

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Reggie Peace – Chair, Patty Evers, Neil Blankenship, Rob Jackson, **Staff:** Tra Waters, Chiquana Dancy
Jerry Simmons, Joe Franks

AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
1. 2018-2019 NCHSAA Sports Calendar Attachment S1	To approve the 2018-2019 Sports/Playoff Calendar	Rationale: Will allow schools to begin scheduling for next year. Budget Impact: None Educational Impact: Help avoid conflicts with school events in relation to the calendar Equity Impact: None Effective Date: 2018-2019 School Year
2. Lacrosse Daily Limitation [Triangle 6 Conference] Attachment S2	To change the lacrosse daily game limitation, allowing for an optional one day, 2-game holiday tournament (spring break): Reference Rule 4.7.1.f.	Rationale: Allows for exposure outside of NC; allows for growth of the sport through competition with “power house” states; allows for student-athletes to be seen by college coaches. Budget Impact: Dependent upon each school’s funding capabilities Educational Impact: None; since competition would occur during spring break Equity Impact: Males and females would be covered by the new regulations. Effective Date: Spring, 2018

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3. Soccer Tied Games Resolution [Eastern Plains Conference] Attachment S3	Mandate that a winner is declared in all regular season soccer games, thus eliminating the possibility of ties; winner may be determined by penalty kick procedure.	Rationale: Allows for uniformity for determining post-season playoff qualifiers. Budget Impact: None Educational Impact: None Equity Impact: Both Male and Female teams will be governed by this rule. Effective Date: 2018-2019 School Year
4. Wrestling Two-Pound Allowance Qualification Change [Staff]	Change the current interpretation of the wrestling two-pound allowance qualification to allow all wrestlers to receive the allowance on December 25 th : Reference 4.14.2.d	Rationale: Wrestlers currently must certify at their minimum weight prior to receive the two-pound allowance. By permitting all wrestlers to receive the allowance at one-time, it will help eliminate confusion among coaches & wrestlers while reducing the number of potential ineligible wrestlers. Budget Impact: None Educational Impact: None Equity Impact: Yes, males and females would be covered by the new regulations. Effective Date: December 1, 2017
5. Football Skill Development Guidelines [NCFCA] Attachment S4	To change the skill development guidelines in the sport of football to match all other sport programs as referenced in NCHSAA Handbook policy 2.2.15.	Rationale: Aligns the sport of football with all other sport programs. Allows for consistency and equity amongst all sports. Budget Impact: None Educational Impact: None Equity Impact: None Effective Date: December 1, 2017

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6. Playoff Seeding Process Change [Greater Neuse River Conference] Attachment S5	Change the method of playoff seeding in all sport programs.	<p>Rationale: Lack of understanding of the specifics behind the MaxPreps ranking system; margin of victory seems to be a component of rankings, which go against the core tenets of sportsmanship.</p> <p>Budget Impact: May address concerns related to scheduling opponents outside “normal” geographic areas.</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Both Males and Female will be treated equally</p> <p>Effective Date: 2018-2019 School Year</p>
7. Playoff Seeding Process Review/Update	Review of current NCHSAA playoff seeding process Points of Emphasis: Concerns with MaxPreps ranking system and split conference qualifications.	**Discussion Only**
8. Women’s Lacrosse Championship Re-Classification	Update on number of current women’s lacrosse programs as it relates to potential state championship re-classification; Reference Bylaw VI. Classification (p. 16 of NCHSAA Handbook). Points of Emphasis: Based on new 2017-2021 conference alignment process, women’s lacrosse meets potential championship reclassification	** Discussion Only **
9. Dual-Team Wrestling Championship/Basketball Regional Site Update	Update on current status of neutral site for dual team wrestling championship and basketball regional championships.	** Discussion Only **

2018-2019 NCHSAA Sports Calendar

	2018
Start Date	Jul. 30
First Contest	Aug. 13

WOMEN'S GOLF	
Reporting deadline	Oct. 10; 3pm
Regional	Oct. 15 or 16
State	Oct. 22-23

VOLLEYBALL	
Seeding	Oct. 18
1st Round	Oct. 20
2nd Round	Oct. 23
3rd Round	Oct. 25
4th Round	Oct. 27
Regional	Oct. 30
State	Nov. 3

WOMEN'S TENNIS	
Individual	
Reporting deadline	Oct. 13; 3pm
Regional	Oct. 19-20
State	Oct. 26-27

Dual Team	
Bracketing	Oct. 15
1st Round	Oct. 17
2nd Round	Oct. 23
3rd Round	Oct. 29
Regional	Oct. 31
State	Nov. 3

