

**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WINTER MEETING  
Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

The winter meeting of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Rodney Shotwell at 8:40 a.m. at the Simon F. Terrell Building in Chapel Hill. Members in attendance included Joe Poletti, Brooks Matthews, Carla Black, Ron Butler, Sandy George, Brad Craddock, Reggie Peace, Marc Whichard, Patty Evers, Darrin Hartness, Sherry Hoyle, Scarlett Steinert, Terry Worrell, Tim Foster, Jerry Simmons and Bobby Wilkins. (Absent: David Gentry and Paul Hoggard)

Affiliate members in attendance included Brad Allen of the Southeast Officials Association, representing regional supervisors and officials, Burt Jenkins of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Joe Franks of the North Carolina Coaches Association, Wendell Hall representing the North Carolina School Boards Association and Jeff Morris representing the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association.

NCHSAA staff in attendance included Que Tucker, Karen DeHart, Mark Dreibelbis, Whitney Frye, Tra Waters, James Alverson, Brad Alford, Chiquana Dancy, and Pepper Hines.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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(Cases handled since April 1, 2016 and before November 1, 2016)

1. **CHEROKEE:** Denied waiver of 8-Semester Rule for Lloyd Mitchell, lacking appropriate documentation. (Decision upheld by Hardship Committee)
2. **PARKLAND:** Denied waiver of 8-Remester Rule for Javon Walker, lacking appropriate documentation.
3. **BISHOP MCGUINNESS:** Denied waiver of Residence Rule for Itsewoli Okojie, lacking appropriate documentation.
4. **LEESVILLE ROAD:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Jonathan Conger.
5. **PURNELL SWETT:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Robert Brown.
6. **RONALD REAGAN:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Tyler Korzian, lacking appropriate documentation.
7. **HIBRITEN:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Nauleage Corpening.
8. **RICHMOND COUNTY:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Carleigh Wilson.
9. **WEST MONTGOMERY:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Raekwon Graham.
10. **GRANVILLE CENTRAL:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Christopher Rhone.
11. **EAST HENDERSON:** Denied waiver of "Other" for Christopher Hemphill, lacking appropriate documentation.

12. **WAKEFIELD:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Kaden Holcomb, lacking appropriate documentation.
13. **EASTERN ALAMANCE:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Amier Alston.
14. **DAVIE COUNTY:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Austin Smith, lacking appropriate documentation.
15. **WASHINTON:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Giuliana Davis, lacking appropriate documentation.
16. **SOUTHERN DURHAM:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Marcus McDonald II.
17. **WEST FORSYTH:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Anna Krivosheyff, lacking appropriate documentation.
18. **ASHLEY:** Denied waiver of 8-Semester Rule for Shyhem Burnett, lacking appropriate documentation.
19. **PARKLAND:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Quantavion Rosenberg, lacking appropriate documentation. (Decision upheld by Hardship Committee)
20. **WESTERN GUILFORD:** Denied waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Michel Niles, lacking appropriate documentation.
21. **HOLLY SPRINGS:** Denied waiver of Residence Rule for Pello Villanueva, in Foreign Exchange Program not recognized by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.
22. **HOLLY SPRINGS:** Denied waiver of Residence Rule for Anna Ferrario, in Foreign Exchange Program not recognized by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.
23. **WASHINGTON:** Approved waiver of Residence Rule for Carson Asby.
24. **CHAPEL HILL:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Corey Michael Williams.
25. **BUNN:** Approved waiver of Scholastic Requirements for Joseph Davis.
26. **OAK GROVE:** Accept Membership Application for Oak Grove High School in Davidson County effective 2017-18 school year.
27. **VANCE CHARTER:** Accept Membership Application for Vance Charter School effective 2017-18 school year.
28. **CABARRUS CHARTER:** Accept Membership Application for Cabarrus Charter Academy effective 2017-18 school year.

Motion carried to approve consent agenda items along with the minutes from the spring meeting (motion by Brad Craddock, second by Sandy George, approved 16-0).

President Shotwell began the meeting by welcoming the new members of the Board of Directors and encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the students across the state. He also thanked everyone for their commitment to serve; he also reminded them to think about the entire state and not just the school, LEA and/or region being represented.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** The Commissioner addressed the Board updating them on the increase in the number of applications for membership, particularly those coming from new Charter Schools. She reminded the Board that the Education in Athletics Committee is looking at the issues surrounding the changing landscape of education, schools and athletics in the states. They are also looking at the transfer rules and whether they fit as currently constructed.

