### **SPORTS COMMITTEE**

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AGENDA	ITEM

Basketball
 5-Quarter Rule

#### [NCBCA]

#### Attachment S1

\*Tabled from Winter 2021 meeting

2. Regional
Assignments
(Cross-Country,
Wrestling, Track &
Field)

#### **Attachment S2**

RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFOR	SUPPORTING INFORMATION					
To allow 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10th-grade players only to participate in five (5) quarters of basketball games on the same day.  Proposed Language:	Rationale:	Schools are struggling to field both varsity and JV programs. This would allow schools to place players on each team commensurate with their playing level and ability while allowing for the flexibility of					
"A student shall not participate in more	Dudget Immedi	adding depth for the varsity contest					
than five quarters per day and will not exceed the seasonal limitation of games,	Budget Impact: Educational	N/A N/A					
exclusive of Conference Tournaments	Impact:	N/A					
and State Playoffs. Overtime periods shall	·	Applies equally to both genders					
be considered an extension of the		2022-2023 School Year					
previous quarter, and participation for							
any length of time in a quarter shall							
constitute a full quarter."							
Change the process for assigning schools	Rationale:	Will help reduce excessive travel to regionals					
to regions in the sports of cross-country,		across the state for many schools while also					
wrestling, and track & field from a		keeping each regional with an equitable					
conference-based format to equitable		number of participating schools					
regions based on longitude	Budget Impact:	None					
	Educational	None					
	Impact:						
	Equity Impact:	Applies to men's and women's cross-country					
		and track & field					
	Effective Date:	2022-2023 School Year					

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

3. Wrestling
Addition of
Women's Wrestling
as a Sport

[NCWCA]

**Attachment S3** 

RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFOR	MATION
To approve women's wrestling as it relates to being sanctioned as a sport with a state championship, as opposed to an invitational.  Reference Bylaw VI.	• • •	
	Equity Impact:	·

AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION			
4. <u>Dual Team Tennis</u>	To allow for an open dual team tournament for the 2022-2023 school	Rationale:	See attachment S4 and related video links:		
[NCTCA]	year for women's and men's tennis seasons as a pilot program to assess its		Part 1: Why this Change is Necessary and Beneficial - https://youtu.be/Kg2gw8iaKUI		
Attachment S4	effectiveness in being a fairer way to decide a state champion.		Part 2: How an Open Tournament Would Work - https://youtu.be/cQRTYkzWxkQ		
	'		Part 3: Questions and Answers		
			- https://youtu.be/I5OUPB8GOs8		
			Full Video - https://youtu.be/mlpEmwx1ArY		
		Budget Impact:	N/A		
		Educational	•		
		Impact:			
			Applies to both women's and men's tennis		
		Effective Date:	2022-2023 School Year		
5. <u>Review of</u>	To review and adjust NCHSAA Handbook	Rationale:	The current language in the Handbook is		
<u>Tournament</u>	language, if needed, regarding the current		confusing and leads to potential scheduling		
Rule/Language in	tournament rule/stipulation in the sport of volleyball, as well as other team sports		mistakes. Proper review and adjustment may be needed to correct for clarity		
Volleyball & other	volleyball, as well as other team sports	Budget Impact:	None		
<u>sports</u>		Educational	None		
		Impact:			
Attachment S5		Equity Impact:	None		
Attachment 55		Effective Date:	2022-2023 School Year		

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

6. <u>Women's Lacrosse -</u> <u>4A Classification</u>

#### **Attachment S6**

RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFOR	RMATION
To review women's lacrosse as it relates to adding a separate 4A classification championships	Budget Impact: Educational Impact: Equity Impact: Effective Date:	There are 70 4A schools participating in women's lacrosse. Bylaw VI describes the classification process: "when at least half the schools in a classification participate in a sport sanctioned by the NCHSAA, that sport shall culminate in a state championship for that classification." There are currently 106 schools in the 4A classification. Additionally, NCHSAA Handbook policy 1.1.4 states "For reclassification to additional championships, the number of schools offering teams in a sport must meet the constitutional requirement (Bylaw Vi.) for two years before a championship will be implemented."  None  None  Potentially 2023-2024 School Year

### **PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES**

Overscheduling of competitive events, overuse injuries and burnout have become too common in youth basketball. The tables below outline **recommended** and **maximum** amounts of youth basketball participation, as well as **rest** guidelines for young athletes, designed to promote a fun and healthy playing experience.

#### RECOMMENDED PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Age	Game Length	# of Games Per Week	Practice Length	# of Practices Per Week
Ages 7-8	20-28 min	1	30-60 min	1
Ages 9-11 24-32 min		1 to 2	45-75 min	2
Ages 12-14 28-32 min		2	60-90 min	2 to 4
Grades 9-12	32-40 min	2 to 3	90-120 min	3 to 4



HEALTH & WELLNESS PLAYER SEGMENTATION RULES & STANDARDS EXPERTS SUPPORTERS

#### MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Age	# of Games Per Day	# of Hrs. Per Week in Organized Basketba				
Ages 7-8	1	3 hours				
Ages 9-11	2*	5 hours				
Ages 12-14	2*	10 hours**				
Grades 9-12	2*	14 hours				

The maximum participation guidelines outlined above and guidance on camps and academies below are intended to serve as limits on a young athlete's participation in organized basketball. It is possible that participation in organized basketball within the maximum limits but in excess of the recommendations is also not advisable from a health and wellness standpoint, however, this issue requires further study. Youth basketball players, parents, and coaches should demonstrate caution in scheduling or participating in more than one game per day, especially on consecutive days. If young athletes participate in an event or tournament in which more than one game is played per day on consecutive days, players should have additional time off from sports activities following the event to allow for recovery:

"It is recommended that young athletes in these age ranges who are approaching the maximum hour limits not participate in another organized sport concurrently.

#### **REST GUIDELINES**

Age	Min. # of Rest Days Per Week	Max. Months Per Year in Organized Basketball	Recommended Hours of Sleep Per Night	
Ages 7-8	2	4 months	9-12 hours	
Ages 9-11	2	5 months	9-12 hours	
Ages 12-14	1	7 months	8-10 hours*	
Grades 9-12	1	9-10 months	8-10 hours	

\*For 12 year olds, 9-12 hours of sleep is recommended.

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11/1/2019	A.L. Brown	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	AC Reynolds High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
11/4/2019	Albemarle Hugh School	1A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/21/2019	alexander centrl	3A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Anson County	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Apex Friendship	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Ardrey Kell	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/9/2019	Ashbrook	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/4/2019	Ashe County High School	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Asheboro High School	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Asheville	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Ashley High School	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Avery County High School	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Ayden-Grifton	2A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Bandys High School	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Bear Grass Charter	1A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Ben L Smith HS	3A	Yes	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Berry Academy	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Bertie High	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/3/2019	Bishop McGuinness	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Broughton	4A	Yes	Yes	Not sure	Yes	Uncertain	Uncertain
10/31/2019	Bunker Hill	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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11/4/2019	Bunn High School	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Burns High	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Butler	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Camden County HS	1A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Cape Fear High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Cape Hatteras	1A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Cardinal Gibbons	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Carrboro High	2A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Carson High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Cary High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Not sure	Yes	Uncertain	Yes
11/6/2019	Cedar Ridge HS	3A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last y	No	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Central Academy of Technolog	2A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Central Cabarrus	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Central Davidson High School	2A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Chapel Hill High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Charles B Aycock	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Chase High School	2A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Uncertain	Yes
10/31/2019	Chatham Central High School	1A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
11/4/2019	Cherokee High School	1A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
10/31/2019	Cleveland High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/15/2019	Clinton	2A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last y	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Community School of Davidsor	1A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last y	No	Uncertain	Yes

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11/6/2019	Corinth Holders	4A	Yes	Yes	Not sure	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Cox Mill High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Cummings High School	2A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Currituck High School	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Cuthbetrtson	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Davie Co	4A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	DH Conley	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Dixon High	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Douglas Byrd High	3A	Yes	No	N/A	Uncertain at this time	Uncertain	Yes
11/6/2019	Durham School of the Arts	2A	No	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	E. E. Smith High	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	East Bladen	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	East Carteret	1A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	East Davidson	2A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
11/1/2019	East Duplin	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	East Rowan	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	East Rutherford	2A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/1/2019	East Wake Academy	1A	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	No
11/1/2019	Eastern Alamance	3A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No
10/31/2019	Eastern Randolph	2A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Enka High School	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/8/2019	Enloe	4A	No	No	No	No	Yes	Uncertain

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11/1/2019	Erwin High	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	First Flight High	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Forbush High School	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Forestview High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	franklin high school	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
11/19/2019	Franklinton HS	3A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last y	No	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Freedom	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Fuquay-Varina High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Gates County	1A	No	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Glenn HS	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Granville central	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Gray Stone Day School	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Gray's Creek High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Harnett Central	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Havelock	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Hayesville	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Heritage	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/4/2019	Hertford County High	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Hibriten	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Hickory Ridge	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Uncertain	Yes
10/31/2019	Highland School of Technology	1A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Highlands	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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10/31/2019	Hoke County High School	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
11/5/2019	J.H Rose High	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Jack Britt High School	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/5/2019	Jacksonville High	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	James B Hunt	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
11/5/2019	James Kenan High School	2A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last ye	Yes	Uncertain	Yes
11/1/2019	Jay M Robinson High School	3A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	JF Webb	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	JH Rose HS	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/7/2019	John A. Holmes	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Uncertain	Yes
11/5/2019	Jordan High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
11/1/2019	Kings Mountain High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Kinston High School	2A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Knightdale High	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Lake Norman High School	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/20/2019	Lakewood High School	1A	No	No	N/A (no JV team last y	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Laney High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	LEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Leesville Road HS	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Lincolnton High	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Lumberton Sr HS	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Maiden High School	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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11/13/2019	Mallard Creek HS	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Manteo	1A	No	No	N/A (no JV team last y	No	Uncertain	Uncertain
11/5/2019	Marvin Ridge	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Uncertain	Yes
11/3/2019	Midway High School	2A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Millbrook	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Uncertain	Yes
10/31/2019	Mitchell High	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Montgomery Central	3A	No	No	N/A	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Mount Pleasant	2A	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Mountain Heritage	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Mt Tabor	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Murphy High School	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Myers Park High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Nash Central High School	2A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/15/2019	New Bern High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/3/2019	New Hanover High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	north brunswick hs	3A	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	North Buncombe	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	North Johnston	2A	Yes	No	N/A	No	Yes	Uncertain
11/1/2019	North Lincoln High School	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	North Mecklenburg	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	North Pitt	2A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain
11/5/2019	North Stanly	1A	Yes	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes

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11/5/2019	North Surry	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	North Wilkes	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/3/2019	Northern Durham	3A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/8/2019	Northern Guilford	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
11/5/2019	Northside- Pinetown	1A	No	No	N/A	No	Yes	Uncertain
11/6/2019	Northwood	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	OAK GROVE HIGH	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Orange	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Overhills	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Page	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/19/2019	Pamlico County HS	1A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Panther Creek HS	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
11/5/2019	Parkland High School	3A	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	Yes
10/31/2019	Patton	2A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Perquimans	1A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Pine Forest High School	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Pine Lake Prep	1A	Yes	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Pinecrest High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/15/2019	Porter Ridge High	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Providence High School	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/15/2019	Purnell Swett HS	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Randleman High School	2A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last y	No	Yes	Yes

