 athletes per season





Golf

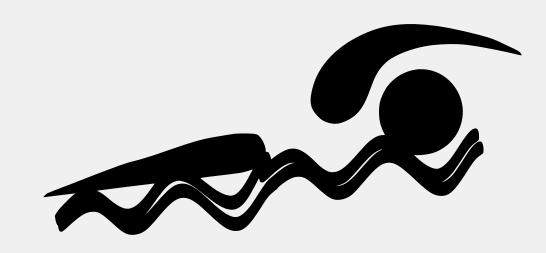
- All matches and results must be recorded in iWanamaker
- If interested in hosting a regional, please contact Austin Fleming in the NCHSAA office





Swim/Dive

- The NFHS has permitted the use of backstroke ledges for 25-26 with state adoption. Currently exploring interest and policy.
- For state championships, the top 6 from each region (East and West) will qualify; remaining spots will be filled.
- Still, the top 16 relays qualify for regionals, and 24 individual events.





Tennis

- Will use the USTA High School Digital Platform for the state individual tennis tournament
- Two doubles teams and two individuals per school will qualify for a pre-regional
- From pre-regionals, 16 doubles and 16 singles will advance to regionals
- The top two from each regional will advance to the state tournament for a total of eight qualifiers per class
- Note: Conference tournaments are optional
- If interested in hosting a regional, please contact Alfie Wheeler. If interested in hosting a Pre-Regional contact the North Carolina Tennis Coaches Association.





Wrestling

15 = minimum number of matches for seeding into women's wrestling regional





Approved Regional Supervisors

Gerald Moyer

Triad Basketball

Stephen Clayton

Coastal Women's Lacrosse

Wayne Merritt

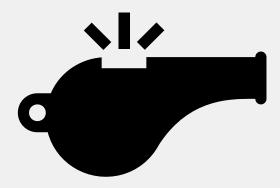
Wilmington Men's Lacrosse

Babe Allen

Coastal Plains Football

Stephen Jacobs

Metrolina Football





Required Coach Education

Before First Practice	All Coaches	Head Varsity Coach
NFHS Concussion in Sports (Annually)	✓	✓
View Pre-Season and CrashCourse Concussion Videos (Annually)	✓	✓
Valid AED/CPR Certification Must include some hands-on, in-person skill assessment	✓	✓
Before First Contest	All Coaches	Head Varsity Coach
NCHSAA Rules Clinic (Annually)		✓
NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching (one-time)	✓	✓

Sport-Specific Education

- Athletic Director* Afterschool Security Course one-time
- Cheer Coach Cheer and Dance Safety Certification every four years
- Pole Vault Coach Coaching Pole Vault Course one-time

^{*}Required for Athletic Directors and encouraged for all Game-Day Administrators.



Reporting Schedules, Results, Etc.

DragonFly

MaxPreps

MileSplit

NCPrepSwimming

Track Wrestling

iWanamaker



AT / First Responder Compliance in DragonFly

Rationale for Data in DragonFly

A licensed athletic trainer should be assigned the **TRN** user role.

A first responder should be assigned the FIRST RESPONDER user role.

Are all respective requirements complete and uploaded?

Update the Public Directory with individuals in these roles

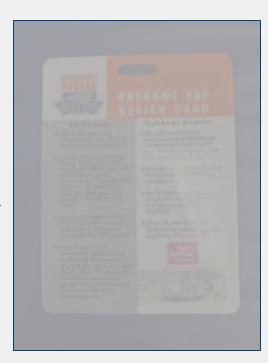
Allow the host school medical staff to look up visiting team medical staff and share relevant information, EAP, etc.