She reminded the Board of the Realignment that takes effect next year and that there are many obstacles to tackle before we get to that season. Reminded them of the need to look at current qualification standards for the playoffs as the Association transitions to the 20-30-30-20 Realignment model.

Also Board members were reminded of the Association's roll-out of the Sportsmanship initiative, "Sportsmanship ... Together we make the right call." Said we have been pleased with how that initiative has begun, but that there is still much work to be done with our young people, particularly in the area of fighting.

The Board then moved into its committee work on the various agenda items.

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:** chairperson Ron Butler, vice-chair Joe Poletti, Darrin Hartness, Brooks Matthews, Sandy George, Rodney Shotwell, staff advisors Que Tucker and Karen DeHart.

**POLICY:** vice-chairperson Patty Evers, Terry Worrell, Jerry Simmons, Burt Jenkins, Wendell Hall, staff advisors Whitney Frye and Brad Alford.

**REVIEW/ OFFICIATING/STUDENT SERVICES:** vice-chairperson Marc Whichard, Sherry Hoyle, Jeff Morris, Brad Allen, Carla Black and staff advisor Mark Dreibelbis.

**SPORTS:** chairperson Brad Craddock, vice-chairperson Reggie Peace, Tim Foster, Scarlett Steinert, Bobby Wilkins, Joe Franks, staff advisors Tra Waters and Chiquana Dancy.

The Board later heard lengthy committee reports on agenda items.

**INVESTMENT REPORT:** Geoff Hudson and Jessica Standifer of Morgan Stanly addressed the board of directors and gave an update on the financial markets and how NCHSAA investments have performed. Investments have been more defensive, particularly in the bonds area, with uncertainty in the marketplace and concern over interest rates. However, the NCHSAA investments have performed well throughout the year and are continuing to remain steady even in the current climate.

**AUDIT REPORT:** The Board members received its annual report from Blackman and Sloop. Rob Lewis and Andrea Woodell Eason made the presentation. No material weaknesses were discovered and they reported no issues or problems based on audit findings.

After lunch, the Board heard committee discussions and reports on agenda items.

**REVIEW AND OFFICIATING COMMITTEE:** Carla Black presented discussion details to the Board on behalf of the committee.

**SPORTS COMMITTEE:** Brad Craddock presented discussion details to the Board on behalf of the committee.

**POLICY COMMITTEE:** Patty Evers presented discussion details to the Board on behalf of the committee.

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Ron Butler presented discussion details to the Board on behalf of the committee.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Avery High School, currently in NCHSAA Region 7, is typically in an athletic conference with schools in Region 8. Moving to conference 7 would facilitate relationships with conference members. Upon request by the principal it was moved by Brad Craddock and seconded by Sandy George, to allow the move. Motion was approved 14-0.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:15 PM.

**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WINTER MEETING  
Thursday, December 1, 2016**

The winter meeting of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Rodney Shotwell at 9:30 a.m. at the Simon F. Terrell Building in Chapel Hill. Members in attendance included Joe Poletti, Brooks Matthews, Carla Black, Ron Butler, Sandy George, Brad Craddock, Reggie Peace, Marc Whichard, Patty Evers, Darrin Hartness, Sherry Hoyle, Scarlett Steinert, Terry Worrell, Tim Foster, Jerry Simmons and Bobby Wilkins. (Absent: David Gentry and Paul Hoggard.

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NCHSAA staff in attendance included Que Tucker, Karen DeHart, Mark Dreibelbis, Whitney Frye, Tra Waters, James Alverson, Brad Alford, Chiquana Dancy and Ken Brown.

Media members in attendance included J. Mike Blake of the *Raleigh News and Observer*, Conor O'Neill of the *Burlington Times-News*, Nick Stevens of *HighSchoolOT.com*, and Joe Sirera of the *Greensboro News and Record*.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Ryan Laatz presented on behalf of the Council. Informed the Board that the NCHSAA sent six students to the NFHS Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis last July; also told of the benefits of attendance and participation on a national level. Discussed the Council's involvement with NFHS #MyReasonWhy campaign and asked Board members to get their students involved. General details were given of the SAAC state student leadership conference that is currently being planned for the spring of 2017. He discussed the wide variety of projects that SAAC members are spearheading to make an impact in their community. There are two main goals for the year: increase attendance at the State Leadership Conference and to promote good sportsmanship while helping eliminate poor behavior in education-based athletics.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Began with thanking the NCHSAA Staff based on their hard work and dedication, allowing the Commissioner flexibility in duties and responsibilities. Thanked the Board for their service and reminded them that the staff works for them and appreciates the Board "having the Staff's back". Updated the Board on the effects of Hurricane Matthew, thanking them for their support to move the football playoffs back a week. Announced we have received \$21,000 from schools for Hurricane Matthew Relief Assistance night, which the Board approved matching funds up to \$20,000, bringing the total to over \$41,000 to be distributed directly to LEA's in the affected areas. Reported on the work of Education & Athletics committee relative to examining the changing landscape of education across the state. Said the committee had a good discussion around the transfer rules and began discussing the definition of today's traditional schools.

