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AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
1. Editorial Changes to Handbook Discussion Attachment P1	Discuss giving NCHSAA Staff the authority to make editorial changes to the NCHSAA Handbook, as needed, so long as changes do not alter the substance of approved rules and regulations.	<p>Rationale: Currently the Policy Committee and Board of Directors have to review and approve editorial changes to the Handbook that create unnecessary agenda items.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: Immediately</p>
2. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Recommendation #1 - WBGT	Recommend that the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) reading be used in all instances regarding heat and humidity issues and illnesses in two phases. Phase I: Recommended Use Phase II: Required/ Mandated Use	<p>Rationale: The WBGT reading provides a more accurate reading than reliance on the heat index. When dealing with heat related illnesses the goal is to be as accurate as possible.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Approximately \$125-\$500 per school</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: Phase I, 2016-17; Phase II, 2017-18</p>
3. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Recommendation #2 – WBGT Readings	Readings must be taken and recorded not more than 30 minutes before the beginning of practice. Subsequent readings must be taken and recorded whenever water/rest breaks are taken or every 30 minutes.	<p>Rationale: To provide accurate monitoring of potential changing conditions.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: August 1, 2016</p>

<p>4. Education and Athletics Committee Recommendation – Modify Season Limitations to Allow Participation in National Events</p> <p>Attachment P2</p>	<p>To provide an exception to the season limitations (see Rule 2.3.13) to allow NCHSAA State Champions, under specified conditions, to participate in National Events.</p>	<p>Rationale: The national event would showcase the student-athletes of North Carolina.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Member Schools may be required to fund travel and other ancillary expenses in relation to participation.</p> <p>Educational Impact: NCHSAA sanctioning process would require the event to have an educational component or benefit.</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: August 1, 2016</p>
<p>5. Sports Wagering Position Statement</p>	<p>To add the following language to NCHSAA Handbook regulation 3.3.2 (f): The NCHSAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering which has the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests and jeopardizes the welfare of student-athletes and education-based athletics.</p>	<p>Rationale: To provide NCHSAA position statement on sports wagering that supports the NCHSAA mission and vision.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: Provides clear message to the membership regarding the detrimental effects of sports wagering.</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: August 1, 2016</p>

<p>6. NCHSAA Business Department Recommendation – Membership Dues</p>	<p>2.2.4 Enrollment Date: Any school that desires to renew membership in the NCHSAA must register and pay the fees before December 1. Late renewals are subject to a \$100 fine and schools are not eligible for playoffs beginning with the winter sports season until all fees are paid.</p> <p>2.2.5 Fees: A check in the amount of 75 cents per pupil for all students enrolled at the high school should accompany the renewal form.</p> <p>(a) Enrollment shall be determined by the total enrollment of students at the end of the first school month of the present school year. The NCHSAA will publish these numbers prior to seeding for football. Each school should use this number in calculating its payment.</p> <p>(b) Each member school shall also pay an annual school fee of \$100. This entitles the school to one rulebook in all sports which the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) publishes rules and the NCHSAA offers a championship, as well as other materials.</p> <p>(c) Deadline for payment is December 1.</p>	<p>Rationale: The ADMs being used by schools for its membership payment were not the same as the numbers being used in football seeding/realignment, which should be the same. This past year, the difference was 4771 students, or \$3578.75 owed to the NCHSAA. This ensures that the school has the correct number when submitting payment.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Minimal impact on the school's budget as they are already paying the fee. Average increase of \$8.84/school this past year.</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: August 1, 2016</p>
<p>7. Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee Recommendation – Diving Judges Panel Testing</p>	<p>To require the coach of each school with a diving program to pass a NCHSAA diving judge test.</p>	<p>Rationale: There are currently no requirements to serve on the diving judges panel. There are requirement to be a stroke and turn official for swimming, however.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: Coaches will be required to be knowledgeable of the judging aspects of diving.</p> <p>Equity Impact: Divers would now be officiated and scored by qualified judges like other NCHSAA sanctioned sports.</p> <p>Effective Date: August 1, 2016</p>

8. DISCUSSION ITEM: Non-Athletic Calendar Attachment P3	Review the 2016-17 Non-Athletic Calendar.	
9. DISCUSSION ITEM: Spectator Penalty Review Attachment P4	Review spectator penalty from March 12, 2016	
10. DISCUSSION ITEM: Spectator Penalties	Review the penalties for spectators under the penalty code (see Rule 3.2.1 (d) to address the increase in inappropriate behavior at athletic events.	