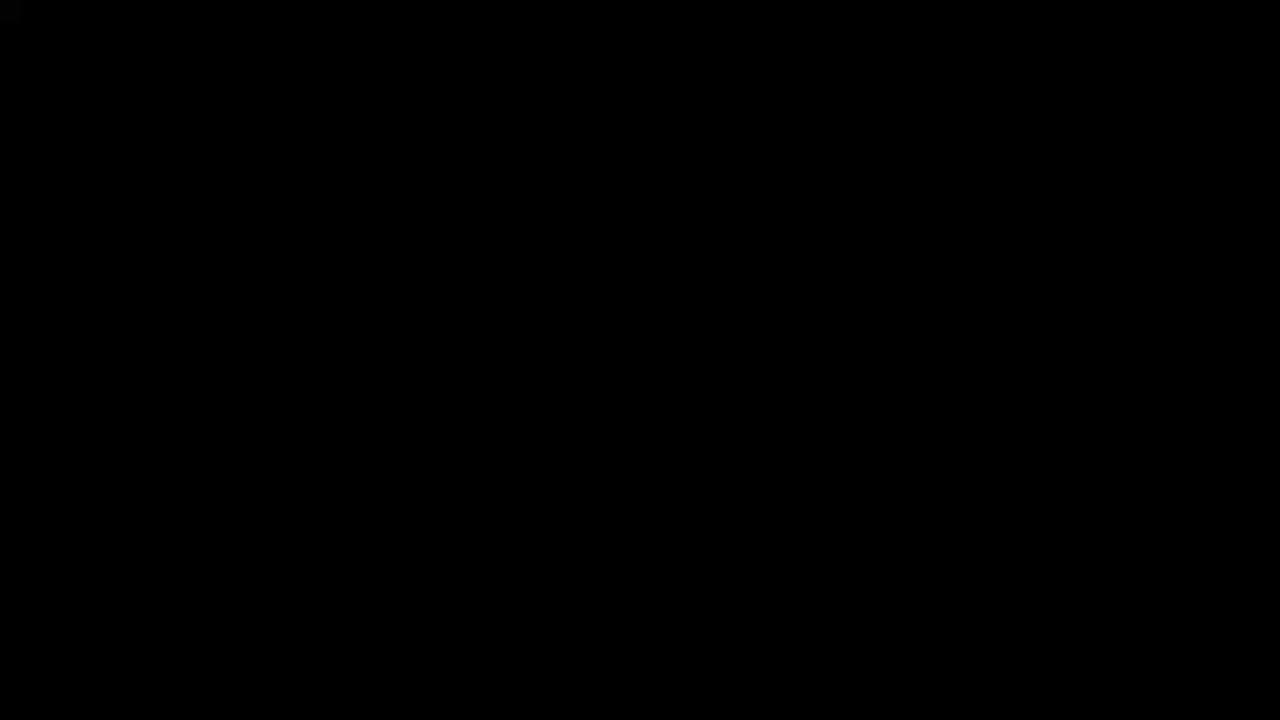


Pre-Game EAP Review

- Before each home contest
- Led by Game Day Administrator or designee
- Key talking points:
 - Who will take the lead on the response to an injured/ill individual?
 - Who will contact EMS?
 - What emergency equipment is available? Where is it located? Who will retrieve it?
 - Where will EMS access the venue?
 - Who will perform crowd /scene control?
 - Who is monitoring the weather, and who will decide on the suspension of play due to weather disturbance? What has been designated as a safe shelter?

Pre-Game EAP Review cards available at the registration table or by mail Email janna@nchsaa.org





Commissioner's Report

Que Tucker

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JOIN US AT 'SAFETY CITY' AT THE NC STATE FAIR OCTOBER 16 – 26, 2025









Safety City:

Interactive exhibits and displays from state agencies, promoting safe living & reduced traffic crashes; includes themes such as safe driving, child passenger safety, motorcycle safety, prevention of underage drinking.