**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:** Wendell Hall addressed the Board on behalf of his organization. Brought word from the Board that they are in total support of the NCHSAA's efforts for education. Informed the Board that there were some shake-up's in the Board's makeup based on the elections. Mentioned the organization's 12 legislative goals, to mention a few they are focused on a revised Principal's pay scale and expanding NC Pre-K education.

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:** Burt Jenkins reported to the Board from DPI. Informed the Board that DPI has a great working relationship with the NCHSAA and its staff. Informed of a new State Superintendent, Mark Johnson who was elected to replace June Atkinson, who served DPI for almost 40 years. State Board of Education approved 6<sup>th</sup> graders' participation in middle school athletics for all sports other than football at the discretion of the LEA. Manual now mentions Charter Schools in every instance where LEA(s) are mentioned; rules are now in a bulleted list. Hardships are granted by the local Board of Education; but cannot grant hardships based on age or sixth grade participation in football.

**REGIONAL SUPERVISORS AND OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVE:** Brad Allen presented to the Board on behalf of Regional Supervisors and Officials. He is working on behalf of a group of very successful people, particularly regional supervisors. Talked about Perspective! Organizations are facing severe challenges of finding qualified officials, recruiting and training them in the face of tremendous verbal abuse, particularly in the arena of social media. Spoke of the tremendous caliber of people who are working in the organization as coaches, administrators and officials and it was particularly evident in the wake of Hurricane Matthew.

**NORTH CAROLINA COACHES ASSOCIATION:** Joe Franks thanked the NCHSAA for the opportunity to serve; he informed the Board of the NCCA's goal to provide a venue for the various groups that make up the NCHSAA to interact with their coaches, athletic directors and others involved in the Association's work. Told the group that they will likely move the summer softball rules clinic to a different day to accommodate requests from many coaches who coach both Softball and Volleyball.

**NORTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION:** Jeff Morris made the presentation on behalf of his organization. NCADA is sending a large contingent to the National meeting for Athletic Director to be held in Nashville, TN December 10-13. He noted there are three members from NC who are on the Board for the National Athletic Directors Association' teaching and certification program. Jeff also talked about making the transition from the leadership of Jerry McGee to the current Executive Director, Roy Turner.

**REVIEW/OFFICIATING/STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mark Whichard made the report after thanking committee members

1. Recommended approval of the incident/penalty report (motion by Whichard, second by George, Approved 15-0)
2. Reviewed Ejection Report; noted the number of fighting ejections and coach ejections to date; perhaps more teaching and emphasis should be given during scrimmages; asked NCHSAA staff to study ejections and soccer yellow cards during scrimmages; staff at the next winter meeting
3. Recommended creating a specified time period for coaches to annually take and complete the NFHS "Concussion in Sports" course prior to the first date of practice in their sport: fall sports—June 1 to July 31; winter sports—September 1 to October 31; spring sports—January 1 to February 28 (Motion by Whichard, second by Brad Craddock, Approved 15-0)
4. Proposal did not emerge from committee to reinstate "Sectional" language into NCHSAA Playoff brackets
5. Reported that committee reviewed pre-season requirements for officials
6. Reported that committee reviewed NFHS Rule 8.2.7 relating to blood time in wrestling. NFHS rule number of stoppages is at discretion of the referee, NCHSAA currently caps the stoppages at five

7. Committee reviewed implementation of "Sportsmanship ... Together We Make the Right Call"
8. Committee reviewed Student Services Programs

**SPORTS COMMITTEE:** Brad Craddock made the report after thanking committee members.

1. Recommended approval of the 2017-2018 Sports and Playoff Calendar (Motion by Craddock, second by Wilkins, Approved 16-0).
2. Recommended amending the Skill Development Guidelines for Football only, which would provide an option for skill development for each school in the sport of football:

Option A

- Current skill development guidelines with unlimited number of athletes during the ten (10) day window in May (May 8 – last day of 2017 academic school year)

Option B

- Allow a maximum of twenty-one (21) athletes a day for skill development after the football season has been completed and outside the established dead periods. regulations currently in place for other sports will apply for this option

Schools can select A or B no later than 5PM January 3, 2017; but if no decision is made by that date and time, the default will be Option A

Effective Date: January 3, 2017

Note: Commissioner asked whether or not the effective date of January 3, 2017 is one that board members were comfortable with. Would still be dead even choosing Option B of this proposal until the effective date of the motion. No selection by effective date locks a school into Option A as the default. Poletti recommended to add an amendment that the default is Option A if no choice given to NCHSAA by the effective date. Amendment to motion accepted

(Motion by Craddock, second by George, Approved 12-4)

3. Proposal did not emerge from committee to create and implement a Baseball pitch count regulation as submitted by NCBCA
4. Proposal did not emerge from committee to create and implement a Baseball pitch count regulation as submitted by SMAC
5. Recommended adopting pitch count regulations developed in committee by combining NCHSAA SMAC and NCBCA suggestions:

MAXIMUM PITCHES ALLOWED PER DAY: 105

The required rest periods are based on the following pitch windows:

\*If a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest are required before pitching again

\*If a pitcher throws 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest are required before pitching again

\*If a pitcher throws 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest are required before pitching again

\*If a pitcher throws 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest is required before pitching again

\*If a pitcher throws 1-30 pitches in a day, zero (0) calendar days of rest are required before pitching again

-1 day of rest for any pitcher appearing 2 consecutive days (regardless of number of pitches thrown) Exception – State Championship Series

-Pitch count applies only to pitches during an at bat

-Allow a pitcher to finish an at bat if he reaches 105

-Accountability forms for tracking (signed by competing coaches, entered into MaxPreps)

-1<sup>st</sup> Round-Regionals: Pitch Count window and days of rest required (Best of 3 Series scheduled for Tue., Thur., Sat.)

-State Championship Only: Max of 120 pitches for the series (Best of 3 Series scheduled for Fri.-1, Sat.-2)

-Same scale for JV and Varsity

(Motion by Craddock, second by Foster, Approved 16-0)

6. Recommended changing the method of team qualification for the State Cross Country Meet from four (4) per region to 25% of teams participating in the regional championship.

(Motion by Craddock, second by Wilkins, Approved 16-0).

7. Proposal to recognize a 1A State Women's Golf Champion did not emerge from committee (team and individual)
8. Recommended to allow each Women's Golf Conference Team Champion to advance to the regional competition regardless of third team member's score (Motion by Craddock, second by Foster, Approved 15-0).
9. Recommended changing regional qualification rules for Women's Golf allowing regional qualification be determined based on the best five scores from throughout the season (Motion by Craddock, second by Black, Approved 16-0).
10. Recommended changing the current rule for maximum score on a hole in all regular season matches from triple bogey to double par (Motion by Craddock, second by Black, Approved 16-0)

Point of clarification: this rule would apply to both men and women.

11. Tabled until the spring a proposal to grant a 1-year trial for seeding of basketball playoffs including the use of MaxPreps power rankings to seed teams within tiers rather than using overall winning percentage
12. Recommended changing the current pre-determination of regional assignment based upon conference to a more equal split based upon the number of participating schools in that sport, with the exception of tennis (Motion by Craddock, second by Evers, Approved 16-0)
13. Reviewed of Wrestling Regional format
14. Reviewed seeding and bracketing format and size for wrestling, but made no recommendations for changes
15. Recommended a change to the 2016-17 seeding process, which is a pilot for the year; to allow for seeding of teams within region prior to separation into sub-regions and cross-bracketing (Motion by Craddock, second by Hartness, Approved 16-0)



16. Recommended seeding basketball on a 20-game record due to the effects of Hurricane Matthew and the resulting post-season adjustment of football playoffs. (Motion by Craddock, second by Butler, Approved 16-0).
  - a. Point of clarification: this provision is for the 2016-2017 season only

