

SPORTS COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM

1. Daily Limitations for Swimmers/Divers

Attachment SP 1

Swimming/Diving
Advisory Group

RECOMMENDATION /CONSIDERATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
<p>To increase the number of daily contests for swimmers and divers from one to two.</p>	<p>Rationale: Increases opportunity for athletes to makeup a missed contests on the same day as an already scheduled event, improve the limited number of competitive opportunities, and increase the value of travel</p> <p>Budget Impact: Decreases cost in renting a facility for multiple competitions</p> <p>Educational Impact: No inherent loss of school time</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>To adjust the number of qualifiers for swim and dive regionals to include the top 24 times/scores in individual events and the top 16 times in relays.</p>	<p>Rationale: This would create an equal representation in each class at the regional championships.</p> <p>Budget Impact: No increase to current budget</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>

2. Adjusting Qualifying Format for Regional Championships

Attachment SP 2

Swimming and Diving
Advisory Group

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<p>3. Adjust Format for Swim and Dive Finals</p> <p>Attachment SP 3</p> <p>Swimming and Diving Advisory Group</p>	<p>To conduct timed finals only at the state championship meets.</p>	<p>Rationale: Expansion of championships, travel for teams, and dislike of running two classifications simultaneously at championships</p> <p>Budget Impact: No increase to current budget</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>4. Restore 16-entry Bracket at State Individual Tournament</p> <p>Attachment SP 4</p> <p>Tennis Coaches Association</p>	<p>To increase the singles and doubles field for state championships from 8 to 16 entry draws.</p>	<p>Rationale: The move to an 8-entry state tournament was an unpopular change.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: More students would miss class time</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>5. Language for Seeding and Pairing Regionals</p> <p>Attachment SP 5</p> <p>Tennis Coaches Association</p>	<p>To amend the NCHSAA handbook language for seeding process for pre-regionals and regionals.</p>	<p>Rationale: To clarify and codify how the pre-regional and regional seeding and draw will be conducted.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>

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<p>6. Participation of Teams with Three or Fewer Players</p> <p>Attachment SP 6</p> <p>Tennis Coaches Association</p>	<p>To allow schools with three or less individuals on their tennis team compete for individual championships.</p>	<p>Rationale: Handbook does not address how a team with three or fewer players can participate in high school tennis.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>7. Calendar Adjustment for Postseason Competition</p> <p>Attachment SP 7</p> <p>Tennis Coaches Association</p>	<p>To extend the tennis postseason by a week.</p>	<p>Rationale: Would eliminate playing five times in an eight-day period, the pre-regional being held the last week of regular season and would allow flexibility for inclement weather.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: Would spread out days in which students have to miss school to compete.</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>8. Sanction Girls' Dual Team Wrestling</p> <p>Attachment SP 8</p> <p>NC Wrestling Coaches Association</p>	<p>To sanction girl's dual team wrestling into subdivided championships based on schools' having six or more female wrestlers.</p>	<p>Rationale: There are enough viable girls' programs to sanction a subdivided dual team championship.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Cost associated with playoff travel</p> <p>Educational Impact: Does not change or affect loss of school time</p> <p>Equity Impact: Allowing girls to compete for a dual team championship</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>

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<p>9. Wrestling Committee</p> <p>Attachment SP 9</p> <p>NC Wrestling Coaches Association</p>	<p>To form a committee of wrestling stakeholders to discuss and resolve issues encountered individual wrestling and state tournament schedule.</p>	<p>Rationale: To balance numbers and discuss ways to create more equitable competition for the girls</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: More balanced opportunities</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>10. Align Girl’s and Boys Postseason Calendars</p> <p>Attachment SP 10</p> <p>NC Wrestling Coaches Association</p>	<p>To align postseason girls’ competition dates with the boys.</p>	<p>Rationale: Would alleviate girls having to wait two weeks to compete in the state tournament and schools could potentially host boys’ and girls’ regionals at the same site.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>11. Reduce playoff bracket size</p> <p>Attachment SP 11</p> <p>Catawba Shores Athletic Conference</p>	<p>To reduce the playoff bracket size from 48 – 32 teams for classes 1A – 7A.</p>	<p>Rationale: Creates less of an overlap, reduces the number of playoff opt-outs, raises the level of competition, improves player health and safety, and allows at least 50% of teams to qualify for playoffs.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Could eliminate an additional round of travel</p> <p>Educational Impact: Reduces potential missed class time</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>

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<p>12. Reduce playoff bracket size</p> <p>Attachment SP 12,12(a), 12(b) and 13</p> <p>Albermarle Athletic Conference and Mountain Athletic Conference</p>	<p>Rationale: Better support overall mission, decrease team overlap, decrease playoff opt-outs, and would provide a greater flexibility in postseason.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Lower travel costs</p> <p>Educational Impact: Decrease missed class time</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>13. Season Lengths, Participation Limits, and Playoff Bracket Size</p> <p>Attachment SP 14</p> <p>Dixon High School</p>	<p>Rationale: To address season overlap, scheduling congestion, and resource strain.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Reduces cost associated with transportation, officials, and staff.</p> <p>Educational Impact: Reduces missed class time</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>14. Adjust Baseball, Softball, and Basketball season dates</p> <p>Attachment SP 15 - 17</p> <p>South Piedmont Conference (15), Rocky River Conference (16), and Rocky River 4A/5A (17)</p>	<p>Rationale: To fix overlap, give softball and baseball a conference tournament, and allow baseball and softball more time to play 24 games</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: Would increase study time</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>

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<p>15. 2026-2027 NCHSAA Sports Calendar</p> <p>Attachment SP 18</p> <p>NCHSAA Staff</p>	<p>To adjust the current 2026-2027 sports calendar for tennis and basketball</p>	<p>Rationale: To eliminate the need for basketball playoff teams to practice on a Sunday, oversight of second round of tennis playoff dates, and conflict of handbook language pertaining to conference tournaments.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>16. JV Football Scrimmages</p> <p>Attachment SP 19</p> <p>NC Football Coaches Association</p>	<p>To allow junior varsity football to conduct stand-alone scrimmages</p>	<p>Rationale: Schools do not always field a JV team</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>17. Minimum Number of Contests to Qualify for Playoffs</p> <p>Attachment SP 20</p> <p>Pamlico County High School</p>	<p>To adopt a policy that requires schools to complete 85-90% of the maximum allowable regular season contests to qualify for playoffs.</p>	<p>Rationale: Enhance competitive equity and uphold integrity of postseason qualification</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>18. Shot Clock</p> <p>Attachment SP 21</p> <p>NC Basketball Coaches Association</p>	<p>To allow the shot clock to be approved on an experiential basis for the 26-27 school year during scrimmages, invitational tournament and special events</p>	<p>Rationale: To collect data of shot clock use</p> <p>Budget Impact: Only to schools who volunteered to use the shot clock.</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equitable for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: Effective 2026-2027 School Year</p>

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19. FAT Timing

Attachment SP 22

RECOMMENDATION /CONSIDERATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Reviewing the FAT Timing requirement for qualifying to indoor and outdoor post season.	** DISCUSSION ITEM**

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s): Eddie Rowe

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NCHSAA Swimming & Diving Advisory Board

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)

We request that Handbook 4.10.1.(f) be changed to: “Number of Regular Season Contests – No more than three may be scheduled per week. A student-athlete is limited to ~~one~~ **two** contests a day.”

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)
Allowing two contests per day will increase flexibility in scheduling and type of competitive format. The opportunity to makeup a missed contest on the same day of an existing, scheduled contest (similar to a double-header after a rain-out in baseball), will improve the already limited number of competitive opportunities for swimmers in our state. Additionally, it will increase the value of travel to a distant opponent if additional contests may be held on the same day when far afield. Swimming two meets in the same day is the closest preparation to a prelims-finals format when that format of meet is not readily available, and finally, it is often cheaper to rent a facility for a longer period on a single day than a shorter period for each of two competition days.
- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school’s/athletic department’s finances?)
As noted, it is often *less* expensive to rent a facility for two meets on ONE day than for one meet on each of two days. Since this change doesn’t create a requirement, but rather eases a restriction, we feel that there is no negative affect to budget or finances.
- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)
There is no inherent loss of school time from easing this restriction. If anything consolidating contests into a single day may reduce loss of study time.
- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)
The impact from this proposal would affect males and females equally.
- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?)
We would like this in effect for the 2026-2027 school year.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Ryan Pegarsch

School/LEA/Conference/Group: Swimming/Diving Advisory 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)

The proposal is to adopt the following format for Regional Championships for Swimming and Diving:

- Qualifiers to Regionals to include the top 24 times/scores in each individual event and top 16 times in relay events from qualifying entries advance to the regional championship meet in all classifications.

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

This is coming in line for all classifications no matter what the # of athletes or schools in a classification. This makes it a fair and even representation for each classification at the Regional Championships.

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

The only budget impact for the school's/athletic department's is the cost to bring the swimmers to the Regional Championships.

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

There will be no loss of school time or study time for students.

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

This proposal is fair for both genders.

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

The effective date would be immediately.

Submitted by: *Ryan Pegarsch* on 3/26/2026 for the Swimming/Diving Advisory Committee

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Ryan Pegarsch

School/LEA/Conference/Group: Swimming/Diving Advisory 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)

The proposal is to adopt the following format for the State Championships for Swimming and Diving:

- Timed final format for State Championship meets. For individual events, the top 8 fastest times and highest diving scores from each regional championship will automatically qualify. The fastest times and highest scores not already qualified will advance regardless of region until there is a maximum of 24 total qualifiers. All ties for the 8th place entry in each event will advance. For relay events, the top 6 fastest times and from each regional will automatically qualify and the fastest times not already qualified regardless of region until there is a maximum of 16 total qualifiers. All ties for the 6th place entry in each event will advance. Scoring would be the top 16 places.

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

The reason the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee came to this proposal is due to a few factors: expansion of championships from 3 to 6, travel for teams, no B final in a prelims/finals championship format, more qualifiers in a timed final championship format, the dislike for running two classifications/championships simultaneously.

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

We do not see any impact on the school's/athletic department's budget other than the current expenses already to attend the State Championship.

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

There will be no loss of school time or study time for students other than currently already interrupted to attend the State Championship.

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

This proposal is fair for both genders.

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

The effective date would be immediately for the 2026-2027 season.

Submitted by: *Ryan Pegarsch* on 3/26/2026 for the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name: Andrew Tuttle, President

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

Proposal – An amendment to restore the 16-entry bracket at the state individual tournaments.

We propose that the state individual championships, in both singles and doubles, be conducted as sixteen-entry draws.

If this proposal is adopted, then four players (or four doubles teams) would advance to the state tournament from each regional tournament.

Exception: if this proposal is adopted, and if the 1A championship is conducted as a separate tournament, then the 1A tournament would consist of two regionals (East and West), with four contestants from each regional qualifying for the state tournament, which would have an eight-entry draw.

Rationale -

Historically, state individual championships have been conducted as 16-entry draws. This historic and traditional format was changed last year as part of the 8-classification realignment.

The move to an eight-entry state tournament was one of the most unpopular changes made in NC high school tennis in recent history.

- In our 2025 Realignment Survey, conducted in the winter of 2025, coaches voted in favor of a 16-entry state tournament by a margin of 74-11.
- In our fall 2025 Postseason Survey, conducted in November 2025, after the women's tournament had been conducted with an 8-entry draw, coaches asked for a return to a 16-entry tournament bracket by a margin of 72-24.
- Desire for a return to a 16-entry tournament was expressed by numerous coaches in the open-ended comments, including on questions that had little or nothing to do with the state individual tournaments.

The change to an 8-entry bracket was justified on the basis that it allowed the same number of student-athletes to participate as before. That is, 8 classifications, with 8 entries each, equals 64 entries, just as four classifications of 16 entries each.

This justification, we believe, is unconvincing, in that it attempts to perpetuate an exceptionally unfair status quo.

The chart below shows the proportion of student-athletes who participated in the state tournaments or meets in the various individual sports during the 2023-24 sports seasons.

2023-2024 State Tournament Participants – Men							
	1A	2A	3A	4A	Total	Students Participating	% of Student-Athletes In State Tournament
Tennis	24	48	48	48	168	3833	4.38%
Wrestling	112	224	224	224	784	9885	7.93%
Cross Country	145	139	162	162	608	5821	10.44%
Golf	96	94	95	97	382	3278	11.65%
Outdoor Track	467	465	473	469	1874	15932	11.76%
Indoor Track	442		365	546	1353	7331	18.46%
Swimming and Diving	484		485	503	1472	3338	44.10%
2023-2024 State Tournament Participants – Women							
	1A	2A	3A	4A	Total	Students Participating	% of Student-Athletes In State Tournament
Tennis	24	48	48	48	168	4318	3.89%
Wrestling	192				192	1432	13.41%
Cross Country	137	137	141	176	591	4279	13.81%
Outdoor Track	456	459	478	469	1862	11409	16.32%
Golf	88		94	92	274	1573	17.42%
Indoor Track	402		358	490	1250	5912	21.14%
Swimming and Diving	491		491	504	1486	4487	33.12%

As you can see, by a large margin, tennis has the lowest percentage of its participants who receive the opportunity to participate in the state tournament.