Location: Near Gate 10







NCHSAA Staff Hires



Alex Bass

Director, Development and Special Programs



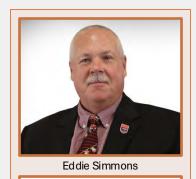
Matt Cotton

Receptionist/Office Assistant



Patrick Paye

Director, Sports and Championships



Director, Officiating Services



Assistant Commissioner, Sports and Championships



NCHSAA Staff Updates

Janna Fonseca

• Student Services

Brandon Moree

Marketing and Social Media



NCHSAA Media Passes

- Member schools are **not required** to honor NCHSAA Year-Long Media Passes at regular-season contests.
- Pass holders have:
 - Completed a background check within the past year.
 - Either:
 - Affiliation with a recognized media outlet, **or**
 - Letters of recommendation from Coaches, ADs, or Principals.
- Passes must be accepted at all NCHSAA post-season events.
- Report any misuse to Brandon Moree (brandon@nchsaa.org) for possible revocation.

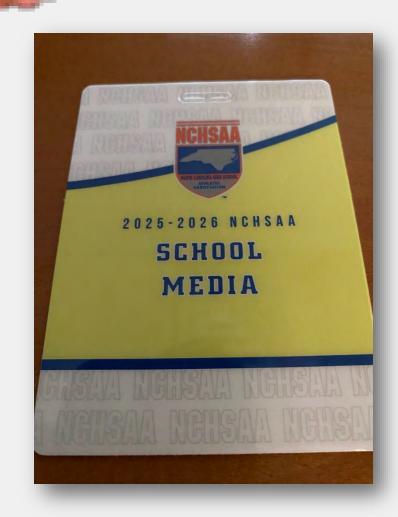




NCHSAA School Media Passes

Today, each school will receive **two media passes** for yearbook staff, student newspapers, or designated photographers. Schools may assign them as needed.

For questions, contact Brandon Moree (brandon@nchsaa.org).





Broadcast Rights

- The NCHSAA has no jurisdiction over broadcast rights during the regular season. Those belong to the host school. Schools have the autonomy to set whatever fee they desire for radio or video broadcasts of their contests, or charge no fee at all.
- In the post-season, the NCHSAA owns the radio AND video broadcast rights to all contests.
- If games are NOT already scheduled to be on the NFHS Network, third parties including schools may broadcast video streams of those games for a fee. Schools and/or third parties must complete the Broadcast Request Form on the NCHSAA website and receive approval from the NCHSAA.
- Schools can negate the fee if they involve students in the production process and share the feed with the NFHS Network.



