



# From the Clinic Desk

*by Mac Morris*

**T**he news of Charlie Adams' passing has been very tough on me as I begin to write another column. I first met Charlie after he came to the Association as Assistant to the Director, Simon Terrell. He was Supervisor of Officials at the time and like other coaches, I probably complained more than I should have. He always listened and usually told me I was wrong but we began to develop a friendship. I am ashamed to say that when he came to one of my games, I could spot him and often looked in his direction when I considered what I thought was a bad call. He tolerated me and one of my big thrills in coaching was receiving the State Championship Trophy from him in 1983.

**W**hen Simon retired and Charlie moved up to the big chair, the NCHSAA was going to be changed for good. The Association went from being a good state organization to one headed for national prominence. He planned for the future while

always keeping the student-athletes of North Carolina in the forefront. The Endowment Fund was his baby and he pushed to make it successful. His ideas of a Student Services Program became a national model. He hired good people to make the Association better and stronger. He became a national leader in athletics through the National Federation. His idea of moving state championships to neutral sites so that athletes could experience the big-time feeling of playing in a large stadium made some folks angry, but it worked out for the best.

**H**e certainly was a leader and we appreciate the strides he made -- but what about Charlie as a person? He was an outstanding high school coach and still has a "White Imp" following of his former athletes. He had a remarkable skill of never forgetting a face or a name. Next to Coach Smith, he was the best at that of anyone I have known. Whenever he made a presentation, he touched members of the audience by calling their names because he knew the

people he served. He was interested in what you were talking about when he met you and he would remember that the next time you met. He was thoughtful and often sent hand-written notes to acknowledge special accomplishments.

**H**e is going to be missed by many who considered him a friend, and I am one of those.

**I**n reviewing the summer's Clinic, it is hard to start without talking about how much things have changed in the years I have been in charge of the Clinic. We had a tough time physically this summer with some of our venues being taken up for the concert on Tuesday night. We had good speakers who tried to do a good job. I am particularly embarrassed by the reports that I received of our basketball coaches' rudeness in coming in prior to the rules session and making so much noise that those who wanted to listen couldn't hear. It was unfair and disrespectful to the speaker, Dan Spainhour. We would like to offer him an apology for this. Part of that

problem was the venue, which was not conducive to having an area to wait outside; but the rest of the problem was just plain, inconsiderate behavior. I realize that some have no desire to learn about coaching and just attend to go to the rules session, but most of these coaches would not tolerate their players showing the same lack of consideration. Or maybe they would; which is more of a problem.

**A** second problem is the number of coaches who bring children to the Clinic and then get mad when they can't take them into the trade show, registration area or to the sessions. The dates of the Clinic are announced a year ahead of time (in 2018 they will be July 16-19 and in 2019 they will be July 15-18). This is a coaches' clinic for adults, not for children. You have more than a year to make childcare arrangements so that you can attend. The venues are crowded and the liability for children is not something we want to take on. I

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# From the Games Desk

*by Phil Weaver*

**W**hen I wrote this, it was yesterday that we lost Charlie Adams and I cannot write about anything else until I've paid him tribute. I served on the NCHSAA Board of Directors for thirteen years during Charlie's time as the Executive Director. Though there were times when I know he wasn't particularly happy with me because I was the lone dissenting vote on some issue, Charlie never made any negative reference to my actions as a member of the Board. Mac followed me on the Board and then Joe, and they both learned as quickly as I did that the NCHSAA and the NCCA must on occasion be on opposite sides of an issue. Charlie seemed to understand that and never tried to quiet me or have others "counsel" me.

**H**e was one of the finest and most accomplished politicians I've seen. He knew thousands

of names and would mention folks at meetings and bring them into his presentation as no one else could. Because of this talent (one I've envied for years because I'm so bad with names), Charlie made people feel they were valuable and important. I've often stated that he could have been elected Governor simply by the great number of people he knew. Charlie also did his homework and rarely, if ever, lost a vote with his Board because he had prepared well in advance; securing the needed voters.

**T**hough some NCHSAA regulations seemed to be unfriendly to coaches, Charlie was a friend to the coaches of the state and to the NCCA. Charlie began the practice of having an NCCA representative on his Board and in return, he annually came to our Sunday Board meeting to present NCHSAA actions that were important to coaches and to answer our questions.

