

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Larry Williford (Chair), Henry Rice, Paige Badgett, Mark Garrett, Ericia Turner, Joe Franks
Staff: Rhonda Dreibelbis and Alfie Wheeler

AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION /CONSIDERATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
<p>1. Adjust the men’s individual tennis championships</p> <p>SP Attachment 1 [Cap 8 Athletic Conference]</p>	<p>Move the men’s individual tennis championship to Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10 (currently scheduled for Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9)</p>	<p>** Discussion Only**</p>
<p>2. Rewarding Conference Champions an automatic playoff berth</p> <p>SP Attachment 2 [East Carteret High School and Coastal Conference]</p>	<p>To reward conference champions in seeding for winning conference only over a team in the same conference that has a higher RPI.</p>	<p>Rationale: Rewarding conference champions to correct playoff berths</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: None</p> <p>Effective Date: ASAP</p>
<p>3. Adjust NCHSAA handbook to clarify the qualifying field of golfers</p> <p>SP Attachment 3</p>	<p>To add the language “maximum” to the number of qualifiers for regionals and state championships.</p>	<p>Rationale: Clarifying the number of participants for each classification for post-season play based on past language in the NCHSAA handbook</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Both genders equal</p> <p>Effective Date: 2026-2027 School Year</p>

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<p>4. Adjust the field of qualifying golfers based on number of team participants</p> <p>SP Attachment 4 [NC Golf Coaches Association]</p>	<p>To allow the next highest ranked individual player(s) to qualify for regionals and state championships if a school does not field a full team</p>	<p>Rationale: To allow the field to be maximized for post-season</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Same for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>5. Regional qualification standards for men’s and women’s golf</p> <p>SP Attachment 5 [NC Golf Coaches Association]</p>	<p>To require a minimum of seven rounds to be played by male golfers in order to qualify for regionals.</p>	<p>Rationale: Female golfers qualify based on the best five (9-hole) IWR rankings. The men do not have a minimum number of rounds that must be played to qualify for regionals.</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Both genders for post-season play</p> <p>Effective Date: Spring 2026</p>
<p>6. Tie-breaking procedures for conference tournament seeding</p> <p>SP Attachment 6 [NCBCA]</p>	<p>To update the conference tournament seeding tiebreaking procedure to use the NCHSAA RPI ranking in place of step four which requires a draw.</p>	<p>Rationale: It aligns with the use of NCHSAA RPI ranking</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Equal for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>7. Shot-Clock</p> <p>SP Attachment 7 [NCBCA]</p>	<p>To allow schools to voluntary use the 35 second shot-clock during scrimmages, regular season invitational tournaments, and special event games (MLK, Play4Kay)</p>	<p>Rationale: To gather data for the potential implementation of the shot clock in NC</p> <p>Budget Impact: Only schools that volunteer</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Same for both genders</p> <p>Effective Date: 2026-2027 School Year</p>

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<p>8. Sport season calendar</p> <p><i>SP Attachment 8</i> [Rocky River 4A/5A Conference]</p>	<p>To adjust the NCSHAA sport season calendar to reduce the number of weeks in the basketball season and increase the number of weeks in the baseball season</p>	<p>Rationale: To provide baseball more time to practice and complete their season</p> <p>Budget Impact: None</p> <p>Educational Impact: None</p> <p>Equity Impact: Baseball Only</p> <p>Effective Date: 2026-2027 School Year</p>
<p>9. 2026-2027 Sports Season Calendar</p> <p><i>SP Attachment 9</i></p>	<p>NCHSAA 2026-2027 Sport Season Calendar</p>	<p>** Discussion Only**</p>
<p>10. Volleyball Season Limitations</p>	<p>Volleyball regular season contests being set to align with other sports at 24 total contests.</p>	<p>** Discussion Only**</p>
<p>11. Playoff Opt-Out Form Individual Sport Qualifiers</p>	<p>Schools submitting an opt-out form for individual qualifiers that elect not to participate in post-season.</p>	<p>** Discussion Only**</p>

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Spring Meeting Deadline: April 1
Winter Meeting Deadline: November 1

Name(s) : Cap 8 Athletic Directors

School/LEA/Conference/Group: Cap 8 Athletic Conference

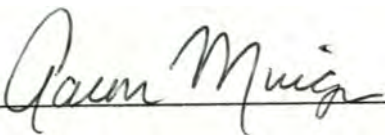
We/I request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

Recommendation/Proposal:

State in detail the recommendation/proposal. Include attachments if necessary.