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11/7/2019	Reagan	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/2/2019	Richlands high school	2A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Riverside Martin	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Robbinsville High School	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Rockingham County	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/7/2019	Salisbury High School	2A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Sanderson High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Seventy-First High School	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	South Central High School	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	South Columbus	1A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	South Creek High School	1A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	South Davidson High School	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	South Iredell High School	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/21/2019	south lenoir	2A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	South Meck	4A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
11/4/2019	South View High	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Southeast Halifax	1A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Southern Durham	3A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Southern Lee	3A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	St Stephens	3A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/20/2019	STUART CRAMER HIGH	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Sun Valley HS	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Timestam	Your School Name	Classifi cation of your school	Has your school ever fielded a JV Girls Basketball team before this year?	•	If you did field a JV Girls Basketball team last school year, did you have at least 11 players on both the JV and Varsity teams?	Do you anticipate fielding a JV Girls Basketball team this 2019-20 season?	Have you noticed a decline in overall Girls Basketball participation numbers (across both JV & Varsity) over the past few years? (overall, not just at your school)	Would you be in favor of a rule that would allow 9th & 10th Grade players to participate in 5 quarters on the same day (excluding overtime periods)? For the purposes of this rule, participation during the same day in five quarters shall be considered participation in only one game towards the 23 game season limit.
11/1/2019	Swain High School	1A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/2/2019	Swansboro High	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Tarboro High School	1A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	TC Roberson	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/7/2019	Thomasville High School	2A	No	No	N/A (no JV team last y	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	Triton High School	3A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Union Academy	1A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last y	No	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Union High School	1A	No	No	N/A	No	Yes	No
11/6/2019	Union Pines	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
11/1/2019	Uwharrie Charter Academy	1A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Wake Forest HS	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	Walkertown High School	2A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/6/2019	Watauga	3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	West Caldwell	2A	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	West Craven High School	2A	Yes	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
11/1/2019	West Forsyth	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	West Henderson High School	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/31/2019	west johnston	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
10/31/2019	Westover High	3A	Yes	Yes	No	Uncertain at this time	Yes	Yes
11/4/2019	Wheatmore	2A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No
11/18/2019	White Oak	3A	Yes	No	N/A (no JV team last y	Uncertain at this tin	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Whiteville HS	2A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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11/1/2019	Wilkes Central	2A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Uncertain
11/1/2019	William Amos Hough High	4A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/5/2019	Zebulon Vance HS	4A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
				<b>71.6</b> % responde	ents did field JVs last ye			
				of those with JV	s, <b>only 29% had 11 pl</b> a	Var teams (42 of 144)		

STATE	allow more than 4 quarters on same day
Alabama	No
Delaware	No
Florida	No
Maryland	No
Massachusetts	No
Michigan	No
New York	No
North Carolina	No
Oklahoma	No
South Carolina	No
Virginia	No
Alaska	Yes
Arizona	Yes
Arkansas	Yes
Colorado	Yes
Georgia	Yes
Idaho	Yes
Illinois	Yes
Indiana	Yes
Iowa	Yes
Kansas	Yes
Kentucky	Yes
Louisiana	Yes
Maine	Yes
Minnesota	Yes
Mississippi	Yes
Missouri	Yes
Nebraska	Yes
New Hampshire	Yes

New Jersey	Yes
New Mexico	Yes
North Dakota	Yes
Ohio	Yes
Oregon	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes
South Dakota	Yes
Tennesee	Yes
Texas	Yes
Utah	Yes
Vermont	Yes
Washington	Yes
West Virginia	Yes
Wisconsin	Yes
Wyoming	Yes
California	
Connecticut	
Hawaii	

#### SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

# BASKETBALL ROSTER PARTICIPATION FORM Seven-Quarter Rule

No student shall participate in more than seven (7) quarters of basketball in a given day against any common opponent, regardless of site in which contest is played. Violation of this rule will be a technical foul charged directly to the head coach and removal of the player from the game. Refusal to leave the game results in forfeiture.

High School	VS.	High School	Date
Contestant's Name			# Quarters Played in Preliminary Contest
1.			
2.			
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7.			
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Host Varsity Coach's S	 Signature	Visiting Varsity (	Coach's Signature

**NOTE:** Each member school is expected to make additional copies of this form with the understanding that said form will be given to the scorekeepers from each school. The scorekeepers from the host school and visiting school will complete the form as it applies to players from their respective schools. The varsity coaches from both schools will sign the form prior to the start of the varsity contest.

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Common Name	Longitude	Conference	Class	Region
Perquimans	-76.474	Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Gates County	-76.706	Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Northside - Pinetown	-76.73	Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Washington County	-76.738422	Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Pamlico County	-76.779	Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Bertie	-76.971	Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Southside	-77.057	Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Riverside-Martin		Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
South Creek		Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Northampton County		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
lones		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Lejeune		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Tarboro		Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
North Edgecombe		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Weldon		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
KIPP Pride		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Rocky Mount Prep		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Northwest Halifax		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Wilson Prep		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Pender		Waccamaw 1A/2A	1A	East
Rosewood		Carolina 1A	1A	East
		Carolina 1A	1A	Mideast
North Duplin		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	Mideast
Warren County	-78.321034		1A	Mideast
Neuse Charter		Carolina 1A	1A	Mideast
Hobbton		The state of the s	1A	Mideast
Henderson Collegiate		Triangle North 1A Carolina 1A	1A	Mideast
Lakewood			1A	Mideast
East Columbus		Waccamaw 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Voyager		Triangle North 1A	1A	Mideast
West Columbus		Waccamaw 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Eno River Academy		Triangle North 1A		Mideast
Woods Charter		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	
Chatham Central		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A		Mideast
Chatham Charter		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	Mideast
North Moore		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Eastern Randolph		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Cornerstone Charter		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Mideast
Bishop McGuinness		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Mideast
South Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Leadership Academy		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Mideast
South Stanly		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Albemarle		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Carver		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Midwest
Winston-Salem Prep		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Midwest
South Stokes		Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
Gray Stone Day	-80.28	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
North Stokes	-80.281	Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
North Rowan	-80.43	Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Union Academy	-80.582	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Apprentice Academy	-80.586	Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest

Millennium	-80.597	Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Midwest
Mount Airy	-80.616	Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
Cabarrus Charter	-80.668976	Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Queen's Grant	-80.70072	Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Bradford Prep	-80.721325	Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Carolina International		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Christ the King	-80.760456	Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Corvian Community		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Starmount		Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
Sugar Creek		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Langtree Charter		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Elkin		Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
East Wilkes	Contract of the Contract of th	Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
Mountain Island Charter		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	West
Alleghany		Northwest 1A	1A	West
Highland Tech		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Bessemer City		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Cherryville		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Draughn		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Thomas Jefferson			1A	West
Avery County		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Mitchell		Western Highlands 1A/2A		West
Mountain Heritage		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	
Rosman		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Cherokee		Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Swain County		Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Nantahala		Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Robbinsville		Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Hayesville		Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Andrews		Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Tri-County		Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Murphy	-84.016	Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Hiwassee Dam	-84.223	Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Manteo	-75.674	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Camden County	-76.172	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Northeastern	-76.255	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Pasquotank County	-76.274	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Holmes		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
East Carteret		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	2A	East
Hertford County		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Washington		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
West Craven		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
North Pitt		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Ayden - Grifton		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Southwest Onslow		East Central 2A	2A	East
Farmville Central		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
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Kinston Roanaka Panida		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	East
Roanoke Rapids		Eastern Plains 2A	2A 2A	East
SouthWest Edgecombe				_
Greene Central		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
North Lenoir	-77.679	East Central 2A	2A	East

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Lenoir		East Central 2A	2A	East
Ouplin			2A	East
ngfield		Neuse Six 2A	2A	East
rn Wayne		Neuse Six 2A	2A	East
Trask		Waccamaw 1A/2A	2A	East
g Creek		Neuse Six 2A	2A	East
Central		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	East
boro		Neuse Six 2A		
nce-Rose Hill		East Central 2A	2A	East
Kenan		East Central 2A	2A	Mideast
eton	-115	Neuse Six 2A	2A	Mideast
Johnston		Neuse Six 2A	2A	Mideast
		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
burg		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
on		Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
vay		Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
lin Academy		Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
/ebb		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
Bladen	-78.615	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
gh Charter	-78.647	Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Granville	-78.673	Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
ville Central	-78.687	Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
eville	-78.707	Waccamaw 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Bladen	-78.739	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Columbus	-78.812	Waccamaw 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
0.000	78.874303	Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
School of Science & Math		Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
uls	-78.977	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
rth	-79.06	Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
ont	-79.095	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
prings	-79.185	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
ett Yancey		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
mings		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
n-Matthews	1100	Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
ville		Mid-State 2A	2A	Mideast
dence Grove		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
head		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
leman		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
hwestern Randolph		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
ichael		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
Andrews		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
Aridrews		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
etmore		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
n		Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
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Magnet	-80.211 -80.283 -80.347 -80.366	Mid-State 2A Yadkin Valley 1A/2A Mid-State 2A Rocky River 2A/3A Central Carolina 1A/2A Mid-State 2A	2A 2A 2A 2A 2A 2A 2A	Mic Mic Mic Mic

Forest Hills	-80.411	Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
East Surry		Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Mount Pleasant		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Salisbury		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Lexington		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Monroe		Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
Forbush		Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Robinson		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
North Surry		Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Surry Central		Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Pine Lake Prep		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	2A	West
Community School of Davidson		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	2A	West
Lincoln Charter		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	2A	West
East Gaston		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
Bandys		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
North Wilkes		Foothills 2A	2A	West
Bunker Hill		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Wilkes Central		Foothills 2A	2A	West
Maiden		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Newton-Conover		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Lincolnton		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
West Wilkes		Foothills 2A	2A	West
West Lincoln		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
East Burke		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Burns	***************************************	Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
Shelby		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
West Caldwell		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Patton		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
East Rutherford		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Chase		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
R-S Central		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Polk County		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Owen		Western Highlands 1A/2A	2A	West
Hendersonville		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Madison		Western Highlands 1A/2A	2A	West
Brevard		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
First Flight		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	3A	East
Currituck County		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	3A	East
West Carteret		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Havelock		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Croatan		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Swansboro		Coastal 3A	3A	East
White Oak	The second secon	Coastal 3A	3A	East
J.H. Rose		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Northside - Jacksonville		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Jacksonville		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
South Central		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Dixon		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Richlands		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Rocky Mount		The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
Northern Nash		The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East

Fike	-77.922	Quad County 3A	3A	East
C.B. Aycock	-77.98	Quad County 3A	3A	East
Hunt	-77.998	Quad County 3A	3A	East
North Brunswick		Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
South Brunswick	-78.043	Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
Southern Wayne		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Southern Nash		The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
Smithfield-Selma		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Vance County	1	Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	East
West Brunswick		Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
East Wake		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Franklinton		The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
South Johnston		Quad County 3A	3A	Mideast
West Johnston		Quad County 3A	3A	Mideast
Triton		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Cape Fear		United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Harnett Central		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Southern Durham		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	Mideast
E.E. Smith		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Durham School of the Arts		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	Mideast
Terry Sanford		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
		United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Douglas Byrd		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Western Harnett		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Person		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Westover		The state of the s	3A	Mideast
Seventy-First		United Eight 3A/4A Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	Mideast
Carrboro		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Orange			3A	Mideast
Cedar Ridge		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Lee County		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Northwood		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Southern Lee		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Eastern Alamance		Central 3A		Mideast
Union Pines		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	
Williams		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Scotland		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Western Alamance		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Eastern Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Mideast
Northeast Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Mideast
Rockingham County		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Dudley		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Asheboro		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Ben L. Smith		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Southern Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Montgomery Central		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
High Point Central		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Ledford		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Oak Grove		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Atkins		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Davidson		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
North Davidson	-80.249	Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest

East Rowan	-80.424	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Carson		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Academy		Rocky River 2A/3A	3A	Midwest
Concord		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Cabarrus		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
South Rowan		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Parkwood		Rocky River 2A/3A	3A	Midwest
West Rowan		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Northwest Cabarrus		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Lake Norman Charter		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
West Charlotte		Queen City 3A/4A	3A	Midwest
North Iredell		Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
Statesville		Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
		Queen City 3A/4A	3A	Midwest
West Mecklenburg		Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
West Iredell		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
East Lincoln		The state of the s	3A	West
South Point		Big South 3A	3A	West
Cramer	**	Big South 3A	3A	West
North Lincoln		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Ashbrook		Big South 3A		
Forestview		Big South 3A	3A	West
North Gaston		Big South 3A	3A	West
Huss		Big South 3A	3A	West
St. Stephens		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Hickory		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Foard		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Kings Mountain	i ku	Big South 3A	3A	West
Ashe County		Northwestern 3A/4A	3A	West
Hibriten		Northwestern 3A/4A	3A	West
Crest		Big South 3A	3A	West
Freedom		Northwestern 3A/4A	3A	West
North Henderson	-82.42	Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
East Henderson		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
West Henderson	-82.515	Mountain Seven 3A		West
North Buncombe		The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
Erwin	-82.627	The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
Enka		The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
Pisgah	-82.842	Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Tuscola	-82.953	Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Smoky Mountain	-83.199	Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Franklin	-83.381	Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
New Bern	-77.116	Big Carolina 3A/4A	4A	East
D.H. Conley	-77.325	Big Carolina 3A/4A	4A	East
Topsail	-77.682	Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Laney	-77.872	Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Hoggard	-77.893	Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Ashley		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
New Hanover		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Corinth Holders		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Rolesville	· ———	Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Clayton	1	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East