Moreover, in many of these sports, the 2025 realignment resulted in more athletes participating in state tournaments or events, while, in tennis, our numbers remained basically the same.

Thus, we assert that returning to a 16-entry draw will bring tennis participation in the state individual tournament more in line with the participation levels in other individual sports.

To be clear, we do not really care how many track athletes or swimmers get to participate in their state-level events. All we care about is that the maximum number of tennis players get a similar opportunity.

That number is governed by the logistical limits of at two-day tennis tournament. Two matches per day is all we can ask our players to play. Thus, a two-day tournament is a four-round tournament, with room for sixteen entries.

In other words, the numbers on the chart above were driven, not by a conscious desire to be unfair to tennis, but by the simple limitations of a two-day tournament.

That changed in 2025, when the state reduced the fields to eight entrants each. Under this format, we accommodated only half of the number of participants that the structural limitations described above would allow.

This resulted in an extremely inefficient use of court space and time at the state tournaments. By mid-morning on Friday, sites had multiple empty courts ... courts that the NCHSAA had paid for.

And, yes, we can run two state tournaments of 16-entries each at the same site, so long as we have at least twelve courts at our disposal. Last fall, we conducted two regionals each at three 12-court sites, and, in each case, the tournaments went smoothly.

We have at least 12 courts at Burlington, Millbrook, and Cary Tennis Park. And, frankly, after the first round, we only need eight.

At Holly Springs, there are eight courts available, which is sufficient to host the combined 1A/2A championships, with a combined 16-entry bracket. It is also sufficient to host a 2A tournament with 16 entries, and a 1A tournament with 8 entries.

So, can we return to the 16-entry brackets, logistically?

Absolutely!! And, it's a better use of the money we are spending to rent these facilities!

(See the attached appendix for exactly how that would work.)

Returning the state tournament to sixteen entries will allow more student-athletes to participate than has historically been the case. We see this as a benefit, and a not a problem.

Making the state tournament is an inspiring and motivating experience that encourages hard work and skill development, not just for the athlete, but for teammates as well. "If Sally can make the state tournament this season, maybe I can make it next year."

We also believe this will encourage schools to continue to support their programs, by giving more schools a tangible accomplishment to celebrate. This will help schools feel that their programs are successful, and worthy of support, which will ultimately help us grow our overall participation numbers.

Budget Impact -

Last fall, the rental expense across the four state championship sites was approximately \$3,000. Two of those sites charge the NCHSAA a flat rate for the weekend, so no additional cost is incurred. One of those sites did not charge a fee at all.

We will not need additional sites, and we expect any increase in rental cost to be minimal, if any at all.

Educational Impact -

More kids will participate, and as such, more kids will miss school on the Friday of the state tournament.

Gender Impact -

The provisions would apply to both the men's and the women's seasons.

Effective Date -

The proposal would take effect for the 2026-2027 sports seasons.

Signature _____ Date _____

Appendix

Proposed State Tournament Schedules

Background

The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate that it is possible to run eight individual championships, with sixteen entries in each classification (except a separate 1A tournament, if contested as such) using the same sites and the same time frame as is currently the case.

Format and Schedule

Two classifications can hold their tournaments simultaneously at a given site.

7A/8A at Millbrook Exchange Park

Sixteen courts are needed for the first round on Friday morning, and thereafter, only eight courts are required.

Schedule:

Friday

- 9:00am – Play begins ... eight singles matches in 7A and eight in 8A. Sixteen courts required.
- 9:30am – Arrival time for players in the 7A doubles. Begin play as soon as courts are available.
- 10:00am – Arrival time for players in 8A doubles. Begin play as soon as courts are available (after all 7A doubles matches have been placed on court).
- 1:00pm (or 12:00 noon, if desired) – Second-round singles matches begin (assuming rest periods have been satisfied) – Eight courts required.
- 2:00pm – Arrival time for second-round doubles matches, play begins as courts become available (assuming rest periods have been satisfied). – Eight courts required.

Saturday

- 9:00am – Singles and doubles semifinals in both classifications. Eight courts required
- Break for lunch.
- 1:00am – Arrival time for finals. On the court, assuming appropriate rest from morning match. Four courts required.

5A/6A at Cary Tennis Park

Same schedule as the 7A/8A at Millbrook Exchange.

3A/4A at Burlington Tennis Center

Twelve courts are available at the facility.

Schedule:

Friday

- 9:00am – Play begins ... eight first-round singles matches in 3A and four in 4A (or vice versa).
- 9:30am – Arrival time for players in the four remaining first-round (4A) matches.
- 10:00am – Arrival time for first four first-round doubles matches (3A).
- 10:15am – Arrival time for second four first-round doubles matches (3A)
- 10:30am – Arrival time for first four first-round doubles matches (4A)
- 10:45am – Arrival time for second four first-round matches (4A).
- 1:00pm – Second-round singles (3A and 4A), plus four-second round (3A) doubles (assuming adequate rest from morning match).
- 1:30pm – Arrival time for remaining (4A) second-round doubles matches.

Saturday

- 9:00am – Singles and doubles semifinals in both classifications. Eight courts required
- Break for lunch.
- 1:00am – Arrival time for finals. On the court, assuming appropriate rest from morning match. Four courts required.

1A/2A at North Main Athletic Complex – Holly Springs

Eight courts are available at the site, which is sufficient to conduct the 1A/2A tournament, whether the classifications are combined or not.

Combined tournament

Friday

- 9:00am – Singles first round
- 10:00am – Arrival time for first round doubles matches.
- 1:00pm – Second-round singles and doubles, assuming adequate rest period satisfied. Eight courts required.

Saturday

- 9:00am - Singles and doubles semifinals. Four courts required.
- Break for lunch.
- 1:00am - Arrival time for finals. On the court, assuming appropriate rest from morning match. Two courts required.

Separate championships

For a scenario with separate 1A and 2A classifications, assuming a 16-entry 2A draw and an 8-entry 1A draw.

Friday

- 9:00am – Play begins ... first-round singles (2A).
- 9:30am – Arrival time for 1A first-round singles.
- 10:00am – Arrival time for first four first-round (2A) doubles matches.
- 10:30am – Arrival time for remaining first-round (2A) doubles matches.
- 11:00am – Arrival time for first-round doubles (1A).
- 1:00pm – Arrival time for second-round singles (1A and 2A), and two second-round doubles matches (2A).
- 1:30pm – Arrival time for remaining second-round doubles (2A).
- 2:00pm – Arrival time for second-round doubles (1A).

Saturday

- 9:00am - Singles and doubles semifinals (2A), plus singles and doubles finals (1A). Six courts required
- Break for lunch.
- 1:00am - Arrival time for finals (2A). On the court, assuming appropriate rest from morning match. Two courts required.

Final Notes

In all of these scenarios, a single tournament director would be needed at each site to make court assignments and run the event, just like a USTA tournament with multiple age groups. The director would need to identify a check-in desk, and have and have someone present at the desk at all times.

If a coaches meeting is desired, it could take place on Thursday night, on Zoom.

This format provides a major advantage over the current practice, especially on Friday, in that there is a clear morning and afternoon session on each day. There is not the pressure to get kids back on the court as soon as possible. Winners get a decent break between matches, and know when their next round is scheduled for play. Players can go get lunch, and properly recuperate from the previous round.

Conclusion

It is entirely possible, and perhaps advantageous, to play two classifications of 16 entries per bracket, using the sites we already have.

It is not necessary to reduce the tournament fields to eight participants because of limited facilities or court time. The sites to which we already have access are sufficient to run the tournaments contemplated in our individual tournament proposal.

Moreover, because we are renting at least some of these sites on a flat rate basis, conducting a 16-entry bracket is a better, more efficient use of the court time and space we are already paying for.



North Carolina High School Tennis Coaches Association

Greetings . . .

We are providing this cover letter to members of the NCHSAA Board of Directors, and specifically to the members assigned to the Sports Committee, as well as to Director Que Tucker and to the members of the NCHSAA staff responsible for tennis.

We wish to commend Alfie Wheeler, Rhonda Dreibelbis, and Patrick Paye for their work in helping to implement the many changes to high school tennis occasioned by the adoption of the 2023 bylaw amendment and the resulting 2025-29 realignment into eight classifications.

Attached, you will find five policy proposals we would like to submit for consideration at the 2026 Spring NCHSAA Board of Directors meeting.

These proposals have been vetted by our Board, and, in most cases, by a survey of the coaching community. We believe they will all bring clarity and improvement to the high school tennis experience.

Specifically, these proposals are:

- A request to return to a 16-entry bracket in singles and doubles at the state individual tournaments.
- A request to amend the handbook language regarding the seeding and pairings at the pre-regional qualifying events and at the regional tournaments.
- A request to add language to the handbook to govern the participation of teams with three or fewer players on their Maxpreps rosters.
- A request to modify the 8A regional assignments.

- A request to increase the calendar time allotted to the tennis postseason from three weeks to four weeks.

We are submitting each proposal on the appropriate agenda item submission form for your review.

We wish to make ourselves available to the Sports Committee at its meeting in April to answer questions we have failed to address adequately in our submissions. Sometimes, it is hard, in advance, to predict the questions that committee members may have, and we have found it helpful to be present to respond to those queries.

We have no desire to spend the committee's time rehearsing what we have written in our submissions, but we would like to be available to answer questions we did not anticipate. We believe this will expedite the committee's deliberation regarding our proposals.

Therefore, we request permission to send a small delegation of our board members to meet with the Sports Committee when it considers our proposals.

We also wish to renew our offer to work with the staff to re-write the tennis section of the handbook.

Last summer, we submitted a proposed revision of that section of the handbook for the staff to review, but with all of the other work the staff had to do get implement the realignment, plus the resignation of the staff members responsible for tennis at the time, it wasn't possible to consider a thorough revision.

The current handbook contains language that is both obsolete and unclear, and this contributes to questions and disputes during the season that require staff to answer and adjudicate.

A clear, complete handbook section on tennis is in everyone's best interest, and, as those with the most direct experience in the high school tennis space, we believe we can provide valuable assistance in this endeavor.

Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to the staff, to Director Tucker, and to the Board, for all the work that goes on, often behind the scenes and out of the spotlight, to make high school athletics a valuable and meaningful experience for our students.

Wishing you all the best.



Andrew Tuttle, President



Vic Ramsey, Technologist

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name: Vic Ramsey, Andrew Tuttle

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

Proposal – An amendment to the handbook language clarifying the regional seeding process.

We propose that paragraph 4.11.4(f), which describes the seeding at the regional tournaments, be amended as follows:

The current language is to be deleted entirely.

~~(f) Seeding and Pairings – Will be done under the direction of the tournament director, as determined by the regional seeding instructions posted on the NCHSAA tennis web page. All coaches should attend the seeding meetings at the respective Pre-Regionals/Regionals. Seeding meetings for top 4 places must be held during the week of the Regional tournament and results will be posted on the NCHSAA website.~~

~~(1) Criterion 1 – Head to head competition during the season; and,~~

~~(2) Criterion 2 – Records (not state USTA rankings) will be used for seeding players.~~

The following language is to be inserted in its place.

(f) Seeding and Pairings

(1) Pre-regional

(i.) On the Saturday morning prior to the pre-regional, the event director shall conduct a seeding meeting.

(A.) Unless otherwise agreed to unanimously by the coaches involved, the seeding meeting shall be scheduled for 9:00am and shall be conducted online.

(B.) All coaches are expected to participate, and shall be prepared to submit their entries in singles and doubles. In the event a coach cannot attend the seeding meeting, it is the coach's responsibility to communicate with the event director, and to submit his/her entries in advance.

(C.) As a group, the coaches shall seed the field, with the number of seeds equaling the number of berths assigned to that pre-regional. *(For instance, if the pre-regional is assigned seven regional berths, then the coaches would seed seven entries.)*

(1.) Coaches shall use the “all factors” method described in the USTA Friend at Court in order to seed the field, with the coaches present serving as the Seeding Committee.

(2.) Coaches may reference any relevant results, rankings, or ratings in making the case for a player or doubles team to be seeded, and may weigh the data presented as they deem appropriate.

(3.) Coaches shall seed the field by vote, and such votes shall be cast independently. Coaches may not enter into pre-arranged agreements to support particular entries.

(ii.) Once the seeds are determined, the event director shall assess whether any entries are entitled to byes. *(For instance, in a pre-regional with twelve entries and seven seeds, the top two seeds would receive byes, and the five unseeded players would be drawn against the players seeded 3 through 7.)*

(A.) Players or doubles teams seeded highly enough to receive byes will advance directly to the regional tournament, and do not have to attend the pre-regional.

(iii.) On the day of the pre-regional, prior to play, the coaches shall convene to conduct the pre-regional draw.

(A.) At that meeting, the unseeded players and doubles teams will be drawn, randomly, to play the seeded entries who did not receive byes, with the exception that teammates shall not be drawn to play each other in the pre-regional round.