Charlie initiated a lunch meeting with Mac and me to discuss issues which impacted our two organizations. We never missed a year with Charlie and have tried to continue with his successors. Charlie started numerous joint initiatives with us and the NCADA was often also involved. He made us and the ADs know how important we were to the NCHSAA. I admit that he was really wise politically, but Charlie went beyond what we had a right to expect.

**P**ersonally, Charlie and I became friends after he retired and we'd occasionally meet in Burlington with Mac for a casual lunch. After he retired he seemed to find it easier to be friends with coaches; not just friendly. After all, he was once one of us. We stayed in touch through email, and for several years Charlie could be counted on for an interesting email every few weeks. It was sad to see such an energetic and

vibrant man become so weakened by disease, but Charlie's brightness of spirit always seemed to come through on the phone or through another email. I, and the NCCA, will miss him.

**I**t's just about impossible not to have an opinion on the NFL players' use of the National Anthem to make a social commentary. What I haven't heard much about is how this issue may filter down to the high school level. I hope every head coach is discussing this with his/her school's administration to formulate an appropriate policy. My feeling is that the high school sideline is no place for any kind of commentary because the high school athlete can find so many other ways to express his or her opinion. T-shirts, badges, ribbons, etc. can be worn during the school day and clubs exist to promote many causes. I'd

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asked one coach if he had seen the notice in the brochure asking coaches not to bring children to the Clinic. He said, "Yes, I have seen it but it doesn't apply to me." That is disturbing.

In addition, I think we are probably at about 50% of our attendees who come to get their picture made for the card and then go home. I don't think the Athletic Directors and Superintendents who pay for their staffs to attend would be very pleased with these statistics.

I do hope everyone is off to a good start at school and it will continue throughout the school year. A good athletic program usually results in a good school and that makes all of our jobs easier. The sooner our school administrators realize this, the better we will all be.



## NC/SC Classic Funded for 2018

Thanks to the efforts of Greg Grantham and Steve Robinson, we have obtained funding to continue the NC/SC basketball games; the Carolinas' Basketball Classic. The folks in Myrtle Beach withdrew their financial support after last year's games.

The FLOCK non-profit run by The House of Raeford in Wallace will be our sponsor this year. If both parties see the arrangement as valuable, we expect to continue. The games will be played in March in Wilmington. Brett Queen, NCCA Vice President, will head up our efforts locally. If you wish to help, please contact Brett at Hoggard.

### NC Women All-Star Coaches

Kim Furlough – Northern Guilford HS  
Grover Battle – Northern Nash HS

### NC Men All-Star Coaches

Lee Reavis – Northwest Guilford HS  
Ike Walker – Jack Britt HS

The NC/SC online nomination window is December 1st - 31st. Please remember you're nominating a player you think is in the top fifteen or so in the state.



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like to think that our flag and anthem represent a government that, while still imperfect, is as good as there is at allowing its citizens to express their views; even those aimed at criticizing that same government.

I think it's necessary to address in advance how any such situation will be handled by our All-Star game staff. Accordingly, we've asked and received a positive vote from our Board of Directors to implement the following policy for the All-Star games: "During pre-game ceremonies the coaches and players participating in any NCCA administered all-star contest will respectfully stand for our National Anthem and refrain from any action, such as the linking of arms or other gesture, that would reasonably be interpreted as signifying disrespect for our nation."

Without comment on any reason for the current protests, I want to make it clear that we are a private non-profit organization which conducts its games to honor coaches and players. If our organization wants to be a part of a public commentary on any societal issue, then it is our Board of Directors who will make that decision. (By law, a 501-C-3 cannot be

involved in political issues.) I want to make it clear to nominating coaches that we will expect all of our players (and coaches) to respectfully stand for our National Anthem. We will make certain this policy is clearly explained to our all-stars.

I'm pleased with the way our online nominations and acceptances have worked. Jeff Becker, with Sportz-ventures, writes our software, handles any online data issues we have, and does it for a remarkably low price. We're still tweaking small bits, but overall it's a big success.

Here's the process, which is also available in the NCCA Directory: A NCCA member, who is a head coach in the sport, can nominate any player from any school he or she wants. Only members nominate because, while many Associates would make quality nominations, we have a right to expect members to be professionals. Associates should ask their ADs or a rival coach to either fill in the nomination for them or ask that the nomination be supported through an email to me at pweaver@nccoach.org. Any non-member nominations submitted are not sent to the all-star coaches until I have verified through the school's AD that the nomination is supported. I utilize athletic directors because I feel most of them will know what it takes to be an all-star and they will also protect

the school's reputation by not supporting a poor candidate. Any remarks made to me by an athletic director in this situation are held in confidence.

