

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The following action items were recommended by the *Policy* Committee to the full Board of Directors during the April 29-30, 2014 NCHSAA Board of Directors meeting:

Committee Members:

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Tony Baldwin
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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 2014-2015 Non-Athletic Events Calendar (Attachment 6)

- a. Recommendation: To approve the calendar as presented.
- b. Rationale: To inform the membership of important dates
- c. Budget Impact: None
- d. Educational Impact: Sharing of information
- e. Equity Impact: None
- f. Effective Date: June 2014

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

2. Timeline for Completion of the NFHS “Fundamentals of Coaching” Certification Course for Non-Faculty Coaches and Newly Hired Coaches (Attachment 7)

- a. Recommendation: To approve dropping the 60 days of being hired and change to prior to the first play date of the sport he or she coaches.
- b. Rationale: To make sure all non-faculty (not teacher-certified) and newly hired coaches receive fundamental instruction and guidance before coaching our student athletes in a contest.
- c. Budget Impact: Penalty if requirement not met prior to coaching and possible loss of revenue if game cannot be played.
- d. Educational Impact: All non-faculty and newly hired coaches will receive the coaching information and guidance before coaching any student athletes in a contest.
- e. Equity Impact: Rule is the same for all.
- f. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

3. Transgender Issue: Review the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's Discussion and Recommendations (Attachments 8 & 9)

a. Recommendations:

- To approve the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's recommendation that the NCHSAA continue to abide by State Law which recognizes the gender on the birth certificate. The law allows for a change to the birth certificate if individuals have completed a sex reassignment surgery.
- The committee will continue to study any research on the impact on the high school student age group in reference to the medical status of sex reassignment surgery and hormonal treatments and any other findings.
- To approve adding to p. 119 in the NCHSAA Handbook-COMBINED RULES AND REGULATIONS a statement that addresses the gender of the student athlete.

b. Rationale: To continue abiding by state law.

c. Budget Impact: None

d. Educational Impact: None

e. Equity Impact: Same for all

f. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

4. Review the Education and Athletics Committee's Recommendations:

a. Composite Teams: (Attachments 10 & 11)

i. Recommendation: To review and approve clarified language in the Handbook, p. 120, 4th paragraph.

ii. Rationale: Update and clarify for better understanding.

iii. Budget Impact: None

iv. Educational Impact: None

v. Equity Impact: To be fair to all member schools.

vi. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

b. Dressing for Game or Practicing: (Attachment 12)

i. Recommendation: To review and approve clarified language in the Handbook, p. 127, Section 14: Change ~~sitting on the bench~~ to *being in the designated team area.... Also add that disqualified or ejected athletes from a contest will remain in the team area for supervision purposes.*

ii. Rationale: To better define the area for all sports and to clarify that disqualified or ejected athletes from a contest will be allowed to remain in the team area for supervision. Ejected athletes may travel with the team and be in the designated team area, but may not dress out.

iii. Budget Impact: None

- iv. Educational Impact: None
- v. Equity Impact: Same for all sports.
- vi. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

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c. Appeals Process:

- i. Recommendation: To leave the appeals process as stated in the By Laws, VIII. Penalties (p. 24 of the Handbook). There was discussion in regards to whether the NCHSAA Executive Committee should make the final decision instead of the option of appealing to the full Board, but the committee felt that the process in place gives the membership the proper due process. Discussion with various athletic directors and superintendents indicated the same.
- ii. Rationale: Gives the membership due process.
- iii. Budget Impact: None
- iv. Educational Impact: None
- v. Equity Impact: Same for all member schools
- vi. Effective Date: N/A

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

d. Practice Games and Scrimmages: (Attachment 13)

- i. Recommendation: Discuss and approve adding on p. 129, 3rd paragraph a limit in the number of student athletes from own school or another school that can work out with individuals that qualify (wrestling, once seeding has been done) to the regional and state individual playoffs after the season is over for the team. One for each qualifier advancing (one for one) is the recommendation.
- ii. Rationale: To better clarify and ensure complete teams are not continuing to practice after the season has ended.
- iii. Budget Impact: None
- iv. Educational Impact: Limiting to only those who advance and one other practice partner.
- v. Equity Impact: Same for all individual qualifiers
- vi. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

e. Sponsorship of Contest and Handling of Gate Receipts:

- i. Recommendation: To approve deleting from the Handbook in the GAME AND SPORT ADMINISTRATION section, # 31 on p. 132. This is outdated in that our schools enter invitational tournaments run by and hosted by outside groups. Schools also sometimes donate their proceeds to charity or other causes.
- ii. Rationale: No longer applicable

- iii. Budget Impact: Schools make the decisions on their budget impact
- iv. Educational Impact: More tournament opportunities
- v. Equity Impact: Same for all schools
- vi. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

f. Include E- Cigarettes/Vapor Cigarettes in the Tobacco Products, Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances Policy: (Attachment 14)

- i. Recommendation: To approve adding E- cigarettes/Vapor cigarettes to the policy on p. 139 in the Handbook.
- ii. Rationale: School systems have received word to include in their policies, since it is considered to be a tobacco product. Therefore, the committee feels the NCHSAA should also include this in their policy.
- iii. Budget Impact: None
- iv. Educational Impact: Emphasizes the importance of not using tobacco products and similar products.
- v. Equity Impact: Same rule for athletes, coaches and officials
- vi. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

g. Attendance Policy:

- i. Recommendation: The Education and Athletics Committee unanimously approved the motion to have the Board of Directors revisit eliminating the attendance policy at the state level.
- ii. Rationale:
 - The committee feels local LEA policy should address attendance.
 - Credit by mastery would eliminate attendance
 - Dual enrollment courses do not take attendance
 - Virtual courses do not document attendance
 - Make-up policies for absences vary from one LEA to the next
 - Other states do not have an attendance policy
- iii. Budget Impact: N/A
- iv. Educational Impact: In many cases LEA policy is more stringent than NCHSAA attendance policy
- v. Equity Impact: LEA's could have different policies to govern attendance which could have varied impacts
- vi. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

h. Playoff Brackets and Substitution for Disqualified Teams or Individuals: (Attachment 15)

- i. Recommendation: Approve clarifying the language

on p. 145, PENALTIES AND FINES Section, under PROCEDURES #3. to indicate that once the seeding process is completed and the brackets have been finalized, no other team or individual will be substituted in or added to the brackets as a result of a change in the reported record (incorrect or adjusted). The teams are disqualified.

- ii. Rationale: Better defines when things are final and any change in the the reported records would result in disqualification of the team.
- iii. Budget Impact: None
- iv. Educational Impact: None
- v. Equity Impact: Same for all
- vi. Effective Date: 2014-2015 School Year

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____

i. Consider When the NCHSAA Rules and Regulations Apply to Newly Approved Member Schools: (Attachments 16 & 17)

- i. Recommendation: To approve adding a statement to the membership documentation (packet) for newly approved schools that addresses when the school is bound by NCHSAA rules and regulations. Also note that failure to comply may result in rescinding membership.
- iii. Rationale: To indicate that rules and regulations apply immediately upon approval, even though the official date for membership is not until July 1. This would help address any recruiting issues taking place prior to the official date.
membership date, etc.
- iii. Budget Impact: None
- iv. Educational Impact: None
- v. Equity Impact: Does not allow for recruiting or early starts in practicing with full off season teams.
- vii. Effective Date: Immediately

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j. Review and Discuss Residence Policy:

- i. Recommendation: Review and discuss, Residence on p. 122.....If no custody order has been entered, the residence shall be deemed to be that of the parent with whom the student spends the majority of nights during the school calendar year.
- ii. Points of Emphasis:
 - The Education and Athletics Committee discussed thoroughly, did not have any suggestions for change.
 - They agreed that this is an ongoing issue, but no good answer on how to address it.
 - Various examples and permutations were shared.

- CMS mentioned “parents of record” when parents are separate, and that becomes the address for eligibility, but they no longer investigate with CMS police.

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