Knightdale	-78.479	Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Cleveland		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Heritage		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Wake Forest		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Wakefield		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
South Garner		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Millbrook		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Enloe		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Southeast Raleigh		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Garner		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Sanderson		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Broughton		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Athens Drive		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Leesville Road		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Cardinal Gibbons		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Willow Spring		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Middle Creek		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	East
		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Cary Fuguay - Varina		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	Mideast
		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Apex		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Holly Springs		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Green Hope		All American 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Pine Forest		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Panther Creek		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Green Level		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Gray's Creek		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Hillside		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Apex Friendship		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Northern Durham		The state of the s	4A	Mideast
South View		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Riverside-Durham		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Jordan		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Overhills		All American 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Lumberton		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Jack Britt		United Eight 3A/4A	_	
East Chapel Hill		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast Mideast
Chapel Hill		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Hoke County		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A 4A	Mideast
Purnell Swett		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Southern Alamance		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Pinecrest		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Southeast Guilford		Metro 4A		Mideast
Richmond		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	
Page		Metro 4A	4A	Mideast Midwest
Northern Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Grimsley		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Western Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	
Ragsdale		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Northwest Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Southwest Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Glenn	-80.113	Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest

			4.5	Midwest
East Forsyth		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Parkland		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
R.J. Reynolds		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Mount Tabor		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Reagan		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
West Forsyth		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Piedmont		Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Davie		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Porter Ridge		Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
A.L. Brown		Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Hickory Ridge		Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Rocky River		Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
West Cabarrus	-80.64459	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Sun Valley		Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Independence		Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
Butler		Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
Weddington		Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Cox Mill	-80.729	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Cuthbertson	-80.737	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
East Mecklenburg	-80.758	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Providence	-80.763	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Chambers	-80.766	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Mallard Creek	-80.769	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Garinger	-80.783	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Marvin Ridge	-80.796	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	West
Mooresville	-80.802	Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Ardrey Kell	-80.826	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Hough	-80.829	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Myers Park	-80.832	So Meck 4A	4A	West
North Mecklenburg	-80.834	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Charlotte Catholic	-80.849	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
South Mecklenburg	-80.86	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Berry		So Meck 4A	4A	West
Lake Norman		Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Harding University		So Meck 4A	4A	West
Hopewell		Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
South Iredell		Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Olympic		So Meck 4A	4A	West
Alexander Central		Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
South Caldwell		Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
Watauga		Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
McDowell		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
A.C. Reynolds		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
T.C. Roberson		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
Asheville		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West

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Common Name	Longitude	Conference	Class	Region
Northside - Pinetown		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Pamlico County	-76.779	Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Southside	-77.057	Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Lejeune	-77.355	Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Tarboro	-77.559	Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
North East Carolina Prep	-77.58	Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Pender	-78.012	Waccamaw 1A/2A	1A	East
Rosewood	-78.075	Carolina 1A	1A	East
Neuse Charter	-78.321034		1A	East
Voyager		Triangle North 1A	1A	East
Chatham Central		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	1A	East
North Moore		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	1A	East
Eastern Randolph		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	1A	East
Uwharrie Charter		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	1A	East
Bishop McGuinness		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	East
Thomasville		Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	East
South Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	East
Leadership Academy		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	East
South Stanly		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	East
Albemarie		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	East
Carver		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	East
South Stokes		Northwest 1A	1A	East
North Stokes		Northwest 1A	1A	East
North Rowan		Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	East
Union Academy		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	West
Apprentice Academy		Metro Eight 1A	1A	West
Mount Airy		Northwest 1A	1A	West
Bradford Prep		Metro Eight 1A	1A	West
Corvian Community		Metro Eight 1A	1A	West
Starmount		Northwest 1A	1A	West
Langtree Charter		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	West
		Northwest 1A	1A	West
Elkin		Northwest 1A	1A	West
East Wilkes		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	West
Mountain Island Charter		Northwest 1A	1A	West
Alleghany		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Bessemer City		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Cherryville		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Draughn Thomas Lefferson		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Thomas Jefferson		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Avery County		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Mitchell		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Mountain Heritage		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Rosman		Smoky Mountain 1A,Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Cherokee		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A  Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Swain County			1A	West
Robbinsville		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Hayesville		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	_	
Andrews		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Murphy		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Manteo	-75.674	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East

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Northeastern	-76.255	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
lolmes	-76.605	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
East Carteret	-76.626	Coastal Plains 1A/2A	2A	East
Hertford County	-76.998	Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Washington	-77.013	Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
West Craven	-77.138	Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
North Pitt	-77.363	Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Ayden - Grifton	-77.431	Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Southwest Onslow	-77.481	East Central 2A	2A	East
armville Central	-77.569	Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Roanoke Rapids	-77.654	The Big East 2A/3A	2A	East
SouthWest Edgecombe	-77.661	Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Greene Central	-77.671	Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
North Lenoir	-77.679	East Central 2A	2A	East
outh Lenoir		East Central 2A	2A	East
Beddingfield		Neuse Six 2A	2A	East
astern Wayne		Neuse Six 2A	2A	East
leide Trask		Waccamaw 1A/2A	2A	East
Nash Central		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	East
North Johnston		Neuse Six 2A	2A	East
Bunn		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
ouisburg.		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
.F. Webb		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
South Granville		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
Granville Central		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
N.C. School of Science & Math		Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
St. Pauls		Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Seaforth		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Bartlett Yancey		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Graham		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Cummings		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
lordan-Matthews		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Reidsville		Mid-State 2A	2A	Mideast
Providence Grove		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Morehead		Mid-State 2A	2A	Mideast
Randieman		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Southwestern Randolph		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
McMichael		Mid-State 2A	2A	Mideast
T.W. Andrews		Mid-State 2A	2A	Mideast
Trinity		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Wheatmore		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
East Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Anson		Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
Walkertown	<u> </u>	Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
North Stanly		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
North Forsyth		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
West Stanly		Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
West Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
West Stokes		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
Forest Hills		Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
East Surry		Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest

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Mount Pleasant	-80.482	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Salisbury	-80.485	Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Lexington	-80.49	Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Monroe	-80.526	Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
Forbush	-80.555	Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Robinson	-80.662	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
North Surry	-80.674	Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Surry Central	-80.719	Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Lincoln Charter		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
East Gaston		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Bandys		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	Midwest
North Wilkes		Foothills 2A	2A	West
Bunker Hill		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Wilkes Central		Foothills 2A	2A	West
Maiden		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Newton-Conover		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Lincolnton		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
West Wilkes		Foothills 2A	2A	West
West Lincoln		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
East Burke		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Burns		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
Shelby		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
West Caldwell		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Patton		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
East Rutherford		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Chase R-S Central		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Polk County		Western Highlands 1A/2A	2A	West
Owen Hendersonville		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
		Western Highlands 1A/2A	2A	West
Madison		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Brevard		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	3A	East
First Flight		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	3A	East
Currituck County		Coastal 3A	3A	East
West Carteret			3A	East
Havelock		Big Carolina 3A/4A Coastal 3A	3A	East
Croatan		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Swansboro		Coastal 3A	3A	East
White Oak		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
J.H. Rose		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Northside - Jacksonville		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Jacksonville		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
South Central			3A	East
Dixon		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Richlands			3A	East
Rocky Mount		The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
Northern Nash		The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
Fike		Quad County 3A		
C.B. Aycock		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Hunt		Quad County 3A	3A	East
North Brunswick	-78.024	Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East

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South Brunswick		Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
Southern Wayne		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Southern Nash		The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
Smithfield-Selma		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Vance County	-78.372965	Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	East
West Brunswick	-78.412	Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
East Wake	-78.423	Quad County 3A	3A	East
Franklinton	-78.457	The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
South Johnston	-78.501	Quad County 3A	3A	Mideast
West Johnston	-78.538	Quad County 3A	3A	Mideast
Triton	-78.665	All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Cape Fear	-78.762	United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Harnett Central	-78.779	All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Southern Durham	-78.829	Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	ЗА	Mideast
E.E. Smith		All American 3A/4A	ЗА	Mideast
Durham School of the Arts		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	ЗА	Mideast
Terry Sanford		All American 3A/4A	ЗА	Mideast
Douglas Byrd		United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Western Harnett		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Person		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Westover		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Seventy-First		United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Carrboro Carrboro		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	Mideast
		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Orange		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Cedar Ridge		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Lee County		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Northwood		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Southern Lee		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Eastern Alamance		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Union Pines			3A	Mideast
Williams		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Scotland		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Western Alamance		Central 3A		
Eastern Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Mideast
Northeast Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Rockingham County		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Dudley		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Asheboro		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Ben L. Smith		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Southern Guilford	40.00	Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Montgomery Central		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
High Point Central		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Ledford		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Oak Grove		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Atkins		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Davidson		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
North Davidson		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
East Rowan		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Carson		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Academy		Rocky River 2A/3A	3A	Midwest
Concord	-80.582	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest

Central Cabarrus	-80.584	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
South Rowan	-80.61	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Parkwood	-80.631	Rocky River 2A/3A	3A	Midwest
West Rowan	-80.643	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Northwest Cabarrus	-80.663	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
West Charlotte	-80.859	Queen City 3A/4A	3A	Midwest
North Iredell		Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
Statesville		Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
West Mecklenburg		Queen City 3A/4A	3A	Midwest
West Iredell		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
East Lincoln		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
South Point		Big South 3A	3A	West
Cramer		Big South 3A	3A	West
North Lincoln		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Ashbrook		Big South 3A	3A	West
Forestview		Big South 3A	3A	West
North Gaston		Big South 3A	3A	West
Huss		Big South 3A	3A	West
St. Stephens		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Hickory		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Foard		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
		Big South 3A	3A	West
Kings Mountain		Northwestern 3A/4A	3A	West
Ashe County		Northwestern 3A/4A	3A	West
Hibriten		Big South 3A	3A	West
Crest		Northwestern 3A/4A	3A	West
Freedom		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
North Henderson		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
East Henderson		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
West Henderson		The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
North Buncombe		The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
Erwin		The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
Enka			3A	West
Pisgah		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Tuscola		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Smoky Mountain		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Franklin		Mountain Seven 3A	4A	East
New Bern		Big Carolina 3A/4A	4A	East
D.H. Conley		Big Carolina 3A/4A	4A	East
Topsail		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Laney		Mideastern 3A/4A		
Hoggard		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East East
Ashley		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	
New Hanover		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Corinth Holders		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Rolesville	100	Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Clayton		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Knightdale		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Cleveland		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Heritage		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Wake Forest		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Wakefield	-78.57	Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East

South Garner	-78.580168	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Millbrook	-78.603	Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Enloe	-78.604	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Southeast Raleigh	-78.604	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Garner	-78.637	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Sanderson	-78.647	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Broughton	-78.653	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Athens Drive	-78.711	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Leesville Road	-78.717	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Cardinal Gibbons		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Willow Spring	-78.7372399	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Middle Creek	-78.758	Southwest Wake 4A	4A	East
Cary	-78.764	Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Fuguay - Varina	-78,797	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	Mideast
Apex		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Holly Springs		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Green Hope		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Pine Forest		All American 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Panther Creek		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Green Level		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Gray's Creek		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Hillside		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Apex Friendship		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Northern Durham		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
South View		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Riverside-Durham		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Jordan Jordan		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Overhills		All American 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Lumberton		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Jack Britt		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
East Chapel Hill		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Chapel Hill		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Hoke County		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Purnell Swett		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Southern Alamance		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Pinecrest		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Southeast Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Mideast
Richmond		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Page		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Northern Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Grimsley		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Western Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Ragsdale		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Northwest Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Southwest Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Glenn		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
East Forsyth		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Parkland		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
R.J. Reynolds		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Mount Tabor		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Reagan		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest

West Forsyth		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Piedmont	-80.491	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Davie	-80.553	Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Porter Ridge	-80.57	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
A.L. Brown	-80.618	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Hickory Ridge	-80.635	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Rocky River	-80.64	Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
West Cabarrus	-80.64459	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Sun Valley	-80.645	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
ndependence	-80.688	Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
Butler	-80.691	Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
Weddington	-80.726	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Cox Mill	-80.729	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Cuthbertson	-80.737	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	West
East Mecklenburg	-80.758	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Providence	-80.763	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Chambers	-80.766	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Mallard Creek	-80.769	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Garinger	-80.783	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Marvin Ridge	-80.796	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	West
Mooresville	-80.802	Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Ardrey Kell	-80.826	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Hough	-80.829	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Myers Park	-80.832	So Meck 4A	4A	West
North Mecklenburg	-80.834	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Charlotte Catholic	-80.849	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
South Mecklenburg	-80.86	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Berry	-80.892	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Lake Norman	-80.903	Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Harding University	-80.903	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Hopewell		Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
South Iredell		Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Olympic	-80.952	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Alexander Central	-81.189	Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
South Caldwell		Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
Watauga	-81.676	Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
McDowell		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
A.C. Reynolds		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
T.C. Roberson		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
Asheville		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West