Nominations may be made through use of the links found on [www.nccoach.org](http://www.nccoach.org). Men's soccer and football links are active now and East-West basketball and women's soccer will be active beginning February 1. NC/SC basketball will be activated December 1. We don't like nominations submitted at the last minute, so honors and stats will be as up to date as possible.

Our All-Star coaches have been instructed to use the nominations for a starting point for their selections. Players not nominated may still be picked, but their coaches are expected to nominate them when asked by the All-Star coach. From where I sit; if players aren't nominated, there may be a really good reason not to select them.

If you receive a mailed Acceptance Letter because one of your players has been chosen for an all-star team, we need you to complete the form online with the player. You are our connection to the player and the one we count on to make certain the player gives us accurate information. You probably wouldn't be surprised to know we've had birthdays of 145 lbs. and heights of 287 and addresses where mail to them doesn't get delivered. In light of the increasing number of players who move or don't get USPS mailings

we send, we're working to see if we can put the content they need online and using an electronic notice to the players. We're thinking of texting players, for example, that "Player Letter # 1 is now online at [eastwestallstars.com](http://eastwestallstars.com)", along with the forms they need for tickets, the banquet, and Academic All-Star recognition, etc. I'd love to hear comments from you about the practicality of eliminating mailed letters. Thanks for your input.

## Applying for an NCCA scholarship?

Remember, if you are an NCCA member and have a son or daughter who is graduating from high school this year or will be a graduate student next year, the NCCA has a competitive scholarship available. See your NCCA Directory for details.



## JOE'S CORNER

by Joe Franks

This year's Clinic hit a new record – over 8,700 paid registrants! When we mention that to folks, they are taken aback. Where do you have it? Are they really all high school and middle school coaches? How long has this been going on? It amazes them that we have done this in Greensboro since 1949, not to mention that we are able to do it over a four day period at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. Speaking of the Coliseum, did you realize that on Tuesday of the Clinic there was a major concert that was sold out – and we still pulled off everything with only minor hiccups? The folks at the Coliseum are great to work with and they understand how the Clinic and All-Star Games work. They do an amazing job.

As I write this, I'm in the middle of the NCHSAA Regional Meeting

swing. While I've done many regions for years, this is the first for me to do all eight. It's encouraging to see Superintendents, Principals, AD's and Coaches get together to be updated on how things operate and how we can maximize the athletic experience in North Carolina for our young people. The beginning of this year's sessions starts on a sad note. As you may know, former NCHSAA Executive Director Charlie Adams passed away in September. Charlie was a true visionary about a number of things and caught some flack from time to time for some of his proposals – as people with vision often do. As I listen to the presentations in each region, I see a legacy that Charlie Adams left to the NCHSAA membership that will continue long after you and I are gone. His idea for an Endowment Fund in the early 1990's was met with skepti-

cism and opposition by some. Consider this – from the 2010-11 school year through the 2016-17 school year, the NCHSAA, through criteria set up by its Board, has distributed over 8.4 million dollars to member schools and will continue to do so long into the future. Bravo, Charlie Adams!

One of the things that has always amazed me about Clinic Week happens on Tuesdays at lunchtime. We host a lunch for Gold Card members that most of them call the "Old Timer's Lunch". These guys have a blast for a couple of hours swapping stories and fellowshiping just like they did for so many years. What I'm struck by is the importance many of our retired members' place on coming to the Coaches Clinic. Not a year passes that I don't greet a former coach who comes in a wheelchair, on a walker,

or has someone helping him come in. As a matter of fact, I remember through the years a couple of them in such bad health that I wondered how they made it – and a couple or three months later, they passed on. This coaching fraternity we belong to can create tightknit bonds that can last for years – if coaches allow it. I'm just hoping that the newer generation of coaches will step back for a second and watch how important it is for some – and learn to appreciate the journey and not just the goal of trying to win.

Thanks for all you do for young people in North Carolina. Let's continue to make the title "Coach" one that is respected and admired. In addition, as your representative on the NCHSAA Board, I welcome your input. My email is [jfranks@nccoach.org](mailto:jfranks@nccoach.org)

## Your NCCA in action...

### Texas hurricane relief

Kelvin Sampson, University of Houston Basketball Coach and a North Carolina native, asked for colleges and high schools to send him school T-shirts and shoes to help in the relief effort.