(iv.) Play shall begin as soon as the draw has been completed.

(A.) A single round shall be played.

(B.) To the extent possible, the event director shall allow those players traveling the farthest to and from the event site to play the first matches.

(C.) The match format in both singles and doubles shall be best two-of-three tiebreak sets (win six games with a lead of two, 7-point tiebreak at 6-all). The third set is played in full.

(D.) The winners of these matches will advance to the regional tournament.

(2) Regional

(i.) There shall be a maximum of sixteen entries in singles and doubles at the regional tournaments. A player or doubles team may qualify for the regional tournament:

(A.) by being one of the two entries from his/her school, in those regionals with eight or fewer teams participating, or

(B.) by being one of the highly seeded entries from his/her pre-regional, and receiving a bye at that event, or

(C.) by winning a match at the pre-regional.

(ii.) At each regional tournament, there shall be a coaches' meeting at least one hour before the beginning of play on the first day of the tournament. At the meeting, the coaches shall:

(A.) vote on recommendations for the next year's tournament director and site.

(B.) vote on four seeds in each event, serving collectively as the Seeding Committee, and using the "all factors" method found in the USTA Friend at Court.

(1.) Coaches may reference any relevant results, rankings, or ratings in making the case for a player or doubles team to be seeded, and may weigh the data presented as they deem appropriate.

(2.) Coaches shall seed the field by vote, and such votes shall be cast independently. Coaches may not enter into pre-arranged agreements to support particular entries.

(C.) conduct the draw for the two events, using the method described on the NCHSAA website, and instructions provided by the NCHSAA administrator to the regional directors.

(1.) The #3 seed shall be placed on line 12 of the bracket, to play the #2 seed in the semifinals, unless such placement should result in teammates playing one another in the semifinal round.

(2.) Likewise, the #4 seed shall be placed on line 5 of the bracket, to play the #1 seed in the semifinals, unless such placement should result in teammates playing one another in the semifinal round.

(D.) discuss any logistical issues associated with the tournament, including the plan for inclement weather.

(iii.) Play shall begin as soon as the coaches' meeting is adjourned.

(A.) The tournament director shall assign matches to courts in accordance with USTA regulations, which state that "scheduling should balance fairness to the players and the need to assure that the tournament is completed on time. This involves making maximum use of available courts, minimizing "dead time" between matches, and assuring appropriate rest for competitors."

(1.) In the first round, all singles matches shall be scheduled first, followed by doubles matches on available courts or as courts become vacant as singles matches conclude.

(2.) In the second round, matches shall be scheduled and placed on court in the order that the expiration of the required rest periods dictate.

(3.) Semifinals and finals shall follow the same pattern, unless there are sufficient courts available to play all matches in the same round simultaneously.

(4.) The tournament director shall assign matches to courts "so that players in the same section of the draw will start all matches in each round at about the same time", in accordance with USTA regulations.

(iv.) Two rounds shall be played on Friday, and two rounds shall be played on Saturday.

(A.) Winners in singles are entitled to one hour of rest following their first match of that day, (or two hours if they win in three sets), should that time be requested.

(B.) Winners in doubles are entitled to one hour of rest following their first match of that day, should that time be requested.

Rationale -

The primary purpose of this amendment is to clarify and codify how the pre-regional and regional seeding and draw will be conducted.

We see lots of variation in terms of how regional seeding takes place.

- In some regionals, a 5th and 6th seed are voted upon and placed in favorable positions in the bracket.
- In some regionals, it is permitted to mention a player's UTR or WTN rating, and in others, it is not.

- In some regionals, the “coin flip” to place the #3 and #4 seeds is observed, (as set forth in the USTA regulations), and in others, the #4 seed is automatically slotted to play the top seed.

We believe that all regionals should be conducted in the same manner, consistently, across the state, regardless of the preferences of individual coaches or tournament directors.

The current bylaw language leaves much to be desired. In fact, that language does not even specify that the coaches vote on the seeds!

Taking the current language literally, one could argue that the players should be ranked by overall record, and then, that list adjusted to reflect any head-to-head results recorded during the season. No voting required.

This is, of course, not what we do, but it illustrates the inadequacy of the current language.

Our proposed language is much more comprehensive than the single paragraph in the current handbook. This illustrates the many and varied issues that the current handbook does not address.

We also intend this amendment to settle two perennial questions that routinely show up in our surveys.

First, there is the question of how recently developed rating systems, such as UTR and WTN, can be used.

The current language originated in an era prior to the advent of these rating systems, when the only other metric beside high school match results was a player’s USTA ranking and tournament results, and that in a world where the USTA charged junior players for USTA membership. Banning the use of USTA results in seeding was an attempt to forestall “pay to play”, and to treat players fairly whether they had access to USTA programming or not.

All of that has changed in the last decade or so.

- The advent of UTR and WTN gives us a rating system that includes high school results as well as USTA play.
- USTA junior memberships are now free.

As a consequence of these developments, we believe that using the USTA “all factors” method for the seeding meeting best satisfies our goal, which is to identify the players who have the best chance of winning the tournament. After all, a player does not lose the benefit of his/her USTA experiences simply because he/she is playing in a high school tournament.

Not allowing coaches to share a player’s UTR or WTN seems, to us, to be a withholding of important information that coaches need in order to identify the players most deserving of seeds.

The all factors method has three components:

- A seeding committee, which is our case, is composed of the assembled coaches.
- Consideration of all relevant factors, which means that a coach can say anything he/she wants in order to make the case that a player should be seeded.

- Decisions by vote of the committee members; that is, the assembled coaches, who are free to evaluate the evidence presented by their own standards, weighing a player’s record, strength of schedule, UTR or WTN, state ranking, or tournament results as he/she sees fit.

(See the appendix for the language from USTA Friend at Court regarding the “all factors” method for tournament seeding.)

We are not recommending, at this time, that the UTR or WTN of the players be used as the exclusive criterion for seeding. But, we do believe that coaches should be able to share that information, and their peers should be able to weigh that data point as they see fit.

Second, we wish to settle the question of the “coin flip” for placement of the #3 and #4 seeds.

USTA regulations call for the #3 and #4 seeds to be placed on the bracket by virtue of a coin flip, to prevent the #4 seed always having to play the #1. It’s a recognition that seeding is always somewhat subjective, and introduces some protection against mistakes by the seeding committee.

However, given that the state tournament is a one-off, annual event, the coaching community believes that placing the #3 and #4 seeds on pre-determined lines, such that #1 plays #4 and #2 plays #3 in the semifinals is appropriate.

The only exception is that the provision to separate teammates into opposite halves of the draw would take precedence.

This position was supported by 55% of the coaches responding to our postseason survey.

Budget Impact -

There is no budget impact associated with this proposal.

Educational Impact -

There is no educational impact associated with this proposal.

Gender Impact -

This proposal would apply equally to the men’s and women’s tennis seasons.

Effective Date -

This proposal would take effect with the 2026-27 women’s and men’s seasons.

Signature _____ Date _____

Appendix

Permitted Seeding Methods

From 2026 USTA Friend at Court, pages 61-62.

4. Seeding methods.

- a. Computerized List Method. The Computerized List Method of seeding is based on a computerized system of rankings, ratings, or standings.
- b. All Factors Method. The All Factors Method of seeding is based on the players' chances of winning the tournament as determined by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall consider all reasonably available information, including ranking lists, ratings, standing lists, recent records, types of surface, and particularly head-to-head encounters.

Comments:

FAC Comment II.A-3: When using the All Factors Method of seeding, it is common to start with a recent ranking or standing list and use other information to enhance the accuracy of the list. The Tournament Committee shall not rely on just the current rankings or standings. The Tournament Committee shall consider all reasonably available information, including results from unsanctioned matches. It should take care to assure itself that all results are correct. The Tournament Committee should make every effort to obtain information from all available sources.

FAC Comment II.A-4: Some common errors in the All Factors Method of seeding: "He's ranked No. 1, so he must be seeded No. 1"; "She won the tournament last year, so she must be seeded No. 1 this year"; "Since this is his first year in the division, he cannot be seeded or he cannot be seeded any higher than five."

FAC Comment II.A-5: Doubles players playing together for the first time shall be considered for a seed based on doubles results with other partners and on singles results.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name: Andrew Tuttle

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

Proposal – Handbook language to govern the participation of teams with three or fewer players.

We propose that the following language be added to the handbook as follows:

4.11.1 General

(i) Participation of teams with fewer than three players on its MaxPreps roster shall be governed by the following provisions:

- (1) Conferences are encouraged to accommodate such teams by arranging for regular season match opportunities.
- (2) Players from such teams are eligible to participate in all phases of the state individual tournament.
- (3) Teams with three or fewer players shall count as one half a team when the division of pre-regional berths is calculated.
- (4) Teams with three or fewer players are not eligible for the dual-team tournament.

Rationale -

Four players are required to field a team that is capable, mathematically, of winning a dual-team match. The current handbook does not address how a team with three or fewer can participate in high school tennis.

Concerning the specific provisions we recommend:

1. We want to encourage the participation of players who find themselves on very small teams. This year's team of three may be next year's team of eight or more. When a school suspends its program due to a small number of players, it is very hard to get that program restarted.

For these reasons, we want to support very small teams, and encourage conferences to accommodate them during the regular season.

2. There is no reason that individuals on these teams cannot participate in the individual tournament. In our postseason survey, coaches overwhelmingly approve of these players participating in the individual tournament.

Allowed to Participate in Individual Tournament		
Yes	68	64.2%
No	18	17.0%
No opinion	20	18.9%
Total	106	100.0%

3. Currently, all teams count as a full team when pre-regional berths are calculated. But, a very small team can only contest for half of the berths, a maximum of one singles player and one doubles team.

For this reason, we suggested in our postseason survey that these schools count as 0.5 in those calculations. Coaches were in favor of this proposal, which appears to be a reasonable compromise that everyone can support.

Impact on Regional Berth Calculations		
Count as full team (1)	26	26.3%
Count as half team (0.5)	53	53.5%
Not count at all (0)	20	20.2%
Total	99	100.0%

4. Since it is mathematically impossible for very small teams, those with three or fewer players, to win a dual-team match, we believe it is inappropriate for these teams to take a spot in the dual-team tournament. Our coaches agree.

Compete in Dual-Team Tournament		
Yes	17	16.2%
No	76	72.4%
No opinion	12	11.4%
Total	105	100.0%

Budget Impact -

There is no financial impact associated with this proposal.

Educational Impact -

There is no educational impact associated with this proposal.

Gender Impact -

This proposal would apply equally to both the men's and the women's programs.

Effective Date -

This proposal, if adopted, would take effect for the 2026-27 women's and men's seasons.

Signature _____ Date _____

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name: Andrew Tuttle

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

Proposal – To extend the tennis postseason by a week, creating a four-week postseason calendar.

We propose that the tennis postseason be extended by one week, as follows:

Week 1 -

- **Monday – Pre-regional**
- **Wednesday – Dual-Team Round 1**
- **Friday-Saturday – Individual Regional Tournaments**

Week 2 -

- **Tuesday – Dual-Team Round 2**
- **Friday-Saturday – State Individual Tournaments**

Week 3 -

- **Monday – Dual-Team Round 3**
- **Wednesday – Dual-Team Round 4**

Week 4 -

- **Monday – Dual-Team Regional Finals**
- **Friday-Saturday – Dual-Team State Finals**

The graphics on the following page show the current and proposed schedules, with dates shown for the 2026-27 tennis seasons.

Three-Week Postseason (Current)							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1 Oct 11 th - 17 th Apr 25 th - May 1 st		Dual-Team Round 1		Dual-Team Round 2		Individual Regional Tournaments	
Week 2 Oct 18 th - 24 th May 2 nd - 8 th		Dual-Team Round 3		Dual-Team Round 4		Individual State Tournaments	
Week 3 Oct 25 th - Nov 1 st May 9 th - 15 th			Dual-Team Round 5			Dual-Team Finals	
Week 4 Nov 2 nd - 8 th May 16 th - 22 nd							

Four-Week Postseason (Proposed)							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1 Oct 11 th - 17 th Apr 25 th - May 1 st		Individual Pre-Regional Events		Dual-Team Round 1		Individual Regional Tournaments	
Week 2 Oct 18 th - 24 th May 2 nd - 8 th			Dual-Team Round 2			Individual State Tournaments	
Week 3 Oct 25 th - Nov 1 st May 9 th - 15 th		Dual-Team Round 3		Dual-Team Round 4			
Week 4 Nov 2 nd - 8 th May 16 th - 22 nd		Dual-Team Round 5				Dual-Team Finals**	Dual-Team Finals

**Friday of Week 4 is needed for dual-team finals only if all finals are held in one location. If two locations are available, all dual-team finals matches can be played on Saturday. This would be particularly helpful in the spring, when it is possible that the dual-team finals might conflict with a school's graduation, assuming a school calendar that ends prior to Memorial Day.

Rationale -

We have three basic critiques of the current three-week schedule.

