NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCOOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCICATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – Agenda Item Submission

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

Recommendation/Proposal:

I am asking the NCHSAA Board of Directors to strongly consider a realignment to our upcoming playoff classifications. As the NCHSAA is transitioning to possible eight classifications, I am requesting that six of those classifications consists of teams who have a defined attendance zone established by a local public school unit; and two of those classifications are set by school's who have no clearly defined attendance zone.

I want to make it clear, this has nothing to do with conference realignment. I believe based off proximity of schools, there must be split conferences and there are going to be schools in conferences that have a defined attendance zone and schools who do not have a defined attendance zone.

However, when it comes down to the playoffs in all sports, many principals, coaches and athletic directors want there to be "fair play". Schools who do not have a defined attendance zone can have student-athletes from across multiple counties which can create "all-star" teams. A quick look in the 1A and 2A classifications across most non-revenue sports will see that many state championships are won from schools who do not have a clearly defined attendance zone.

My proposal is this, ask the membership of the NCHSAA the following question?

1. Should there be separate playoff classifications for schools who do not have a defined attendance zone as set forth by a public school unit?

The NCHSAA often asks its membership questions when it comes to conference realignment and most recent, new bylaws. Allow the members to express their opinions on playoff classifications. Depending on the results, the NCHSAA will have its members voices heard and will have a better sense of direction when establishing playoff classifications.

I am fully aware that this potentially may have an impact on conference realignment. However, the NCHSAA has a realignment subcommittee. This subcommittee is fully capable of addressing all the details of conference realignment through the member schools' vote on playoff classifications from the above question.

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

  The rationale for this agenda item is to create “fair play” among member schools. Often schools who have no defined attendance zone are able to create “all-star” teams that have dominated post season play at the expense of schools who are bound by a local public school unit’s attendance lines.

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

  It is difficult to foresee the budget impact on schools/athletic department’s finances. Travel may or may not be longer in the playoffs. However, many schools may make further progress in the playoffs which could result in more money from those revenue sports.

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

  There will be no loss of school time or study time with this proposal.

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

  There is no impact on gender with this proposal.

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

  For the 2025-2026 athletic season.

Signature:  Date: 10/31/24