



To: NCHSAA Board of Directors
From: Joe Poletti, president
Date: November 2017

Seasons come and seasons go. This is true of athletics during the school year, athletics over many years, and certainly of our personal and professional journeys.

The 2017 NCHSAA Volleyball State Championships were held in Reynolds Coliseum on November 4th. The event is a prism to and a microcosm of our reach and responsibility from one season to the next.

Regardless of how the brackets were seeded, only eight teams (combined record of 214-21) made it to the finals. Those teams were Community School of Davidson, Roxboro Community School, Carrboro, West Iredell, Chapel Hill, North Iredell, Green Hope and Hough. 111 players were rostered for 21 coaches at the finals. Eight principals, eight AD's, a fresh crew of four officials for every contest, a fully staffed scorer's table, an NFHS Network broadcast crew, a student radio broadcast outfit, athletic trainers, security, concessions, fans in the stands, parking lot tailgaters...You get the picture! 400-plus teams at the start of the season. Four state champions later, seasons come and seasons go.

From 1976 to 1984, volleyball state championships were held in an open classification format. In 1985, play went to two classifications. In 1986, play went to the current four classification format. From 1976-2002, sets were won with 15 points. However, a team had to be in possession of the serve for the point to count. So, sets with seemingly low scores like 15-9 could actually have gone on interminably. In 2003, sets mercifully moved to 25 with every point counting. Seasons come and seasons go.

Private schools have been in the Association for over 25 years. Charlotte Catholic won 2A state volleyball championships from 1999-2001. Cardinal Gibbons won 2A state championships from 2005-2007. Gibbons won 3A state championships from 2009-2013 and nabbed a 4A crown in 2015. Traditional public high schools dominated volleyball state championships the remainder of the 51 years in 2A, 3A, 4A, two classifications, and open classifications. Seasons come and seasons go.

The 1A story is not so different, but does bear monitoring. In 2001, Durham School of the Arts won the title. In 2011, NCSSM took runner-up to North Stokes in a five-set thriller. (I should know, as my youngest daughter played for that SMATH team!) Raleigh Charter took runner-up to Hendersonville and Starmount in 2012-2013. In 2016, Community School of Davidson won the 1A title over Louisburg. In 2017, CSD defeated Roxboro Community School for the title. Seasons come and seasons go.

We hear much of today's rate of unprecedented change. History informs us that change is constant. Our job is to perceive it, prepare for it, or respond to it. I am privileged to be part of such a board and staff that time and again have exemplified an uncanny ability to lead through change.

In closing, I thank you for your contributions to NCHSAA stakeholders. Clearly, the impact is vast. Be sure in your mission to do what is right for student-athletes that you do not overlook yourself. Take time for you. I wish you continued fitness in all aspects of your game. Would that it would get easier! Seasons come and seasons go.



NCHSAA Board of Directors:

We are gearing up for our Winter Board of Directors' meeting and look forward to having you with us in Chapel Hill.

For your convenience, we have provided pertinent information for your upcoming board meeting. Please **review** and **bring all information with you.**

It is very important that you contact me if you have a conflict and must make changes to your housing accommodations and dinner plans. To avoid being charged, we must submit changes to room and dinner totals one week in advance.

As always, during your free time, we invite you to enjoy some of the surrounding attractions:

- University Mall (Estes Drive – Chapel Hill)
- Downtown Chapel Hill (great specialty shops)
- The Streets at Southpoint (I-40 off at Fayetteville Road – Durham)
- Eastgate Shopping Center (15-501 N to Ephesus Church Road – left – Chapel Hill)
- DSW Shoes (Patterson Place in Durham)

For your comfort, please bring either a sweater or jacket. If there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable, please let us know.

We thank you for all you do for the student-athletes of North Carolina.

Regards,

Pepper Hines



NCHSAA Orientation For New Board Members
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
222 Finley Golf Course Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Attire – Casual

Attendees:

Joe Poletti, Sandy George
Neil Blankenship, Charles Clark, Rob Jackson,
Lynn Moody, Doug Rhoney, Masanori Toguchi
Que Tucker, and Pepper Hines

AGENDA

2:30 pm	Arrival	
2:45	Welcome and Introductions	Joe Poletti
	PowerPoint Presentation	Que Tucker
	My Job as President	Joe Poletti
	Commissioner's Comments	Que Tucker
	Your Four or Seven Years on The Board - What to Expect	Sandy George
	Comments by Board Coordinator	Pepper Hines
	Questions / Answers / Discussion	Que Tucker
	Meet The Staff & Tour The Building	Mary Vrnak
	Adjourn	
4:00	DINNER - Association Building	

Free Time – Hospitality Room (Hotel) Is Opened



NCHSAA WINTER BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

AGENDA

Attire – Business Casual

Please Wear Nametag

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FACILITATOR</u>
7:45 am	Executive Committee (Small Conference Room) Transfer Appeals	Joe Poletti
8:45	Call to Order (Adam's Conference Room) Welcome, Introductions/ Agenda Review	Joe Poletti
	Minutes	James Alverson
	Consent Agenda	Brad Alford
	Commissioner's Comments	Que Tucker
9:00	Committee Work Sessions (Break as Needed)	
	Finance	Commissioner's Office
	Sports	Associate Commissioner's Office
	Review / Officiating/	Adams' Conference Room
	Student Services	
	Policy	Small Conference Room
11:15	Audit Report	Blackman & Sloop
11:45 pm	LUNCH (Catered by Jason's Deli)	
1:00	Committee Reports	
	Finance	Sandy George
	Sports	Reggie Peace
	Review / Officiating/	Marc Whichard
	Student Services	
	Policy	Darrin Hartness
	Miscellaneous Items	
	Wrap-up / Adjourn	
5:20	Meet in Hotel Lobby / Leave for Dinner	
6:00	DINNER – University Club	
	Hospitality Room Open After Dinner	



NCHSAA WINTER BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 30, 2017

AGENDA

Attire – Business

Please Wear Nametag

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FACILITATOR</u>
9:00 am	Call to order (Adams' Conference Room)	Joe Poletti
	SAAC Report	Halima Hasan Research Triangle High School
	Affiliate Member Reports	
	NCSBA	Wendell Hall
	NCDPI	Burt Jenkins
	Regional Supervisor of Officials	Brad Allen
	NCCA	Joe Franks
	NCADA	Jeff Morris
	Special Reports	
	Commissioner	Que Tucker
	President	Joe Poletti
10:15	BREAK	
10:30	Committee Reports	
	Finance	Sandy George
	Sports	Reggie Peace
	Review / Officiating /	Marc Whichard
	Student Services	
	Policy	Darrin Hartness
	Wrap-Up & Adjourn	
11:30 pm	LUNCH (Catered by Jersey Mikes – Box Lunch)	
12:30	Media Session	NCHSAA Staff