We decided to send all of our new, non-Champion wear. In all, the NCCA contributed about 200 T-shirts and polos.

## In Memoriam

**Charlie Adams**  
NCHSAA

**Harvey Brooks**  
Princeton High School

**Mike Lambros**  
North Davidson High School

**Charles McCullough**  
West Charlotte High School

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# They Still Call Me “Coach”

## Dean Saffos

### NCC: WHAT SPORTS DID YOU COACH?

**DS:** When I began my career, one person coached several sports. I coached football, basketball, baseball, girls' softball, wrestling, tennis, and boy's and girl's track. I was a JV coach in basketball, but for all of the rest I was the head coach. I am very proud to say that due to the athletes, I had a winning record in all of the sports that I coached.

### NCC WHERE DID YOU COACH?

**DS:** South Iredell HS, Troutman, NC; E.E. Smith HS, Fayetteville; John T. Hoggard HS, Wilmington; Jacksonville Jr. High, Jacksonville; Jacksonville Sr. High, Jacksonville; Hallsboro Middle School, Hallsboro; East Columbus HS, Lake Waccamaw; Pine Forest HS, Fayetteville, NC.

### NCC: HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU COACH?

**DS:** I coached for 32 years.

### ARE YOU STILL INVOLVED IN COACHING AND/OR ATHLETICS?

**DS:** Since retiring, I did four years of radio broadcasting of football games in the Wilmington area. I enjoyed it and it kept me involved in the football season. I also did a TV Game of the Week for a year. I still go to coaching clinics because I want to stay current with the sport today and the style of coaching today. My son is a teacher/coach and this is also a way to spend time together. I enjoy going to some of the local high school practices to observe the different methods of teaching the game today. I enjoy attending local high school athletic activities.

### NCC: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE COACHING EXPERIENCE?

**DS:** In 1984, I was in my first head coaching position at E.E. Smith High. We had lost our first game of the year by a lopsided score. The next week our kids defeated Westover 3 to 2 on a field goal. That was my first win as a head football coach. In 1996 at East Columbus High we had a record of 7-3; the first winning season that the school had ever earned. Reestablishing the football program at Pine Forest High in Fayetteville from 1998 to 2006 is memorable. The program had fallen on hard times. With the help of wonderful assistant coaches and dedicated players, we reestablished a good competitive football program.

### NCC: WHAT PART OF COACHING WAS THE MOST REWARDING FOR YOU?

*Dean Saffos grew up in Wilmington NC. He graduated from New Hanover High School, where he played football and baseball. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. He served his country in the Army from 1967-1971, achieving the rank of Sergeant while serving in Vietnam and Panama.*

*He and his wife of 34 years, Mary Margaret, make their home*

*in Shallotte. They have one son, George Saffos, who is also a teacher and coach. They are proud grandparents to their two grandchildren, ages 9 and 12.*

*In retirement, Dean and his wife have enjoyed traveling as often as possible. He also spends time playing some golf, going to the beach, shag dancing and reading. He enjoys watching sports of all kinds.*



**DS:** As exciting as playing the game on Friday night became, practices during the week and off-season were more rewarding. The practice time was a chance to see players develop, mature, and gain confidence in their ability. It was a time when players developed a bond with their teammates and coaches. Lifetime relationships were formed during practice.

### NCC: WHY DID YOU GO INTO COACHING?

**DS:** I had always loved to play all sports. As a player, my own coaches were patient, fine men. They treated me and my teammates as if we were part of their family. This had a big affect on me. I had always wanted to be a teacher. I coached my platoon when I was in the Army. The combination of my Army and personal experiences growing up seemed a natural fit. This led to a wonderful life teaching and coaching.

### NCC: WHAT IS YOUR FUNNIEST COACHING MEMORY?

**DS:** It was 1984, my first year at E.E. Smith HS in Fayetteville during an early morning hard practice. I had a habit of twirling my whistle on the end of its string over my head as a way of saying move on. A player jumped offside and I was upset. I was twirling the string with the whistle at 100 miles an hour. The string slipped out of my hand and it flew across the practice field. It landed under a lawn mower that was cutting grass on the sidelines. The whistle was of course chopped to bits and my team, coaches and players, laughed hysterically. So much for team discipline. We all had a good laugh and soon went back to work.