See attachment for request to move the Men's Tennis Individual State Championship date

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)
- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school's/athletic department's finances?)
- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? Does it interfere with study time?)
- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?)
- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?)

Signature 

Date 9/10/25

Name(s): School/LEA/Conference/Group:

Aaron Minger (Broughton High School), Travis Seese (Athens Drive High School), Sheri' Jones-House (Enloe High School), Russ Frazier (Leesville Road High School), Chancey Wolfe (Wakefield High School), Jacob Gross (Rolesville High School), Chris East (Millbrook High School), Adam Weaver (Corinth Holders High School)

School/LEA/Conference/Group: Cap 8 Athletic Conference

Recommendation/Proposal: State in detail the recommendation/proposal. Include attachments if necessary.

We, the Cap 8 Athletic Conference, respectfully ask that the ^{MEN'S Individual TENNIS} championship, currently scheduled for Friday at 9:00 a.m. (as outlined in the NCHSAA Handbook 2025–2026, Section 4.11.5, page 109), be moved to Saturday and Sunday instead. We bring this request forward well in advance so that facility availability and planning timelines are not a barrier. A weekend schedule would offer meaningful benefits and better align with NCHSAA's core values of equity, academic integrity, and community inclusion.

Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)**Key Reasons for the Request:**

- **1. Conflict with International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams**

The current weekday schedule directly conflicts with the non-reschedulable IB senior exams, held from April 29 to May 21, forcing student-athletes to choose between critical academic assessments and the pinnacle of their athletic season.

- **2. Greater Parental and Community Attendance**

A weekend event allows more families to attend without needing to miss work, encouraging stronger family support and broader community engagement during this important milestone in students' athletic careers.

- **3. Travel and Equity Considerations**

Families traveling from all regions of North Carolina face fewer logistical and financial burdens when events are held over the weekend. This promotes more equitable access for all participants, regardless of geography or socioeconomic status.

- **4. Support for Academic Rigor**

Rescheduling reflects NCHSAA's commitment to student-athletes who pursue academically demanding programs, such as the IB Diploma or AP capstone. No student should have to choose between academic excellence and athletic opportunity.

- **5. Enhanced School Spirit and Visibility**

Weekend championships offer increased opportunity for classmates, teachers, and school communities to attend and support their athletes, fostering school pride and a vibrant, competitive atmosphere.

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

We feel this could only have positive budgetary impacts as coaches/athletic departments would not have to pay for substitute teachers for school based coaches.

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

This move would positively impact education as there should be no loss of instructional time and students will be able to increase their focus on the exam with the tournament on the weekend. Additionally, the students taking exams will not be forced to choose between athletics and academics.

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

This would only impact males as men's tennis is the team that is in season during end of year exams.

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

This would be effective for the Spring 2026 Men's Championships

Signature *Travis Seese* Date 2025-09-09

Signature *Thomas Christopher East* Date 2025-09-09

Signature *Jonathan R. Frazier* Date 2025-09-09

Signature *Jacob Gross* Date 2025-09-09

Signature *Sheri' Jones-House* Date 2025-09-09

Signature *Chancey Wolfe* Date 2025-09-09

Signature *Adam Weaver* Date 2025-09-09

Signature *Aaron Minger* Date 2025-09-09

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NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

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Winter Meeting Deadline: November 1

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School/LEA/Conference/Group:

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

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

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

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

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

Signature _____ Date _____

2024-2025 NCHSAA Handbook Golf Section Language:

l) Women's State Championship Qualifiers - A maximum of 32 golfers per regional will advance to the state championship:

(m) Men's State Championship Qualifiers - A maximum of 24 golfers per regional will advance to the state championship.