CROSS COUNTRY	
Reporting deadline	Oct. 19; 3pm
Regional	Oct. 27
State	Nov. 3

MEN'S SOCCER	
Seeding	Oct. 29
1st Round	Oct. 31
2nd Round	Nov. 3
3rd Round	Nov. 7
4th Round	Nov. 10
Regional	Nov. 13
State	Nov. 17

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FOOTBALL	
1st Practice	Jul. 30
1st Scrimmage	Aug. 8
1st Date	Aug. 17
2nd	Aug. 24
3rd	Aug. 31
4th	Sept. 7
5th	Sept. 14
6th	Sept. 21
7th	Sept. 28
8th	Oct. 5
9th	Oct. 12
10th	Oct. 19
11th	Oct. 26
12th	Nov. 2

Seeding	Nov. 3
1st Round	Nov. 9
2nd Round	Nov. 16
3rd Round	Nov. 23
Regionals	Nov. 30
State	Dec. 8

	2018-19
Start Date (Basketball-NON-FB)*	Oct. 17
First Contest (Basketball-NON-FB)	Oct. 31
Start Date*	Oct. 31
First Contest	Nov. 14

INDOOR TRACK	
Reporting deadline	Feb. 2; 9pm
State	Feb. 8-9

SWIMMING	
Reporting deadline	Jan. 26; 8pm
Regionals	Feb. 1-2
State	Feb. 7-9

WRESTLING	
Dual team	
Bracketing	Jan. 28
1st/2nd	Jan. 29
3rd/Regionals	Jan. 31
State Championship	Feb. 2

Individual	
Reporting deadline	Jan. 28; 3pm
Indiv/Reg	Feb. 8-9
Indiv/State	Feb. 14-16

BASKETBALL	
Conference	Feb. 11-15
Seeding	Feb. 16
1st Round	Feb. 19
2nd Round	Feb. 21
3rd Round	Feb. 23
4th Round	Feb. 26
Regional	Mar. 2
State	Mar. 9

SUMMER DEAD PERIODS	2018
JULY 2 - 8, 2018	
JULY 16 - 22, 2018	

	2019
Start Date	Feb. 13
First Contest	Feb. 27

MEN'S GOLF	
Reporting deadline	Apr. 24, 3pm
Regional	Apr. 29 or 30
State	May 6-7

MEN'S TENNIS	
Individual	
Reporting deadline	Apr. 29, 3 pm
Regional	May 3-4
State	May 10-11

Dual Team	
Bracketing	Apr. 29
1st Round	May 1
2nd Round	May 7
3rd Round	May 13
Regional	May 15
State	May 18

TRACK	
Reporting deadline	May 4; 6pm
Regionals	May 10-11
State	May 17-18

LACROSSE	
Bracketing	Apr. 29
1st Round	May 1
2nd Round	May 3
3rd Round	May 7
4th Round	May 10
Regional	May 14
State	May 17-18

WOMEN'S SOCCER	
Seeding	May 6
1st Round	May 8
2nd Round	May 11
3rd Round	May 15
4th Round	May 18
Regional	May 21
State	May 25

SOFTBALL	
Seeding	May 6
1st Round	May 8
2nd Round	May 11
3rd Round	May 14
4th Round	May 17
Regional	May 21-25
State	May 31-Jun. 1

BASEBALL	
Seeding	May 6
1st Round	May 8
2nd Round	May 11
3rd Round	May 14
4th Round	May 17
Regional	May 21-25
State	May 31-Jun. 1

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : LEA/Conference/Group: Tri-6 Conference

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 are asking that an amendment be made to the state rule to allow for an "optional one day, 2 game holiday tournament" for Men's and Women's Lacrosse. This tournament would take place over spring break. This would also align North Carolina with our surrounding states in regards to Men's and Women's lacrosse who already allow an "optional 1 day, 2 game tournament" format over spring break. (See attached MPSSAA Handbook pg. 19 in regards to Maryland's Public School Athletic Association rules for Lacrosse)

Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)

The rationale behind the above amendment request is multi-faceted. It allows our student athletes to gain exposure to teams outside of our state by either hosting or traveling to an out of state tournament over Spring Break. It allows for growth of the game in North Carolina by competing against out of state opponents and showcasing our talent against traditional power house states. It allows our student athletes to be seen by college coaches who otherwise might not see our kids from North Carolina. VA, MD, DE, PA and NY are hotbeds for lacrosse and each year scouts attend these events to check out local and out of state talent. The "optional one day, 2 game" tournament would count as 2 games on your schedule out of the 17 already allowed. It would also allow us to play over spring break without taking up the majority of our students days off, allowing for college visits, family travel etc...

Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)

This "optional tournament" would not negatively affect a school or athletic department's finances. If a school chooses to participate in a tournament out of state, it is up to that team to finance their trip. However hosting a tournament, could bring extra money in to the school's athletic department via ticket sales, concessions etc...

Educational Impact:

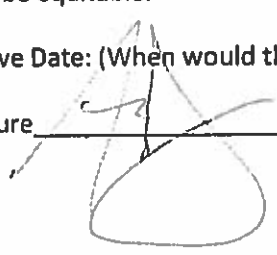
There is no negative educational impact by granting this amendment, as it would take place during spring break each year. Students would not be missing school as they would already be out. However the positive educational impacts are endless. For instance if a team goes and plays in a tournament in Maryland they have an opportunity to visit Arlington National Cemetery ,watch the "changing of the guard ceremony", tour the nation's capital, visit several museums, and watch a Washington Nationals Baseball game. This is a great way for team bonding and educational experiences for student athletes, coaches, and families.

Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)

Male or Female teams would be granted access to host or travel to a spring break tournament so it would be equitable.

Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?) 2018 Season

Signature

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Date

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Name(s) :

Matt Goddard, North Pitt/EPC President; Kyle Bain, Nash Central, Nicole Davis, North Johnston; Sandra Langley, Southwest Edgecombe; Jody O'Neal, Beddingfield; Larry Williford, Farmville Central (recommendation sent forward by unanimous vote of the Eastern Plains Conference)

School/LEA/Conference/Group:

North Pitt High School, Eastern Plains Conference

We 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 recommend adjusting the wording of 4.8.1(m) [*Tie Games: If a tie score exists at the end of regulation play in regular season varsity conference games, play will continue with two overtime periods of 10 minutes each; if there is no winner at that point, by conference adoption, a winner can be determined by penalty kicks, otherwise the game shall be considered a tie for both teams.*] which covers the result of a game ending in a tie. We recommend the following:

Remove the phrase "by conference adoption"

Change the wording of "a winner can be determined by penalty kicks" to "a winner will be determined by penalty kicks procedures"

Remove the phrasing "otherwise the game shall be considered a tie for both teams"

In essence, we recommend that the state handbook make it mandatory that the all members end their regular season conference soccer contests with a winner, and eliminate the possibility of games ending in ties.

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)

While we understand that there is a tradition in the history of soccer to allow ties, we feel by allowing ties to be governed differently across the state by

different conferences lacks a uniformity that is important when post-season bracketing and seeding is done. Conference A may allow ties, Conference B may not...this lack of uniformity is troubling.

Further, we feel that it is important to competition, in general, to settle on a winner just as the NCHSAA demands on all other sports. As conference seasons are the first priority of seeding and post season evaluations, we feel that having this rule change in place will help in determining the true strength of teams, just as with every other sport governed by the NCHSAA.

Changing the wording of this rule will add uniformity to the NCHSAA by mandating that all conferences and member schools act according to the same procedures in executing their contests.

- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)

No additional impact to budgets.

- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)

Considering that just glancing through conference records there were very few ties, we were one conference that it happened on actually two occasions, it goes to prove that the rarity of this means basically no interference with study time. Penalty kicks are usually completed within 10 minutes and with the rarity teams may never actually participate in this scenario.

Game start times should not be adjusted due to this rule change, and therefore will not start earlier; meaning no further loss of school time.

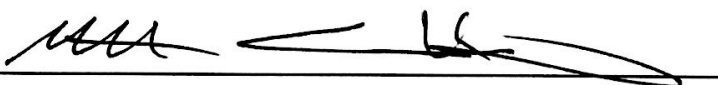
- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)

We recommend that this rule change include all soccer contests/seasons: male, female and coed enforcement.

- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?)

We recommend that this rule change take effect in the fall of 2018 for the boys soccer season and continue being enforced from that point. We feel that the girls season should be governed along the same procedures that the boys season has been governed and therefore that it would be inappropriate to have this change take effect for their spring season.