### NCC: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING COACHING MOMENT?

**DS:** In 1989, I was the head football coach at Hoggard High. We were playing Terry Sanford High in Fayetteville. At halftime, the score was tied and we had played terribly. We were in a courtyard surrounded by buildings. I got so upset and I picked up a full water bottle and threw it. Unfortunately the water bottle went right through a classroom window. We ended up losing in the last minute. After that, I learned to always keep control and avoid throwing things.

### NCC: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PLAY OR STRATEGY?

**DS:** On the goal line going in to score: midline option or the loaded midline option. We wanted to keep the ball in the QB's hand. That play worked very well. Pass near the goal line: a flood pattern using the FB, TE, and WR. We would fake the off tackle play and throw off of that action.

### NCC: WHO WERE THE TOUGHEST TEAMS YOU COACHED AGAINST?

**DS:** John Daskal at Terry Sanford HS, Fayetteville; Bob Paroli at Douglas Byrd HS, Fayetteville; Jack Holly at South Columbus HS; Milton Butts at E.E. Smith HS, Fayetteville

### NCC: WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE TO THE CURRENT RULES IN YOUR SPORT?

**DS:** If any changes were made, I would like the people in Chapel Hill to be less negative toward football. The NCHSAA seems to go out of its way to treat high school football as a second class citizen. Rules must be in place to regulate our sports program. Punish the rule breakers but support the majority of coaches who work hard and follow the rules. Don't hinder the sport of football. If everyone works together, the sport will get bigger

and become safer. Football should have the same support from Chapel Hill as the other sports.

### NCC: WHAT ONE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A BEGINNING COACH?

**DS:** The best advice I can give is to be seen and not heard. Make your points to the head coach and then be quiet. The more you learn, the more the head coach will depend on you. Learn as much about your sport as possible. Go to clinics and attend the classes. Talk to those who have experience and listen.

### NCC: WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS FOR YOUNG COACHES TO DO IN DEALING WITH:

**DS: ATHLETES:** Be honest. Do not lie to your athletes. If you do not know the answer, tell them that you will find the answer and find it.

**PARENTS:** Be honest and be kind when dealing with parents. Remember that an athlete may not be a star on your team, but he is a Hall of Famer to those parents.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTORS:** Follow the rules. You may not agree with him but he out ranks you. Plead your case in private.

**OTHER COACHES:** To be successful, everyone must work together. One has to remember that every coach thinks his sport is the most important. If all coaches work to support one another, then the school will have a good sports program.

**THE PRESS/MEDIA:** The press have a job to do. A coach should be honest, cordial, and careful. It is important to the athletic program that the coach has



## Coach K on the latest scandal.

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DURHAM — Entering his 38th season at Duke on a new left knee, Coach Mike Krzyzewski showed no signs of slowing down as he took the microphone at the Blue Devils' media day at Cameron Indoor Stadium this afternoon.

In light of the college basketball scandal that broke last week, with assistant coaches accused of funneling money from shoe companies and other advisers to recruits, Krzyzewski spent the majority of his time talking about the state of college basketball.

### 1. The model hasn't changed.

Krzyzewski's main point — one that he spent nearly 10 minutes discussing — is that college basketball hasn't kept up with the evolution of the business model surrounding high school and AAU basketball nor the NBA.

"The landscape for the player keeps changing; we in college have not changed as much as the landscape has changed," Krzyzewski said. "The landscape before we get them has changed dramatically and certainly the NBA, that has changed dramatically with money, one-and-done and whatever. We are not equipped right now to handle that."

Meanwhile, college basketball has maintained the same general approach despite the sport being more profitable than ever for everyone that isn't involved in playing the game, whether that be media rights, contracts or shoe deals.

"We don't have a good model; we don't have a model that fits what's happening in basketball, so college basketball is going to have problems and before these kids ever come to us, we are not the only ones recruiting these youngsters," Krzyzewski said. "There's absolutely no progress. There is progress on what a player gets in college now, but that has only been forced on the NCAA by litigation and stuff like that. It hasn't been like, 'Let's figure that out.' It's, 'we better do this or we're going to get sued or we're going to lose money.'"

### 2. AAU, shoe companies do plenty of good

While many are focused on the negatives from last week, Krzyzewski pointed to the opportunities that shoe companies can help provide players at the youth level and later.