First, it is exceptionally compact, and requires players to play, and coaches to coach, on five days in an eight-day period. This could include, for a singles player, as many as seven singles matches and three doubles matches within the first eight days of the postseason calendar.

That's a lot of tennis, a lot of travel time, and a lot of missed class, all within a very condensed period of time.

We do not believe the current schedule offers players sufficient recovery time, and that this schedule represents a health and safety hazard to our players.

Second, the current schedule requires the pre-regional to be held during the last week of the regular season, complicating the end of regular season play.

Plus, that date is a full eleven days before the beginning of the regional tournament.

Third, the current schedule provides very little flexibility to adjust for inclement weather. Even one rain day creates havoc in the schedule, forcing teams to play on back-to-back days.

This was demonstrated during the 2025 men's season, when rain forced multiple teams to play on successive days, and still required the postponement of the dual-team finals.

By contrast, our proposal creates more recovery time for student-athletes, protects the integrity of the regular season, and adds additional flexibility to deal with inclement weather.

First, there's an extra day of recovery for players following the regional tournaments. And, there's only one match in the week prior to the state individual tournaments. These provisions will help us keep our best players healthy and rested during the postseason.

Second, with four weeks to work with, we can schedule the pre-regional on the first Monday of the postseason, four days prior to the regional tournament. We think this is a more appropriate schedule, and frees the last week of the regular season, in its entirety, for the conclusion of regular season play.

Third, four weeks gives us many more opportunities to adjust for inclement weather. For instance, if the first round were rained out, those matches could move to the second week. And, there are three days in Week 4 that could be used if we had rainouts of earlier rounds.

We surveyed our coaches in February on this specific topic. Seventy-two coaches responded to our survey request. Of those, 44 coaches, representing 61% of the sample, voted for the four-week proposed schedule.

Finally, we note that the tennis calendar, even if this proposal is adopted, will still be shorter than the soccer and the football seasons in the fall, and the baseball and softball seasons in the spring.

For this reason, we want to stress that we are not recommending, nor are we in favor of, shortening the regular season by a week to accommodate a four-week postseason.

Budget Impact -

There is no appreciable financial impact on schools or the NCHSAA.

Educational Impact -

The proposed schedule will help student-athletes by spacing out the days on which they must miss class to participate in postseason play. This will help students better keep up with classwork during the postseason.

Gender Impact -

This schedule would apply to both the boys and the girls seasons.

Effective Date -

The proposal would take effect in the 2026-27 academic year.

Signature _____ Date _____

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Tripp Rogers on behalf of NC Wrestling Coaches Association and Sanction NC.

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Wrestling Coaches Association

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)

Proposal for the NCHSAA to sanction a girls dual team championship.

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

After 3 years of sanctioned girls wrestling, there are enough viable girls programs to sanction a subdivided dual team championship. The NC Wrestling Coaches Board has sponsored an Dual Invitational inviting the top ranked teams in the state in two divisions and it has been overwhelmingly successful. It shows it can be done. Feedback has been positive, with coaches commenting on how great an experience it was for their athletes.

Our board recommendation, based on participation numbers and number of schools with six or more wrestlers, is offering dual championships in 1A-4A, 5A-6A, 7A-8A. These divisions try to maintain equity in school enrollment sizes while also providing for a deep enough field for a high level championship. 2025-2026 schools with 6 or more wrestlers are as follows: 1A-4A: 49; 5A-6A: 49; 7A-8A: 45. We expect those numbers to be higher for the 2026-27 seasons.

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

Any travel cost associated with traveling to playoff rounds.

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

It does not change or affect loss of school time.

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

Creates equity in that girls are able to compete for a dual team championship just as the boys are.

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

2026-27 Wrestling Season

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Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

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School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Wrestling Coaches Association

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)

Committee of wrestling stakeholders to be formed to discuss and resolve issues encountered with numbers in 1A-4A girls individual wrestling and the state tournament schedule.

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

The pressing and urgent need is to balance the numbers in the girls classifications. The 1A-4A girls combined division (614 wrestlers) competed with nearly double the number of competitors as the largest classification 5A (322 wrestlers). With growth expected, this is unfair to the athletes in 1A-4A.

2025/26 Wrestling Season	1A-4A	5A	6A	7A	8A
Total Schools	109	47	46	50	30
Total Wrestlers	614	322	315	286	263
Avg Wrestlers per School	5.6	6.8	6.8	5.72	8.7
West Wrestlers	358	200	134	142	92
East Wrestlers	256	122	181	144	171
Schools with 6+ wrestlers	49	24	25	25	20
Total Wrestlers with 17.5% Growth	721	378	370	336	309

Realizing any splitting of divisions affects the state wrestling tournament, which is already on a tight schedule, the NC Wrestling Coaches Board proposes creating a committee that can meet beginning summer or fall of 2026 to discuss how we can make girls regional and state competition more equitable and still host a state tournament that allows girls and boys to fairly compete and be equally honored and recognized.

The committee of stakeholders can include, but are not limited to, NCHSAA staff, NC Wrestling Coaches Board representatives, state tournament staff (ie Joe McCormack, Elizabeth Carpenter), and athletic directors. The committee would meet virtually to discuss how we make the girls regionals more equitable and how to conduct a state tournament that showcases North Carolina's best wrestling, is fair to the athletes, is family and fan friendly, and minimizes the loss of school time.

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

None

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

It does not change or affect loss of school time.

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

Creates equity in that girls have more balanced opportunities to qualify for state through the regional tournament.

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

Immediately start forming a committee to meet in summer.

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Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Tripp Rogers on behalf of NC Wrestling Coaches Association and Sanction NC.

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Wrestling Coaches Association

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)

Proposal to align postseason girls postseason competition dates with boys

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

Currently, the girls have a different regional date than the boys, the weekend one week prior.

- *Moving the girls' competition date to the same weekend as boys means that the girls no longer have a two week period without competition before the state tournament.*
- *Nearly half a month between competitions negatively affects athletes who are trying to perform physically and mentally at the highest level.*
- *Aligning the girls dates with the boys allows schools to possibly host boys and girls regionals at the same site.*
- *Moving the girls' competition date also allows for that week to be used for a sanctioned girls dual team tournament, just like the boys.*
- *If a NCHSAA dual team tournament is not sanctioned, girls teams can participate in an optional dual or tri meet, just like boys teams that do not qualify for the state dual tournament are allowed to do.*

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

None

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

It does not change or affect loss of school time.

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

Creates equity in that as girls have the same periods between regional and state as the boys, allows for a sanctioned dual team tournament, and allows girls teams the same opportunities as boys to schedule competition after the reporting deadline.

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

2026-2027 Wrestling Season

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COMMUNITY
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March 23, 2026

Re: Reduction of NCHSAA Playoff Brackets to 32 Teams (1A - 7A)

Dear Commissioner Tucker,

As the Executive Director of Community School of Davidson (2A), I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and the following NCHSAA/Catawba Shores Athletic Conference Member Schools School Systems (PSU) Superintendents and/or Principals:

- Jonathan Bryant, Chief Administrator, Lincoln Charter (4A)
- Stephen Gay, Executive Director, Bradford Prep (2A)
- Andrew Mocerri, Executive Director, Pine Lake Prep (3A)
- Nicki Sinclair, Executive Director, Corvian Community School (2A)
- Shannon Stein, Superintendent, Lake Norman Charter (4A)
- Mark Tolcher, Principal, Christ the King High School (2A)

We would like the NCHSAA Board of Directors to consider:

Reducing the size of the playoff bracket for each applicable sport to 32-teams, opposed to the current 48-team model we are using for the 2025-2026 athletic calendar. This excludes the current "Big 32" 8A classification.

Rationale:

1. Create less overlap for those schools that are reliant on multi-sport athletes to fill the majority of their rosters.
2. Reduce the increased number of "opt-outs" that we experienced in 2025-2026 with the current 48-team format.
3. Raise the overall quality of competition.
4. Player health and safety is improved, as the physical toll on athletes is reduced.
5. Help to avoid the specific basketball playoff situation we experienced this season, where the playoff structure resulted in a calendar of games Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, & Monday. This schedule also resulted in an emergency Board of Directors vote to allow teams to practice on Sunday in preparation for their Monday contests.
6. Since no classification can exceed 64 schools in the current implementation of Bylaw Amendment VI, then **at least** 50% of the teams still qualify for the playoffs in a 32-team model.

Budget Impact: Could have a positive budgetary impact for member schools, eliminating an additional round of travel, as well as costs to host a game with low attendance.

Educational Impact: Reduce potential missed instructional time for schools traveling lengthy distances by one round.

Gender Impact: This request is fair and equitable to both genders.

Effective Date: Would be effective for the 2026-2027 athletic calendar.

The Superintendents and Principals listed above have verbally supported this letter and our request. Thank you for taking the time to review.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. S. Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Community School of Davidson (2A)
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NCHSAA Bylaw VI Amendment Task Force, 2023-2026
NCHSAA Realignment Committee (2025-2029) - Region 6 Representative

**North Carolina High School Athletic Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission**

March 19, 2026

Names:

Albemarle Athletic Conference Principals & Superintendents

- Mrs. Sonya Rinehart -Principal - John A Holmes High School
- Mr. Mickey Drew - Principal - Perquimans County High School
- Mr. Tim Lazar - Principal - Camden County High School
- Mr. Jonathan Hayes - Principal - Gates County High School
- Mr. William Peele - Principal - Bertie County High School
- Mrs. Jessica Gillespie-Johnson - Principal - Manteo High School
- Mrs. Tammi Ward - Superintendent - Edenton Chowan Schools
- Dr. Tanya Turner - Superintendent - Perquimans County Schools
- Dr. Barry Williams - Superintendent - Gates County Schools
- Mrs. Angela Miller - Special Assistant - Nash County Schools

School/LEA/Conference/Group:

Albemarle Athletic Conference

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

Recommendation / Proposal:

The Albemarle Athletic Conference respectfully recommends that the NCHSAA Board of Directors approve a change to the current playoff structure by reducing postseason playoff brackets from 48 teams to 32 teams per classification in all NCHSAA-sanctioned sports, effective beginning Fall 2026.

It is understood that football would remain an exception for the 2026 season due to existing two-year contracts and out-of-state scheduling obligations that do not align with other state associations' timelines.

Rationale:

The Albemarle Athletic Conference believes returning to a 32-team playoff format better supports student-athletes, schools, and the overall mission of the NCHSAA. Specifically:

- Many member schools rely heavily on multi-sport athletes, and the expanded 48-team format has increased season overlap, contributing to physical fatigue, academic strain, and scheduling conflicts.
- The 48-team structure has resulted in an increase in playoff opt-outs, which diminishes competitive integrity and undermines the purpose of postseason play.
- In sports such as basketball, the current format has created compressed playoff schedules (e.g., Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Monday), presenting challenges related to recovery, travel, and missed instructional time.
- A reduction to 32 teams would allow greater flexibility in postseason design, particularly in sports such as baseball, where expanded series-based playoff rounds could be considered rather than a fully single-elimination format, similar to those used in neighboring state associations.

Budget Impact:

There would be no negative financial impact on member schools or athletic departments. A reduced playoff field may result in lower travel costs and fewer missed instructional days for participating schools.

Educational Impact:

A reduced playoff schedule would likely decrease missed class time, reduce late-night travel, and improve academic balance for student-athletes participating in postseason play.

Gender Impact:

This proposal would be applied equally to all sports and to both male and female student-athletes, ensuring fairness and equity across programs.

Effective Date:

Fall 2026

(Football exempt for the 2026 season only, as noted above)

Respectfully submitted

Coach Wes Mattera

AD: John A Holmes High School and NCADA Region 1 Board of Directors

Signature:  Date: 3/20/26

ADDENDUM A

Albemarle Athletic Conference – Principal Endorsements Proposal:

Reduction of Playoff Brackets from 48 Teams to 32 Teams

By signing below, the undersigned principals formally endorse the Albemarle Athletic Conference proposal requesting a reduction of NCHSAA postseason playoff brackets from 48 teams to 32 teams per classification, effective Fall 2026.

Jessica Gillespie-Johnson

Principal, Manteo High School

Signature: *Jessica Gillespie-Johnson* Date: 3/23/2026

William Peele III

Principal, Bertie County High School

Signature: *William W. Peele III* Date: March 20, 2026

Mickey Drew

Principal, Perquimans County High School

Signature: Mickey Drew Date: 3/20/26

Tim Lazar

Principal, Camden High School

Signature: Timothy T. Lazar Date: 3/20/26

Jonathan Hayes

Principal, Gates County High School

Signature: Jonathan William Hayes Date: 3/20/2026

Sonya Rinehart

Principal, John A. Holmes High School

Signature: Sony Rinehart Date: 3/20/26

Mrs. Tammi Ward

Superintendent, Edenton Chowan Schools

Signature: Tammi Ward Date: 3/20/2026

Dr. Tanya Turner

Superintendent: Perquimans County Schools

Signature: Tanya Turner Date: 3/20/2026

Mrs. Angela Miller

Special Assistant of Auxiliary Services, Operations, and Athletics

Signature: Angela Miller Date: 3-26-26

This addendum is submitted in support of the Albemarle Athletic Conference agenda item to be presented to the NCHSAA Board of Directors.