*** In 2024-2025, women's regional qualifying was based on an average score for nine holes***

In 2024-2025, men's regional qualifying was based on the top 4 individuals from a conference not on a qualifying team

2025-2026 NCHSAA Handbook Golf Section Language:

Women's Regional Qualifying

(1) 1A/2A will have a 72-player field in both regionals (East and West). The top 4 teams and top 52 individuals (not on qualifying teams) will qualify *based on IWR 9-Hole Rankings*.

(2) 3A through 8A will have 48-player field. The top 3 teams and top 33 individuals (not on qualifying teams) will qualify based on IWR 9-Hole Rankings.

(i) No school may enter more than five players.

(ii) Schools with at least three individual qualifiers will also score as a team.

Men's Regional Qualifying

(1) 1A-7A will have 48-player fields in all three regionals (East, Central and West). The top 3 teams and top 33 individuals (not on qualifying teams) will qualify based on IWR 9-Hole Rankings.

(2) 8A will have a 48-player field in both regionals (East and West). The top 3 teams and top 33 individuals (not on qualifying teams) will qualify based on IWR 9-Hole Rankings.

(i) No school may enter more than five players

(ii) Schools with at least four individual qualifiers will also score as a team.

Women's State Championship Qualifiers

(1) **1A/2A Championship will have a field of 72 golfers**

(i) Top 4 teams of 5 student-athletes each automatically qualify.

(ii) Top 16 individuals not on a qualifying team.

(iii) If a school does not finish in the top 4, but qualifies at least 3 (minimum team requirement) individuals, that school will also score at the state championship as a team.

(2) **3A through 7A Championships will have a field of 48 golfers.**

(i) Top 3 teams of 5 student-athletes each automatically qualify.

(ii) Top 9 individuals not on a qualifying team.

(iii) If a school does not finish in the top 3, but qualifies at least 3 individuals, that school will also score at the state championship as a team.

8A Championship will have a field of 36 golfers

(i) Top 2 teams of 5 student-athletes each automatically qualify with the best 2 scores.

(ii) Top 8 individuals not on a qualifying team.

(iii) If a school does not finish in the top 2, but qualifies at least 3 individuals, that school will also score at the state championship as a team.

Men's State Championship Qualifiers

(1) **1A through 7A Championships will have a field of 48 golfers.**

(i) Top 2 teams of 5 student-athletes each automatically qualify.

(ii) Top 6 individuals not on a qualifying team.

(iii) If a school does not finish in the top 2, but qualifies at least 4 individuals (minimum team requirement), that school will also score at the state championship as a team.

(2) **8A Championship will have a field of 36 golfers**

(i) Top 2 teams of 5 student-athletes each automatically qualify.

(ii) Top 8 individuals not on a qualifying team.

(iii) If a school does not finish in the top 2, but qualifies at least 4 individuals, that school will also score at the state championship as a team.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Spring Meeting Deadline: April 1
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Name(s) :

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Golf Coaches Association

We/I request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

Recommendation/Proposal:

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"If a qualifying team(s) does not have five players, the 48-player field will be filled with the next highest ranked individual(s) not on a qualifying team." This proposal would be for regional and state championship qualifying.

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

To cut the field to 47 would prevent a deserving student-athlete from participating in postseason play, which runs counter to the mission of the NCHSAA. Due to lower participation, this is more likely to be a situation that affects girls golf than boys, and could therefore raise questions about potential discriminatory practices.

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

There would be no budget impact.

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


No, there would be no additional loss of school time or study time.

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

Yes, this would have the same effect on both genders.

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

February 2026

Signature  - President NC Golf Coaches Association

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NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Spring Meeting Deadline: April 1
Winter Meeting Deadline: November 1

Name(s) : NC Golf Coaches Association, Matt Dawson, President

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Golf Coaches Association

We/I request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

Recommendation/Proposal:

Proposal to Align Regional Qualification Standards for Men's and Women's Golf

Current Situation:

At present, there is a discrepancy in regional qualification standards between men's and women's golf.