"If somebody said, 'Your kid is really good, I'm going to outfit his high school team in whatever, Adidas, Nike, Under

Armour. Would you accept, and would it be legal? Yes," Krzyzewski said. "I'm going to be on an AAU team; I'm going to send you shoes I'm going to sponsor that. Is it illegal? No. Would you accept it? Yes, yes, yes. If they said, 'I'm going to take you and 14 other kids and their families to Italy to play, would you accept? Yes. Illegal? No.'"

Therein lies the problem for young players who are allowed to accept some things but not others and where that line is drawn.

"Now, what do we do when we get them into us? There's a change, and when there's that change, there can be problems, misinterpretations of what is good, what is right, what is legal, what can I expect? Because you form habits here that are not illegal; most of the things are not."

Passing a blanket judgment on the role of AAU basketball and shoe company influence, he said, would be unfair for the players who benefit from playing on the high-level AAU circuits.

"They deserve that, they deserve to be sponsored by shoe companies; that's going to be part of their life," he said. "Now, once they come into our world, they can't get illegal. It's all legal there, right? I mean, it is. That's a bad situation we put the player and his family in. It's a bad situation, and not every one of these kids is poor and destitute, but most of them are from more low socioeconomic families. I mean, come on. We want that."

### 3. Reform needs to be collaborative

Krzyzewski believes at least part of the blame falls on the NBA's age limit, which essentially forces top talent to find somewhere else to play for one year between high school and the NBA.

There are other options, of course, like the G League and overseas, but college basketball remains the preferred feeder system. With that, players who could already be profiting from their talent and likeness can't make money through legitimate sources.

"I've read where it's not the one-and-done thing, but the one-and-done is a part of it," he said. "It's not the only thing, but we've got to pay attention to this side and if there is no one-and-done, if a kid could go out of high school, he would go from business to business; he wouldn't go from college to business." If a player is being courted by shoe companies in high school, let him cash in on that immediately, rather than waiting for a year, the coach said.

"If these kids are being recruited and doing that stuff, then let them go and let them continue to go; God bless them," Krzyzewski said. "They'll get an extra year in the NBA and the NBA has to be responsible for developing them."

"They've got a good thing going; they put them in ours, they get to see if they're good enough, they market them and they take the really good ones. I mean, Jayson Tatum is more marketable than if he just came out of St. Louis."



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a good working relationship with the press.

### NCC: WHAT DID/DOES THE NCCA MEAN TO YOU?

DS: The NCCA is an organization that has meant a great deal to me. It is a source of information and instruction through its annual clinic. It is a great tool for networking. I have formed great friendships, made working relationships, and gained much knowledge through my membership. The NCCA is a great tool for young coaches to use.

## Q & A with the Staff

**Q:** Why can't I get CEUs for the clinic anymore?

**A:** The decision to stop offering CEU credit at the Clinic was an economic one. We had so few coaches needing the credits that it made no sense to hire checkers for each session to verify a coach having earned the certificate.

**Q:** Why do I have to register as an Associate?

**A:** The NCCA was founded as an organization of education professionals who want to become better coaches. As more and more non-school personnel

became high school coaches, it became apparent that these coaches needed coaches' education as much as the educators did; probably more. Therefore, to keep membership for professional educators and at the same time reward those lay coaches who wanted to become better coaches by attending the NCCA Clinic, Associate status was created by the NCCA Board of Directors.

**Q:** After an All-Star player accepts online; is there anything else I need to do?

**A:** As his/her coach, you have sev-

eral tasks remaining. You need to make certain your player graduates. If there is a felony conviction or other troubling behavior from your player, you need to make sure he or she drops. If your player drops for *any* reason, you need to immediately inform Phil at the NCCA office and the All-Star head coach. You need to ensure that he/she has transportation, his/her proper equipment (primarily football), and proper apparel for the All-Star Banquet and other meals in public; and that the player stays in good physical condition. Your help is vital to ensure

your player enjoys his/her experience.

**Q:** Why can't Cheerleading coaches become NCCA members?

**A:** Many years ago in order to strengthen our ties with the NCHSAA, the NCCA Board of Directors passed a regulation that membership was restricted to coaches who coached an NCHSAA sport. When the NCHSAA moves Cheerleading to sport status, the NCCA will automatically welcome its coaches in membership. Recently, Lacrosse went through the same process.