Principal, Bertie County High School

Signature: *William W. Peele III* Date: March 20, 2026

Mickey Drew

Principal, Perquimans County High School

Signature: *Mickey Drew* Date: 3/20/26

Tim Lazar

Principal, Camden High School

Signature: *Timothy T. Lazar* Date: 3/20/26

Jonathan Hayes

Principal, Gates County High School

Signature: *Jonathan William Hayes* Date: 3/20/2026

Sonya Rinehart

Principal, John A. Holmes High School

Signature: *Sonya Rinehart* Date: 3/20/26

Mrs. Tammi Ward

Superintendent, Edenton Chowan Schools

Signature: *Tammi Ward* Date: 3/20/2026

Dr. Tanya Turner

Superintendent: Perquimans County Schools

Signature: *Dr. Tanya Turner* Date: 03/23/2026

Dr. Barry Williams

Superintendent: Gates County Schools

Signature: *Tanya Turner* Date: 3-20-26

1A East							1A West							Totals		
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	W	L	
1	9	Columbia	0	0	49	-49	1	9	Andrews	1	42	34	8	1A		
2	10	Weldon Stem	0	14	44	-30	2	10	Bonnie Cone	0	28	38	-10	2A	2	
3	11	North Edgecombe	0	14	49	-35	3	11	Chatham Central	0	12	30	-18	3A	2	
4						0	4						0	4A	4	
5						0	5						0	5A	5	
6						0	6						0	6A	2	
7						0	7						0	7A	4	
8						0	8						0	W/L	19	
			Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory			
			0/3	9.33	47.33	-38.00				1/3	27.33	34.00	-6.67	Average MOV	-19.10	

2A East							2A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	West C	0	30	33	-3	1	17	Cherokee	0	15	21	-6
2	18	Rosewood	1	52	26	26	2	18	S Stokes	0	12	55	-43
3	19	Pamlico	0	28	52	-24	3	19	Elkin	0	7	40	-33
4	20	Union	1	20	13	7	4	20	High Tech	0	0	41	-41
5	21	Lejune	0	7	50	-43	5	21	Avery	0	10	55	-45
6	22	Opt Out				0	6	22	Langtree	0	13	51	-38
7	23	Opt Out				0	7	23	Opt Out				0
8	24	Opt Out				0	8	24	Opt Out				0
			Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			2/3	27.40	34.80	-7.40				0/5	9.5	43.83	-34.33

3A East							3A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	GC	0	36	37	-1	1	17	NW	0	13	42	-29
2	18	NW	0	14	26	-12	2	18	Chase	0	7	14	-7
3	19	NM	0	7	53	-46	3	19	Union	1	24	14	10
4	20	Trask	0	28	56	-28	4	20	Polk	0	15	35	-20
5	21	BY	0	0	37	-37	5	21	Madison	0	13	28	-15
6	22	Bedd	0	18	54	-36	6	22	Wheatmore	1	21	14	7
7	23	WB	0	0	38	-38	7	23	McMichael	0	14	70	-56
8	24	SL	0	14	48	-34	8	24	ED	0	0	50	-50
			Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			0/8	14.63	43.63	-29.00				2/8	13.375	33.375	-20

4A East							4A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Red Springs	1	37	12	25	1	17	Forbush	0	3	39	-36
2	18	Roanoke Rapids	1	14	12	2	2	18	RS Central	1	48	6	42
3	19	Little Washington	0	35	42	-7	3	19	Lake Norman	0	19	21	-2
4	20	Morehead	0	14	16	-2	4	20	Ashe County	0	0	45	-45
5	21	Cummings	0	7	44	-37	5	21	East Burke	0	6	13	-7
6	22	SW Onslow	0	0	55	-55	6	22	Salisbury	0	26	40	-14
7	23	Ledford	0	20	28	-8	7	23	South Rowan	0	14	71	-57
8	24	Anson	0	14	21	-7	8	24	West Stanly	1	24	22	2
			Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			2/6	17.625	28.75	-11.125				2/6	17.5	32.125	-14.625

5A East							5A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Fike	0	0	35	-35	1	17	Erwin	1	49	21	28
2	18	Dixon	1	58	50	8	2	18	N Henderson	0	8	46	-38
3	19	Oersibn	0	20	41	-21	3	19	Mont Central	1	30	7	23
4	20	Seaforth	1	29	28	1	4	20	Forestview	0	28	29	-1
5	21	Richlands	0	0	47	-47	5	21	East Rowan	0	7	42	-35
6	22	CB Aycock	0	21	35	-14	6	22	Smoky Mtn.	0	22	40	-18
7	23	South Granville	1	20	12	8	7	23	North Lincoln	0	8	30	-22
8	24	Orange	0	0	42	-42	8	24	S. Guilford	0	23	41	-18
			Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Wln %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/5	18.50	36.25	-17.75				2/6	21.875	32	-10.125

6A East							6A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	South View	0	37	40	-3	1	17	Mount Tabor	0	23	24	-1
2	18	White Oak	1	32	22	10	2	18	Western Guilford	0	7	42	-35
3	19	West Johnston	0	6	35	-29	3	19	Alexander Central	0	3	28	-25
4	20	Westover	0	20	21	-1	4	20	Central Cabarrus	1	38	10	28
5	21	Gray's Creek	0	6	28	-22	5	21	Ragsdale	0	0	35	-35

6	22	Triton	0	10	47	-37	6	22	Glenn	0	14	35	-21
7	23	Vance County	0	7	47	-40	7	23	Ben L. Smith	0	14	28	-14
8	24	EE Smith	0	20	49	-29	8	24	South Caldwell	0	0	56	-56
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/7	17.25	36.13	-18.88			1/7	1/7	12.375	32.25	-19.875
7A East							7A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Fuquay-Varina	1	29	7	22	1	17	West Cabarrus	1	28	27	1
2	18	South Garner	1	62	14	48	2	18	Chapel Hill	0	13	52	-39
3	19	Heritage	0	14	28	-14	3	19	McDowell	0	0	68	-68
4	20	North Brunswick	0	28	59	-31	4	20	Hopewell	0	28	42	-14
5	21	East Wake	0	6	41	-35	5	21	South Iredell	0	27	34	-7
6	22	Lumberton	0	15	61	-46	6	22	Cuthbertson	0	16	26	-10
7	23	Overhills	0	0	43	-43	7	23	Pumell Swett	0	0	63	-63
8	24	Ashley	1	14	13	1	8	24	West Meck	0	0	19	-19
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			3/8	21.00	33.25	-12.25				1/7	14	41.375	-27.375

1A East Men's Soccer							1A West									
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	Totals	W	L
1	17	Forfiet	0	0	1	-1	1	17	Forfiet	1	1	0	1	1A	1	5
2	18	Forfiet	0	0	1	-1	2	19	Winston	0	2	10	-8	2A	2	14
3	11					0	3	18	Tri County	0	0	6	-6	3A	3	13
4						0	4					0	4A	6	10	
5						0	5					0	5A	4	12	
6						0	6					0	6A	2	14	
7						0	7					0	7A	3	13	
8						0	8					0	W/L	21	81	
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory	Average		
			0/3	0.00	1.00	-1.00				1/2	1.00	5.33	-4.33	MOV	-2.48	

2A East							2A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Southside	0	2	7	-5	1	17	Christ	0	5	0	5
2	18	Henderson	0	2	3	-1	2	18	Swain	0	0	9	-9
3	19	EC	0	0	7	-7	3	19	Eno	0	1	2	-1
4	20	Rosewood	0	3	2	1	4	20	North R	0	1	2	-1
5	21	North Dup	0	0	7	-7	5	21	Sugar/Forfiet	0	0	1	-1
6	22	Tarboro	0	0	7	-7	6	22	Avery	0	0	6	-6
7	23	Roxboro	0	0	6	-6	7	23	South S	0	2	11	-9
8	24	America	0	1	8	-7	8	24	Cherryville	0	0	8	-8
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/7	1.00	5.88	-4.88				1/7	1.125	4.88	-3.75

3A East							3A West							
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	
1	17	Farmville	0	0	1	-1	1	17	WL	0	2	3	-1	
2	18	Eastem	1	4	0	4	2	18	Chase	0	0	1	-1	
3	19	HT	1	2	0	2	3	19	WD	0	0	2	-2	
4	20	West B	0	3	5	-2	4	20	Wheatmore	0	1	8	-7	
5	21	Goldsboro	0	0	3	-3	5	21	Bess	0	1	2	-1	
6	22	Whiteville	0	1	4	-3	6	22	Mountain	0	1	5	-4	
7	23	Whiteville	0	1	4	-3	7	23	ES	0	0	6	-6	
8	24	Louisburg	0	2	0	2	8	24	NS	0	0	11	-11	
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory	
			3/8	1.63	2.13	-0.50				0/8	2/8	0.625	4.75	-4.125

4A East							4A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Cummings	1	3	1	2	1	17	WS	0	0	3	-3
2	18	Bunn	1	1	0	1	2	18	BH	1	1	0	1
3	19	NJ	0	1	4	-3	3	19	WS	1	2	0	2
4	20	SW	1	4	3	1	4	20	WI	0	0	5	-5
5	21	Eastem	0	1	7	-6	5	21	SR	1	2	1	1
6	22	Central	0	0	5	-5	6	22	Tuscola	0	1	6	-5
7	23	SW	0	0	9	-9	7	23	RSC	0	2	3	-1
8	24	UC	0	1	7	-6	8	24	Stuart	0	0	6	-6
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			3/8	1.375	4.5	-3.125				3/8	1	3	-2

5A East							5A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	HP	0	2	6	-4	1	17	NB	0	0	2	-2
2	18	CR	0	1	3	-2	2	18	Carson	0	1	2	-1
3	19	Croatan	0	4	0	4	3	19	ER	1	4	3	1
4	20	Rockingham	0	0	1	-1	4	20	North	1	2	1	1
5	21	Southern	0	1	3	-2	5	21	NG	0	0	6	-6
6	22	Eastem	0	0	3	-3	6	22	Park	0	0	2	-2
7	23	WC	1	3	0	3	7	23	Crest	0	0	3	-3
8	24	SG	0	0	6	-6	8	24	Oak	0	2	3	-1
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			2/8	1.38	2.75	-1.38				2/8	1.125	2.75	-1.625

6A East							6A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	WJ	0	0	3	-3	1	17	Statesville	1	2	0	2
2	18	SE	0	0	1	-1	2	18	Sun Valley	1	5	1	4
3	19	Swansboro	0	1	2	-1	3	19	SC	0	0	2	-2
4	20	Northern	0	0	2	-2	4	20	Piedmont	0	0	1	-1
5	21	UP	0	1	3	-2	5	21	Freedom	0	0	1	-1

6	22	Scotland	0	2	7	-5	6	22	BL Smith	0	0	9	-9
7	23	SJ	0	5	6	-1	7	23	St Stephens	0	0	6	-6
8	24	Triton	0	0	3	-3	8	24	Ashebrook	0	0	7	-7
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			0/3	1.13	3.38	-2.25			1/7	2/6	0.875	3.375	-2.5
7A East							7A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Cardinal	1	4	2	2	1	17	Page	0	0	1	-1
2	18	Riverside	1	2	1	1	2	18	Reagan	0	2	3	-1
3	19	Lumberton	0	0	4	-4	3	19	McDowell	0	0	4	-4
4	20	Cleveland	1	2	1	1	4	20	Richmond	0	0	2	-2
5	21	Cary	0	0	1	-1	5	21	East	0	2	1	1
6	22	PF	0	1	2	-1	6	22	PS	0	0	3	-3
7	23	Smithfield	0	2	5	-3	7	23	ALB	0	2	3	-1
8	24	NB	0	0	9	-9	8	24	Hopewell	0	0	1	-1
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			3/5	1.38	3.13	-1.75				0/8	0.75	2.25	-1.50

1A East BB Women's							1A West									
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	Totals	W	L
1	17	Excelsior	0	15	31	-16	1	17	BREC	1	40	27	13	1A	1	15
2	18	Woods	0	41	53	-12	2	18	CIHS	0	26	55	-29	2A	4	12
3	19	Sallie	0	27	43	-16	3	19	R. Mill	0	28	51	-23	3A	5	11
4	20	Jones	0	24	69	-45	4	20	NCSSM	0	13	55	-42	4A	3	13
5	21	NE Prep	0	28	46	-18	5	21	Triad	0	16	59	-43	5A	5	11
6	22	Kipp	0	19	56	-37	6	22	Ascend	0	23	45	-22	6A	2	14
7	23	Weldon	0	35	48	-13	7	23	Nantahala	0	18	74	-56	7A	0	16
						0										
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory		20	92
			0/8	27	49.43	-22.43				1/7	23.43	52.29	-28.86			
														Average MOV		-17.82

