Student-Athlete Advisory Council Information

Accepting applicants from all Regions - Starting February 1st!!

SAAC Vision:

The NCHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council was developed to serve as the voice for student-athletes who participate in NCHSAA programs. They will discuss topics that are relevant to high school student-athletes and develop ways to maintain a positive athletic experience. Each council member is expected to exemplify leadership and sportsmanlike conduct while carrying out the overall missions of the NCHSAA and the Student Services Division.

SAAC Representation:

The NCHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council is comprised of 26 members who represent each NCHSAA region and the more than 200,000 athletic participants. Statewide representation is as followed:

- Region 1: 2 Members
- Region 2: 2 Members
- Region 3: 4 Members
- Region 4: 2 Members
- Region 5: 4 Members
- Region 6: 4 Members
- Region 7: 2 Members
- Region 8: 2 Members
- At Large Members: 4 Members (1 Member Representing Region 1&2 | 3&4 | 5&6 | 7&8)

SAAC Selection Process:

Selected SAAC members will come from a diverse pool of rising high school sophomores and juniors who meet the following minimum criteria:

- Meet all eligibility standards as outlined in the NCHSAA Handbook
- Possess leadership characteristics
- Viewed as positive role models in their community and at their school
- Capable of working with students from a variety of social groups
- Exemplifies the tenets of Student Services and Sportsmanship (Character, Integrity, Citizenship and Respect)

Efforts will be made to assure that as many of the NCHSAA sports are represented as possible across the eight regions. Nomination applications are due in the NCHSAA office no later than **May 31st**. The final selection will be made by **June 15th**. The selected members will be informed and sent information regarding SAAC responsibilities.

Meeting Dates:

SAAC members are expected to attend all meetings. They will be held at mostly at the NCHSAA office, in Chapel Hill, NC. Meetings are typically scheduled on Sundays, from 11:00am-2:00pm and lunch will be provided. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Third Weekend in August (Virtual Welcome Meeting, First week of School)
Second Weekend in September (Prepare for Regional Meetings)
Second Weekend in November (Before Thanksgiving Break)
Second Weekend in January (After Christmas Break)
First weekend in April (Before Spring Break)

Note: Meeting attendance is a critical part of the SAAC program. Please consider these dates when applying.

State Championships:

Members of the NCHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council will be expected to volunteer for at least one NCHSAA State Championship event per semester. Assignments will be made based on each member's schedule.

Regional Meetings:

Student Athlete Advisory Council members will give a "SAAC Report" at their respective Regional Meeting in September. In most cases, their school administrator will transport the member to the site of the meeting. The meeting is held during the school day.

Special Projects:

The following are projects that each member will be asked to complete during their term:

- Host Student Leadership Conference (April)
- Host Speaking Engagement at Coaching Clinic (July)
- Coordinate and host a Student-Athlete Regional Meeting
- Group Community Service Project by Region
- Sportsmanship Initiatives

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Student Athlete Advisory Council Nomination Form

Due in NCHSAA Office no later than May 31st

Each school may nominate one (1) candidate who will be a sophomore or junior in the 2024-25 School Year and fits the outlined criteria.

School_____ Region_____

As principal/athletic director I would like to nominate the following student for the opportunity to service on the NCHSAA Student Athlete Advisory Council.

Principal's signature_____

Athletic Director's signature_____

Application (to be completed by student prior to receiving signatures from the principal and athletic director)

Name_____ Current Grade ____

Home Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Home Phone number including area code_____

E-mail address_____

Gender_____ Race_____ Current NCHSAA sports _____

Current GPA_____ Current Class Rank_____Out Of _____

Summary of school activities (NCHSAA and other):

Summary of community and service activities:

Current leadership positions:

Honors and Awards:

Required Essay Questions: Please see the attached sheet.

By signing below, you are acknowledging the following:

I am willing to give sufficient time from my personal activities to devote the time and energy to the duties of the NCHSAA Student Athlete Advisory Council if selected.

I pledge to follow all rules of the NCHSAA and of my school.

Signature of Candidate_____ Date_____

I give my permission and pledge my cooperation to assist my son/daughter as a member of the NCHSAA Student Athlete Advisory Council if selected.

Signature of parent or guardian_____ Date_____

Required Essay Questions: In 200 words or less, please answer the following questions:

1. Describe some of your experiences that have prepared you to be an effective leader on the NCHSAA Student Athlete Advisory Council. What qualities do you have to offer the Council?

2. What are your views on sportsmanship and its importance in today's society? What do you think your role, as a member of SAAC, would be to improve sportsmanship?

3. How have you used your leadership skills to improve your school and/or community?

4. Participation on the Student Athlete Advisory Council is a commitment that involves several Sundays, attendance at State championship events, and other activities. It is also a commitment to the Association. As a representative of the NCHSAA, you will be expected to gather input, discuss pertinent issues, and always serve as a positive role model. Tell us how you will handle this aspect of the position, specifically how you will handle unfavorable comments or perhaps uninformed opinions from your peers.

5. Briefly discuss a topic that is important to you as a high school student. In your response, please share how you plan to contribute to this area of interest. (Example: Childhood obesity prevention – Host a Fun Run for my area elementary and middle schools)