## What kind of influence do I want to have on my athletes?

by Greg Grantham, NCBCA

Thank you for your support of the NC Coaches Association. Hopefully, you picked up some new ideas at the Clinic in July that you can use with your own team. As you are reading this, the start of basketball season is just around the corner. With that thought in mind, I

would encourage you to think about one inevitability that will occur at some point during your season.

How will you respond in those moments when you let your players down? Whether it be that the team was not as prepared for a game situation as they needed to be, or you feel you didn't create a particularly good practice plan, or you

reacted to a situation in a way that you were regretful of afterwards, or maybe you became so overly focused on the next opponent and making your players a better team that you forgot to show them that you care about them as people. Whatever the situation, you will let them down at some point.

When that happens, what are you going to do about it? Let me urge you to own it in front of your team, admit that you made a mistake, explain to them how you feel you should have handled that situation better and vow to them that you will try extremely hard to not allow it to occur again.

Coaching is not only a great profession, but a privilege that provides us with opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the student-athletes we serve by helping them grow through their involvement in the sport. We teach them as much

about how to be better adults in the way we handle mistakes as we do with the way we deal with successes. So just as you try to prepare your team for every situation that might come up, prepare yourself for how you will handle missteps when they happen and how you will use those as teachable moments to impact those players for a lifetime.

I recently read the following quote from Rev. Billy Graham, "One coach will influence more people in one year than the average person will in a lifetime." As you begin this season, consider this quote and ask yourself, "What kind of influence do I want to have on my athletes?"

You can find out more about the Basketball Coaches Association by visiting our website [www.NCBCA.com](http://www.NCBCA.com). Best of luck to you and your team this season.



### The Tar Heel Cup

is sponsored by the North Carolina High School Golf Coaches Association (NCHSGCA). This mission of the NCHSGCA is to advance the sport of boys and girls golf in the state of North Carolina and to promote these student athletes for collegiate programs. The Tar Heel Cup features male and female players and coaches from across the state in an East versus West matchup. Senior golfers are selected by the tournament coaches so that all four NCHSAA classifications and NCHSAA member schools are represented.

Coaches are selected by the NCHSGCA Board of Directors based

on the years of experience in their coaching field. We would like to congratulate the coaches who have been selected to the 2018 Tar Heel Cup. The West coaching staff for the girls will be head coach Joey Chapman, of Kannapolis High School, and his assistant Brian Heddon of Hayesville High School. The West coaching staff for the boys is John Echerd of Newton Conover High School and his assistant Hoppy Hopkins of Mooresville High School. For the East, the girls will be coached by Connie Barnes of Garner Magnet School and her assistant Greg Kozar of Rolesville High School. The boys from the East will be coached by Curt Budd of Hoggard High School and his assistant Russ Lanier of East Duplin high School.

The Tar Heel Cup tournament is a two-day format of mixed 4 ball, alternate shot, and match play. This year the match is scheduled for May 18th and 19th, 2018 at Cramer Mountain Country Club, Cramerton, North Carolina.

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## North Carolina Baseball Coaches Association (NCBCA) announcement

Dear Baseball Coaches,

I hope you are off to a successful start of the school year! My name is Hal Bagwell, your President-Executive Director. I take tremendous pride in promoting our game and representing you and the NCBCA. If you are a non-member baseball coach, head or assistant, I encourage you to join. There are great things happening within our organization.

Our membership is at an all-time high and we have hosted four of our most successful conventions over our history. Our speakers/presenters have included many successful Division I coaches. We have recognized our state champion coaches as well as a Head Coach of the Year, Assistant Coach of the Year and a Field of the Year for each of our 8 regions. We have also recognized milestone wins, years of coaching service, and special recognition awards. The banquet is always highlighted by recognizing our annual Hall of Fame class and honoring them with a ring! It is truly a celebration. Mark the date, December 15-16, 2017 Greensboro, NC, Downtown Marriott.

I have also dealt directly with NCHSAA on many pressing issues. The most recent has been the mandatory pitch count limit. We are currently working with the NCHSAA to submit a revision for the 2018 season. Our relationship with Que Tucker and her staff is very strong. Trust me, they are listening!

