

# NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

**Name(s) : Greg Grantham**

**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 request that the format of the state Basketball playoffs be changed to play only 2 games per week for all 3 weeks (6 rounds) of the playoffs. We request that games NOT be played on Monday and that boys & girls games be on different nights until the 5<sup>th</sup> round & State Finals. We would propose games be played at higher seeded team in first 3 rounds, then the 4<sup>th</sup> round be played at a neutral site (either large HS gym or college venue). Ideally we would like to see the State Championship weekend be a Final Four format where State semifinals & finals be played the same weekend. However, until those logistics can be worked out, the State semis should be played on Tue during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week at same neutral site venue as the 4<sup>th</sup> round. We propose the first week 1<sup>st</sup> round be played on Tue- Wed (alternate boys & girls), 2<sup>nd</sup> round played Thu- Fri (Sat used as weather makeup date). The second week the 3<sup>rd</sup> round be played on Tue- Wed (alternate boys & girls), the 4<sup>th</sup> round be played Fri-Sat. State semis play boys & girls in same class at same neutral site.

We also propose under this new format to eliminate the Regional press conference and hold the State Championship press conference on the Thursday of the State Finals.

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)  
This would put basketball more in line with format of other sports playoffs and is more like the weekly schedule of games during regular season
- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)  
Would have no impact on school's budgets, but would reduce NCHSAA costs of regional round of playoffs
- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?) None- same as current format
- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?) There are no gender inequities. Would actually increase school support for girls games on alternate nights if playing at separate site from boys in same round
- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?) 2014-15 school year

Signature Greg Grantham Date 3/30/14