

2019-20 NCHSAA Golf Rules Clinic

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General Board Changes

2019-20



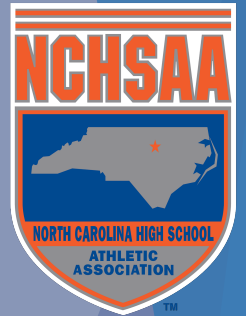
Gender of Player

- ▶ The NCHSAA allows participation in interscholastic athletics for all students, regardless of gender or gender identification.



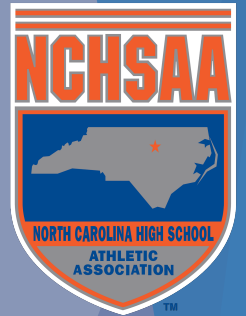
Gender of Player

- ▶ A student may participate based on the gender noted on the student's certificate of birth.
 - ▶ Women shall not participate on a men's interscholastic athletic team where the school has a women's team in the same sport or where a school sends an entry to the women's state playoffs in the same sport.
 - ▶ In cases where women are permitted on a men's team, the school forfeits all participation in the women's playoffs in the same sport.
 - ▶ Men's rules will be used where women play on men's teams.
 - ▶ Men's shall not participate on women's team's in any sport.



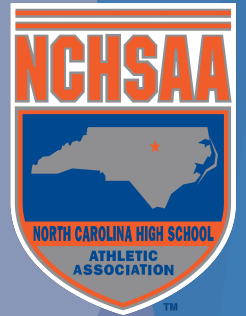
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- ▶ When a student's gender identity differs from the gender listed on the student's certificate of birth, the Gender Identity Request Form must be submitted by the member school to the NCHSAA prior to any participation by the student under circumstances that would constitute ineligibility.



Gender of Player

- ▶ The following information should be submitted with the Request:
 - ▶ Documentation from individuals such as, but not limited to, parents/legal guardians appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, friends, and/or teachers, which affirm that the actions, attitudes, and manner demonstrate the student's consistent gender identification.
 - ▶ A complete list of all the student's prescribed, non-prescribed, or over the counter treatments or medications relative to gender identity.
 - ▶ A complete list of interventions that have happened related to the gender identity of the student.
 - ▶ Written verification from an appropriate healthcare professional (e.g. physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, school nurse, etc.) of the student's consistent gender identification. Include any other social/emotional information from health-care professionals that would help the Committee make a decision about the student. This information must be submitted on office letterhead of the healthcare professional who provides verification with contact information and professional title of the individual.
 - ▶ Any other pertinent documentation or information which the student or parent(s)/legal guardian(s) appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction believe relevant and appropriate.



Gender of Player

- ▶ The NCHSAA will refer the Gender Identity Request to the NCHSAA Gender Identity Committee for consideration.
 - ▶ The NCHSAA Gender Identity Committee will consist of the following:
 - ▶ Current member of the Board of Directors;
 - ▶ LEA or school administrator;
 - ▶ Physician with experience in gender identity health care and/or World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care;
 - ▶ Psychiatrist, psychologist, or licensed mental health professional familiar with the WPATH.
- ▶ The Committee will approve the Request if it finds that the student genuinely identifies as the gender indicated in the Request.



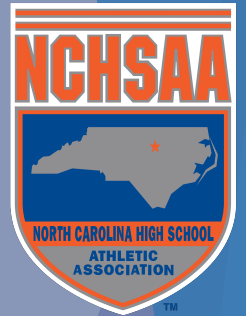
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- ▶ The Committee will require that the member school has verified that the student is eligible in all other aspects.
- ▶ The Committee will respect and promote the student's privacy and confidentiality rights under HIPPA and FERPA in the process of considering a Gender Identity Request. Information provided to the Committee will be shared only to the extent necessary to decide the Gender Identity Request; provided that, if a Gender Identity Request is approved, the student's school may share the student's gender identity with other schools as necessary to ensure appropriate accommodations when competing at another school.



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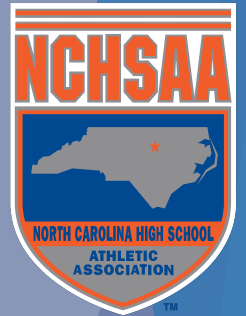
- ▶ In cases where a Gender Identity Request has been approved:
 - ▶ The student will be declared eligible to participate based on the student's gender identity.
 - ▶ 1.2.4.a is not in effect.
 - ▶ It shall be the responsibility of the school to comply with all state and federal mandates/laws.



