

Descriptor Term:
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

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3.4510

Legal References: G.S. 115C-47(4)

Cross References:

The board subscribes to the rules and regulations of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association because of its efforts to keep athletics on a high standard of educational values.

The board believes that it is the purpose of athletics to provide the benefits of competitive experiences to as large a number of students within the system as possible. To this end, on the elementary level, the board endorses the practice of intramural competitions and field day competitions.

The purposes of athletic programs in the system's secondary schools are:

1. To provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. To develop a strong program of competitive sports:
 - a. by encouraging and developing talented athletes in all sports and providing sufficient opportunity for students to develop individual ability;
 - b. by encouraging the development of team spirit among all members of the team and their coaches;
 - c. by developing good attitudes of pride, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior in students, participants, and spectators;
 - d. by developing and maintaining a good relationship between athletic teams and the student body, faculty, administration, and community;
 - e. by teaching fundamentals and techniques of each sport in a progressive sequence as appropriate for students at higher grade levels;
 - f. by providing student athletes with an awareness of potential opportunities as afforded them through competitive athletics.

The board shall encourage students, faculty, and the community to recognize the value of athletics in relation to the total school program.

Customarily, the principals of member schools, or their designees are members of athletic organizations and receive one vote in determining matters that come before the conference. Before voting on a change of bylaws, rules, or regulations that will in any way affect the schools or athletic teams of this system, this system's representatives to athletic organizations shall advise the superintendent or his/her designee of the proposed change and seek his/her directions for voting.