2A East							2A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Union	0	38	46	-8	1	17	Mitchell	1	51	32	19
2	18	ALAJ	0	40	45	-5	2	18	N Rowan	1	54	48	6
3	19	Cornerston	1	28	23	5	3	19	Elkin	0	25	72	-47
4	20	N. Hampton	0	42	59	-17	4	20	Swain	1	35	32	3
5	21	NW Halifax	0	21	58	-37	5	21	S. Stanly	0	42	65	-23
6	22	Rosewood	0	31	57	-26	6	22	CCHS	0	11	59	-48
7	23	Bertie	0	40	52	-12	7	23	Alleghany	0	29	49	-20
8	24	Voyager	0	26	60	-34	8	24	Cherryville	0	10	72	-62
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/7	33.25	50.00	-16.75				3/8	32.125	53.625	-21.5

3A East							3A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Whiteville	1	49	42	7	1	17	W. Davidson	1	50	40	10
2	18	Midway	1	57	53	4	2	18	M. Airy	0	28	45	-17
3	19	Beddingfield	1	50	41	9	3	19	P. Lake	1	43	40	3
4	20	E. Randolph	0	50	67	-17	4	20	Bess City	1	48	43	5
5	21	McMichael	0	36	59	-23	5	21	Trinity	0	34	65	-31
6	22	W. Bladen	0	44	67	-23	6	22	E. Davidson	0	29	60	-31
7	23	S. Columbus	0	26	58	-32	7	23	Patton	0	39	63	-24
8	24	Pasquotank	0	37	64	-27	8	24	Madison	0	36	72	-36
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/5	43.63	56.38	-12.75				3/8	38.38	53.50	-15.13

4A East							4A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Morehead	0	42	60	-18	1	17	M. Pleasant	0	53	64	-11
2	18	W. Craven	1	53	47	6	2	18	Tuscola	0	42	58	-16
3	19	N. Lenoir	1	44	43	1	3	19	W. Stokes	0	35	49	-14
4	20	Carboro	0	43	65	-22	4	20	Ashe	1	48	39	9
5	21	Carver	0	32	44	-12	5	21	B. Hill	0	48	67	-19
6	22	Reidsville	0	25	59	-34	6	22	R-S Central	0	34	58	-24
7	23	SW Onslow	0	23	54	-31	7	23	N. Conover	0	43	47	-4
8	24	Matthews	0	38	64	-26	8	24	Henderso	0	36	45	-9
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			2/6	37.5	54.5	-17				1/7	42.375	53.375	-11

5A East							5A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	St. Pauls	0	36	40	-4	1	17	S. Point	1	59	50	9
2	18	DSOA	1	43	34	9	2	18	Crest	1	58	55	3
3	19	Montgo	1	41	36	5	3	19	Gaston	0	44	66	-22
4	20	Person	0	55	57	-2	4	20	N. Davidson	0	49	71	-22
5	21	S. Wayne	0	37	65	-28	5	21	N. Forsyth	0	35	66	-31
6	22	Havelock	0	23	57	-34	6	22	J. Robinson	0	48	78	-30
7	23	JF Webb	0	29	49	-20	7	23	N. Lincoln	1	73	27	46
8	24	Richlands	0	19	61	-42	8	24	E. Rowan	0	19	61	-42
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			2/8	35.38	49.88	-14.50				3/8	48.125	59.25	-11.125

6A East							6A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	White Oak	0	36	46	-10	1	17	S. Caldwell	0	48	56	-8
2	18	G. Creek	1	50	43	7	2	18	Piedmont	1	55	45	10
3	19	Johnston	0	31	74	-43	3	19	Freedom	0	37	51	-14
4	20	Lee	0	32	56	-24	4	20	King M	0	53	67	-14
5	21	Triton	0	30	63	-33	5	21	Ashville	0	32	51	-19
6	22	W. Brunswick	0	33	40	-7	6	22	Ashboro	0	19	60	-41
7	23	Nash	0	33	73	-40	7	23	M. Tabor	0	51	60	-9

8	24	S. View	0	6	49	-43	8	24	Phillip O.	0	30	67	-37
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/7	31.38	55.50	-24.13				1/7	40.625	57.125	-16.5
7A East							7A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	Hillside	0	33	82	-49	1	17	B. Ridge	0	48	67	-19
2	18	P. Forest	0	35	38	-3	2	18	E. Forsyth	0	39	61	-22
3	19	Fuquay	0	48	53	-5	3	19	Reagan	0	42	60	-18
4	20	Purnell	0	34	60	-26	4	20	HJ Reynolds	0	33	54	-21
5	21	Clayton	0	45	64	-19	5	21	SW Guilford	0	36	45	-9
6	22	J. Britt	0	40	46	-6	6	22	AL Brown	0	45	71	-26
7	23	E. Wake	0	48	57	-9	7	23	Mooreville	0	59	70	-11
8	24	Cary	0	17	59	-42	8	24	R. River	0	57	74	-17
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			0/8	37.50	57.38	-19.88				0/8	44.875	62.75	-17.875

1A East BB Men's							1A West							Totals	W	L
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff			
1	17	Cape Hatteras	1	40	39	1	1	17	Bonnie	1	82	49	33	1A	4	12
2	18	Wash Co	1	71	52	19	2	18	Nant	0	50	66	-16	2A	7	9
3	19	Kipp	0	57	73	-16	3	19	Summitt	0	22	65	-43	3A	1	15
4	20	North Edge	0	70	85	-15	4	20	North S	1	63	58	5	4A	2	14
5	21	Oxford	0	40	61	-21	5	21	Asend	0	62	71	-9	5A	2	14
6	22	Sattie B	0	47	63	-16	6	22	NSSSM	0	54	74	-20	6A	3	13
7	23	Hobgood	0	30	58	-28	7	23	Blue	0	22	84	-62	7A	3	13
8	24	Jones Sr	0	44	69	-25	8	24	Rosman	0	48	72	-24	22	90	
			Record	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Record	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory	Average MOV -10.67		
			2/6	49.875	62.5	-12.625				2/6	50.375	67.375	-17			
			25%							25%						
2A East							2A West									
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff			
1	17	Manteo	1	51	49	2	1	17	Cornerston	1	81	72	9			
2	18	Lejune	1	61	57	4	2	18	Albermarle	1	64	54	10			
3	19	America	0	54	56	-2	3	19	Mitchell	0	46	71	-25			
4	20	Reseach	0	71	72	-1	4	20	East W	1	60	58	2			
5	21	Roxboro	1	64	44	20	5	21	Bradford	1	60	51	9			
6	22	Triangle	0	48	59	-11	6	22	Cherryville	0	55	90	-35			
7	23	Gates	0	48	53	-5	7	23	South S	0	62	71	-9			
8	24	Lakewood	0	47	71	-24	8	24	Starmount	0	44	58	-14			
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory			
			3/5	55.50	57.63	-2.13				4/4	59	65.625	-6.625			
3A East							3A West									
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff			
1	17	Louisburg	0	71	80	-9	1	17	MA	0	45	65	-20			
2	18	AG	0	56	69	-13	2	18	Patton	0	53	56	-3			
3	19	Princeton	0	52	72	-20	3	19	Owen	0	69	75	-6			
4	20	Midway	0	55	71	-16	4	20	Wheat	0	52	69	-17			
5	21	HC	0	54	76	-22	5	21	West D	0	39	57	-18			
6	22	Eastern	0	61	82	-21	6	22	Surry C	0	47	59	-12			
7	23	BY	0	48	68	-20	7	23	Union	0	50	62	-12			
8	24	South C	1	78	75	3	8	24	West C	0	50	58	-8			
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory			
			1/7	59.38	74.13	-14.75				0/8	50.625	62.625	-12			
4A East							4A West									
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff			
1	17	South W	0	42	55	-13	1	17	East B	0	46	49	-3			
2	18	NL	1	62	58	4	2	18	Ashe	0	83	97	-14			
3	19	Clinton	1	73	60	13	3	19	Forbush	0	74	87	-13			
4	20	Fairmont	0	48	50	-2	4	20	Wilkes	0	28	75	-47			
5	21	NP	0	52	62	-10	5	21	Maiden	0	47	52	-5			
6	22	Graham	0	53	57	-4	6	22	Brevard	0	81	83	-2			
7	23	Morehead	0	51	79	-28	7	23	West S	0	28	66	-38			
8	24	NJ	0	35	76	-41	8	24	Foard	0	49	74	-25			
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory			
			2/6	52.00	62.13	-10.13				0/8	54.5	72.88	-18.38			
5A East							5A West									
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff			
1	17	Person	1	51	46	5	1	17	Concord	0	77	87	-10			
2	18	Southern G	0	64	75	-11	2	18	West R	0	60	67	-7			
3	19	Rockingham	0	44	60	-16	3	19	Enka	0	64	74	-10			
4	20	Webb	0	54	66	-12	4	20	North D	0	45	84	-39			
5	21	Western	0	49	68	-19	5	21	Erwin	0	57	89	-32			
6	22	Orange	0	61	69	-8	6	22	North G	0	67	88	-21			
7	23	Dixon	0	43	63	-20	7	23	NW	1	57	55	2			
8	24	Southern	0	65	73	-8	8	24	Forestview	0	63	71	-8			
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory			
			1/7	53.88	65.00	-11.13				1/7	61.25	76.88	-15.63			
6A East							6A West									
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff			
1	17	Southern	1	58	52	6	1	17	Phillip	1	62	53	9			
2	18	Franklin	0	59	63	-4	2	18	ACR	0	43	64	-21			
3	19	Westoiver	0	39	44	-5	3	19	Olympic	0	68	72	-4			
4	20	Union Plnes	0	49	69	-20	4	20	Sun V	1	71	66	5			

5	21	Southeast	0	58	72	-14	5	21	St Stephens	0	44	67	-23
6	22	East Chapel	1	53	50	3	6	22	Central	1	72	71	1
7	23	Scotland	0	43	64	-21	7	23	Ragsdale	0	50	53	-3
8	24	Northern	0	71	76	-5	8	24	Statesville	0	55	79	-24
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/7	53.75	61.25	-7.50				2/5	58.125	65.63	-7.50
7A East							7A West						
#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff	#	Seed	Team	Win/Loss	Score	Score	Point Diff
1	17	FV	0	51	64	-13	1	17	Cuth	1	79	63	16
2	18	WF	0	52	76	-24	2	18	JB	0	45	61	-16
3	19	Cary	0	69	73	-4	3	19	West C	1	69	67	2
4	20	SG	0	58	65	-7	4	20	McDow	0	80	86	-6
5	21	CF	0	61	69	-8	5	21	LN	0	42	55	-13
6	22	DHC	0	65	86	-21	6	22	SI	0	48	49	-1
7	23	SC	0	52	60	-8	7	23	Grimsley	0	58	75	-17
8	24	HS	0	49	59	-10	8	24	BR	0	74	56	18
			Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory				Win %	Average Score	Average score	Margin of Victory
			1/7	57.13	69.00	-11.88				2/5	61.875	64.00	-2.13

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of North Brunswick High School to respectfully express our opposition to the Albemarle Athletic Conference's proposal to reduce playoff brackets from 48 to 32 teams. While we understand and appreciate the intent behind this proposal, we are concerned that it raises significant competitive equity issues, particularly for schools in split conferences. Currently, schools in split conferences receive no bonus points or additional weighting to offset the structural challenges they face. As a result, reducing the number of playoff positions would disproportionately impact these programs, which already have fewer opportunities to compete against the full range of conference opponents and to build a comparable résumé to those in unified conferences.

These concerns are compounded by the classification system, which creates a substantial ADM gap between 6A and 8A schools in split conferences such as our 6A/7A/8A alignment. While 6A schools typically range from approximately 1,200 to 1,600 students, 8A schools can range from approximately 2,205 to 3,317 students. This wide disparity places smaller schools at a consistent competitive disadvantage, requiring them to compete against significantly larger programs in a way that is not reflective of a level playing field.

When fewer playoff spots are combined with these existing imbalances, the result is a compounded disadvantage for split-conference schools. Under the current 48-team format, there remains at least some flexibility for deserving teams to qualify despite these structural challenges. Reducing the field to 32 teams, however, removes that margin without addressing the root inequities, making it more difficult for equally deserving programs to access postseason opportunities.

We fully recognize the importance of addressing concerns such as scheduling, travel, and academic balance, and we support continued efforts to improve those areas. However, we respectfully suggest that such concerns be addressed through targeted adjustments to scheduling models or postseason structures, rather than by reducing opportunities for student-athletes. Without introducing a fair system of bonus points or other adjustments for split conferences, this proposal risks unintentionally excluding deserving teams and undermining the shared goal of equitable access to postseason competition.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns about the proposal to reduce the number of playoff qualifiers.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as the principal of North Brunswick High School to echo and strongly support the concerns previously shared by our Athletic Director, Morgan King, and to express my opposition to the Albemarle Athletic Conference's proposal to reduce playoff brackets from 48 to 32 teams. While I appreciate the intent behind this proposal, I am deeply concerned that it would unintentionally create greater inequities for schools already facing structural challenges. In particular, schools in split conferences and across varying classifications often operate at a disadvantage in scheduling and competitive balance—factors that directly influence postseason qualification.

