

2.2.3 Facilities:

- (a) **Court and Field Diagrams:** The NCHSAA has adopted the playing rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations for most sponsored sports.
- (1) Diagrams for the court or field for each sport are contained in the respective rulebooks.
 - (2) The National Federation also publishes a Court and Field Diagram Guide covering all sports.
 - (3) A copy of rule books for individual sports or of the comprehensive guide may be obtained directly from the National Federation.
- (b) **Lighting Standards:** The Board of Directors has adopted standards for the lighting of events sponsored by the NCHSAA or any member school.
- (1) These standards incorporate the most current data available regarding the lighting, electrical and structural issues that apply to the installation and maintenance of safe, effective lighting systems.
 - (2) These standards were developed by a Standards Advisory Committee made up of experienced engineers, architects, electrical contractors, attorneys and insurance underwriters.
 - (3) They are divided into recommended minimums and desirable features. The minimums establish criteria which are important to the safe conduct of sponsored activities. The desirable features are intended to provide guidelines for lighting systems that give added values of durability, energy-efficiency, environmental sensitivity and cost effectiveness.
 - (4) NCHSAA playoff events are intended to be held at sites that meet the minimum standards.
 - (5) A copy of the revised lighting standards may be viewed on the NCHSAA website.
 - (6) Member schools are required to complete a "System Operation and Maintenance Checklist" form on an annual basis to ensure that electrical and structural components of facility lighting systems are up to code with NEC (National Electric Code) and IBC (International Building Code) standards. The deadline to complete will be prior to participation in the playoffs with an initial focus on electrical and structural components. Failure to complete the required checklist form will mean school cannot host a playoff event due to failure to comply with minimum electrical and structural requirements deemed for safe operation.
NOTE: The System Operation and Maintenance Checklist Requirement is recommended for 2020-2021. It is mandated for 2021-2022.
- (c) **Drones Policy:** The use of drones will be prohibited within the confines of stadiums, fields and arenas during NCHSAA contests. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium, field, arena and/or structure. The regulation includes pre- and post-game activities.
- (d) **NCHSAA Hosting of Playoffs and Championships:** In order to host NCHSAA Playoffs (Recommended for regular season) in any sport, member schools' facilities must:
- (1) Have measures in place that ensure the safety and protection of the well-being of all participants and spectators;
 - (2) Maintain seating for participants and spectators, with one-third (1/3) of the available seating reserved for the visiting team's spectators. These specifications are recommended for regular season games in all sports, with the exception of football, which provides its own minimum seating regulations.;
 - (3) Comply with requirements mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
 - (4) Have restroom facilities available for both spectators and participants;
 - (5) Provide areas for teams and game officials to dress for competition;
 - (6) Be conducive to the charging of admission; and
 - (7) Be able to show, upon request, that facility lighting meets minimum NCHSAA lighting standards. (see Rule 2.2.3.b) and the NCHSAA website for lighting standards).
 - (8) During the playoffs, the NCHSAA has the right to require host teams to find an adequate facility based on expected attendance or quality of venue.