

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 24, 2013

AGENDA
ITEM No. 13-06-(2)-14

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: North Carolina High School Athletic Association Updates

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ATTACHMENTS: None.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide information regarding updates and changes to rules and procedures administered by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA).

BACKGROUND: During it's spring meeting, the NCHSAA's Board of Directors took numerous actions which now must be thoroughly reviewed and implemented in our high school athletic programs. The school district will be reviewing all of the changes and developing procedures for implementation as needed for any rule changes. The following are summary items as provided in the *NCHSAA Bulletin*, Volume 65, Number 4, Summer 2013:

1. A new statewide transfer policy for athletics was passed by the Board. After initial entry into ninth grade and absent a bona fide move as provided in the Residence section in the NCHSAA Handbook:
 - a. a student transferring from a member school to another member school within the same local educational agency (LEA) must sit out 365 days for athletic participation. The LEA may create criteria for immediate athletic eligibility for transfers within the LEA.
 - b. a student transferring from a member school in one LEA to another member public school in another LEA (without a bona fide change of residence) must sit out 365 days for athletic participation. Exceptions for immediate athletic eligibility for transfers from one LEA to a different LEA will be heard by a special NCHSAA Transfer Committee.
2. A second major item involves the boundary criteria for non-traditional schools which do not have traditional boundaries. It is revised as follows:
 - a. A student is eligible at any school upon initial entry into ninth grade.
 - b. After initial entry into ninth grade, transfer and boundary criteria shall apply as follows:
 - i. student shall live in the county where non-traditional school is located, or
 - ii. student shall live within 25-mile radius of the nontraditional school as measured by NCHSAA designated computer program; or
 - iii. student is member of parochial church and submits authorized pastor verification form.
3. Eliminated NCHSAA share of gate in first round playoff games (one dollar surcharge stays) in all sports but football and men's and women's basketball, which will leave more revenue for participating schools
4. Recommend ticket price adjustments for playoffs, after surveying schools and seeing what is charged at regular season; all sports except cross country, swimming and diving and individual wrestling will see increase
5. Adjustment in wrestling calendar, to end one week earlier due to facility conflict at Greensboro Coliseum for 2013-14 championship, shortens season by one week
6. Officials
 - a. Approved five new regional supervisors of officials covering a variety of sports
 - b. Approved using three officials in all lacrosse playoff games, starting next year

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7. Among Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommendations which were approved:
 - a. Cheerleading will be governed the same as all other NCHSAA sports as it relates to health and safety (Return to Play form, for example)
 - b. Recommend that all cheerleading coaches take NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Cheerleading (or other comparable course that addresses health and safety)
 - c. Up to date physicals shall be required of all students participating in summer workouts
 - d. Approved recommendation that at least one member of each sport/activity staff should take and pass NFHS First Aid for Coaches course (or American Red Cross course), be CPR/AED certified, and be present at all games/practices/contest
 - e. Encourage host school of an event with three or more participating teams must have LAT/certified first responder on site at all times during the event
 - f. Made an adjustment for an NCHSAA member school to seek conference membership in the future; school must field an established minimum number of sports each year as follows: six per school, three men and three women, including at least two in each sport season, with one male and one female sport in each season

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive this for information. The Superintendent also recommends the Board Policy Subcommittee revise the student transfer policy to reflect new eligibility rules.