

NCHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPLETES SPRING MEETING

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The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors completed its spring Board meeting on Wednesday at the NCHSAA offices. The Board had a very productive meeting over the past two days," said Davis Whitfield, commissioner. "We had a very challenging and comprehensive agenda, but

the Board members engaged in thoughtful discussion and looked at our Association matters from a global perspective. I am pleased with the result of this Board session."

Items which the Board studied and approved included:

- adoption of a "mercy rule" in soccer; if a goal differential of nine is reached by halftime or at any time in the second half, the game shall be terminated, to go into effect for 2012-13; at least one half of game must be complete.
 - approved going back to 12 weeks to play 11 football games, starting with 2013 season, and approved two-year football calendar for 2013 and '14.
 - approved additional scheduling allowance for wrestling for one tri meet and one "multi team event" per week
 - approved moving starting date for two-pound growth allowance for wrestling from January 1 to December 25
 - approval of four booking agents, including Mark Kadlecik in soccer, Triangle Officials Association; Leigh Harris in wrestling, Mountain Officials Association; David Culbreth in wrestling, Southeastern Officials Association; Brad Allen in basketball, Southeastern Officials Association
 - approved requiring each non-faculty coach and newly hired coaches to take "Fundamentals of Coaching" course through the National Federation to coach a team at an NCHSAA school; recommend all coaching staffs be certified in this area within three years
 - added fine of \$250 to Handbook if schools have non-compliant uniforms to NFHS rule codes
 - discussed NCHSAA's 100th Anniversary Celebration and timeline of events
 - approved additional ways to return additional revenue to member schools; take operating budget overage and also review any extra interest income from Endowment, and half of that, based on a formula, will be distributed to schools which participated in bracketed team sports playoffs. Schools traveling would receive full share, hosting school would receive half share
 - adopted structured rate of expense reimbursements for football playoffs from first round through regionals
 - reviewed 2011-12 budget
 - approved four-year contract for commissioner
 - approved NCHSAA strategic plan after presentation from Dr. Larry Price, who helped to facilitate the process
 - a report from Paige King of Eastern Alamance High School of the NCHSAA's Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC)
- On Tuesday, the Board had approved the realignment plan for 2013-17 after hearing appeals.
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