Home School Participation

Initial Eligibility

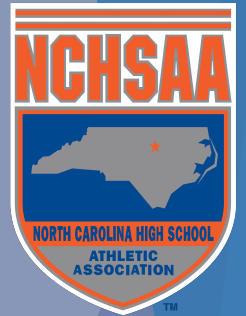
- ▶ Home school students
 - ▶ Documentation from the Division of Non-Public Education must be presented upon initial dual enrollment- attendance, immunization, transcript, school number, etc.
 - ▶ Home school students must communicate athletic intent at a member school in which they are domiciled and follow the enrollment and assignment procedures/policies established by the local board of education.
 - ▶ Notice to principal must take place at least ten days prior to the first practice date of each sports season.



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Attendance

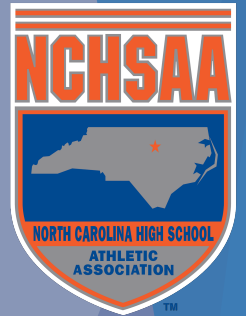
- ▶ Home school students:
 - ▶ Must have been enrolled in the registered home school for 365 days prior to being eligible in a member school.
 - ▶ Once deemed eligible at a member school, the student must maintain continuous dual enrollment.
 - ▶ Unenrollment would render the student ineligible for 365 days.
 - ▶ Must participate in a class schedule that is at least one half of the school's instructional day
 - ▶ At least one class must be on campus each semester or meet LEA requirements.



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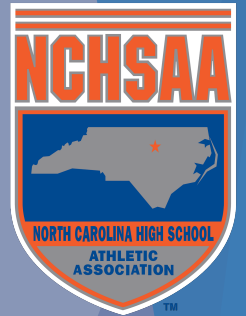
Scholastic Requirements:

- ▶ A student must have passed a minimum load of work during the preceding semester to be eligible at any time during the present semester. The semester is normally considered half of the academic year. All students must also meet local promotion standards, set by the LEA and/or the local school. **Home school students must be on grade level according to a nationally standardized achievement test(s) indicating grade level.**
- ▶ A minimum load is defined as five courses in the traditional school schedule and three courses for schools on the “block” format. If the school is on an A/B form of block scheduling, a student must pass six of eight courses during what would traditionally be defined as a semester. Any student, including seniors must pass that minimum load, even if they need fewer for graduation. **Home school student must pass all public school courses in which he/she is enrolled.**



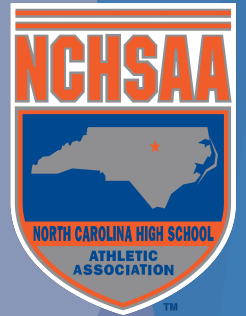
Transfer Policy

- ▶ Students transferring to the same member school where the student's coach has relocated within a calendar year will be deemed ineligible in any sport in which the coach is involved.
 - ▶ Now applies to within LEA as well as from LEA to LEA.
- ▶ If deemed ineligible due to athletic purposes, the student will only be ineligible in that sport(s) in which "athletic purposes" was reason for not authorizing



Foreign Exchange Students

- ▶ After the first year of participation as a Foreign Exchange Student
 - ▶ Student can be eligible subsequently, based on the two-semester rule
 - ▶ Applies to the same school of initial enrollment



Ejection Policy

- ▶ Clarified this policy:
 - ▶ Leaving the bench and coming on to the playing area during a fight (whether they participate in the fight or not)



Unpaid Fines

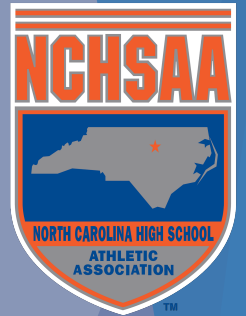
- ▶ Unpaid fines will be posted for NCHSAA membership view only



Eligibility Summary Forms

► Deadline Changes

- Fall - September 1
- Winter - December 1
- Spring - March 15



Post-Season Participation

- ▶ Clarification:
 - ▶ Independent NCHSAA member schools are eligible for post-season ONLY in individual sports, based on the sport



Pre-Game EAP Review

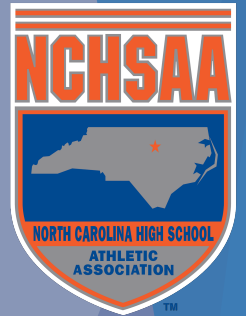
- ▶ Purpose
 - ▶ Effective communication of Emergency Action Plan
 - ▶ EAP is required by Law (Gfeller-Waller)
 - ▶ Guide for administrators, coaches, officials and LAT/FR
- ▶ Conducted by the Game Day Administrator or Designee
 - ▶ The NCHSAA recommends that a hard copy or electronic copy of the venue specific EAP be provided to both the lead official and visiting team personnel.