Please consider joining. The annual fee is only \$75. Visit our website at [www.ncbca.org](http://www.ncbca.org) for specific information. I also encourage you to sign up on our email distribution list so you are properly informed about high school baseball news. We also need your help. Leadership positions are currently available and they come with a yearly stipend. You can contact me at any time with questions or concerns at [james.bagwell@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:james.bagwell@cms.k12.nc.us) or 704-606-4359. As always, thanks for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully,  
Hal

## ATTENTION High School Soccer Coaches

Please consider joining the North Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association. (NCSCA).

[www.ncsca.org](http://www.ncsca.org)

### OUR MISSION

The Mission NCSCA is to honor and promote Prep Soccer in North Carolina by encouraging professionalism and leadership with our members.

### HISTORY

The NCSCA was created in the 1970's to promote Prep Soccer in North Carolina. One of our "Founding Fathers" is NC Soccer Hall of Fame & United Soccer Coaches Organization Hall of Fame member Bill Holleman. Our current membership is over 200 coaches strong. Our goal is to one day reach 100% membership. We currently have 58 volunteers that serve as Regional Chairmen and/or Officers for the NCSCA. The NCSCA has grown from not only selecting All-Region and All-State teams, but to also having the only Interstate Prep Soccer All-Star event in the nation, the "Clash of the Carolinas". The NCSCA also looks to improve Prep soccer by serving as a "Voice" for our members to the NCHSAA, USCO & NFHS.

### OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the NCSCA is

- To promote the growth of interscholastic soccer in North Carolina.
- To advocate for Prep Soccer by working with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, the North Carolina Coaches Association, the United Soccer Coaches Organization, and the National Federation of High School Athletics.
- To help reach the highest possible standards of the soccer coaching profession and to work together for the improvement of interscholastic soccer in North Carolina.
- To honor and recognize players, coaches, and anyone associated with Prep Soccer at the State, Region, and National Levels.

### BENEFITS OF JOINING THE NCSCA

Coaches who are members of the NCSCA will receive the following benefits for them and their players:

- 1) First-time members of the NCSCA will receive their first season of membership FREE.
- 2) Coaches who are members of the NCSCA can join the United Soccer Coaches (USCO) for a discounted rate of \$65. Use the code "NCHSS"
- 3) Members are allowed to nominate their players to be selected for the NCSCA All-Region team. Members will have a vote in this process. Members are guaranteed to have one player make the All-Region team if they choose to do so.
- 4) Members are eligible for the Regional Coach of the Year Award.
- 5) A member's players who make NCSCA First Team All-Region are eligible for NCSCA All-State.
- 6) Members who are selected as Regional Coaches of the Year are eligible for the NCSCA State Coach of the Year Award.

7) NCSCA AND USC members are eligible to have their NCSCA All-State Players selected as USCO All-Region and All-American.

8) NCSCA AND USCO members who have been selected as an NCSCA State Coach of the Year are eligible for USCO Regional Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year Awards.

9) Members are allowed and encouraged to attend and vote at regional meetings on NCSCA policies.

10) Members are allowed and encouraged to attend and participate in the NCSCA meetings.

11) Members and their Players/Family/Friends are allowed to attend the NCSCA All-State Awards Ceremony for free.

12) NCSCA Members are eligible to be selected to coach in the "Clash of the Carolinas" Game.

13) NCSCA Members are allowed to nominate their players for the "Clash of the Carolinas" Game.

14) NCSCA Members are allowed to nominate their assistant coaches for the NCSCA Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

15) NCSCA Members are allowed to nominate people worthy of the NCSCA Special Awards.

16) NCSCA Members are allowed to nominate coaches for the NCSCA "Field of Honor".

17) NCSCA & USCO Members can nominate a Player of the Week through MaxPreps and their partnership agreement with the USCO.

**YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER OF THE NCSCA TO HAVE ANY OF YOUR PLAYERS OR COACHES SELECTED FOR THESE HONORS.**

### The Membership Dues paid to the NCSCA are used for the following:

- To pay for All-State player and coaching awards at the end of each season...approximately \$3000 per season.
- To financially support the NCCA Boy's & Girl's East-West All-Star Games...approximately \$1000.
- To financially support the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony....Approximately \$1200.
- To financially support the Boy's & Girl's "Clash of the Carolinas" All-Star Games...approximately \$10,000.

**Our goal at the NCSCA is to get EVERY Private & Public HIGH SCHOOL Coach to join the NCSCA and the NSCAA, so we can recognize more players, coaches & schools from every part of the state.**

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