Signature



Date

10/31/17

To: North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors

From: North Carolina Football Coaches Association

Date: July 19, 2017

Reason: Football Skill Development

a. Recommendation:

To provide unlimited numbers for skill development in the sport of football, after the football season has been completed and outside the established dead periods. The regulations currently in place for other sports will apply.

b. Rationale:

This would make the skill development uniform across the board for all sports.

c. Budget Impact:

None

d. Educational Impact:

None

e. Equity Impact:

None

f. Effective Date:

December of 2017

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Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Bennett Jones, Clayton High School
 Jenna Sauls, Cleveland High School
 Stacey Alston, East Wake High School
 David Allen, Smithfield-Selma High School
 David Pearce, South Johnston High School
 Jennifer Swarts, West Johnston High School
Name(s) : Jamie Lee, Greater Neuse River Conference President

LEA/Conference/Group: 3A Greater Neuse River Conference

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 respectfully submit a proposal to restructure the NCHSAA playoff qualification and seeding process for the following sports: Football, Basketball (M&W), Soccer (M&W), Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball. Please see the attached documentation for details and further explanation.

○ **Rationale:** (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)
 We believe that the current system of having teams seeded according to conference finish and then by MaxPreps ranking creates a number of issues, most importantly being that no one is aware of what is valued in the MaxPreps rankings. In addition, margin of victory is a component in this rating and we feel that is in direct conflict to one of the NCHSAA's core tenets of sportsmanship. As such, we have drafted an alternative qualifying and seeing proposal for your consideration.

○ **Budget Impact:** (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)

If anything, this proposal will help schools' finances by allowing teams to schedule geographical opponents and natural rivals without fear of dropping in computer rankings due to strength of schedule concerns.

○ **Educational Impact:** (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)

There is no impact on the educational environment.

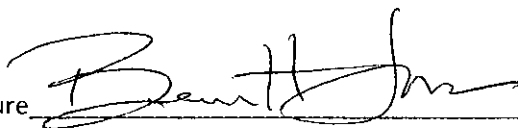
○ **Gender Impact:** (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)

This proposal is fair to both men's and women's sports.

○ **Effective Date:** (When would this go into effect?)

This proposed process would go into effect in the 2018-2019 school year.

Signature



Date

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Playoff Qualifying and Seeding Proposal

INTRODUCTION

With the realignment prior to the 2017-2018 school year, the NCHSAA adopted a different method for teams to qualify for the playoffs in football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, baseball, and softball. However, we as a conference, believe that the system as it is currently has a number of issues. As such, we researched other states and have formulated a proposal centered upon a point-based system that we feel helps to ensure that teams that are most deserving qualify for the playoffs and are seeded appropriately.

PROPOSAL

This proposal is presented to replace the current system utilized in the following sports: **Football, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball**. All other sports would utilize the current system in place.

Current NCHSAA processes are highlighted.

Qualifying for playoffs

- Conference automatic qualifiers are determined by the number of teams from a given classification in each conference as follows:
 - 1 - 4 teams = 1 automatic qualifier
 - 5 - 8 teams = 2 automatic qualifiers
 - 9 or more teams = 3 automatic qualifiers
- Split conference application
 - The highest finishing team from a given classification will automatically qualify, regardless of overall conference finish.
 - Two teams that finish 1st and 2nd overall in the conference from the same classification will automatically qualify regardless of rule 4.1.18(a) (1-3).

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- Ties for 1st place in the overall conference or the highest finisher in a classification must be broken using the established tie-breaking procedure (rule 4.1.13)
- If a conference has a conference tournament, the conference tournament champion will secure an automatic playoff berth if they were not already slated to receive one. They do not “bump” another conference team out of the playoffs nor do they take their seeding priority.
- If too many teams qualify using the above criteria, adjustments to the established bracket size will be made to accommodate the automatic qualifiers.
- If not enough teams qualify using the above criteria, the bracket will be filled by non-automatic qualifiers in that classification.
 - Teams in their classification with the highest point system score will be selected to fill the remaining slots in the bracket.
- Point-System
 - The point system values two things:
 - Wins
 - Wins by a school’s opponents (strength of schedule)
 - **Win points** -- Points are earned each time a team defeats an opponent. The school’s classification AND the classification of the opponent determines the point value of the win (see Table 1 below).