Reducing playoff opportunities without first addressing these disparities risks excluding deserving student-athletes and programs, not because of performance, but because of circumstances beyond their control. As educators, our responsibility is to expand opportunities for students, not limit them—especially when those opportunities are tied to motivation, school pride, and the full educational experience. The current format, while not perfect, provides critical access points for programs navigating these challenges; removing those access points only compounds the issue.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal in its current form and instead explore solutions that address scheduling, travel, and evaluation fairness without reducing

postseason access. Thoughtful adjustments in these areas can achieve the intended goals while preserving equitable opportunities for all student-athletes.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your commitment to fairness in interscholastic athletics.

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North Brunswick High School
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**North Carolina High School Athletic Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission**

Name(s):

Mountain Athletic Conference Principals

- Katie Harris, Principal – Enka High School
- Stanley Wheless, Principal – Clyde A. Erwin High School
- Nathan Allison, Principal – T.C. Roberson High School
- Ben Alexander, Principal – A.C. Reynolds High School
- Derek Edwards, Principal – Asheville High School
- Kevin Yontz, Principal – North Buncombe High School

School/LEA/Conference/Group:

Mountain Athletic Conference

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

Recommendation / Proposal

The Mountain Athletic Conference respectfully recommends that the NCHSAA Board of Directors approve a change to the current playoff structure by **reducing postseason playoff brackets from 48 teams to 32 teams per classification in all NCHSAA-sanctioned sports, effective beginning Fall 2026.**

It is understood that **football would remain an exception for the 2026 season** due to existing two-year contracts and out-of-state scheduling obligations that do not align with other state associations' timelines.

Rationale

The Mountain Athletic Conference believes returning to a 32-team playoff format better supports student-athletes, schools, and the overall mission of the NCHSAA. Specifically:

- Many member schools rely heavily on **multi-sport athletes**, and the expanded 48-team format has increased season overlap, contributing to physical fatigue, academic strain, and scheduling conflicts.
 - The 48-team structure has resulted in an **increase in playoff opt-outs**, which diminishes competitive integrity and undermines the purpose of postseason play.
 - In sports such as basketball, the current format has created **compressed playoff schedules** (e.g., Tuesday–Thursday–Saturday–Monday), presenting challenges related to recovery, travel, and missed instructional time.
 - A reduction to 32 teams would allow greater flexibility in postseason design, particularly in sports such as baseball, where **expanded series-based playoff rounds** could be considered rather than a fully single-elimination format, similar to those used in neighboring state associations.
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Budget Impact

There would be **no negative financial impact** on member schools or athletic departments. A reduced playoff field may result in **lower travel costs and fewer missed instructional days** for participating schools.

Educational Impact

A reduced playoff schedule would likely **decrease missed class time**, reduce late-night travel, and improve academic balance for student-athletes participating in postseason play.

Gender Impact

This proposal would be applied **equally to all sports and to both male and female student-athletes**, ensuring fairness and equity across programs.

Effective Date

Fall 2026

(Football exempt for the 2026 season only, as noted above)

Respectfully submitted

Brian Carver

President - Mountain Athletic Conference 5A/6A

Signature: Brian Carver

Date: 3-30-26

ADDENDUM A

Please see Attached for Signatures

Mountain Athletic Conference – Principal Endorsements

Proposal: Reduction of Playoff Brackets from 48 Teams to 32 Teams

By signing below, the undersigned principals formally endorse the Mountain Athletic Conference proposal requesting a reduction of NCHSAA postseason playoff brackets from 48 teams to 32 teams per classification, effective Fall 2026.

Katie Harris

Principal, Enka High School

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Stanley Wheless

Principal, Clyde A. Erwin High School

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nathan Allison

Principal, T.C. Roberson High School

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ben Alexander

Principal, A.C. Reynolds High School

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Derek Edwards

Principal, Asheville High School

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Yontz

Principal, North Buncombe High School

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This addendum is submitted in support of the Mountain Athletic Conference agenda item to be presented to the NCHSAA Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Carver

President - Mountain Athletic Conference 5A/6A

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3-30-26

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Katie Harris

Principal, Enka High School

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3/23/26

Stanley Wheless

Principal, Clyde A. Erwin High School

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3/24/26

Nathan Allison

Principal, T.C. Roberson High School

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3/24/29

Ben Alexander

Principal, A.C. Reynolds High School

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3/24/26

Derek Edwards

Principal, Asheville High School

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3-23-26

Kevin Yontz

Principal, North Buncombe High School

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3/30/26

This addendum is submitted in support of the Mountain Athletic Conference agenda item to be presented to the NCHSAA Board of Directors.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s): Dixon High School Athletic Department

School/LEA/Conference/Group: Dixon High School, Onslow County 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)

This proposal recommends adjustments to season lengths, participation limits, and playoff bracket structures across multiple sports. Regular season limits will align with national averages, reducing contests in several sports while maintaining football at 10 games. Playoff structures will maintain 48-team brackets for football and basketball, while all other sports will move to 32-team brackets. The intent is to reduce congestion, improve scheduling, support multi-sport athletes, and maintain competitive integrity.

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

This proposal addresses season overlap, scheduling congestion, and resource strain. Aligning contest limits with national averages reduces conflicts and improves the student-athlete experience. Maintaining larger playoff brackets in football and basketball preserves key revenue streams, while reducing brackets in other sports shortens postseason duration and minimizes travel and overlap.

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

The proposal is expected to reduce costs related to transportation, officials, and staffing due to fewer contests and shorter seasons. It preserves revenue opportunities in football and basketball, allowing those sports to continue supporting non-revenue programs.

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

This proposal reduces missed class time by decreasing the number of contests and travel days. It supports improved balance between academics and athletics and allows more time for study and recovery.

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

The proposal is equitable across genders, applying consistent adjustments to comparable sports. Revenue preservation in football and basketball helps sustain all athletic programs, including women's sports.

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

Proposed for implementation beginning with the 2026-2027 athletic year.

Signature Paige Hysmith Date 4/1/26
Principal

Proposal to the NCHSAA: Alignment of Sport Seasons, Participation Limits, and Playoff Structures

Overview

This proposal recommends adjustments to season lengths, participation limits, and playoff bracket sizes across multiple sports to better align with national averages, reduce seasonal overlap, and improve financial sustainability for member schools.

The guiding principles behind this proposal are:

- Aligning competition schedules with national norms
- Reducing calendar congestion and overlap between sports seasons
- Supporting multi-sport athlete participation
- Recognizing the financial burden on schools and leveraging revenue-generating sports to support non-revenue sports
- Maintaining competitive balance while improving operational efficiency

1. Regular Season Structure Adjustments

The proposed game/meet limits are aligned with national averages and are intended to reduce overlap between sports seasons while preserving competitive integrity.

Sport	Current	Proposed	National Avg
Football	10	10	9–10
Soccer	24	20	20–22
Volleyball	22	20	20–22
Basketball	24	22	22–24
Baseball / Softball	24	22	22–24
Lacrosse	24	16	16–18
Tennis	NL	14	14–16

Sport	Current	Proposed	National Avg
Golf	16	12	12-14
Track / Cross Country	14 meets	8 meets	7-9 meets

Key Rationale:

- Reducing total contests where current levels exceed national norms helps compress seasons.
- Fewer contests create more flexibility in scheduling, allowing clearer separation between overlapping sports.
- Aligning with national averages ensures competitiveness is not compromised.

2. Playoff Structure Recommendations

To maintain revenue generation and competitive equity:

- **Football:** Maintain a **48-team playoff bracket**
- **Basketball (Men's and Women's):** Maintain a **48-team playoff bracket**
- **All Other Sports:** Reduce to **32-team playoff brackets**

Rationale:

- Football and basketball are the primary revenue-generating sports for many schools and the association.
- Larger brackets in these sports:
 - Increase gate revenue
 - Help subsidize non-revenue sports
- Reducing brackets in other sports:
 - Shortens postseason duration
 - Decreases travel and logistical strain
 - Reduces calendar overlap with subsequent sports seasons

3. Financial Considerations

This proposal acknowledges the financial burden already placed on schools and aims to:

- Reduce overall season length and associated operational costs (transportation, staffing, officials)
- Preserve and optimize revenue streams in football and basketball
- Use revenue from high-attendance playoff games to indirectly support non-revenue sports
- Limit unnecessary expansion of postseason play in lower-revenue sports where gate receipts are minimal

4. Season Overlap Reduction Strategy

This proposal reduces overlap through a combination of:

- Shorter regular seasons in select sports
- Reduced playoff durations (fewer rounds in most sports)
- Alignment of sport calendars closer to national norms
- Prioritization of scheduling separation between fall, winter, and spring sports transitions

Expected Outcomes:

- Fewer simultaneous in-season conflicts for facilities and athletes
- Reduced strain on multi-sport athletes
- Improved officiating availability
- Better defined seasonal boundaries
- More efficient use of school resources

5. Implementation Considerations

To successfully implement these changes, the following should be evaluated:

- Calendar restructuring to ensure staggered season start/end dates

- Adjustments to playoff qualification timelines
- Coordination with officials' associations
- Facility scheduling alignment across districts
- Communication plan for member schools during transition

Conclusion

This proposal balances competitive integrity, financial sustainability, and operational efficiency. By aligning regular season lengths with national averages and adjusting playoff structures to reflect the revenue realities of different sports, the NCHSAA can reduce season overlap, support its member schools, and improve the overall athletic experience for student-athletes.

North Carolina High School Athletic Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors- Agenda Item Submission

Spring Meeting Deadline: April 1st

Winter Meeting Deadline: November 1st

Name(s): Brian Hightower, Josh Trexler, Chris Krieg, Mary Melton, Carson Herndon,
Pat Helm, Greg Liddle, Zack Tatarka.

School/LEA/Conference/Group: South Piedmont Conference

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

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*Effective Date: (When would this go in effect?) 2026-2027 Winter and Spring sports calendar- effective immediately.

Signature Brian Hightower Date 3/18/26

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Rationale/Explanation continued:

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Regional	Oct. 27
State	Oct. 30 - 31

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Individual	
Pre-Regionals	Oct. 5
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State	Oct. 23-24

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Seeding	Oct. 9
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3rd Round	Oct. 19
4th Round	Oct. 21
Regional	Oct. 27
State	Oct. 30 -31

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State	Nov. 19 - 21

CHEERLEADING	
Invitational	TBD

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Week 6	Sept. 25
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Week 8	Oct. 9
Week 9	Oct. 16
Week 10	Oct. 23
Week 11	Oct. 30

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS	
Seeding	TBD
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4th Round	Nov. 27
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State	Dec. 10 - 12

WINTER 2026-2027	
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First Contest	Mar. 1

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State	May 14 - 15

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State	May 11-12 & 14-15

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ADD Conference Tournament May 10-14

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NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s): Submitted by Chris Shinn, Conference Administrator, on behalf on Chad Yow, Rocky Richar, Luke Hyatt, Mark Gosnell, Dylan Blackwell, Tim Niedermeier, Matt Anders and Jason Sarvis, Athletic Directors of the RRC. Vote to submit was approved 7-0 and motion was given full consent of the conference.

School/LEA/Conference/Group: Rocky River 4A/5A

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)

The athletic leadership of the member schools of the RRC respectfully request that the Board consider adjustments to the currently adopted sports calendar to eliminate season overlap and promote equity between winter and spring sports. We have attached the proposed changes in calendar form, but will outline the major aspects for clarity.

1. Move Baseball/Softball State Finals from the week of June 2-5 to the week of June 9-12, to add a week to the back of the season.
2. Insert a Conference Tournament week for spring sports (baseball/softball) comparable to the one in place for basketball, beginning the week of May 10 with seeding taking place on May 15. First round place can take place on May 18
3. Adjust the week reserved for basketball conference tournaments back one week, from the week of February 15 to the week of February 8.
4. Shift the basketball playoffs back one week, beginning them where the conference tournament week was initially. First rounds will begin the week of February 15. Finals will now take place a week earlier, and conclude before the end of February

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)
Non-FB playing basketball teams are currently allotted 15 calendar weeks in which to complete their game schedule. FB playing schools are given 13 1/2. Both groups then have a conference tournament week set aside at the conclusion of the regular season. Baseball and softball programs operating in the spring season currently have 9 1/2 weeks to play the same permitted number of contests, with no room allotted for a

conference tournament.

This inequity forces spring sports to often play three games in a week to complete a full 24 game schedule. Unfortunately, many schools will not succeed in completing such a schedule due to unpredictable weather and its impact on spring events. Even when holiday breaks and exam weeks are taken into account, the basketball schedule is far more manageable and comfortably spread out than spring sports schedules. Basketball enjoys extra practice time and 2 game weeks while baseball and softball teams are having to play multiple 3 and 4 game weeks to attempt to reach their 24 game limit. Many times games scheduled to increase RPI and help challenge the team have to be cancelled in lieu of making up a conference game that may not be as beneficial. This condensing of a 24 game schedule into a time period more than 25% shorter than the winter season is inequitable .