- Women must play a minimum of five 9-hole rounds to be eligible for regional qualification. Their Iwanamaker ranking is calculated using the average of their *best five* 9-hole scores.
- Men, however, have no minimum round requirement, and their ranking includes *all* 9-hole scores played.

This difference allows male players to potentially qualify for regionals based on a single exceptional round, creating an imbalance that impacts both individual and team qualifications.

Proposed Change:

To ensure consistency and fairness, it is proposed that both men's and women's golf adopt the same minimum round requirement.

- **New Minimum Requirement:** Each player must complete at least SEVEN 9-hole rounds to be eligible for regional qualification.
- Players will then use the "Best 7" rounds for Iwanamaker ranking for regional qualifying.

Implementing this standard will provide a more accurate and complete reflection of player performance while maintaining equity across both men's and women's programs.

○ Rationale: **This proposal seeks to align and create equity between men's and women's golf for regional qualification purposes. Under the current system, a male golfer could theoretically qualify for regionals based on a single 9-hole round, which does not provide an accurate representation of a player's overall ability or performance throughout the season.**

In previous years, regional qualification for men's golf was determined by the order of conference finish. However, with the adoption of the new ranking system, that method is no longer being used. Establishing a consistent minimum number of rounds will ensure that both men's and women's rankings reflect sustained performance rather than isolated results.

- Budget Impact: **There would be no budget impact.**
- Educational Impact: **There would be no additional loss of school time or study time.**
- Gender Impact: **This proposal would create equity between both genders.**
- Effective Date: **February 2026**

Signature



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NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Greg Grantham (Ex. Director), Robert Duck (President), Andy Muse (Past President)

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Basketball Coaches Association

We/I request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

Recommendation/Proposal: (State in detail the recommendation/proposal)

We would like for the Board to change the wording of policy 4.1.11(b) in the NCHSAA Handbook addressing tie-breaking procedures for determining Conference Tournament Seeding- specifically part (4) which currently states; *“If the tie still exists, a draw will be held by the tied teams for the seeds available. All tied teams for a position will draw with the numbers of the spots for which they are tied in a hat.*

Ex. - A and B are tied for third and the tie is not resolved after going through the procedure in 4.1.11(b)(3) above. The numbers three and four are put in a hat, and the schools will draw and assume the seed of the number drawn. The drawing will be done in alphabetical order as the schools are listed in the NCHSAA Directory”

We propose that after the first 3 steps in the current tie breaking procedure are followed, if a tie still exists, the NCHSAA RPI ranking of teams in that sport will be used to break the tie. The team from among those tied that has the higher RPI ranking would assume the higher seeding among the tied teams.

- Rationale: (Why should the board consider and possibly pass this recommendation?)
Given the fact that the NCHSAA has established its own unique RPI formula and that now only the final RPI rankings are used to establish playoff qualifiers and seed teams in the playoffs, it is only logical that this same mathematical data be used to break ties in seeding the Conference Tournament. There is no longer a need to resort to this antiquated method when we have data and a formula readily available.
- Budget Impact: (What does this mean to a school’s/athletic department’s finances?) There would be no additional costs involved. In fact, travel would be saved as there would be no need for Conference and school officials to gather for a drawing or coin flip when all can view the RPI rankings from the NCHSAA website and agree which team has the higher RPI ranking- thus breaking the ties.
- Educational Impact: (Does this mean loss of school time? There would be no educational impact on students or staff. In fact, again school staff would be prevented from being forced to travel to a site to conduct a draw or coin flip to break ties.
- Does it interfere with study time?) There would be no impact on students’ study time at all
- Gender Impact: (Is this proposal fair to males and females?) This policy change would apply to Girls and Boys teams the same.
- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?) We recommend that the NCHSAA make this change in the 2026-27 Handbook, making it effective in the 2026-27 school year.