**POLICY COMMITTEE:** Patty Evers made the report after thanking committee members.

1. Recommended requiring all non-paid coaches complete the NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course annually prior to the first contest (Motion by Evers, second by Peace, Approved 16-0)
  - a. Point of clarification raised as to whether this provision should be applied in the same “window” as the concussion course; members decided to address this at the spring meeting
2. Recommended amending the current dates for submission of Preseason Certification (Eligibility Summary Form) as detailed in Handbook Rule 4.1.4 to September 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall, December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Winter and April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Spring (Motion by Evers, second by Simmons, Approved 16-0) Effective 2017-2018 school year
3. Recommended requiring all NCHSAA member schools that sponsor cheerleading be required to follow NFHS Spirit Rules (Motion by Evers, second by Simmons, Approved 16-0)
4. Recommended adding a clearer definition of bona fide as it relates to a bona fide change in residence to be included in Handbook Rule 1.2.9(e) (Motion by Evers, second by Whichard, Approved 16-0)
5. Recommended moving Handbook Rule 2.1.3(a) so that it is applicable to all member institutions (Motion by Evers, second by Foster, Approved 16-0)
  - a. Point of clarification: this rule is already in effect, but moving to a different section to show that it is applicable to all member institutions, not just non-boarding parochial schools. Also, not only relating to males, but includes a student population that is all female; staff will determine where to place in the handbook
6. Reviewed and discussed the Transfer Policy. Recommended approval of Education and Athletics Committee’s recommendations:
  - remove NCSSM from being required to conform to same rules of the transfer policy
  - add to Rule 1.2.10(b)(1): students transferring from one LEA member school to a different LEA member school where the student’s coach has relocated to within a year will be deemed ineligible for a period of 365 days
  - approve a change to monetary limits of the amateur rule--from \$20 to \$250 per sport season(Motion by Evers, second by Simmons, Approved 16-0)
  - a. Point of clarification – effective date for both: 2017-2018 school year
7. Reviewed and discussed transgender participation and policies
8. Reviewed Gfeller-Waller documents and requirements relative to time frames for signatures in an effort to provide clarification

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Ron Butler made the report after thanking committee members.

1. Review of follow-up items from May 2016 Board Meeting including:
  - a. Tabled until May 2017 a staff recommendation dealing with Life Insurance Policies
  - b. Cheerleading Scholarship established; awarded four during the November Invitational Championships
  - c. Reported on Town of Chapel Hill grant updates; received a grant for 2016-2017 Football and Basketball Championships
2. Recommended approval of the 2015-2016 audit report for year ending June 30, 2016 as presented by Blackman & Sloop (Motion by Butler, second by Craddock, Approved 16-0)
3. Recommended approval of 2016-2017 NCHSAA Budget (Motion by Butler, second by George, Approved 16-0)
4. Recommended increasing lacrosse playoff ticket prices for first through fourth rounds from current \$5.00 price to \$6.00/ticket/game (\$7 for doubleheader) and from current \$5.00 price to \$7.00/ticket/game (\$8 for doubleheader) for the regional (fifth) round; increased state championship ticket price from \$8 to \$9 (Motion by Butler, second by Craddock, Approved 16-0).
  - a. Point of clarification: effective for Spring 2017
5. Recommended revising wording in NCHSAA Handbook, Section 4.3.2 (n) to reflect adoption of a Team Expense and Financial Arrangement policy for basketball similar to what is currently implemented for the team sports of volleyball, soccer, lacrosse, softball and baseball (Motion by Butler, second by Wilkins, Approved 16-0)
  - a. Point of clarification, policy effective for 2016-2017 Basketball playoff season
6. Reviewed finalized sports comparisons from 2015-2016 year versus previous years
7. Reviewed summarized report based on reports received from all investment management groups
8. Reviewed funds distributed to membership. To help with clarity, suggested that Staff revise the presentation style regarding the amount of funds distributed back to member schools
9. Reviewed live televised football games by Time Warner Cable and discussed upcoming schedule for live basketball games
  - a. Recommended that Northwest Guilford and Southwest Guilford be allowed to move their basketball game to Saturday, January 21, 2016 and be televised live by TWC, even though outside of current contract of Wednesday/Thursday night window for live games; this is within spirit of that contract because schools are in exams during that week (Motion by Butler, second by Craddock, Approved 16-0)
10. Heard Strategic Plan update and consideration for the next five-year plan (2017-2022)

11. Reviewed Staff Updates including: Tra Waters hired as Assistant Commissioner for Sports and Championships; Patrick Stephenson resigned effective July 30, 2016 and Kayla Austin hired as Director of Marketing, effective August 22, 2016

The winter meeting was adjourned by President Shotwell at 11:35AM; the commissioner and president met with media representatives following lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

James Alverson  
Assistant Commissioner