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Common Name	Longitude	Conference	Class	Region
Cape Hatteras		Atlantic Five 1A	1A	East
Ocracoke	-75.98	Atlantic Five 1A	1A	East
Perquimans	-76.474	Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Gates County		Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Northside - Pinetown		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Pamlico County		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Riverside-Martin		Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
Bear Grass Charter		Atlantic Five 1A	1A	East
Lejeune		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	1A	East
Southeast Halifax		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Tarboro		Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
North East Carolina Prep		Four Rivers 1A	1A	East
North Edgecombe		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
KIPP Pride		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Rocky Mount Prep		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Northwest Halifax		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Pender		Waccamaw 1A/2A	1A	East
Rosewood	144	Carolina 1A	1A	East
North Duplin		Carolina 1A	1A	East
		Tar Roanoke 1A	1A	East
Warren County East Wake Academy		Super Six 1A/2A	1A	East
Neuse Charter	-78.321034	The state of the s	1A	East
		Carolina 1A	1A	Mideast
Hobbton Collegists		Triangle North 1A	1A	Mideast
Henderson Collegiate		Triangle North 1A	1A	Mideast
Vance Charter			1A	Mideast
Oxford Prep		Triangle North 1A Super Six 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Fails Lake		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	Mideast
Triangle Math & Science		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	Mideast
Southern Wake Academy			1A	Mideast
Voyager		Triangle North 1A	1A	Mideast
Roxboro Community		Triangle North 1A	1A	Mideast
Eno River Academy		Triangle North 1A		
Woods Charter		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	Mideast
Chatham Central		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
River Mill		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	Mideast
Clover Garden School		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	Mideast
Chatham Charter		Central Tar Heel 1A	1A	Mideast
North Moore		Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Eastern Randolph		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Uwharrie Charter		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
Bethany		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Mideast
Cornerstone Charter		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Mideast
Bishop McGuinness		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Mideast
Thomasville		Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Mideast
South Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Leadership Academy		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Midwest
South Stanly		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Carver		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Midwest
Winston-Salem Prep		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Midwest
South Stokes	-80.24	Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest

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Gray Stone Day	-80.28	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
North Stokes		Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
North Rowan		Central Carolina 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Union Academy		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Apprentice Academy Millennium		Northwest Piedmont 1A	1A	Midwest
		Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
Mount Airy Queen's Grant		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Bradford Prep		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Carolina International		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Christ the King Corvian Community		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
		Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
Starmount		Metro Eight 1A	1A	Midwest
Sugar Creek		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	Midwest
Langtree Charter		Northwest 1A	1A	Midwest
Elkin		Northwest 1A	1A	West
East Wilkes		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	1A	West
Mountain Island Charter		Metro Eight 1A	1A	West
Piedmont Community Charter		Northwest 1A	1A	West
Alleghany		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Highland Tech		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Bessemer City		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Cherryville			1A	West
Draughn		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Thomas Jefferson		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	1A	West
Avery County		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Mitchell		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Mountain Heritage		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Rosman		Western Highlands 1A/2A	1A	West
Highlands		Smoky Mountain 1A, Little Smoky Mountain 1A		West
Cherokee		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A 1A	
Swain County		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Nantahala		Smoky Mountain 1A, Little Smoky Mountain 1A		West West
Robbinsville		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	
Hayesville		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Tri-County		Smoky Mountain 1A, Little Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Murphy		Smoky Mountain 1A, Big Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Hiwassee Dam		Smoky Mountain 1A, Little Smoky Mountain 1A	1A	West
Manteo		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Camden County		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Northeastern		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Pasquotank County		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Holmes		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
East Carteret		Coastal Plains 1A/2A	2A	East
Hertford County		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	2A	East
Washington		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
North Pitt		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Ayden - Grifton		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Southwest Onslow		East Central 2A	2A	East
Farmville Central		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
Kinston	-77.575	East Central 2A	2A	East

Roanoke Rapids	-77 654	The Big East 2A/3A	2A	East
Greene Central		Eastern Plains 2A	2A	East
North Lenoir		East Central 2A	2A	East
		East Central 2A	2A	East
South Lenoir	1	East Central 2A	2A	East
East Duplin		Neuse Six 2A	2A	East
Beddingfield		Waccamaw 1A/2A	2A	East
Heide Trask			2A	East
Nash Central		The Big East 2A/3A Neuse Six 2A	2A 2A	East
Spring Creek		The state of the s	2A 2A	East
Goldsboro		Neuse Six 2A East Central 2A	2A 2A	East
James Kenan			2A	Mideast
Princeton		Neuse Six 2A	2A 2A	Mideast
North Johnston		Neuse Six 2A		
Bunn		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
Louisburg		The Big East 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
Clinton		Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Midway		Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Franklin Academy		Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
J.F. Webb		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
Raleigh Charter		Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Granville Central		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	2A	Mideast
West Bladen		Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Research Triangle		Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
N.C. School of Science & Math		Super Six 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
St. Pauls	-78.977	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Seaforth	-79.06	Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Fairmont	-79.095	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Red Springs	-79.185	Southeastern Athletic 2A	2A	Mideast
Graham	-79.382	Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Jordan-Matthews	-79.451	Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Providence Grove	-79.714	Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Morehead	-79.736	Mid-State 2A	2A	Mideast
Randleman	-79.82	Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
Southwestern Randolph		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Mideast
McMichael		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
T.W. Andrews		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
Trinity		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Wheatmore		Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
East Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Anson		Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
Walkertown		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
North Stanly		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
North Forsyth		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
West Davidson		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
West Stokes		Mid-State 2A	2A	Midwest
Forest Hills		Rocky River 2A/3A	2A	Midwest
East Surry		Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Mount Pleasant		Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Salisbury		Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Lexington		Central Carolina 1A/2A  Central Carolina 1A/2A	2A	Midwest

Robinson	-80.662	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
North Surry	-80.674	Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Surry Central	-80.719	Foothills 2A	2A	Midwest
Pine Lake Prep	-80.844	Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Community School of Davidson		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
Lincoln Charter		Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A	2A	Midwest
East Gaston		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
Bandys		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
North Wilkes		Foothills 2A	2A	West
Bunker Hill		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Wilkes Central		Foothills 2A	2A	West
Maiden		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Newton-Conover		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Lincolnton		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
West Wilkes		Foothills 2A	2A	West
West Lincoln		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
East Burke		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
Burns		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
Shelby		Southern Piedmont 1A/2A	2A	West
West Caldwell		Catawba Valley Athletic 2A	2A	West
		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Patton East Rutherford		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Chase		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
R-S Central		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Polk County			2A	West
Owen		Western Highlands 1A/2A  Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	2A	West
Hendersonville		the state of the s	2A	West
Madison		Western Highlands 1A/2A	2A	West
Brevard		Mountain Foothills Seven 2A	3A	East
First Flight		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	3A	East
Currituck County		Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	3A	East
West Carteret		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Havelock		Big Carolina 3A/4A		
Croatan		Coastal 3A	3A 3A	East East
Swansboro		Coastal 3A		
White Oak		Coastal 3A	3A	East
J.H. Rose		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Northside - Jackson ville		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Jacksonville		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
South Central		Big Carolina 3A/4A	3A	East
Dixon		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Richlands		Coastal 3A	3A	East
Rocky Mount		The Big East 2A/3A	3A_	East
Northern Nash	****	The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
Fike		Quad County 3A	3A	East
C.B. Aycock		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Hunt		Quad County 3A	3A	East
North Brunswick		Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
South Brunswick		Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
Southern Wayne		Quad County 3A	3A	East
Southern Nash	-78.087	The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East

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Smithfield-Selma	-78.324	Quad County 3A	3A	East
West Brunswick	-78.412	Mideastern 3A/4A	3A	East
East Wake	-78.423	Quad County 3A	3A	East
Franklinton	-78.457	The Big East 2A/3A	3A	East
South Johnston		Quad County 3A	3A	Mideast
West Johnston	-78.538	Quad County 3A	3A	Mideast
Triton		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Cape Fear		United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Harnett Central		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Southern Durham		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	Mideast
E.E. Smith		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Durham School of the Arts		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	Mideast
Terry Sanford		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Douglas Byrd	_	United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Western Harnett		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Person		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Westover		All American 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Seventy-First		United Eight 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Seventy-First Carrboro		Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	3A	Mideast
		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Orange Codes Bidge		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Cedar Ridge			3A	Mideast
Lee County		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Northwood		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Eastern Alamance		Central 3A		
Union Pines		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Williams		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Scotland		Sandhills 3A/4A	3A	Mideast
Western Alamance		Central 3A	3A	Mideast
Eastern Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Mideast
Northeast Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Mideast
Rockingham County		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Dudley		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Asheboro	-79.819	Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Ben L. Smith		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Southern Guilford		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Montgomery Central		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
High Point Central		Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Ledford	-80.12	Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Oak Grove		Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Atkins	-80.196	Mid-State 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Davidson	-80.222	Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
North Davidson	-80.249	Mid-Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
East Rowan	-80.424	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Carson	-80.545	South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Academy	-80.567	Rocky River 2A/3A	3A	Midwest
Concord		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Central Cabarrus		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
South Rowan		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Parkwood		Rocky River 2A/3A	3A	Midwest
West Rowan		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest
Northwest Cabarrus		South Piedmont 3A	3A	Midwest

Lake Norman Charter		South Piedmont 3A	-	Midwest
North Iredell		Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
Statesville	-80.893	Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
West Mecklenburg	-80.953	Queen City 3A/4A	3A	Midwest
West Iredell	-80.991	Western Foothills 3A	3A	Midwest
East Lincoln	-81.026	Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
South Point	-81.039	Big South 3A	3A	West
Cramer	-81.058976	Big South 3A	3A	West
North Lincoln	-81.12	Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Ashbrook	-81.127	Big South 3A	3A	West
Forestview	-81.133	Big South 3A	3A	West
North Gaston	-81.177	Big South 3A	3A	West
Huss	-81.207	Big South 3A	3A	West
St. Stephens		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Hickory	-81.332	Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Foard		Western Foothills 3A	3A	West
Kings Mountain		Big South 3A	3A	West
Ashe County		Northwestern 3A/4A	3A	West
Hibriten		Northwestern 3A/4A	ЗА	West
Crest	<u> </u>	Big South 3A	ЗА	West
Freedom		Northwestern 3A/4A	ЗА	West
North Henderson		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
East Henderson		Mountain Seven 3A	ЗА	West
West Henderson		Mountain Seven 3A	ЗА	West
North Buncombe		The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
Erwin		The Mountain 3A/4A	3A	West
Enka		The Mountain 3A/4A	ЗА	West
Pisgah		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Tuscola		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
Smoky Mountain		Mountain Seven 3A	ЗА	West
Franklin		Mountain Seven 3A	3A	West
New Bern		Big Carolina 3A/4A	4A	East
D.H. Conley		Big Carolina 3A/4A	4A	East
Topsail Topsail		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Laney		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Hoggard		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Ashley		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
New Hanover		Mideastern 3A/4A	4A	East
Corinth Holders		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Rolesville		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Clayton		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Knightdale		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Cleveland		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Heritage		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Wake Forest			4A	East
Wakefield		Northern Athletic 4A	_	East
South Garner		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	
Millbrook		Northern Athletic 4A	4A	East
Enloe		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Southeast Raleigh		Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Garner	-78.637	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East