Signature Greg Grantham Robert Duck Andy Muse

Date 10/24/2025

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

Name(s) : Greg Grantham (Ex. Director), Robert Duck (President), Andy Muse (Past President)

School/LEA/Conference/Group: NC Basketball Coaches Association

We/I request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the NCHSAA Board of Directors:

Recommendation/Proposal: (State in detail the recommendation/proposal)

We would like for the Board to approve a single season (during the 2026-27 basketball season only) experimental, strictly voluntary, use of the 35 second shot clock during scrimmages, as well as regular season invitational tournaments and special event games (MLK day events, Play4Kay events, etc), where the host team has the equipment and both teams involved agree to play with the NFHS approved shot clock rules for that contest. The purpose of this experimentation is to gather data regarding: time it takes to complete each game, number of times shot clock violations occurred and number of times there were shot clock issues/ malfunctions/ timing errors, that would then be shared with the NCHSAA Board of Directors from all games using shot clock rules at the Spring 2027 NCHSAA Board meeting.

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

Given the fact that the NFHS reports there are now at least 34 states where the shot clock is being used for HS basketball at some level (this includes states that are experimenting with it - see [NFHS CHART](#)), it appears that High School basketball in North Carolina and 16 other states are literally the only places in the world that play basketball without a shot clock. More and more of our neighboring states in the Southeast Section are adopting it. Before just shutting down the concept unilaterally, we should at least gather data about the use of the shot clock in our own states from games where NC schools willing to voluntarily experiment with it were bold enough to try it.

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

Again, only schools who VOLUNTEERED to host games using a shot clock would incur any costs. So for the vast majority of schools across the state there would be NO COST associated with this one year voluntary experimentation.

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

No – in fact if it indeed does reduce the length of time required to play games (as some data suggests), students may get home earlier from games being played with a shot clock.

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

This rule would be applied the same to both Boys & Girls basketball games where both teams volunteered to play using a shot clock.

- Effective Date: (When would this go into effect?) We are proposing this one-year experimentation be allowed during the 2026-27 season.

Signature Greg Grantham Robert Duck Andy Muse

Date 10/25/2025

****2025 Winter (Basketball specifically) has 14 calendar days between their first official practice and their first contest. Spring sports in 2026 currently are given 8 calendar days between their first official practice day and their first official contest day.

*safety concerns with having spring athletes given the fair amount of time to prepare and make necessary fair team tryouts. All sports are allowed 2 pre season scrimmages and basketball has 14 days to complete those whereas baseball has 8 days with pitch count restrictions and limitations to account for.

****The current/past calendar has basketball starting the playoffs the day before spring sports first contest. My proposal reduces that overlap.

****The current/past calendar allows basketball 13+ weeks to complete 24 games AND builds in a conference tournament week (14th week). Baseball is given 9 weeks to complete 24 games, then we have a 10th week to schedule or not schedule a conference tournament. My proposal reduces basketball to 13 weeks with the conference tournament being in the 13th week while extending the baseball calendar to 11 weeks with the option of a conference tournament during the 11th week. My proposal has no adjustment to the beginning of Winter. I have reduced their week at the end of the season.

**There are multiple safety concerns and weather related issues that we face in the spring more than the winter. Rational: Basketball can play 3 games in a week much easier than baseball with pitch count restrictions (player health), and weather (outdoors).

It is my hope that the board reviews my proposal and realizes 2 things are happening that are not fair and equitable between basketball and baseball calendars. 1) Baseball is being forced to have multiple 3 game weeks where basketball is comfortably playing 2 games in a week and sometimes just 1. In my calendar I have factored in 2 different exam periods, as well as the holidays of Christmas and Thanksgiving. 21 basketball games can be played if ONLY 1 game is played each week of the exams, and the 2 holidays, meaning the remaining 8 weeks COULD be used for 3 games in a week. Asking Basketball to play 3 total weeks in their schedules and have them be 3 games in a week is not as concerning as requiring baseball to. This is also working under the assumption that NO CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT is played and MOST schools looking to play their full amount of regular season contests WILL be participating in a tournament. 2) The overlap and amount of time between the first practice day and contest is not fair and equitable. My calendar proposal fixes both of these issues.