Editorial Changes

Those changes necessary to correct syntax, sentence structures, outdated verbiage (e.g. Executive Director), typographical and grammatical errors or other language that does not lather the substance or intent of the Board approved regulation or guideline.

Substantive Changes

Any change that alters the substance or intent of a Board approved regulation or guideline.



March 14, 2016

Ms. Que Tucker
Commissioner
North Carolina High School Athletic Association
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Dear Que:

This letter is a follow-up to our conversations regarding national championships and national events.

To give you an historical overview, over the years the NFHS has frequently considered the issue of high school national championships. To expand upon that, below in boldfaced copy are some selected passages from the NFHS Handbook that address that:

The earliest recorded action took place on February 26, 1934, when the National Council voted that the Executive Committee should refuse to sanction any meet or tournament which is in the nature of a contest to determine a national high school championship.

The policy concerning sanctioning national championships has been under constant review by the NFHS and was reaffirmed July 9, 1977, when the National Council in amending the Athletic Bylaws adopted the following: "Sanction shall not be granted for any tournament, meet or other contest to qualify for and/or determine a national high school championship."

However, at its July 1977 meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the NFHS Competition Committee recommended the topic of national championships sponsored and conducted by the NFHS be discussed at every NFHS Section Meeting during 1977-78. These discussions did occur.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the NFHS to develop a comprehensive promotional program for high school activities, including sponsorship of national championships, was passed 24 to 18 by the National Council on January 1, 1978, with the provision that the program be submitted for the review of the National Council in July 1978. A plan for national competition in golf, tennis, and track and field, beginning in 1979, was developed by the Executive Committee (Board of Directors) and distributed to the membership in February

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City on July 7, 1978, the National Council voted 27 to 17 to delay for one year taking action on the Executive Committee's plan. It was the expressed hope of the National Council delegates who voted for the delay that during the 1978-79 school year the NFHS would obtain commitments from both principals and school boards at the local as well as state and national levels to either join the NFHS in attempting to halt the proliferation of nonschool-sponsored national competition or support the NFHS' efforts to provide healthier, school-sponsored national competition.

A VOTE on the plan to conduct national invitational competitions in golf, tennis, and track and field during the summer was taken by the National Council on July 7, 1979, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Council, by a 38 to 9 vote, declined to approve the plan. In the ensuing decades, the membership has revisited periodically the subject of national championships. In the absence of a coalescence of membership support, the NFHS has not conducted or endorsed such events. On January 4, 2011, in Savannah, Georgia, the National Council defeated a proposed amendment to the NFHS Bylaws by a vote of 29 to 22 (must have a 2/3 majority to amend the Bylaws) that would have allowed the NFHS to conduct national championships in golf and cross country.

POSITION STATEMENT ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The NFHS does not support, nor sanction, national school team competition that leads to a champion that may be perceived by the media and others to be a national champion in an athletic event.

The NFHS recognizes that entrepreneurs, for-profit corporations, and others may choose to invite schools and/or individual athletes to participate in competition which may include representatives from a number of different states. Whether or not the NFHS sanctioning policy may apply to such events, the NFHS suggests that invited schools and athletes exercise due diligence before choosing to participate.

The NFHS endorses and supports tournaments promulgated by member state associations which provide a culminating activity for student-athletes in sports sponsored by individual state high school athletic and activity associations.

Having provided that history, the NFHS continues not to sanction such events. However, it should also be noted that there is no penalty to those states that do participate in such events.

Finally, as you are aware as a member of the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee that met in Indianapolis in January of this year, the NFHS Strategic Plan has inserted this topic for further

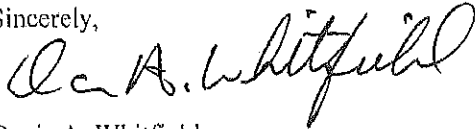
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discussion by the membership. In addition, we have had states participate in such events during the past decade and have spoken favorably of the experience.