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Sanderson	-78.647	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Broughton	-78.653	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Athens Drive	-78.711	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Leesville Road		Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Cardinal Gibbons	-78.727	Cap Six 4A	4A	East
Willow Spring	-78.7372399	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	East
Middle Creek	-78.758	Southwest Wake 4A	4A	East
Cary	-78.764	Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Fuquay - Varina	-78.797	Greater Neuse River 4A	4A	Mideast
Apex		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Holly Springs	-78.849	Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Green Hope	-78.868	Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Pine Forest		All American 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Panther Creek		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Green Level		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Gray's Creek		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Hillside		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Apex Friendship		Southwest Wake 4A	4A	Mideast
Northern Durham		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
South View		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Riverside-Durham		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Jordan		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Overhills		All American 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Lumberton		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Jack Britt		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
East Chapel Hill		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Chapel Hill		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Hoke County		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Purneil Swett		United Eight 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Southern Alamance		DAC-VII 4A	4A	Mideast
Pinecrest		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
		Metro 4A	4A	Mideast
Southeast Guilford		Sandhills 3A/4A	4A	Mideast
Richmond			4A	Midwest
Page		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Northern Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Grimsley		Metro 4A Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Western Guilford			4A	Midwest
Ragsdale		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Northwest Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Southwest Guilford		Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Glenn		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
East Forsyth		Central Piedmont 4A		Midwest
Parkland		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	
R.J. Reynolds		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Mount Tabor		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Reagan		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
West Forsyth		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Piedmont		Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Davie		Central Piedmont 4A	4A	Midwest
Porter Ridge		Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
A.L. Brown	-80.618	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest

Hickory Ridge	-80.635	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Rocky River	-80.64	Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
West Cabarrus	-80.64459	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Sun Valley	-80.645	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Independence	-80.688	Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
Butler	-80.691	Southwestern 4A	4A	Midwest
Weddington	-80.726	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	Midwest
Cox Mill	-80.729	Greater Metro 4A	4A	Midwest
Cuthbertson	-80.737	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	West
East Mecklenburg	-80.758	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Providence	-80.763	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
Chambers	-80.766	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Mallard Creek	-80.769	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Marvin Ridge	-80.796	Southern Carolina 4A	4A	West
Mooresville	-80.802	Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Ardrey Kell	-80.826	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Hough	-80.829	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Myers Park	-80.832	So Meck 4A	4A	West
North Mecklenburg	-80.834	Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
Charlotte Catholic	-80.849	Southwestern 4A	4A	West
South Mecklenburg	-80.86	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Berry	-80.892	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Harding University	-80.903	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Lake Norman	-80.903	Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Hopewell		Queen City 3A/4A	4A	West
South Iredell	-80.91	Greater Metro 4A	4A	West
Olympic	-80.952	So Meck 4A	4A	West
Alexander Central		Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
South Caldwell		Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
Watauga		Northwestern 3A/4A	4A	West
McDowell	-82.035	The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
A.C. Reynolds	-82.477	The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
T.C. Roberson		The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West
Asheville	-82.553	The Mountain 3A/4A	4A	West

# 2021-25 Regional Assignments Wrestling

	1A East		1A West				
Atlantic 5	Northwest Piedmont	Catawba Shores Athletic	Smoky Mountain				
Carolina	Piedmont Athletic	Metro 8	Southern Piedmont				
Central Carolina	Super Six	Northwest	Western Highlands				
Central Tar Heel	Tar Roanoke						
Coastal Plains	Triangle North						
Four Rivers	Waccamaw	000					
Mid-Carolina	Yadkin Valley	1111					
2A East	2A Mideast	2A Midwest	2A West				
Coastal Plains	Mid-Carolina	Central Carolina	Catawba Shores Athletic				
East Central	Northern Lakes Athletic	Foothills	Catawba Valley Athletic				
Eastern Plains	Southeastern Athletic	Mid-State	Mountain Foothills 7				
Neuse 6	Super Six	Piedmont Athletic	Southern Piedmont				
Northeastern Coastal	The Big East	Rocky River	Western Highlands				
	Waccamaw	Yadkin Valley					
3A East	3A Mideast	3A Midwest	3A West				
Big East	All American	Mid Piedmont	Big South				
Coastal	Central	Mid-State	Mountain 7				
Mideastern	Northern Lakes Athletic	Rocky River	Northwestern				
Northeastern Coastal	Sandhills	South Piedmont	Queen City				
Quad County	The Big East		The Mountain				
	United 8		Western Foothills				
4A East	4A Mideast	4A Midwest	4A West				
Big East	All American	Central Piedmont	Northwestern				
CAP 6	DAC-VII	Greater Metro	Queen City				
Greater Neuse River	Sandhills	Metro	So Meck				
Mideastern	Southwest Wake	Southern Carolina	Southwestern				
Northern Athletic	United 8	_	The Mountain				

# 2021-25 Regional Assignments Cross-Country, M Golf, Track and Field

Updated August 19, 2021

1A East	1A Mideast	1A Midwest	1A West
Atlantic 5 1A	Carolina 1A	Central Carolina 1A/2A	Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A
Coastal Plains 1A/2A	Central Tar Heel 1A	Metro 8 1A	Northwest 1A
Four Rivers 1A	Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	Northwest Piedmont 1A	Smoky Mountain 1A
Tar Roanoke 1A	Super Six 1A/2A	Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	Southern Piedmont 1A/2A
	Triangle North 1A	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	Western Highlands 1A/2A
	Waccamaw 1A/2A		
2A East	2A Mideast	2A Midwest	2A West
Coastal Plains 1A/2A	Mid-Carolina 1A/2A	Central Carolina 1A/2A	Catawba Shores Athletic 1A/2A
East Central 2A	Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	Foothills 2A	Catawba Valley Athletic 2A
Eastern Plains 2A	Southeastern Athletic 2A	Mid-State 2A	Mountain Foothills 7 2A
Neuse 6 2A	Super Six 1A/2A	Piedmont Athletic 1A/2A	Southern Piedmont 1A/2A
Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	The Big East 2A/3A	Rocky River 2A/3A	Western Highlands 1A/2A
	Waccamaw 1A/2A	Yadkin Valley 1A/2A	
3A East	3A Mideast	3A Midwest	3A West
Big Carolina 3A/4A	All American 3A/4A	Mid Piedmont 3A	Big South 3A
Coastal 3A	Central 3A	Mid-State 3A	Mountain 7 3A
Mideastern 3A/4A	Northern Lakes Athletic 2A/3A	Rocky River 2A/3A	Northwestern 3A/4A
Northeastern Coastal 2A/3A	Sandhills 3A/4A	South Piedmont 3A	Queen City 3A/4A
Quad County 3A	The Big East 2A/3A		The Mountain 3A/4A
	United 8 3A/4A		Western Foothills 3A
4A East	4A Mideast	4A Midwest	4A West
Big Carolina 3A/4A	All American 3A/4A	Central Piedmont 4A	Northwestern 3A/4A
CAP 6 4A	DAC-VII 4A	Greater Metro 4A	Queen City 3A/4A
Greater Neuse River 4A	Sandhills 3A/4A	Metro 4A	So Meck 4A
Mideastern 3A/4A	Southwest Wake 4A	Southern Carolina 4A	Southwestern 4A
Northern Athletic 4A	United 8 3A/4A		The Mountain 3A/4A

On Wed, Apr 6, 2022 at 11:42 AM Barry, Benjamin R. < <a href="mailto:benjamin.barry@cms.k12.nc.us">benjamin.barry@cms.k12.nc.us</a>> wrote: Good Morning, Region 6 Representatives!

My name is Ben Barry, and I am the head wrestling and cross country coach at Mallard Creek High School in Charlotte. In preparation for the upcoming Spring Meeting, I would like to share my perspective on two agenda items with you.

#### Regional Alignment for Wrestling, XC, and Track

It has come to my attention that there are stakeholders pushing to change regional assignments for Wrestling and Cross Country (and Track) after one year in the new re-alignment period. I believe a majority of these arguments are based on "toughness of competition" rather than participation data. Individual athletic programs rise and fall over the years, and the NCHSAA should not change regional assignments based on subjective opinions or the quality of competition, which is always in flux across all regions and classifications. Also, one of the repercussions of changing regions based on assumed or alleged wrestling disparities may be the creation of others in Cross Country / Track or vice versa.

As a specific reference, there was a concern this past season that participation numbers were down for the 2A Midwest in wrestling, and that may be worth taking a look at, but there are many stakeholders in the 4AMidwest Region that are using the 2A Midwest participation data to argue for a change in their regional assignments because the 4AMidwest was more competitive than other 4A regions this year. The Midwest 4A has the data to prove they were the most successful at the state tournament this past season, but again, the level of competition in one season does not give cause to rearrange regional assignments.

Please vote to keep the regional assignments as they are for the 2021-25 period, keeping LEAs and conferences together as they advance through the individual qualifying process.

#### **Sanctioning Women's Wrestling**

Here at Mallard Creek, we have grown from 5 to 10 athletes in our women's program over the past two years. This year we are proud to announce we had an individual champion in the Women's Invitational and our first athlete to sign a commitment letter to compete at the college level. Nationally, women's wrestling is among the fastest-growing sports, and it is quickly being sanctioned around the country. We, in NC, have the participation numbers that warrant sanctioning, and these young women need the resources that will help fortify programs across our state. Please vote to sanction women's wrestling in NC.

Thank you for your consideration and for serving our region. I have CC'd my Athletic Director, Principal, and County Athletic Director.

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October 29, 2021

To the NCHSAA,

It's my pleasure to write to you on behalf of the North Carolina Sanction NC Task Force. I trust this note finds you well and off to a great year in your school system.

First I'd like to *thank* the NCHSAA Board of Directors and staff for their leadership, partnership, and support of the women's wrestling movement in North Carolina. Our state has a rich history and tradition in the sport, going back to the pioneer days of Sara McMann (recent NWHOF inductee) and continuing to today.

In recent years momentum and numbers have grown for women in our sport, and the NCHSAA has been responsive to that growth. You have **always** supported participation for women, and in recent years your support of the NCHSAA Women's Invitational Championships has provided a catalyst for the explosion we are seeing today.

We are now coming to you asking you to take the **next step forward** for women's wrestling in North Carolina. We are submitting a plan to lead us to full sanctioning of women's wrestling in our state. This would include separate divisions for women as well as a sanctioned championship event to be held alongside the men's tournament.

We have worked with wrestling leaders across the state and nation to develop this plan of action, and we believe **the time for its implementation has come**. We trust that you will consider it and work along side the wrestling community in our state to make the dream of NCHSAA sanctioned women's wrestling a reality

Yours in Wrestling, Ed Duncan

#### SanctionNC Task Force

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# SANCTIONING WOMEN'S WRESTLING PROPOSAL

**AUGUST 14, 2021** 

As presented by SanctionNC Women's Wrestling Task Force

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# SANCTIONING WOMEN'S WRESTLING

"We should not require young girls to test themselves against males in this sport in order to be a competitive wrestler or to be valued as a good wrestler. It is a tough and demanding sport as it is, and young girls deserve the right to compete with other tough female wrestlers. The longer we force girls to compete against boys, the more we prevent the growth of women's wrestling."

-Katherine Shai



# SANCTIONING WOMEN'S WRESTLING

## **MILESTONES**

**2004** Sara McMann (McDowell)

1st American woman to medal in the Olympics

**2008** Olivia Neal (Rosewood)

1st woman to qualify for the men's state wrestling championships

**2018** Heaven Fitch (Uwharrie Charter)

1st woman to win a men's conference title and the MOW

**2019** Amber Parker (Parkwood) 1st NC Women's Open Invitational State champion

**2020** Heaven Fitch (Uwharrie Charter)

1st woman to win a men's state championship

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this proposal, presented to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, is to formally request that women's wrestling be sanctioned as a high school sport in North Carolina, and be provided a women's NCHSAA championship event.



# SANCTIONING WOMEN'S WRESTLING

1. Implementation of Girls Wrestling: The proposed plan is to have a transition period that would permit women the option of participating in both their school's men's lineup and women's lineup during regular season contests only. If a tournament only hosts a men's division, then women will have the option of competing in the men's division. If a tournament offers both a men's and women's division, then women would be required to wrestle in the women's division. After the sanctioning of women's wrestling, women would only participate against women at women-only competition and must participate in the women's postseason only.

**2. Weight Classes:** The NCHSAA will utilize the NFHS weights for women's wrestling. The women's weight classes will be released to all member schools, by the NCHSAA before the first competition date each season.

**3. Contest Limits:** Women and men will both follow the same contest limitations as listed in the NCHSAA Board Handbook Rule 44, Article 6.



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**4. Coaching and Practices:** A NCHSAA member school who offers both men's wrestling and women's wresting are permitted to use the same coaching staff to oversee both teams. Furthermore, both the men's and women's wrestling teams that consist of enrolled students from the same school or an approved cooperative may practice at the same time in the same practice facility under the guidance and leadership of the same coaching staff.

#### 5. Postseason and Qualifying Events:

There will be one classification for the NCHSAA Women's Wrestling Championships. Seeding will be determined by several criteria, including overall record, returning placers from the year before's championship, and placement at selected events throughout the regular season.