Subject: FW: Agenda Item Proposal for Winter 2025 Board of Directors
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Subject: Agenda Item Proposal for Winter 2025 Board of Directors

Kim,

I am submitting this agenda item proposal on behalf of the Rocky River 4a/5a conference. This proposal was created by Chad Yow, AD and West Stanly HS, and has been voted on and approved by conference membership. We sincerely hope that the board will review the proposal and address the concerns presented.

Thank you,

Chris Shinn
RRC Conference Chair



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3 Independence Day	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Fall Opening Day	30	31	1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
			Fall Opening Day			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Football First Scrimmage	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Fall First Contest						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Football Week 1	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Football Week 2	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
					Football Week 3	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4 Football Week 3	5
6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 Football Week 4	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Football Week 5	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Football Week 6	26
27	28	29	30	1	2 Football Week 7	3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2 Football Week 7	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Football Week 8	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 Football Week 9	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Football Week 10	24
25	26	27	28 Winter First Day	29	30 Football Week 11	31 Halloween

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Winter First Contest	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Basketball Week 1						
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday	28
Basketball Week 2						
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Basketball Week 3						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Basketball Week 3						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Basketball Week 4						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Basketball Week 5						
EXAMS						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Basketball Week 6			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Basketball Week 7				New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	

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Basketball Week 7						
				New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	
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Basketball Week 8						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Basketball Week 9						
EXAMS						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Basketball Week 10						
Martin Luther King Jr. Day						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Basketball Week 11						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Basketball Week 12						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Basketball Week 12					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Basketball Conference Tournament					
	Basketball Week 13					
			First Day of Spring			Basketball Reporting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	Presidents' Day	Basketball Round 1		Basketball Round 2		Basketball Round 3
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Week 1					
	First Contest for Spring	Basketball Round 4		Basketball Regionals		
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Week 2					
				Basketball State		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
Week 2						
				Basketball State		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Week 3						
				Basketball State		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Week 4						
Daylight Saving Time		St. Patrick's Day				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Week 5						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Week 6						
Easter Sunday		Easter Monday				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Easter Sunday	29 Easter Monday	30	31	1	2	3
Week 6						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Week 7						
11	12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17
Week 8						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Week 9						
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Week 10						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Week 10						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Conference Tournament						Reporting Deadline
			Cinco de Mayo			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day		Baseball Round 1		Baseball Round 2		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Baseball Round 3		Baseball Round 4		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Baseball Regionals	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Memorial Day				Baseball State Finals	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Memorial Day	1	2	3	4 Baseball State Finals	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 Juneteenth (substitute)	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

2026 -2027 NCHSAA Sports Calendar

FALL 2026	
First Practice	Jul. 29
First Contest	Aug. 10

WOMEN'S GOLF	
Reporting Deadline	Oct. 14 @ 9:00 pm
Regional	Oct. 19 or 20
State	Oct. 26 - 27

VOLLEYBALL	
Seeding	Oct. 15
1st Round	Oct. 17
2nd Round	Oct. 20
3rd Round	Oct. 22
4th Round	Oct. 24
Regional	Oct. 27
State	Oct. 30 - 31

WOMEN'S TENNIS	
Individual	
Pre-Regionals	Oct. 5
Reporting Deadline	Oct. 12 @ 3:00 pm
Regionals	Oct. 16-17
State	Oct. 23-24
Dual Team	
Seeding	Oct. 9
1st Round	Oct. 12
2nd Round	Oct. 15
3rd Round	Oct. 19
4th Round	Oct. 21
Regional	Oct. 27
State	Oct. 30 -31

CROSS COUNTRY	
Reporting Deadline	Oct. 24; 11:59 pm
Regional	Oct. 30 - 31
State	Nov. 6 - 7

MEN'S SOCCER	
Seeding	Oct. 29
1st Round	Nov. 2
2nd Round	Nov. 5
3rd Round	Nov. 9
4th Round	Nov. 12
Regional	Nov. 17
State	Nov. 19 - 21