Important Deadlines

Fall Eligibility Summary

September 1

Membership Dues
Winter Eligibility Summary

December 1

Spring B.O.D. Agenda Items

April 1

November 1

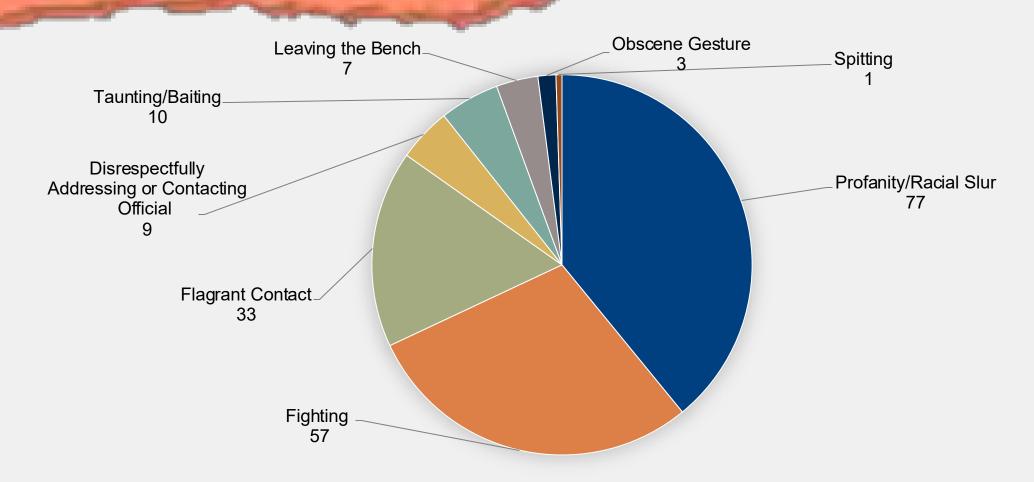
Winter B.O.D. Agenda Items

March 15

Spring Eligibility Summary

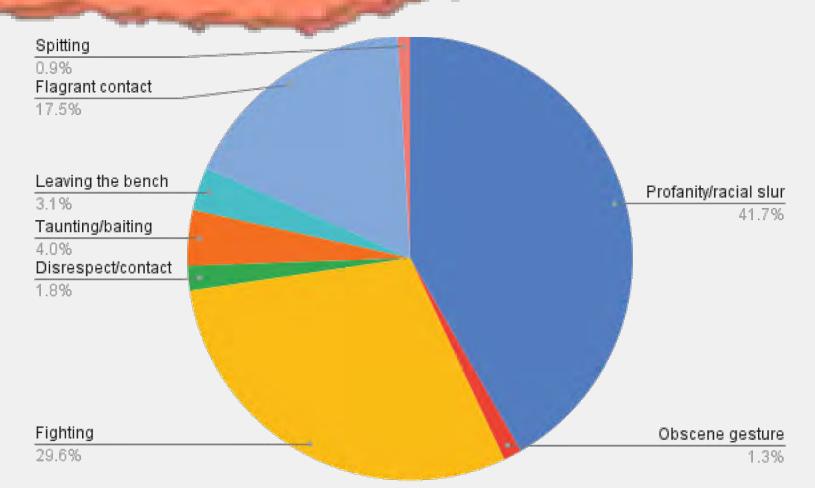


2025-2026 Ejections As of Sept 12, 2025 (197)

