

Playoff Info

Section 1 ALL STATE & PLAYOFF SEEDING

1. Site:

- 1.1. Greensboro Day School has been designated the central site for seeding meetings in all classifications unless otherwise noted.

2. Dates & Times:

TABLE 1:		
Fall Sports	Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Soccer, 1A/2A /3A• Field Hockey• Girls Tennis, 1A/2A/3A• Volleyball, 1A & 2A
	Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volleyball 3A
	Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 1:00 PM Saturday; October 28, 2017 at 1:00PM at Parkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 Man Football, 3 Divisions• 8 Man Football, 1A & 2A
Winter Sports	Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys and Girls Basketball, 1A/2A/3A
Spring Sports	Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baseball, 1A/2A/3A• Boys Tennis, 1A/2A/3A• Girls Soccer. 1A/2A/3A
	Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Lacrosse• Girls Lacrosse• Softball, 1A/2A/3A

3. Committee:

- 3.1. Each NCISAA conference with three or more schools participating in any given sport will have a seeding committee representative. Each seeding committee member should gain as much information as possible about the conference teams they represent.
- 3.2. Seeding Committee members should, ideally, consist of coaches for that particular sport. If a coach in that sport from the involved conference cannot attend, a Director of Athletics from that conference must serve on the Seeding Committee.
- 3.3. If the designated Seeding Committee member cannot be present for the meeting, another coach in that sport from the conference involved must replace the designee.
- 3.4. The Sport Managers of each sport will not serve on the Seeding Committee of that sport.
- 3.5. At-Large Schools:
 - 3.5.1. If there are 4 or more at-large schools without representation, the Sport Manager will select on an annual basis an at-large person to represent those 4 or more schools on the Seeding Committee.
 - 3.5.2. A school without At-Large or Conference representation at the seeding meeting may send a non-voting representative to the meeting for informational purposes only. This non-voting representative will leave the room prior to any vote but will be asked to remain close in case additional information is needed.

4. Meeting Protocol:

- 4.1. The Sport Chair will conduct the all-state and seeding committee meetings.

- 4.2. The team seeding process will precede the All-State selection.
- 4.3. Each conference is responsible for travel and any additional expense incurred by its seeding representative for attendance at the seeding meeting.
- 4.4. The seeding selections will be determined by a vote of all seeding committee members present. Under certain circumstances - such as bad weather - the Executive Director may grant permission to submit their vote electronically.

5. **Playoff Eligibility-**

5.1. **By Sport:**

- 5.1.1. Six member schools must register intent to play in a state playoffs before the NCISAA will conduct a state playoff in a specific sport.
- 5.1.2. If fewer than eight teams appear at any NCISAA event within two consecutive years, that event will be dropped from the playoff calendar until sufficient interest is demonstrated.
- 5.1.3. Under special circumstances, the NCISAA Office may make exceptions to this rule.
- 5.1.4. For seeded playoffs, the number of teams participating in a given sport will be selected for the playoffs by a Seeding and/or Selection Committee.
- 5.1.5. If the number of teams in any state playoffs drops drastically, the NCISAA Office may combine playoffs.

5.2. **By Team/School:**

- 5.2.1. Any team must play a minimum of four varsity contests on four separate dates of a given sport to be eligible to participate in state playoff competition.
EXCEPTION- To be eligible to compete in the 1A/2A NCISAA State Championships, each team, team member, and individual entry must compete in a minimum of 2 meets on 2 separate dates during the current season.
- 5.2.2. Hardship cases, i.e. injury, weather, or travel constraints, may be appealed to the NCISAA Office.
- 5.2.3. A school may decline participation in any playoff event if declared by the summer Board of Advisors meeting.
- 5.2.4. A team failing to fill a commitment to a playoff berth will be subject to a fine up to \$2,500 payable to the NCISAA and an additional fine of \$1,000 payable to their opponent.
- 5.2.5. Any team or individual failing to fill a commitment to a playoff berth will serve a one year probation and will not be eligible for any play-off in that sport for the subsequent school year.

5.3. **By Conference:**

- 5.3.1. For each conference containing 4 teams, automatic bids will be given in all sports other than those having open playoffs, qualifying times or the USGA index.
- 5.3.2. The remaining playoff teams will be selected at-large by a committee who seed the overall playoffs.

6. **Team Seeding:**

- 6.1. To be considered for state playoff seeding process, all conference games/matches must be completed prior to the seeding meetings.
- 6.2. All schools are considered for state playoffs unless they have been exempted from participation. A school must have notified the NCISAA Office prior to the summer Board of Advisors meeting if they want to be exempt from participation in state playoffs in a particular sport.

- 6.3. Printed schedules, with results and scores, will be provided for each team by each conference representative. The seeding committee chair or At-Large representative should obtain and provide information for the at-large teams.
- 6.4. All criteria must be used in the following order of priority to seed the best teams for NCISAA championships. The NCISAA Board of Advisors strongly suggests that NCISAA schools play as many regular season out of conference games as possible with other teams in the same classification.