I hope this is helpful to you. Please let me know if you have any questions or needs regarding this issue as you continue discussions in your state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Davis A. Whitfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Davis" and last name "Whitfield" clearly distinguishable.

Davis A. Whitfield
Chief Operating Officer

2016-2017 KEY DATES FOR NCHSAA NON-ATHLETIC EVENTS**2016**

JUNE	12-16	Student Athlete Summer Institute (SASI)
	15	Officials' Registration Deadline for football, soccer, and volleyball
	19-23	Student Athlete Summer Institute (SASI)
	22	NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee Meeting at NCHSAA
JULY	14	New Schools/New AD Orientation
	15	Deadline for Scholar-Athlete second semester (Spring Sports) nominations, brought to you by NC National Guard
	20-23	NC Coaches Association Clinic, Greensboro Coliseum
SEPTEMBER	1	Deadline to submit School Information Sheet online to NCHSAA
	1	Fall Eligibility Summary Deadline
	15	Officials' Registration Deadline for basketball and wrestling
	19-29	Regional Meetings
	19	Region 6 Charlotte, Ovens Auditorium
	20	Region 8 Asheville, Asheville Event Center
	21	Region 7 Wilkesboro, Stone Performance Art Building
	22	Region 5 Greensboro, Greensboro Coliseum
	26	Region 4 Fayetteville, Educational Resource Center
	27	Region 2 Kenansville, Duplin Commons
	28	Region 1 Greenville, Murphy Center, East Carolina University
	29	Region 3 Cary, Embassy Suites
OCTOBER	1	
	26	Deadline for submission of the Scholar-Athlete Essay Contest, brought to you by the NC National Guard
OCTOBER	1	Catastrophic Insurance premium due
	8	City/County Athletic Directors Meeting
	15	Schools submit winter sports schedule to regional supervisors of officials
	15	Education and Athletics Committee Meeting
	21-23	Coach & Captain Retreat
NOVEMBER	26	Deadline for teams in volleyball playoffs to submit information online
	1	NCHSAA membership dues deadline
	1	Deadline for NCHSAA Board Agenda Items submission
	21	Deadline for state playoff football teams to submit information online
	29	Board Orientation, Terrell Building, Chapel Hill
DECEMBER	30	NCHSAA Board of Directors Meeting
	1	NCHSAA Board of Directors Meeting
	1	Winter Eligibility Summary Deadline
DECEMBER	15	Officials' Registration Deadline for baseball, lacrosse, softball, w. soccer, and track and field

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JANUARY	4	Deadline for NCHSAA Spirit of Sport Award nominations
	15	Schools submit spring sports schedule to regional supervisors of officials
FEBRUARY	10	Deadline for scholarship applications (Clary Medal, Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship, Gainey Award, Jerry McGee Endowed Scholarship, Willie Bradshaw Memorial Endowed Scholarship,)
	11	City/County Athletic Directors Meeting
	25	Submission of basketball playoff information online
MARCH	1	Deadline for "Heart of a Champion" Nominations
	7	NCHSAA State Basketball Championship Press Conference
	12-15	NC Athletic Directors Conference, Grove Park, Asheville
	15	Spring Eligibility Summary Deadline
	15	Deadline for Scholar-Athlete first semester (Fall & Winter Sports) nominations
	31	Deadline for Toby Webb Coach of the Year Award
APRIL	1	Deadline for "Eight Who Make a Difference" Nominations
	1	Deadline for NCHSAA Board Agenda Items submission
	1	NCHSAA Hall of Fame nomination deadline
	1	SAAC Applications Due
	9	"Heart of a Champion" Luncheon
	21	Tony Cullen Memorial Scholarship application deadline
	29	Performance of the Week Luncheon
	TBD	Student Leadership Conference
MAY	2-3	NCHSAA Board of Directors Meeting
	4	NCHSAA Annual Meeting
	15	School submit fall sports schedule to regional supervisors
JUNE	15	Officials' Registration Deadline for football, soccer and volleyball
	TBD	Student Athlete Summer Institute (SASI)
JULY	15	Deadline for Scholar-Athlete 2 nd semester (Spring Sports) nominations
	17-20	NC Coaches Association Clinic, Greensboro Coliseum

March 24, 2016

Timothy Rasheed McCullough
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Dear Mr. McCullough

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), NCHSAA Board of Directors and Que Tucker, Commissioner of the NCHSAA.