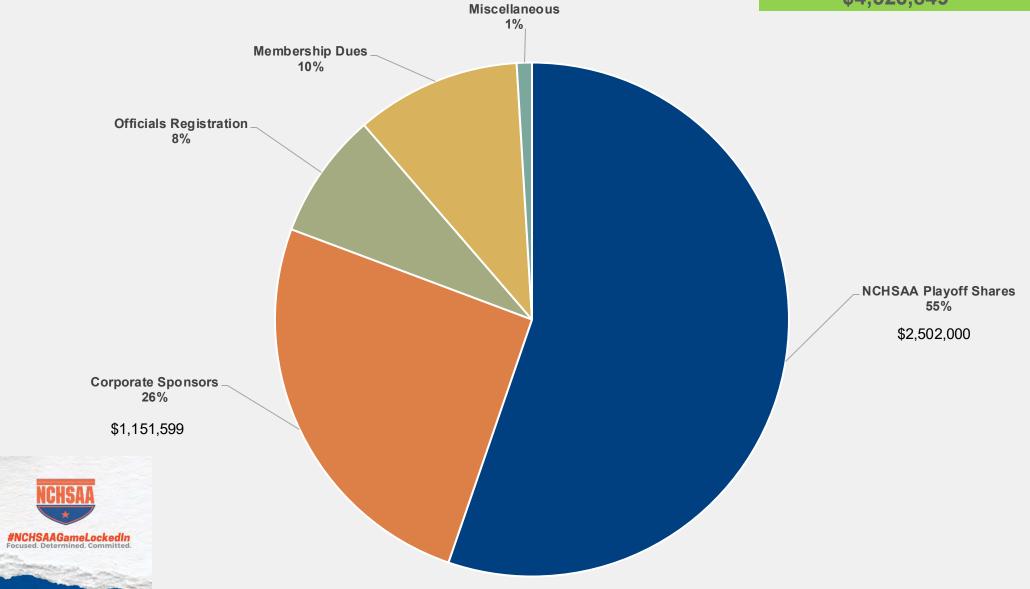


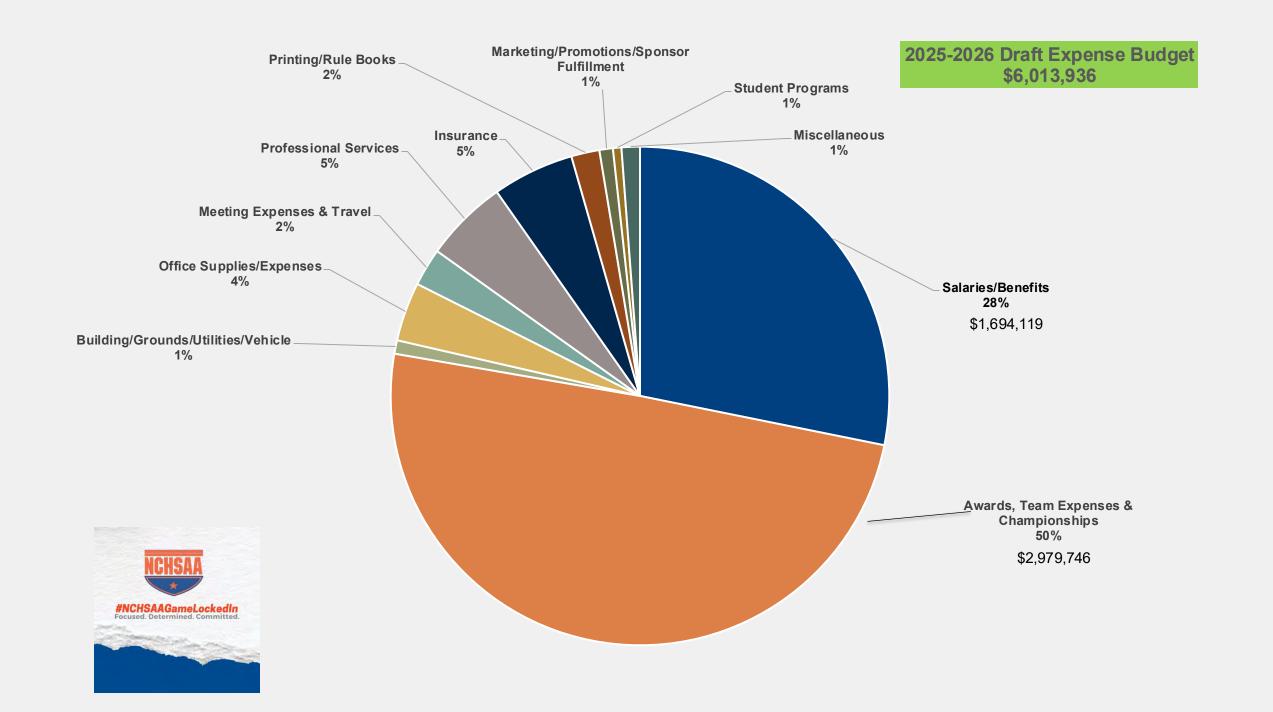


2025-2026 Ejections As of Sept 19, 2025 (223)



2025-2026 Draft Revenues \$4,526,849







2025-2026 Draft Operating Budget

Projected Revenues \$4,526,849

Projected Expenses \$6,013,936

Gross/(Loss) (\$1,487,087)



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Scholarship	Application Open Date	Application Deadline
Willie Bradshaw Memorial Endowed Scholarship	10/01/2025	01/16/2026
Charlie Adams Scholarship	10/01/2025	01/16/2026
Clary Medal Award	10/01/2025	03/18/2026
The Alford Family Golf Scholarship	10/01/2025	03/18/2026
Pat Gainey Student Scholarship	11/01/2025	01/19/2026
Jerry McGee Endowed Student Scholarship	11/01/2025	02/03/2026
Tony Cullen Memorial Scholarship	02/14/2026	03/31/2026
Award	Application Open Date	Nomination Deadline
Dave Harris Athletic Director Award of Excellence	09/01/2025	01/09/2026
Toby Webb Outstanding Coach Award	09/01/2025	01/23/2026