Pre-Game EAP Review Card

All Events

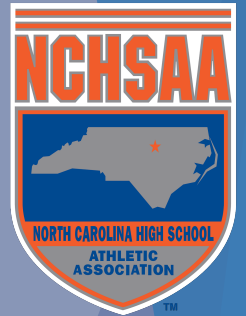
- ▶ Who is the gameday administrator and what is their contact information?
- ▶ Is there a Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT) and/or First Responder (FR) on site and what is their contact information? If a LAT or FR is not on site who is the most qualified person to provide CPR and first aid care?
- ▶ Has the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) been reviewed and where is the posted venue specific EAP located?
- ▶ What first aid and emergency equipment is available at the venue and where is it located? (e.g., first aid kit, AED/CPR equipment, spinal injury stabilization equipment, exertional heat illness management equipment, etc.)



Pre-Game EAP Review Card

Outdoor Events

- ▶ Who will be monitoring environmental and field/facility conditions during the event? (e.g., thunder and lightning, Wet Bulb Globe Temperature)
- ▶ Who will notify officials of unsafe environmental or field/facility conditions?
- ▶ Has the lightning or thunder disturbances safe shelter and evacuation route been identified?
- ▶ What is the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature, if available, at the beginning of the contest?



Sport Specific Changes & NCHSAA Points of Emphasis 2019-20



Regional Assignments

- ▶ Regional assignments will be based on conference affiliation
 - ▶ Golf
 - ▶ Cross-Country
 - ▶ Swimming and Diving
 - ▶ Track & Field



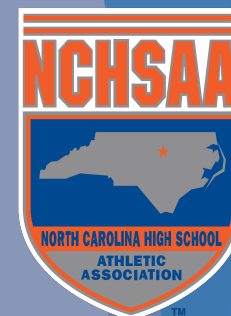
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4A East CAP 7 4A Eastern Carolina 3A/4A Mideastern 3A/4A Northern 4A Patriot 3A/4A	4A Central Metro 4A Sandhills 4A South Wake 4A Triangle 8 4A	4A West Central Piedmont 4A I-Meck 4A Northwestern 3A/4A So Meck 7 4A Southwestern 4A



Regional Assignments (Men)

1A East Albemarle 1A Atlantic 5 1A Carolina 1A Coastal 8 1A/2A Coastal Plains 1A Tar Roanoke 1A	1A Mideast Central Tar Heel 1 North Central 1A Northern Carolina 1A/2A Three Rivers 1A/2A	1A Midwest Mountain Valley 1A/2A Northwest 1A PAC 7 1A Yadkin Valley 1A	1A West Smoky Mountain 1A/2A Southern Piedmont 1A Western Highlands 1A/2A
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Required Coaches Education

- ▶ NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching
 - ▶ All coaches (paid and volunteer)
 - ▶ Prior to first play date
 - ▶ One-time requirement
- ▶ NFHS Concussion in Sports
 - ▶ All coaches (paid and volunteer)
 - ▶ Prior to first practice
 - ▶ Annual requirement
- ▶ CPR/AED Certified
 - ▶ All head and paid coaches
 - ▶ Must maintain certification
- ▶ NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - ▶ All non-paid coaches
 - ▶ Prior to first practice
 - ▶ Annual requirement
- ▶ NCHSAA Rules Clinic
 - ▶ Head Varsity Coach
 - ▶ Prior to first play date
 - ▶ Annual Requirement



Calendar

Women's Season

Start: Thursday, August 1

1st Contest: Monday, August 19

Reporting Deadline: Wednesday, October 16
9:00 p.m.

Regionals: Monday or Tuesday, October 21 or 22

State Championships: Monday and Tuesday, October 28-29

Men's Season

Wednesday, February 12

Monday, March 2

Wednesday, April 29
9:00 p.m.