During the NCHSAA 3-A Basketball Championships, held on March 12, 2016, at Carmichael Arena in Chapel Hill, NC, you engaged in misconduct inconsistent with a wholesome athletic program. Your actions were inappropriate and reprehensible. In accordance with NCHSAA's Penalty Code (Rule 3.2.1(d)), and given the nature and severity of your actions, you are hereby prohibited from attending and entering the premises of any NCHSAA contest for a period of one year from the date of the offense, March 12, 2016. NCHSAA contests shall include any athletic contests sanctioned by the NCHSAA, including but not limited to NCHSAA Championships, wherever located.

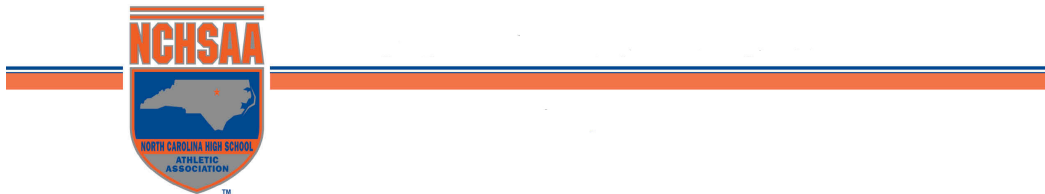
To be clear, this letter is to serve as formal notice that, effective today, you may not enter or remain on the property of any facility, arena or other real property where a NCHSAA contest is being held, wherever located, for a period of one year. Failure to comply with the directives contained in this letter may result in the appropriate criminal charges being filed with law enforcement.

A copy of this notice has been forwarded to the UNC Department of Public Safety and Orange County Sheriff's Department. NCHSAA member schools will be advised of your banishment from NCHSAA contests. Please be aware, additional law enforcement agencies may be notified of this letter as NCHSAA contests are scheduled and held.

Sincerely,

Que Tucker
Commissioner

cc: Gregory Hall, Principal, Jay M. Robinson High School
Dr. Chris Lowder, Superintendent, Cabarrus County Schools
Dr. Frank Till, Superintendent, Cumberland County Schools
NCHSAA Board of Directors
Whitney Frye, NCHSAA General Counsel
UNC Department of Public Safety
Orange County Sheriff's Office



To: NCHSAA Membership

From: Que Tucker, Commissioner

Subject: Incident at NCHSAA 3A Basketball Championship

Date: April 18, 2016

The winter sports' season of the NCHSAA ended just over a month ago. As you may be aware, a spectator entered the basketball court at the end of the NCHSAA 3-A basketball championship game held on March 12, 2016, at Carmichael Arena in Chapel Hill, NC, and struck a NCHSAA student-athlete in the face. The security staff at Carmichael Arena responded quickly, preventing any further risk to student-athletes, coaches and spectators. For that, we are grateful!

The NCHSAA will continue to cooperate with law enforcement should they require our assistance regarding the investigation of this incident. All parties involved on that night were made aware of the punitive action taken by the NCHSAA against the spectator should they seek to take action or impose additional sanctions against the individual.

The behavior exhibited by the spectator is neither one the NCHSAA condones nor tolerates. The NCHSAA is committed to protecting the health, safety and well being of its student athletes and will continue to develop methods and strategies to prevent unfortunate incidents like this from occurring in the future.

Please note that the NCHSAA, in accordance with its handbook and penalty code, has banned the spectator from all NCHSAA events for a period of one year. At its spring meeting, the NCHSAA Board of Directors will revisit the penalties imposed, as well as examine the NCHSAA penalty code for such behavior to ensure adherence to association principles and core values.

In reflecting on this incident, the NCHSAA wants to remind each member school of its obligation to encourage positive behavior while serving as a role model of good sportsmanship. Students are our priority, and because good sportsmanship is one of the core values of the NCHSAA, we are totally committed to ensuring that this core value is known, understood and practiced.