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Education-Based Athletics Grant Program

- Grant awards are limited to a maximum award of \$5,000.00 each. This does not mean that all recipients will receive the maximum amount of \$5,000.00.
- Only one (1) grant application may be submitted per school in a given school year. School personnel should coordinate efforts.
- Priority will be given to schools demonstrating that they are securing funds from other sources besides this grant. This platform is not intended to be the sole source of funding for school projects.
- The application is online at <u>www.nchsaafoundation.org</u> under the PROGRAMS tab.
- OPEN: September 1, 2025DEADLINE: February 27, 2026

NOTE: A complete list of areas of focus, criteria, and other details is available online.



A Message From the NCHSAA Foundation Board of Trustees





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Representation: Board of Directors

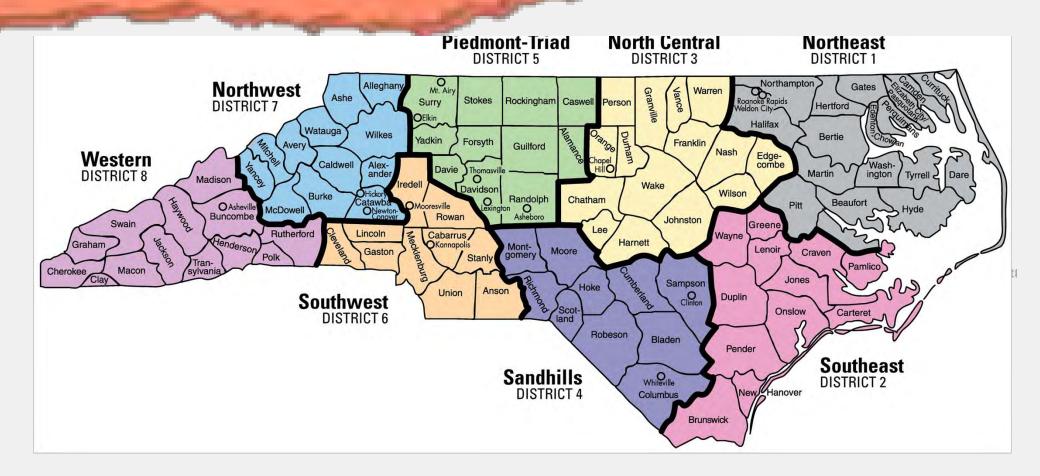
MOU Requirement

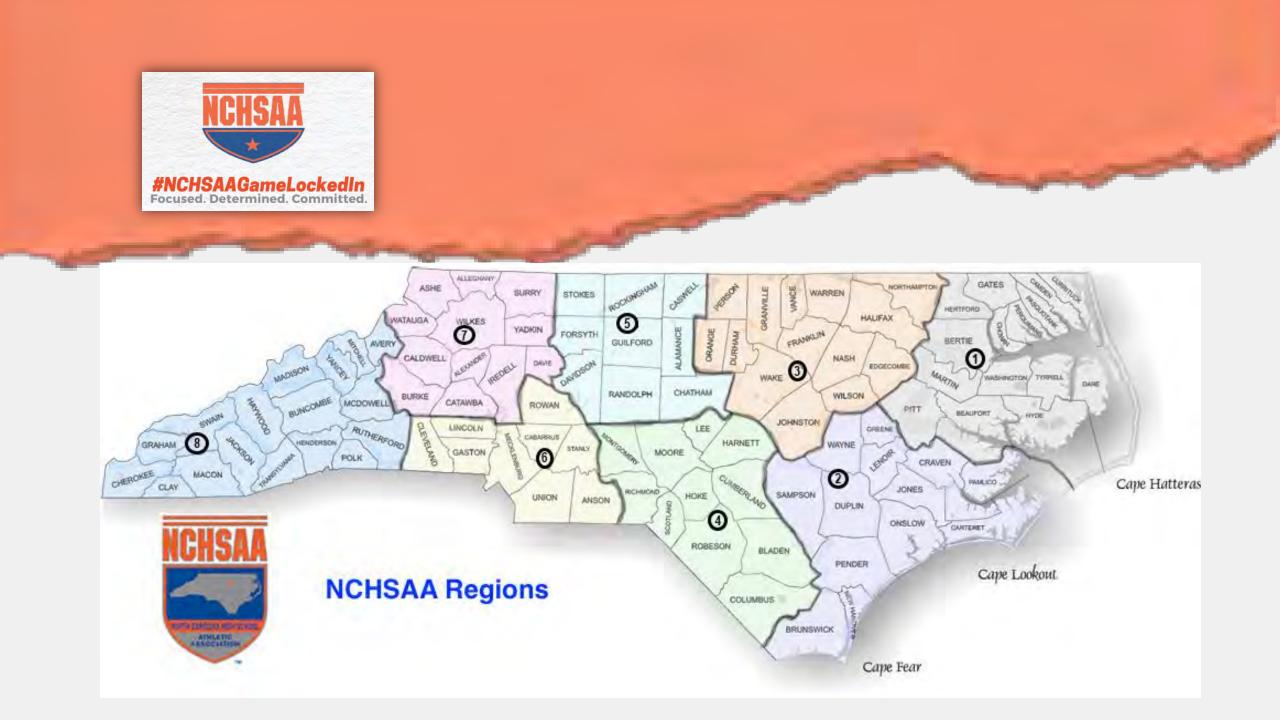
Dictates change

Educational Districts vs NCHSAA Regionals

 Will adjust as members graduate from the board after four years









2025-2029 Realignment Summary

8 Classifications (Big 32)

• 8A represents the largest (ADM) 32 schools in the state

Classes 1- 7 divided as evenly as possible

Each of 3 drafts followed by Reconsideration Requests to Realignment Committee

· Last was in person

Board accepted the draft from Committee

Allowed in person requests

Approved the current draft