Future consideration may be given to the addition of regional qualifying events once merited by increased participation numbers.



# SANCTIONING WOMEN'S WRESTLING

#### **NCHSAA Women's State Tournament:**

- 1. The State tournament will be established in an 16-person bracket format
- 2. The State tournament will be held initially in conjunction with the men's dual team state finals. Preliminary rounds would be conducted on Friday, with championship matches contested on Saturday.
- 3. The top 4 place finishers at the state tournament will be recognized as state medalists.
- 4. The top 2 team finishers at the state tournament will be recognized as team trophy winners



# SANCTIONING WOMEN'S WRESTLING

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As we discussed earlier this month, the Tennis Coaches Association has a proposal that we would like considered to allow for an open dual team tournament for the 2022-2023 school year for the women's and men's tennis seasons as a pilot program to assess its effectiveness in being a more fair way to decide a state champion. With the lack of a MaxPreps RPI rating to gauge team strength when selecting and seeding teams, we feel that this proposal would be the most fair system to make sure that worthy teams are not left out of the playoffs. We ask for the board to give consideration to the merits of this proposal and consider allowing us to try it for the next school year, with the hopes of continuing it going forward if the feedback is positive. I have attached a document that details the proposal and Vic Ramsey has created videos (similar to his video explaining the Regional draw process that we switched to several years ago) explaining the proposal, which are available at the following links:

Part 1: Why this Change is Necessary and Beneficial - <a href="https://youtu.be/Kg2gw8iaKUI">https://youtu.be/Kg2gw8iaKUI</a> Part 2: How an Open Tournament Would Work - <a href="https://youtu.be/cQRTYkzWxkQ">https://youtu.be/cQRTYkzWxkQ</a> Part 3: Questions and Answers - <a href="https://youtu.be/I5OUPB8GOs8">https://youtu.be/mlpEmwx1ArY</a>

While we attempted to answer any common questions that would arise in the video, we would also like the opportunity to answer any questions the board may have when considering this proposal, either by allowing one of our representatives to attend the meeting, or by conferencing us in when this agenda item is considered. Thank you for presenting our proposal to the board for consideration and please let me know if you have any questions are need anything else from us.

Andrew Tuttle NC Tennis Coaches Association

#### **Everybody Plays: An "Open" Model for the State Tournament**

By Vic Ramsey, on behalf of the NC High School Tennis Coaches Association

#### **Executive Summary**

Currently, the NCHSAA selects teams for, or excludes teams from, the playoffs based on three criteria:

- 1. the number of teams in one's conference, which determines how many automatic qualifiers each conference is entitled to,
- 2. a team's final standing within its conference, and
- 3. a team's MaxPreps RPI ranking, or, in the absence of MaxPreps rankings, a team's overall record.

These criteria are imperfectly related to a team's actual strength, compared with other teams across the state.

- 1. The number of teams in one's conference does not affect the actual strength of the teams within that conference.
- 2. A team's conference standing accurately describes its strength relative to the other teams in its own conference. However, a team's conference standing tells us nothing about its strength relative to teams playing other conferences across the state.
- 3. A team's overall record is, to a large extent, a function of its non-conference schedule, giving coaches the ability to build a favorable overall record simply by scheduling weak opponents.
- 4. Teams in the lower division of a split conference are at a distinct disadvantage when compared with teams that are in the higher division of a split conference.
- 5. Because the NCHSAA, for understandable reasons, precludes MaxPreps from considering margin of victory as a factor in its RPI rankings, there is no credit for playing a strong opponent and losing by a closer than expected margin. Thus, even MaxPreps rankings, while adjusting somewhat for strength of schedule, still create an incentive to play only those non-conference contests a coach feels certain to win.

For these reasons, the criteria for playoff selection currently in use do not treat the member schools fairly. Good teams are left out of the playoffs, and weaker teams are allowed to participate.

Lacking a fair way to select teams for the playoffs, the NCHSAA should adopt an "open" or "everybody plays" model for its state tournaments. Doing so would allow the better teams to prove their worth on the court or the field, in direct competition with their peers.

Moreover, adopting an "everybody plays" state tournament at the end of the regular season would allow play in four pre-determined geographic sections, reducing travel distances by 20%-30%. Provisions can also be adopted to avoid early-round contests between members of the same conference.

An "open" or "everybody plays" system would also simplify realignment, allow for more geographically compact conferences, protect traditional rivalries, and reduce travel distances during the regular season as well.

Tennis is an ideal sport in which to conduct a "proof of concept" pilot.

- Tennis coaches are largely dissatisfied with the current system and are open to experimentation.
- Tennis coaches, and tennis culture at large, are comfortable with the concept of a random draw being fundamentally fair.
- The costs of a tennis match are borne exclusively by the participating schools, and, those costs are minimal, (only travel for the visiting team), with no cost for officials or security incurred.
- A one-year pilot can be conducted without lengthening the calendar space allotted to tennis.

For all these reasons, we request that tennis be allowed to conduct an "everybody plays" dual-team tournament for both boys and girls in the 2022-2023 school year.

#### First, A Story

The Northeastern Coastal Conference had five schools participating in girls tennis last fall. The published rules in the NCHSAA handbook stated that, for a conference with five or more teams, the conference would be entitled to two berths in the state tournament.

At the end of the 2019 girls tennis season, Currituck and Northeastern stood tied for second, with identical 5-3 conference records. The teams had split their regular season matches, and each had lost to conference champion First Flight twice.

There being no way to break the tie other than playing a third match, Northeastern and Currituck played a tie-breaking match on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Northeastern won a tight 5-4 victory.

However, because only five schools in the Northeastern Coastal Conference fielded women's tennis teams, Northeastern was not admitted to the 2A Dual-Team playoffs. Instead, Carrboro was admitted in their place as a wild-card, based on a better overall record.

Jordan-Matthews was in a similar situation. They finished second in their conference, a conference in which five schools participated in women's tennis. Because Jordan-Matthews played a strong non-conference schedule, and lost all three of their non-conference matches, their overall record of 6-5 was not good enough to warrant a wild-card, and East Duplin was awarded the playoff berth based on overall record.

#### Reflections on This Story

The common denominator in both of these stories is that the playoff aspirations of all four schools depended on other schools deciding not to field a team.

For instance, the playoff aspirations of both Northeastern and Carrboro depended on whether or not Pasquotank fielded a girls tennis team.

Had Pasquotank fielded a team, the Northeastern Coastal Conference would have had six teams, and Northeastern, as the second place team, would have received a playoff berth.

But, since Pasquotank did not field a team, Northeastern was not treated as an automatic qualifier, and Carrboro received a wild-card berth in their place.

Here's the crucial question: By what mechanism does Pasquotank fielding a team make Northeastern a better or stronger team?

If Pasquotank fields a team, do the Northeastern girls hit faster serves? Do they make fewer unforced errors? Hit stronger groundstrokes or cleaner volleys?

The answer to all these questions is, of course, "No!"

In fact, the number of teams in a given conference tells us absolutely nothing about the strength of that conference's first or second place teams.

Consider the situation from Carrboro's point of view.

Carrboro had a very strong team, a team which advanced to the semifinals of the state tournament. They played in the Mid-State Conference, which is exceptionally strong, and finished third in that conference. They went 8-4 in the regular season, going 6-4 in conference (losing only to NCSSM and DSA).

They were awarded a wild-card berth based on their overall record, and advanced to the state semifinals by defeating three conference champions. Clearly, they were one of the top 6-8 teams in the state.

And yet, their playoff aspirations were at the mercy of a decision made by a school located 200 miles away, in a different conference, not to field a team.

Had Pasquotank restarted their program, fielded a team of absolute beginners, and not won a single match, Northeastern would have received a playoff spot, and Carrboro would have been excluded.

This is nuts!

Moreover, the criteria for awarding the wild-card berths depend on metrics that do not predict success in the tournament itself.

Wild-card berths are based on a team's conference standing and its overall record.

- A team is only considered for a wild-card if it is the highest finishing team in its conference not to receive an automatic bid. It is assumed that the higher a team's conference finish is, the stronger that team is, state-wide, and thus, the more deserving that team is of a playoff spot.
- A team is awarded a wild-card berth based on its overall winning percentage (or, in the sports for which MaxPreps RPI rankings are available, the team's MaxPreps RPI ranking).

Neither of these criteria is necessarily indicates the strength of a team state-wide, as Carrboro's experience dictates.

Carrboro finished third in its conference. In the first round of the state tournament, they beat a conference champion, Greene Central. In the second round, they beat another conference champion, Clinton. And, in the third round, they beat still another conference champion, Croatan.

If conference standing indicates a team's *state-wide* strength, how did this happen?

Nor was Carrboro's experience unique.

The chart on the following page reveals that lower-seeded teams defeated higher-seeded teams 35.4%, or greater than one time out of three.

	2019 Women's Tennis State Tournament by Conference Finish										
	Won By Won by Played by Percentage of Matches Won										
	Total Matches	Higher Seeded Team	Lower Seeded Team	Equally Seeded Teams	By Lower Seeded Team						
1A	23	8	8	7	50.0%						
2A	31	14	7	10	33.3%						
3A	31	14	8	9	36.4%						
4A	31	15	5	11	25.0%						
Totals	116	51	28	37	35.4%						

Further evidence of the limitations of conference standing to assess the relative strength of teams across the state can be found in the following chart, which is drawn from the 2018 women's soccer season.

	2A Conference Standing Related to MaxPreps Ranking																		
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1 <sup>st</sup>	3	1	8	35	39	18	6	21	5	22	9	34	33	4	12	37	24	7	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11	2	26	64	82	29	14	41	17	36	23	62	66	27	16	61		13	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15	10	25	71	68	57	32	ı	65	67	31	52	69	30	42	-	50	43	
4 <sup>th</sup>	20	19	40	93	78	76	46	-	74	72	70	53	73	44	55	98	-	48	
5 <sup>th</sup>	28	-	45	101	80	92	56	ı	100	-	79	90	96	58	63	94	91	54	
6 <sup>th</sup>	38	49	47	110	108	106	77	75		99	83	104	103	59	81	95	-	89	
7 <sup>th</sup>	51	ı	88					ı		1	102			86		-		97	
8 <sup>th</sup>	60	-						105		107				84		109			
9 <sup>th</sup>	85																		
10 <sup>th</sup>	87																		

If you read the chart vertically, in almost every case, conference standing is correlated with MaxPreps ranking. That is, conference standing is an excellent means of determining the strength of teams within that conference.

And that's exactly what happened to Carrboro in the tennis tournament. They won three matches, advanced to the state semifinals, and lost to their own conference champion, NCSSM.

But, if you read the chart horizontally, it's clear that a team's conference standing has very little to do with its strength state-wide.

- Conference champions vary from #1 to #39 in MaxPreps.
- Second-place teams range from #2 to #82.
- Among third-place teams, the MaxPreps rankings range from #10 to #71, and among fourth-place teams, those rankings range from #19 to #98.

The conclusion is inescapable: conference standing is meaningless as a metric for determining which teams deserve to participate in a state-wide tournament.

Nor is a team's overall record a reliable indicator of a team's relative strength, state-wide.

Again, Carrboro's experience is illustrative. Carrboro entered the state tournament with an overall record of 8-4.

- In the first round, Carrboro defeated Greene Central, which had a record of 16-0.
- In the second round, they defeated Clinton, which had a 16-1 record.
- And, in the third round, they defeated Croatan, which was 19-0.

If overall record predicts the state-wide strength of a given team, how did this happen?

And, again, Carrboro was not unique, as the chart below indicates. Teams with a lower winning percentage won matches against opponents with better records 27.8% of the time. That's better than one time in four.

	2019 Women's Tennis State Tournament by Overall Record											
	Won By Team With Higher Won By Team With Lower Played by Teams Equal Percentage of Matches V Total Matches Winning Percentage Winning Percentage By Team with Lower Winni											
1A	23	13	6	4	31.6%							
2A	31	21	8	2	27.6%							
3A	31	20	9	2	31.0%							
4A	31	24	7	0	22.6%							
Totals	116	78	30	8	27.8%							

One consequence of using overall record as a criteria for playoff selection is that it affects how a coach schedules non-conference opponents. By avoiding strong opponents, and scheduling weaker ones, a coach can inflate his/her team's overall record, relative to the team's actual strength.

