



NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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"Inspiring individuals, encouraging excellence through education-based athletics"

Since 1913, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has worked to provide a "wholesome athletic environment" for student-athletes.

The NCHSAA is a voluntary, non-profit independent corporation which administers the state's interscholastic athletic program, and any North Carolina public or non-boarding parochial high school is eligible for membership. The NCHSAA has 405 members in its four classifications for the 2015-2016 academic year.

University of North Carolina professor Dr. Louis Round Wilson spearheaded the founding of the NCHSAA as part of the University Extension Division. A modest \$200 grant got the organization started, and the state championships in football and track were held that year. Soon baseball, basketball and tennis were added, and now the NCHSAA sponsors championships in 23 sports, 12 for men and 11 for women.

Besides coordinating and organizing the playoffs in each of these sports, the NCHSAA certifies the eligibility of 200,000 athletes annually, helps organize and train over 6,000 game officials, provides catastrophic insurance and maintains financial records. The Association has a host of other services and special programs, such as Scholar-Athlete, the NCHSAA Hall of Fame and Wells Fargo Cup. The Student Services Program includes such offerings as Student Athlete Summer Institutes and Coach-Captain retreats. The Association also has an Endowment Fund, to preserve athletic opportunities for young people in our state.

The NCHSAA offices are located on Finley Golf Course Road in Chapel Hill. Since its inception, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has promoted a well-rounded athletic program as an integral part of education. The NCHSAA continues to be dedicated to that mission.

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The mission of the NCHSAA is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs that support and enrich the educational experience of students.



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