Mid-point reconsideration still allowed by the bylaw



Bylaw VI

No more than 64 schools per class

What if less than half of a classification participates?

- Grouped with next largest classification(s) not having 50%
- What if only one classification has less than 50%?
 - Reduced the playoff bracket by one round

New State Championships

25 % of total member schools are now required for sanctioning



Miscellaneous Items

- Flag Football
 - Committee formed
 - Held zoom meeting
 - Survey will
- Boys Volleyball
- Sportsmanship
 - #NCHSAAGameLockedin
- Membership Agreement
 - MOU required
 - Will be sent at conclusion of regional meetings
 - Principal and Superintendent signatures required



NCHSAA Passes

Board Policy to Allow Passes

Not for all personnel

Not property of the individual

Member Schools = Four

Includes two media passes for your school

LEA (Yellow) = Three

One is for Chairperson of Board of Education

Admission During Regular Season

Passes are posted on the website

Senior Tar Heel Pass







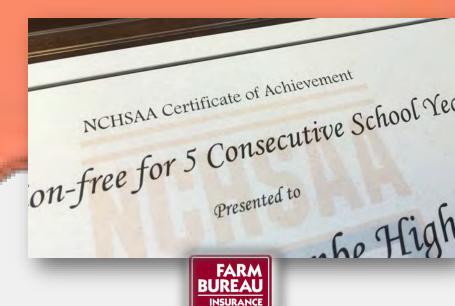
Questions/Comments/Concerns ?

info@nchsaa.org



Awards

- 2024-2025 Ejection-Free Schools, sponsored by NC Farm Bureau
 - Decals for Sportsmanship Banners
 - Certificates
 - 5/10-year Ejection-Free recognitions
- Wells Fargo Conference Cup
- **2025**:
 - Special Person
 - Charlie Adams Distinguished Service





Thank you for what you do for student-athletes!

Best wishes for a continued good 2025-2026 school year.

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