In the example cited at the beginning of this paper, if Jordan-Matthews had played a weaker non-conference slate, or even if they had played no non-conference matches at all, their overall winning percentage would have yielded a state playoff spot as a wild-card.

But, because they played a challenging schedule, and lost three non-conference matches, they were excluded from the playoffs.

And, the irony is that one of those non-conference losses was to Carrboro, by the same 5-4 score by which Carrboro beat those three conference champions. If Greene Central, Clinton, and Croatan deserved to be in the playoffs, didn't Jordan-Matthews as well?

One coach of a perennially strong 4A tennis program told me that his schedule had shrunk from 22 matches to 12 because he could not find willing non-conference opponents. No one was willing to play them because an extra loss might cost them a shot at a wild-card playoff spot.

Another consequence is that teams playing in a split conference are at a distinct advantage, or disadvantage, depending on whether they are in the lower or higher classification of their conference.

For instance, let's compare two 3A schools playing men's tennis in 2022 in different conferences.

Currituck plays in a 2A/3A conference. Currituck currently has a record of 5-3. Four of the five wins are against 2A opponents in conference matches, and the other is a victory over a 1A non-conference opponent. They are 0-2 against 3A or 4A competition.

Compare that to West Brunswick and South Brunswick, both of whom play in the Mideastern 3A/4A conference. West Brunswick is 0-6, but all of its losses are in conference matches with 4A schools. South Brunswick is 1-8, but seven of its losses, and its only victory, are against 4A teams.

Currituck, at 5-3, has a much better chance of receiving a wild-card berth than do West Brunswick or South Brunswick. But, is Currituck really a better team? What would Currituck's record be if it had to play a steady diet of 4A competition?

Which is the stronger, more deserving team?

Who knows?

The conclusion is inescapable: conference standing and overall record are meaningless as a metric for determining which teams deserve to participate in a state-wide tournament.

The degree to which these metrics are broken can be illustrated by the following chart, which depicts the percentage of "upsets" (defined as the lower-seeded team defeating a higher seeded team) in the state tournament brackets for the fall of 2021.

	Upsets in 2021 Fall State Playoffs (Lower Seed Winning Contest)								
		Total Bracket							
	Tennis	Volleyball	Soccer	Football					
1A	30.0%	14.5%	17.7%	12.5%					
2A	43.3%	16.1%	17.7%	16.1%					
3A	36.7%	22.6%	25.8%	29.0%					
4A	23.3%	14.5%	32.3%	41.9%					
Average	33.3%	16.9%	23.4%	25.2%					
	Fr	om Round of	32						
1A	30.0%	20.0%	16.7%	20.0%					
2A	43.3%	16.7%	23.3%	20.0%					
3A	36.7%	26.7%	33.3%	36.7%					
4A	23.3%	23.3%	33.3%	56.7%					
Average	33.33%	21.67%	26.67%	33.33%					

Note that tennis had a higher rate of upsets than any other sport. This was true in spite of the fact, that in the regular season, tennis has an extremely low number of true upsets.

In a tennis match, because coaching decisions are limited to setting the lineup, and because lineups are required to be in order of ability, and for several other reasons, true upsets are extremely rare. When tennis teams play one another twice in the regular season, one team wins both of those matches over 90% of the time. And, when teams do "split", it's often due to a change in the lineup resulting from injury or illness.

In tennis, third- and fourth-place teams do not "upset" conference champions. In tennis, the best team wins ... almost always.

And yet, in our state tournament, the teams determined to be weaker by the seeding criteria won 33% of their matches ... one out of three ... in a sport where true upsets almost never happen!

This demonstrates that the seeding criteria do not work. Those criteria do not predict success in the state tournament. They do not tell us which teams are really stronger.

Now, if these criteria were only used for seeding, it wouldn't be such a problem. The best team would win the state championship, regardless of whether they were seeded or not, because, in tennis, the best team wins. It would not really whether the eventual state champion started out as the #1 seed, or the #6 seed. The best team would win.

But, these flawed criteria are not just used for seeding. They are also used for selection. They are used to exclude teams from the tournament altogether.

In the 1A tennis tournament this fall, a 13<sup>th</sup> seed advanced to the state finals. Who is to say that the 18<sup>th</sup> seed wouldn't have made the semifinals? But, that 18<sup>th</sup> seed was excluded from the playoffs altogether, and never got a chance to prove its worth.

These flawed metrics depend on an assumption that competitive strength is uniformly distributed across the state, and that is simply not the case. Some conferences have several exceptionally strong teams in a given sport, and in other conferences, even the conference champion is only average.

This is especially true in tennis, where the presence of private tennis clubs in a given locality is much more predictive of the strength of the local high school team than any other factor, including school size.

Yes, of course, a team with a 16-0 record will likely beat a team that's 0-16. And yes, a team that wins its conference will likely beat a team that finishes sixth in its conference.

But those are not the distinctions we are trying to make. We are trying to decide between teams that have closely matched records and standings.

It is relatively easy to identify the best 10-12 teams in the state. Likewise, it is relatively easy to identify the 10-12 worst teams.

But, in the middle of the pack, teams are separated by such narrow margins that it is impossible to predict the results of a contest between them. And, it is precisely in the middle of a classification that we are trying to distinguish between teams that deserve to be in the playoffs and those that do not.

The attempt to distinguish between teams in the middle of the pack is fundamentally hopeless, because we lack any reliable metrics to determine the most deserving teams, especially the closely matched teams in the middle of a classification.

Neither conference standing, nor overall record, can, in a statistically significant manner, identify who would win a contest between the  $32^{nd}$  or  $64^{th}$  ranked teams (that get into the playoffs) and the  $33^{rd}$  or  $65^{th}$  ranked teams, (that don't).

Since that is true, why are we using these metrics to determine which of our student-athletes gets the opportunity to participate in the playoffs and compete for a state championship, and which do not?

So ... what to do? It's simple, really.

Let everybody play.

#### Let everybody play.

We want to stress that we do not believe that NCHSAA is insensitive to questions of fairness. There's absolutely no malicious intent in play here. These really are "unintended consequences".

In fact, we have this complicated set of rules precisely because the NCHSAA is trying very hard to be fair, and to distribute fairly the berths in our playoff brackets. But, as described above, those rules fail to deliver the fairness we seek.

We twist ourselves into pretzels trying to balance the number of teams in a conference, a team's conference standing, MaxPreps RPI ranking, and overall record to build a playoff bracket for each sport, and to make that process as fair and transparent as we can.

Why these complicate rules? Because playoff spots are scarce. There aren't enough of them to go around. So, it's important to be as fair as possible.

#### But, why are playoff spots scarce?

After all, we have complete control over how many there are. It's not like we have to find them in nature, as if we were mining diamonds. We decide how many playoff spots there are. It's not imposed upon us from the outside.

So ... wouldn't it be simpler, cleaner, fairer, to make enough for everyone? Wouldn't it be better just to **let everybody play?** 

In short, we need to get out of the business of saying to the majority of our schools and student-athletes, "You're not good enough to play in our tournament."

Instead, we need to say to them, "You want to play in our tournament? Great, we'll make room."

It is time for a system in which the kids decide who's better, on the field or the court or the pitch, instead of a system where the adults, who have not seen anyone actually play, try to predetermine who's better ... from an office.

#### It is time to let everybody play.

#### **Everybody Plays ... How It Works**

We propose that tennis be allowed to conduct an open "Everybody Plays" tournament for the 2022-23 sports seasons, as a "proof of concept" experiment.

We believe that tennis coaches, generally, would be receptive to the proposal, and that the results could inform a broader conversation about its utility in other sports.

The fact that tennis matches are not officiated, and do not involve costs for security and facility use, make tennis an ideal sport in which to test this proposal.

An "Everybody Plays" model involves a state tournament at the end of the regular season, with four characteristics.

- 1. **Everybody plays**. Every team in the state gets to enter the state tournament at the end of the season. It's an "open" tournament.
- 2. Teams play in **four pre-defined geographic sections**, until a sectional champion is crowned.
- 3. In each section, we will **seed the best teams** (those that are presently "automatic qualifiers" based on conference standing), **and draw the rest** randomly, using a process that would avoid intra-conference matches in the first couple of rounds.
- 4. Finally, **let the best team win on the field**. The sectional champions would play one another in the state semifinals, and the winners would advance to the state final, where a state champion would be crowned.

Let us explain each element in turn.

#### 1. An "Open" Tournament. Everybody can play if they want to.

Every team is free to enter the state tournament.

This is the model of the old Indiana state high school basketball tournament, as depicted in the movie *Hoosiers*, with the exception that we would retain a classification system based on school size and other factors. It is also the model currently in use in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and perhaps others.

Everybody plays ... the great teams, the good teams, the average teams, the bad teams. The teams that you know ought to be in the "playoffs", and those that might be, and those you're pretty sure aren't going anywhere.

The problem is, as demonstrated in the preceding pages, we don't really know which is which in advance, particularly as we get beyond the top 10-20 teams.

So, let everybody play. The good teams will beat the bad teams on the court, as it should be.

What we're proposing is that the NCHSAA stop having "playoffs" and simply sponsor a "state tournament" at the end of each season, and every team in the state that completes a regular season of play would be eligible to compete.

Teams that feel they have no chance, and don't wish to participate, could opt out. But the default position would be that every team is eligible to compete in the state tournament.

In most sports, this would only involve one extra round of competition.

In tennis, this would involve two additional rounds of competition, but those rounds can be accommodated in the current three-week post-season calendar, as shown below.

Proposed Schedule		
	Women	Men
Bracketing	Thurs – 10/10	Thurs – 4/27
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Mon – 10/14	Mon – 5/1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Wed – 10/16	Wed – 5/3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Mon – 10/21	Mon – 5/8
4 <sup>th</sup> Round	Wed – 10/23	Wed – 5/10
Sectional Final	Mon – 10/28	Mon – 5/15
State Semifinal	Wed – 10/30	Wed – 5/17
State Final	Sat – 11/3	Sat – 5/20

#### 2. Play in four sections until a sectional champion is crowned.

The sections would be pre-defined as a group of conferences, based on current regional assignments. Ideally, each section would contain roughly the same number of schools as the other three sections. No section could have more than 32 schools.

The state tournament draw would match teams from a given section among themselves until a sectional champion is crowned. The sectional championship would be recognized as a significant achievement, with appropriate plaques or banners.

Some will argue that playing within the section until a sectional champion is crowned is unfair to teams in the stronger areas of the state, and that the remedy for that is inter-sectional play earlier in the tournament.

While that may be appropriate in, say the NCAA's Division I basketball tournaments, where budgets of money and time are nearly unlimited, it is not appropriate when dealing with high school students.

Playing in four sections, as opposed to two regions (East and West) will save between 20%-30% in travel time, distance, and cost.

With unlimited time and money, we could balance the sections competitively, (if we could fairly identify the stronger teams). But we don't have unlimited time and money. So, competitive fairness and conservation of resources are in tension.

These quotes from the Illinois state high school tournament regulations speak to the issue.

"The cornerstone of IHSA state tournaments has long been geographic assignments to the state series leading to geographic representation at State Final tournaments. The geographical concept was developed to insure that interscholastic participation was compatible with a school's educational objectives. The geographic concept helped maintain a "reasonableness" to competition and safeguarded key resources such as time and money, while, at the same time, providing for a structure that was equitable to all member schools."

"The State Series is designed to determine a State Champion. The State Series is not intended to necessarily advance the best teams in the state to the State Final."

#### 3. Seed the "best" teams, and draw the rest.

The "best" teams in each section would be seeded; that is, they would be separated from one another in the opening rounds of the tournament. Most would get first-round byes, but, depending on the size of the draw, some seeded teams will play first-round matches.

All conference champions would be treated as #1 seeds, and all second-place teams that meet the current criteria for "automatic qualifier" status would be treated as #2 seeds.

Once the seeds are settled upon, the draw would be conducted using a variation of the process currently in place for the individual tennis regionals. That process would guarantee that:

- The #1 seeds would be separated in the sectional draw as far as possible, and would not play each other until the later rounds.
- The #2 seeds would also receive preferential placement in the draw, and would not play other seeds until the later rounds of the tournament.
- All second-place teams, whether seeded or not, would be placed in the opposite half of the draw from their own conference champion, guaranteeing that a conference champion and the second-place team from the same conference would not play until the sectional final.
- No team would play a member of its own conference until the third round (unless the conference in question has more than eight teams).