- **Budget Impact:** (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)
 Winter receipts from basketball will stay unchanged. Spring sports revenue would likely increase because games would be more likely to be rescheduled. No additional expenses would be accrued by member schools.

- **Educational Impact:** (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)
 The current model has a negative impact on the study time of spring athletes. The condensed nature of the schedule leads to multiple 3 day game weeks, which results in 3 nights away from homework and studies. It is far more difficult for the spring athlete to balance school and sports. The proximity of the season to end of year projects and exams only serves to increase the stress and difficulty of the situation. This shift in the calendar would give students a little extra breathing room in the spring.

- **Gender Impact:** (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)
 This schedule adjustment is equally beneficial to both male and female teams.

- **Effective Date:** (When would this go into effect?)
 Our conference hopes that the Board of Directors realizes the inequity of the current situation and pushes to amend the 2026-2027 calendar as adopted so that it would take effect next school year.

Signature _____ Date 3/31/26

Chad Yow-AD, Baseball Coach West Stanly HS

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Winter Meeting Deadline: November 1

Name(s) : Rocky River Conference, Jay Niessner & Chris Shinn

School/LEA/Conference/Group: Rocky River Conference

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Signature _____ Date _____ fax

completed form to 919-240-7399 or email to kim@nchsaa.org

Rationale/Explanation continued:

I can create a calendar for basketball for 2026-2027 and schedule 23 regular season games with EASE, never having more than 2 per week, multiple weeks with JUST 1. There is so much flexibility within the basketball schedule. I have created a calendar (mock) and accounted for 2 exam weeks as well as 3 holiday weeks. When I use the same structure for baseball/softball I can only fit in 19 regular season games. I am using the same parameters. The equity between these two seasons and their time frames is not close. This is also allotting an entire week for basketball to have a conference tournament AFTER their regular season whereas baseball/softball do NOT get that week. If we choose to use a week to play a conference tournament the number of regular season games we can fit in to our time frame is 17 based off of the SAME parameters. 23 regular season games vs 17 regular season games is far from equitable. We want fairness and equality. We won't stop being forced to play 3 games in a week to fulfill our 24 regular season games (just like basketball), while basketball comfortably plays 1-2 games each week. Inclement weather for outdoor sports in the spring time vs winter time indoor sports is far more likely, making rescheduling much more difficult. Basketball playoffs are currently set to play 3 rounds in 5 days so why are they getting more weeks in their regular season than spring sports? If a basketball team has to play 3 playoff caliber games in 5 days why can't they play 3 regular season games in a week? Currently their allotted calendar allows them not to. The current baseball/softball calendar has us playing 2 rounds per week up until the regionals and finals. Not only does baseball/softball have more inclement weather-related issues but in baseball we have pitch count restrictions to manage around for the safety and health of players. Basketball players have no restrictions to how many shots they can take during a week or how many times they can run up and down the court.

Current Facts:

Basketball 14 calendar weeks for 24 games, then a conference tournament, then playoffs

Baseball/Softball 10 calendar weeks for 24 games, then playoffs, NO conference tournament

We just want that to make sense and be more balanced.

If given the chance, I'd be happy to meet or sit down to explain in detail the mock calendars I've created to provide full transparency of these comparisons.

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2026 -2027 NCHSAA Sports Calendar

FALL 2026	
First Practice	Jul. 29
First Contest	Aug. 10

WOMEN'S GOLF	
Reporting Deadline	Oct. 14 @ 9:00 pm
Regional	Oct. 19 or 20
State	Oct. 26 - 27

VOLLEYBALL	
Seeding	Oct. 15
1st Round	Oct. 17
2nd Round	Oct. 20
3rd Round	Oct. 22
4th Round	Oct. 24
Regional	Oct. 27
State	Oct. 30 - 31

WOMEN'S TENNIS	
Individual	
Pre-Regionals	Oct. 5
Reporting Deadline	Oct. 12 @ 3:00 pm
Regionals	Oct. 16-17
State	Oct. 23-24
Dual Team	
Seeding	Oct. 9
1st Round	Oct. 12
2nd Round	Oct. 15
3rd Round	Oct. 19
4th Round	Oct. 21
Regional	Oct. 27
State	Oct. 30 -31

CROSS COUNTRY	
Reporting Deadline	Oct. 24; 11:59 pm
Regional	Oct. 30 - 31
State	Nov. 6 - 7

MEN'S SOCCER	
Seeding	Oct. 29
1st Round	Nov. 2
2nd Round	Nov. 5
3rd Round	Nov. 9
4th Round	Nov. 12
Regional	Nov. 17
State	Nov. 19 - 21

CHEERLEADING	
Invitational	TBD

FOOTBALL	
First Practice	Jul. 29
First Scrimmage	Aug. 7
Week 1	Aug. 21
Week 2	Aug. 28
Week 3	Sept. 4
Week 4	Sept. 11
Week 5	Sept. 18
Week 6	Sept. 25
Week 7	Oct. 2
Week 8	Oct. 9
Week 9	Oct. 16
Week 10	Oct. 23
Week 11	Oct. 30

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS	
Seeding	TBD
1st Round	Nov. 6
2nd Round	Nov. 13
3rd Round	Nov. 20
4th Round	Nov. 27
Regionals	Dec. 4
State	Dec. 10 - 12

WINTER 2026-2027	
First Practice (Indoor Track, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling)	Nov. 2
First Contest (Indoor Track, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling)	Nov. 11

INDOOR TRACK	
Reporting Deadline	Feb. 4; @ 9:00 pm
State	Feb. 9 - 12

SWIMMING & DIVING	
Reporting Deadline	Jan. 23 @ 11:59 pm
Regionals	Jan. 28 - 30
State	Feb. 3 - 6

WRESTLING	
Men's Dual Team	
Seeding	Jan. 28
1st/2nd	Jan. 30
3rd/Regionals	Feb. 3
State Championship	Feb. 5 - 6
Individual	
Men's/Women's Reporting Deadline	Jan 28; 3pm
Women's Regional	Feb. 5-6
Men's Regional	Feb. 12-13
Men's/Women's State	Feb. 18 - 20

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First Contest	Nov. 11
First Contest (Non-FB)	Oct. 28
Conference Tournament	
Seeding	Feb. 15-19 Feb 8-12
1st Round	Feb. 20 Feb 13
2nd Round	Feb. 23 Feb 16
3rd Round	Feb. 25 Feb 18
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Regionals	Mar. 1 Feb 22
State	Mar. 3 - 6 Feb 24-27 Mar 10 - 13 Mar 3-6

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First Contest	Mar. 1

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1st Round	Apr. 26
2nd Round	Apr. 29
3rd Round	May 3
4th Round	May 5
Regional	May 11
State	May 14 - 15

TRACK	
Reporting Deadline	May 1; 9pm
Regionals	May 7 or 8
State	May 11-12 & 14-15

LACROSSE	
Seeding	May 6
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2nd Round	May 14 May 21
3rd Round	May 18 May 25
4th Round	May 21 May 28
Regional	May 25 - 29 June 2-5
State	June 2 - 5 June 9-12

BASEBALL	
Seeding	May 10 May 15
1st Round	May 11 May 18
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Regional	May 25 - 29 June 2-5
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ADD Conference Tournament May 10-14

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State	June 2 - 5

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s):

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)

4.1.5 (d) Junior varsity stand alone scrimmages are allowed. No athlete can exceed the five (5) total hours of scrimmage time (Total of Varsity and JV scrimmage time).

Rewrite existing bylaw 4.1.5 (d) Junior varsity scrimmages are allowed in conjunction with varsity scrimmages, at the same time and site.

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)
Many teams are impacted by other schools not fielding JV squads and cannot scrimmage their teams. Some schools are also going to 7th - 9th grade Junior High teams. Passed unanimously at February Winter Clinic in Greensboro during business meeting vote of the membership.
- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)
None. This proposal adds no extra costs.
- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)
None. Scrimmages occur before most schools start the year and would be held in the evening or on Saturday if necessary.
- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)
None
- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?)
Fall 2026

Signature

Chuck Henderson

Date 3 March 2026

Chuck Henderson North Carolina Football Coaches Association

PAMLICO HURRICANES ATHLETICS

April Rose

President, 1A/2A Coastal Plains Conference

Pamlico County High School

North Carolina High School Athletic Association

Board of Directors

Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

On behalf of the 1A/2A Coastal Plains Conference, I respectfully submit the following proposal for consideration by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Proposal

It is recommended that the NCHSAA adopt a policy establishing a minimum regular-season participation requirement for postseason eligibility. Specifically, member schools must complete 85–90% of the maximum allowable regular-season contests in a given sport to qualify for NCHSAA playoff competition.

For example, in a sport with a 24-game limit, a team must participate in a minimum of 20 to 22 contests to be considered eligible for postseason play.

The NCHSAA may grant exceptions in cases involving extenuating circumstances, including, but not limited to, weather-related cancellations or emergency situations, subject to appropriate review.

Additionally, it is not the intent of this proposal to exclude teams from postseason participation if they fall below this threshold. Rather, teams that do not meet the minimum participation requirement should not be considered for the top 10–15 seeding positions within each classification, ensuring that higher seeds reflect teams with a more complete body of work.

Rationale

This proposal is intended to enhance competitive equity and uphold the integrity of postseason qualification standards across all classifications and conferences. Establishing a minimum participation threshold ensures that playoff eligibility is determined based on a sufficiently comprehensive body of work. It also discourages limited scheduling practices that may disproportionately influence rankings, seeding, or overall competitive balance.

Budget Impact

This recommendation carries no financial impact for member schools or athletic departments, as it does not require additional contests, travel, or allocation of resources beyond existing scheduling frameworks.

Educational Impact

There is no educational impact associated with this proposal. It does not increase the number of allowable contests nor does it result in additional loss of instructional time.

Gender Equity Impact

This proposal supports and reinforces gender equity, as it applies uniformly to all sports programs and ensures fair and consistent postseason qualification standards for both male and female student-athletes.

Effective Date

It is recommended that this policy take effect beginning with the 2026–2027 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

April Rose

President, 1A/2A Coastal Plains Conference

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Greg Grantham (Ex. Director), Robert Duck (President), Andy Muse (Past President)

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Basketball Coaches Association

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)

We would like for the Board to approve a single season (during the 2026-27 basketball season only) experimental, strictly voluntary, use of the 35 second shot clock during scrimmages, as well as regular season invitational tournaments and special event games (MLK day events, Play4Kay events, etc), where the host team has the equipment and both teams involved agree to play with the NFHS approved shot clock rules for that contest. The purpose of this experimentation is to gather data regarding: time it takes to complete each game, number of times shot clock violations occurred and number of times there were shot clock issues/ malfunctions/ timing errors, that would then be shared with the NCHSAA Board of Directors from all games using shot clock rules at the Spring 2027 NCHSAA Board meeting.

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

Given the fact that the NFHS reports there are now at least 34 states where the shot clock is being used for HS basketball at some level (this includes states that are experimenting with it - see [NFHS CHART](#)), it appears that High School basketball in North Carolina and 16 other states are literally the only places in the world that play basketball without a shot clock. More and more of our neighboring states in the Southeast Section are adopting it. Before just shutting down the concept unilaterally, we should at least gather data about the use of the shot clock in our own states from games where NC schools willing to voluntarily experiment with it were bold enough to try it.

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

Again, only schools who VOLUNTEERED to host games using a shot clock would incur any costs. So for the vast majority of schools across the state there would be NO COST associated with this one year voluntary experimentation.

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

No – in fact if it indeed does reduce the length of time required to play games (as some data suggests), students may get home earlier from games being played with a shot clock.

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

This rule would be applied the same to both Boys & Girls basketball games where both teams volunteered to play using a shot clock.

- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?) We are proposing this one-year experimentation be allowed during the 2026-27 season.

Signature Greg Grantham Robert Duck Andy Muse

Date 10/25/2025

December, 3 2025

From: North Carolina Public Schools Members

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To: Que Tucker, NCHSAA Commissioner
Mo Green, North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Stephen Gainey, Superintendent Randolph County Schools, NCHSAA Board of Directors, President
Brad Alford, Director of Athletics, North Carolina Department of Instruction

Reference: **Handbook Rule 4.12.12 (b) (i) For track events, all times must be submitted as Fully Automatic Time (FAT). Hand-held times will not be considered.**

Dear Commissioner Tucker & others,

We are writing this letter as Track & Field Coaches to express our concern regarding the new rule requiring all running event times to be fully automatic timed to be considered by the NCHSAA for state and regional entry. This new rule puts the schools we coach at a limited or solely non-existent opportunity to qualify for state competition in Indoor & Outdoor track and field. We support the efforts of the Carolina 1A/2A Conference to have this new rule amended or at the very least paused until further preparation, financial cost, and resources can be obtained by the schools we coach.

We appreciate your efforts to improve accuracy and your commitment to student-based athletics, but please consider the consequences this new rule has created.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lakewood High School
Midway High School
Rosewood High School
North Duplin High School
Neuse Charter School
Union High School
Goldsboro High School
Princeton High School
Hobbs High School
Spring Creek High School

Handwritten signatures and notes:
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