Table 1	Opponents Classification			
School Classification	4A	3A	2A	1A
4A	140	120	100	80
3A	160	140	120	100
2A	180	160	140	120
1A	200	180	160	140

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- Example a 4A school defeats a 2A school = 100 points / a 1A school defeats a 3A school = 180 points
- **Bonus points 1** - Each conference champion (split points on unbreakable ties) will receive 210 additional points (equivalent of 1.5 wins) to their overall point total at the end of the season.
- **Bonus points 2** - At the end of the season, teams will receive 10 bonus points for each game that its' opponents won over the course of the season. Bonus points are cumulative and are not related to a team's classification. (see Table 2 below)
- Table 2 - Football Example

3A NCHSAA Team Schedule					
Opponent	W/L	Win Pts	Opp Record	Bonus Points	Total Pts Per Opp
Team 1 (4A)	L	0	7-4	70	70
Team 2 (3A)	W	140	6-5	60	200
Team 3 (4A)	W	160	3-8	30	190
Team 4 (2A)	W	120	8-3	80	200
Team 5 (4A)	L	0	11-0	110	110
Team 6 (3A)	L	0	9-2	90	90
Team 7 (3A)	W	140	2-9	20	160
Team 8 (3A)	W	140	5-6	50	190
Team 9 (3A)	L	0	10-1	100	100
Team 10 (3A)	W	140	1-10	10	150
Team 11 (3A)	W	140	7-4	70	210
TOTAL	7-4	980	--	690	1670

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- Season point totals (win points + bonus points 1 + bonus points 2) are then divided by number of games played (10 game reporting maximum in football, 22 game reporting maximum in other sports) to determine the school's Points Rating (PR).
- If a team competed in more than the reporting maximum for each sport, the team may drop the lowest point value opponent(s) to get back to the maximum reporting number
 - For example, in Table 2, the 3A NCHSAA team would drop the total for Team 1 since 70 is the lowest point value week on their schedule.
 - In example above, 3A team would have 1600 points (dropping the 70 point week) divided by 10 games played to give it a PR of 160. This team was not a conference champion and did not earn any Bonus 1 points. This score would be the ranking used in qualifying for playoffs.
- In the event of a tie in point values when completing the playoff qualifiers, the tie will be broken by the following process to fill the remaining slots in the bracket:
 - Head-to-Head result
 - Total number of Win Points (no bonus points, using same maximum schedule reporting guidelines)
 - MaxPreps Ranking

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Playoff Seeding

- Once the qualifying teams in each classification are determined, they will be divided into two regions of equal size (East and West) based on the longitude of each school.
- In football, teams are then divided into AA or A classifications based upon Average Daily Membership totals.
- In the referenced sports, teams will then be seeded based upon their points rating (total points/games played), with those having the highest rating receiving the highest seed.
- Ties in seeding by virtue of the same point value will be broken by utilizing the following process:
 - Head-to-Head result
 - Total Win Points (no bonus points)
 - MaxPreps ranking
- Once seeding is complete:
 - Existing byes will be awarded to highest seeds possible
 - The higher seed is the home team unless otherwise determined by the NCHSAA
 - The NCHSAA can adjust schedules to keep conference opponents from not participating against each other

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PROPOSED SYSTEM vs CURRENT SYSTEM

	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
Sportsmanship	Final score or margin of victory/defeat does not factor into any type of rating, thereby promoting sportsmanship	The MaxPreps rankings indicate that margin of victory (sets won in volleyball) factors into a team's rating
Reward for winning	Highest point values are earned with wins; values a win over a loss	Rankings for teams sometimes improve for team after losing game and drops for teams after a win
Reward for playing a competitive schedule	By earning bonus points for your opponent's wins, teams would not be afraid to schedule quality teams, especially those in higher classifications where the point value for a win is higher	Finding the opportunity to schedule teams that are quality opponents can be difficult in some areas of the state; also teams will not know ahead of time who is a quality opponent
Endowment games	The opportunity to play over the reporting maximum to drop a lowest point total provides an incentive for all teams to play endowment games	There is not much incentive to play endowment games in the current system, especially if the opponent could possible hurt your ranking
Clarity of system	Athletic directors and coaches will be able to build schedules knowing exactly what win point totals they can accumulate. The bonus points are easy to calculate by an opponent's record	The ambiguity of the MaxPreps rankings is concerning to all coaches and makes scheduling difficult, especially across all sports and geographical constraints

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Alignment of brackets	This system of seeding will reward the teams with the top point totals with higher seeds. This will mean that there will not be matchups of top teams early on and that the bracket will be more competitively balanced	The current system of seeding by tiers creates some very difficult to understand matchups. A highly ranked team can finish second in their conference and be seeded as an 8 or 9 seed whereas you have a below .500 team seeded above them because they won a conference championship
Competition for playoff berths	Since winning is valued, teams would know exactly where they are and would be able to move up the point-system with wins regardless of who they beat down the stretch	In the MaxPreps system, no one knows what is valued in terms of moving up in the rankings and teams with .600 and .700 winning percentages could be left out of the playoffs.