TABLE 3:		
1st	Head-to-Head Results	40%
2nd	Common Opponent Results	25%
3rd	Wins/Ties Against Teams in the Tournament Within Classification	15%
4th	Strength of Schedule	12%
5th	Late Season Performance	8%

- 6.4.1. The NCISAA will utilize MaxPreps in conjunction with committee discussion to define strength of schedule.
- 6.4.2. Late season performance is defined as the last 20% of your schedule as well as consideration of strength of conference.
- 6.5. First & Second Rounds:
 - 6.5.1. The NCISAA State Office will ensure that contests in the first and/or second rounds are paired with substantial consideration given to geography.
 - 6.5.1.1. In a **twelve-team** playoff field, the seeding committee will seed the top 8 teams based on the NCISAA criteria. Also using the NCISAA criteria, the selection committee will then identify the next four teams that make the playoffs.
 - 6.5.1.2. In a **sixteen-team** playoff field, the seeding committee will seed the top 8 teams based on the NCISAA criteria. Also using the NCISAA criteria the selection committee will then identify two groups - the next four teams and the last four teams that would make the playoffs.
 - 6.5.2. The last four (in a 12 team playoff) or eight (in a 16 team playoff) selectees will NOT be seeded or numbered in the brackets. The State Office will place these selectees in the bracket with geography and travel as the deciding factors. When possible, conference match-ups will be avoided in the first and second rounds of playoffs.
- 6.6. Tie-Breaker Procedure:
 - 6.6.1.1. Compare results against all teams seeded above in the playoffs.
 - 6.6.1.2. Compare results against all teams seeded below in the playoffs.
 - 6.6.1.3. The Executive Director, the Associate Director or a designate of the Executive Director will break any remaining ties.

7. All-State Selections:

- 7.1. It is the responsibility of the all-state selection committee to select the best players in that sport for that season. The NCISAA Office will release the all-state teams to the media on completion of championship day.
- 7.2. The seeding committee for each sport in each classification will also serve as the all-state selection committee for that sport. Each conference must be represented.
- 7.3. Conference representatives must use their all-conference team voting in rank order when selecting all-state teams. Independent nominations will be represented by the Sport

Chair or an At-Large representative. Nominations must be endorsed by the conference as a whole.

- 7.4. Conference representatives must have printed statistical information for each player considered from that conference. Conference representatives must have a copy of their all-conference list in rank order. Presentations should be limited to three minutes per player.
- 7.5. Conference representatives may vote for athletes from their conference and their school. All-state selectees must remain in good standing with their school team throughout the duration of their season. Removal from the school's team for disciplinary reasons prior to the end of that season will result in the removal from the NCISAA All-State team.
- 7.6. The size of all-state teams is determined by the number of starters on a team plus one half of the team in that sport. For example: Baseball would be 9 plus 4.5 rounded up to 5 for a total of 14. There are some exceptions to this rule.
- 7.7. If there is a tie for the last spot, an additional player(s) may be added.
- 7.8. To ensure that the all-state team is selected in the proper order using appropriate supporting statistics, the NCISAA Sport Director must communicate with committee members prior to these meetings in order to address questions or problems.
- 7.9. The NCISAA will provide All-State medals which will be distributed to the conference or at-large representatives at the seeding meeting. The reps will then manage distribution of those medals to the schools of the All-State recipients.
- 7.10. In Swimming, Track & Field, and Wrestling, the all state team will be comprised of the event or flight winners.
- 7.11. In Cross Country the top eleven finishers in the state meet will earn All-State Honors.
- 7.12. In Golf, the top nine players (including the medalist) in the state tournament will earn all-state honors.
- 7.13. In 8-Man Football, there will be a 1st Team (medals) and Honorable Mention (certificates) of 18 individuals, for a total of 36 individuals regardless of division.
- 7.14. In 11-Man Football, there will be a 1st Team (medals), 2nd Team (certificates) and Honorable Mention (certificates) of 24 individuals, for a total of 72 individuals regardless of division.
- 7.15. The numbers of All-State recipients will be selected as indicated in the Table 2 below.

TABLE 2:			
Baseball-14	Field Hockey - 17	8 Man Football - 18 1st Team; 18 HM	Soccer – 17
Basketball - 10	Softball- 14	Boys Lacrosse – 15	Tennis - 9
Golf – Top 9 (State Championships)	11 Man Football – 24 1st Team, 24- 2nd Team, 24 HM	Girls Lacrosse - 18	Volleyball - 12
Cross Country - Top 11(State Championships)	Swimming- Event Winners (State Championships)	Wrestling- Event Winners (State Championships)	Track & Field- Event Winners (State Championships)