This would eliminate the need to attempt to define which school is ranked 32<sup>nd</sup>, or 45<sup>th</sup>, or 71<sup>st</sup>. We really do not have the metrics for such fine distinctions. A random draw eliminates the need to make these distinctions, and would be as fair as the current process.

Home-field advantage would be awarded to the team with the higher seed, (if either is seeded), the better overall record, or a coin flip.

## 4. Sectional champions would play one another in the state semifinals, with the winners meeting for the state championship.

The state finals, in these sports would take place, as they do now, in the center of the state at a neutral location.

#### **Everybody Plays ... Advantages**

This format would yield numerous benefits. Among them are the following.

## • Travel distances in the early rounds of the state tournament would be reduced by 20%-30%

The benefits of reduced travel distances include:

- safety of students
- reduced travel costs
- o more likelihood of the visiting team's parents and fans traveling to the contest
- o less class time missed by student-athletes
- a more reasonable "home-field advantage"
- less exposure to the possibility of legal action and/or negative publicity in the event of an accident while traveling

#### No deserving team would be excluded from the playoffs.

NCHSAA would no longer have to juggle the relative merits of conference standing, overall record, and MaxPreps rankings. No school would be left out of the state tournament because of a quirk in the rules.

The kids on the court would decide who's better, not the adults in an office.

#### NCHSAA would reap the financial benefit of additional state tournament contests.

The extra round of state tournament games in revenue sports, such as basketball, volleyball, soccer, etc., would generate additional income for the NCHSAA.

#### • Our student-athletes would have a better "playoff" experience.

The draws would not be a perfect "power of 2" (i.e. 64 or 128), but some other number. Therefore, most of the best teams in the state would get a first-round bye. The remaining teams would have much more competitive first-round contests.

We could expect, therefore, to have fewer "blowouts" and mercy-rule contests in the first round. Those teams that advance to the second round, and did lose to a state powerhouse, would have had, prior to that, the experience of winning a first-round contest.

Plus, using a random draw for non-seeded teams would disrupt the current system of the great teams playing the worst teams automatically in the early rounds.

## • Teams would have greater freedom with regard to scheduling non-conference regular season contests.

If everyone plays, then coaches would be free to schedule challenging non-conference contests, without worrying that, by doing so, they would jeopardize their chances of "making the playoffs".

#### Realignment becomes easier, and split conferences become less problematic.

Every four years, NCHSAA realigns the schools and assigns teams to new conferences. A major emphasis of that effort is to avoid split conferences, if possible, because that allows for a cleaner determination of conference standing, which is the metric used for playoff participation.

This often results in traditional rivals being placed in different conferences simply because one or the other has either grown or shrunk by a few students, placing one school in a new classification. Nothing has really changed regarding the competitive advantage between the two schools, but their rivalry now means less because they are competing in different conferences.

And, if for distance reasons, one or two schools need to be placed in a conference with several teams in a different classification, some kind of artificial metric must be created to weigh whether either of those schools will qualify for the playoffs in its classification.

However, if everyone plays, split conferences are much less of a problem.

No team is excluded because they didn't have a way to prove their worth in a given classification, and no team is excluded because another school, in an inaccessible location, playing mostly lower-classification schools, took its spot. Everybody plays!

Granted, you'd still need to address seeding, but not being seeded is a lot more palatable than not getting to play at all.

And, as a bonus, it would be far easier to preserve traditional rivalries within the boundaries of conference play.

## • Because conference standing would not govern playoff selection, conferences could be organized in a more geographically compact manner.

Another impact of letting everyone play is that geography could be a more important factor with regard to conference affiliation, and school size would become somewhat less important.

At the end of the regular season, teams would enter the state tournament in the classification based on the their school size, just as they do now, except that everybody plays.

This is not to say that school size would cease to be a factor at all with regard to conference affiliation. Clearly, it would be unfair to have a 2,000-student school and a 300-student school in the same conference. Athletic directors and principals would still need to assess whether affiliation in a given conference would make sense in their situation.

But, under "everybody plays", the size of schools would become just one of several factors in determining conference affiliations.

In short, adopting an "everybody plays" model not only reduces travel times in the state tournament, it would allow for more compact conference alignments, reducing travel distances for regular season contests as well.

#### NCHSAA could organize schools in more classifications than the current four.

In previous realignment processes, there has been discussion about dividing the member schools into five classifications. Separating the charter and the traditional, geographically-based high schools has also been discussed.

One complication with these ideas, under the current playoff system, is that it becomes more difficult to assemble conferences of schools which are all in the same classification.

And, as described above, playing in conferences of like-size schools yields a cleaner determination of conference standing. This is much more important when conference standing is the metric for playoff selection.

But, if everybody plays, playing in split conferences is less of a problem. Teams would compete for their conference championship during the regular season, and then, afterward, enter the state tournament for schools of their size and type.

And, that frees NCHSAA to organize in however many classifications it sees fit, without having to worry about the impact on conference affiliation.<sup>1</sup>

#### Adapting to weather-related natural disasters would become easier.

Under the current playoff system, where conference standing dictates selection to the playoffs, it is imperative to play a complete regular season. Only by playing a complete regular season can a valid conference standing be generated for playoff selection purposes.

When a major natural disaster occurs, such as Hurricane Matthew or Florence, it is often difficult or impossible to complete a regular season of play.

However, if everyone plays in the state tournament, it is less necessary to play a complete regular season (even though, obviously, that is preferable). No one would be excluded from the state tournament because a natural disaster limited their opportunity to complete a regular season of play.

Everybody plays ... seed the best, draw the rest ... let the best team win on the field.

<sup>1</sup> We are not advocating for more classifications. On this issue, we don't have an opinion. Our point is that adopting an "everybody plays" model would free the NCHSAA to use the number of classifications it chooses, without having to worry about the impact on the conferences.

#### **Volleyball**

Number of Regular Season Contests: Total 22 matches - No more than 4 matches per week, on 4 separate days, if the fourth is on a non-school day; may play 4 in 3 or fewer days. Volleyball is limited to 4 matches a day. Teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) tournaments per year. Each tournament will count as one (1) contest on the schedule and is subject to the weekly limit allowance (see below).

Teams cannot exceed three (3) "best of five" matches in a tournament and each "best of five" match will count towards the seeding record/RPI.

NOTE: At no time can a team participate in more than 24 total "best of five" matches.

- 1. In regular season play, only matches decided by the best three out of five sets will count toward record.
- 2. Rally scoring will be used in all volleyball dual matches, regular season and playoffs (NFHS rules). The rally scoring format is 25-point sets (no cap) and 15-point deciding (no cap). This format also includes the let serve.
- 3. It is permissible for an athlete to participate in a junior varsity and a varsity match in the same day; however, those players are still subject to the weekly and seasonal limitations.
- 4. The following indicates the weekly limit allowance for tournament play during the regular season:
  - a. 0 2 Regular three (3) out of five (5) Matches: One (1) Tournament allowed that week.
  - b. 3 4 Regular three (3) out of five (5) Matches: No Tournaments allowed that week
  - c. Ex. 1: Monday One (1) regular season best-of-five match Wednesday One (1) regular season best-of-five match Saturday Multi-team tournament with pool play and a best-of-three format = One (1) match Total: Three (3) matches for the week and toward the season limit
  - d. Ex 2: If Team A plays in a tri-match during a week, versus Team B and C, with a best three out of five format, each contest counts as one (1) match towards your allowed limitations (i.e. Team A vs. Team B = One (1) match; Team A vs. Team C = One (1) match; therefore, a total of two (2) matches on your schedule).
- 5. Junior varsity matches will be two out of three sets, rally scoring (25- point games with no cap for all sets). A conference can choose to cap the third game of a JV Volleyball match at 15 points.
- 6. Junior varsity conference tournament games must count toward the 22-game limit.

#### **Other Sports:**

Teams may participate in one tournament with up to three games, counting that tournament as a single contest relative to the season limitation of 22 games. Any games above and beyond the allowable three games in a single tournament must be counted toward the season limitation.

#### Women's Lacrosse - East

<u>Big East</u> Havelock Iacksonville

Northside-Jacksonville

New Bern Rose, J.H.

Coastal/Northeastern Coastal

Croatan First Flight Swansboro West Carteret White Oak

**Mideastern** 

Ashley Hoggard Laney

New Hanover North Brunswick South Brunswick

Topsail

West Brunswick

**Greater Neuse River** 

Fuquay-Varina

Garner

South Garner Willow Spring

Northern Athletic

Heritage Millbrook Rolesville Wake Forest Wakefield United 8/All American/Sandhills

Britt, Jack
Cape Fear
Pinecrest
Sanford, Terry
Union Pines

CAP 6

Athens Drive Broughton

Cardinal Gibbons

**Enloe** 

Leesville Road Sanderson

Southwest Wake

Apex

Apex Friendship

Cary

Green Hope Green Level Holly Springs Middle Creek Panther Creek

DAC-VII/Northern Lakes Athletic/

Central/Mid-Carolina

Carrboro Chapel Hill East Chapel Hill Jordan, C.E.

Northwood Orange

Orange

Riverside-Durham

Seaforth

#### Women's Lacrosse - West

**Metro** 

Grimsley

Northern Guilford

Northwest Guilford

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Ragsdale

Southeast Guilford

Southwest Guilford

Western Guilford

**Central Piedmont** 

Davie

East Forsyth

Glenn

**Mount Tabor** 

Reagan

Reynolds, R.J.

West Forsyth

Mid-State/Mid Piedmont/NW Piedmont

Atkins

Bishop McGuinness

High Point Central

North Davidson

West Stokes

Southern Carolina/Rocky River

Cuthbertson

Marvin Ridge

Parkwood

Porter Ridge

Sun Valley

Weddington

Greater Metro/Queen City/Catawba Shores/

South Piedmont

Community School of Davidson

Hopewell

Hough

Lake Norman

Lake Norman Charter

Mooresville

South Iredell

Southwestern/So Meck

Ardrey Kell

Butler

Charlotte Catholic

Independence

Myers Park

Providence

South Mecklenburg

Northwestern/The Mountain/Western

Foothills/Mountain Foothills

Asheville

Hickory

Patton

Roberson, T.C.

St. Stephens

Watauga

On Wed, Apr 6, 2022 at 11:42 AM Barry, Benjamin R. < <a href="mailto:benjamin.barry@cms.k12.nc.us">benjamin.barry@cms.k12.nc.us</a>> wrote: Good Morning, Region 6 Representatives!

My name is Ben Barry, and I am the head wrestling and cross country coach at Mallard Creek High School in Charlotte. In preparation for the upcoming Spring Meeting, I would like to share my perspective on two agenda items with you.

#### Regional Alignment for Wrestling, XC, and Track

It has come to my attention that there are stakeholders pushing to change regional assignments for Wrestling and Cross Country (and Track) after one year in the new re-alignment period. I believe a majority of these arguments are based on "toughness of competition" rather than participation data. Individual athletic programs rise and fall over the years, and the NCHSAA should not change regional assignments based on subjective opinions or the quality of competition, which is always in flux across all regions and classifications. Also, one of the repercussions of changing regions based on assumed or alleged wrestling disparities may be the creation of others in Cross Country / Track or vice versa.

As a specific reference, there was a concern this past season that participation numbers were down for the 2A Midwest in wrestling, and that may be worth taking a look at, but there are many stakeholders in the 4AMidwest Region that are using the 2A Midwest participation data to argue for a change in their regional assignments because the 4AMidwest was more competitive than other 4A regions this year. The Midwest 4A has the data to prove they were the most successful at the state tournament this past season, but again, the level of competition in one season does not give cause to rearrange regional assignments.

Please vote to keep the regional assignments as they are for the 2021-25 period, keeping LEAs and conferences together as they advance through the individual qualifying process.

#### **Sanctioning Women's Wrestling**

Here at Mallard Creek, we have grown from 5 to 10 athletes in our women's program over the past two years. This year we are proud to announce we had an individual champion in the Women's Invitational and our first athlete to sign a commitment letter to compete at the college level. Nationally, women's wrestling is among the fastest-growing sports, and it is quickly being sanctioned around the country. We, in NC, have the participation numbers that warrant sanctioning, and these young women need the resources that will help fortify programs across our state. Please vote to sanction women's wrestling in NC.

Thank you for your consideration and for serving our region. I have CC'd my Athletic Director, Principal, and County Athletic Director.

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