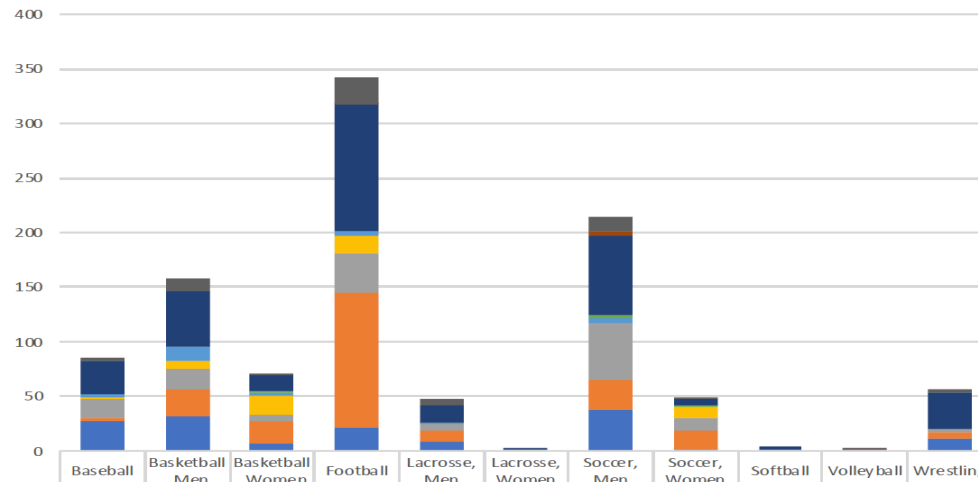
Monday or Tuesday, May 4 or 5

Monday and Tuesday, May 11-12



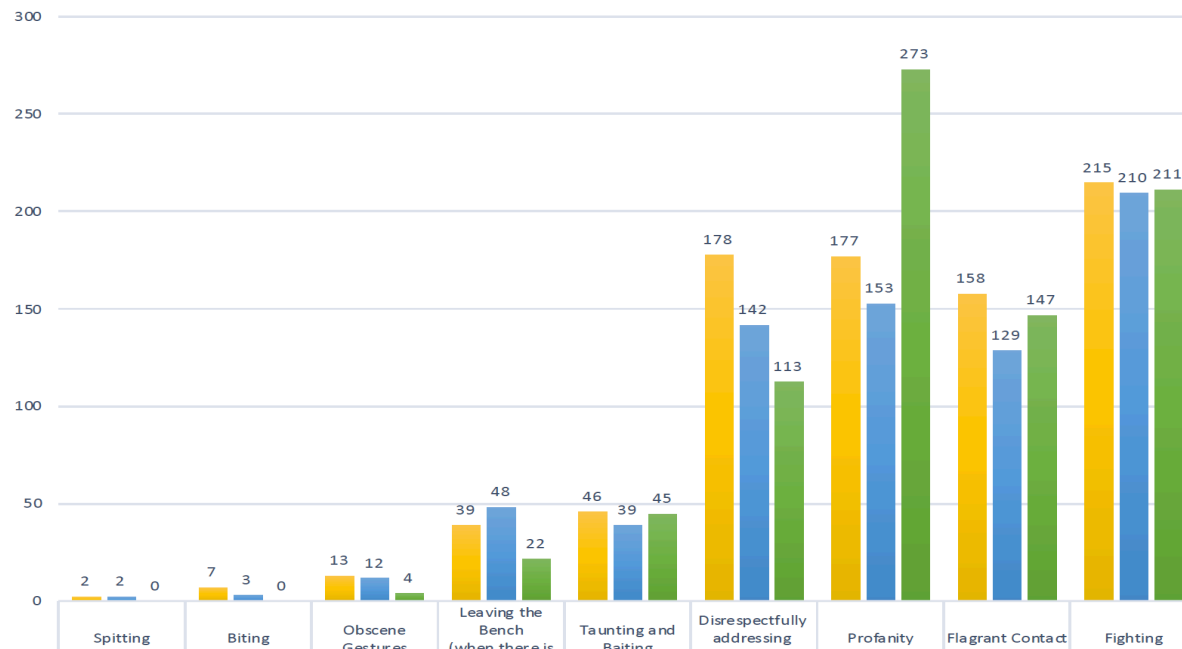
Sportsmanship/Ejections

2018-19 Ejection Report - Reason and Sport

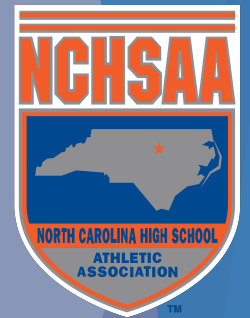


Sportsmanship/Ejections

NCHSAA Ejection Reasons 2016 to Current

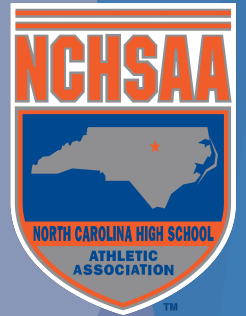


2016-17 (835 Total)	2	7	13	39	46	178	177	158	215
2017-18 (738 Total)	2	3	12	48	39	142	153	129	210
2018-19 (815 YTD)	0	0	4	22	45	113	273	147	211



Coaching Regulations

- ▶ The two designated coaches may give advice, of a short and quick duration, from the tee to the greens and the walk between holes.
 - ▶ Coaches may not provide continuous coaching while walking with a player. Once finished, coaches must return immediately to the cart path.
- ▶ Coaches may not be on the tee box or enter onto the green(s) at any time
- ▶ Any violation of the coaching rule can result in a two-stroke penalty and may cause the coach to lose his privilege to communicate with players the remainder of the event during the round/rounds.



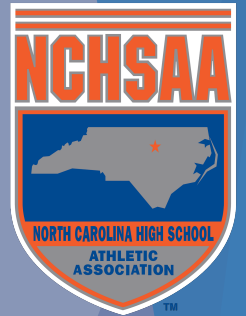
State Championship Sites

▶ Women 2019

- ▶ 1A/2A - Longleaf
- ▶ 3A - Foxfire
- ▶ 4A - Pinehurst

▶ Men 2020

- ▶ 1A - Foxfire
- ▶ 2A - Pinehurst
- ▶ 3A - Longleaf
- ▶ 4A - Pinehurst



Membership/Championships



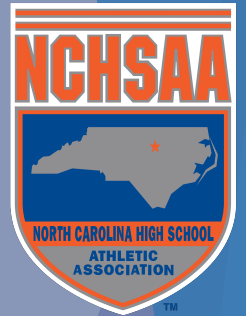
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

▶ ARTICLE FOUR

- ▶ **Membership.** Any North Carolina public or non-boarding parochial high school is eligible for membership provided it is accredited by the State Department of Public Instruction, and provided that the high school adopts and maintains the following code for participation in high school athletics:
 - ▶ Education and Athletics
 - ▶ Non-Traditional School
- ▶ Standing Committees