CHEERLEADING	
Invitational	TBD

FOOTBALL	
First Practice	Jul. 29
First Scrimmage	Aug. 7
Week 1	Aug. 21
Week 2	Aug. 28
Week 3	Sept. 4
Week 4	Sept. 11
Week 5	Sept. 18
Week 6	Sept. 25
Week 7	Oct. 2
Week 8	Oct. 9
Week 9	Oct. 16
Week 10	Oct. 23
Week 11	Oct. 30

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS	
Seeding	TBD
1st Round	Nov. 6
2nd Round	Nov. 13
3rd Round	Nov. 20
4th Round	Nov. 27
Regionals	Dec. 4
State	Dec. 10 - 12

WINTER 2026-2027	
First Practice (Indoor Track, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling)	Nov. 2
First Contest (Indoor Track, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling)	Nov. 11

INDOOR TRACK	
Reporting Deadline	Feb. 4; @ 9:00 pm
State	Feb. 9 - 12

SWIMMING & DIVING	
Reporting Deadline	Jan. 23 @ 11:59 pm
Regionals	Jan. 28 - 30
State	Feb. 3 - 6

WRESTLING	
Men's Dual Team	
Seeding	Jan. 28
1st/2nd	Jan. 30
3rd/Regionals	Feb. 3
State Championship	Feb. 5 - 6
Individual	
Men's/Women's Reporting Deadline	Jan 28; 3pm
Women's Regional	Feb. 5-6
Men's Regional	Feb. 12-13
Men's/Women's State	Feb. 18 - 20

BASKETBALL	
First Practice	Nov. 2
First Practice (Non-FB)	Oct. 19
First Contest	Nov. 11
First Contest (Non-FB)	Oct. 28
Conference Tournament	Feb. 15-19
Seeding	Feb. 20
1st Round	Feb. 23
2nd Round	Feb. 25
3rd Round	Feb. 27
4th Round	Mar. 1
Regionals	Mar. 3 - 6
State	Mar. 10 - 13

SCHOOL YEAR DEAD PERIODS	
July 29 - August 18, 2026	
November 2 - November 22, 2026	
February 15 - March 7, 2027	
Last 5 Student Days of the 1st Semester	
Last 10 Student Days of the 2nd Semester	

SUMMER DEAD PERIODS 2027	
July 5 - July 11, 2027	Week of July 4th
July 19 - July 25, 2027	Week of NCCA

SPRING 2027	
First Practice	Feb. 15
First Contest	Mar. 1

MEN'S GOLF	
Reporting Deadline	Apr. 28, 9:00 pm
Regional	May 3 - 4
State	May 10 -11

MEN'S TENNIS	
Individual	
Pre-Regionals	Apr. 19
Reporting Deadline	Apr. 26 @ 3:00 pm
Regionals	Apr. 30 - May 1
State	May 7 - 8
Dual Team	
Seeding	Apr. 23
1st Round	Apr. 26
2nd Round	Apr. 29
3rd Round	May 3
4th Round	May 5
Regional	May 11
State	May 14 - 15

TRACK	
Reporting Deadline	May 1; 9pm
Regionals	May 7 or 8
State	May 11-12 & 14-15

LACROSSE	
Seeding	May 6
1st Round	May 11
2nd Round	May 14
3rd Round	May 18
4th Round	May 21
Regional	May 26
State	May 28 - 29

WOMEN'S SOCCER	
Seeding	May 6
1st Round	May 10
2nd Round	May 13
3rd Round	May 17
4th Round	May 20
Regional	May 25
State	May 27 - 29

SOFTBALL	
Seeding	May 10
1st Round	May 11
2nd Round	May 14
3rd Round	May 18
4th Round	May 21
Regional	May 25 - 29
State	June 2 - 5

BASEBALL	
Seeding	May 10
1st Round	May 11
2nd Round	May 14
3rd Round	May 18
4th Round	May 21
Regional	May 25 - 29
State	June 2 - 5