2021-2025 Realignment

- ▶ The Board of Directors instructed NCHSAA Staff to delay the Realignment process by one year
 - ▶ Eliminating the “lame duck year” of the alignment period
 - ▶ Decision was to give various committees the opportunity to review the realignment process and the Association’s current classification structure while providing the necessary time for the Board and membership to make any necessary changes to implement their recommendations



Survey - Men's State Qualifiers

► Current Model

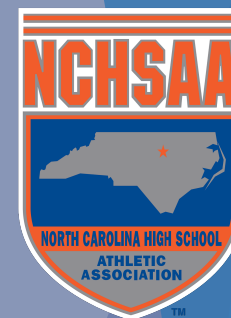
- **Men's State Championship Qualifiers:** 21 golfers per regional will advance to the state championship.
 - Top 3 teams of 5 players automatically qualify with the best 4 scores.
 - Top 6 individuals not on a qualifying team.

► 3 Options

- All options take 21 from each region

► Option 1:

- Top 3 teams automatically qualify with the best 4 scores.
- Top 9 individuals not on a qualifying team.
- If a school does not finish in the top 3, but qualifies at least 4 individuals, that school will also advance to the state championship as a team.
- A top 3 team could still qualify player #5, if among the top 9 individuals qualifying.



Survey - Men's State Qualifiers

► Option 2:

- Top 2 teams automatically qualify with the best 5 scores.
- Top 11 individuals not on a qualifying team.
- If a school does not finish in the top 2, but qualifies at least 4 individuals, that school will also advance to the state championship as a team.

► Option 3:

- Top 2 teams automatically qualify with the best 4 scores.
- Top 13 individuals not on a qualifying team.
- If a school does not finish in the top 2, but qualifies at least 4 individuals, that school will also advance to the state championship as a team.
- A top 2 team could still qualify player #5, if among the top 13 individuals qualifying.

