



NCCSA Statement Regarding Canceling Athletics for the Spring Season

March 31, 2020 — As you are aware, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has negatively impacted many aspects of everyday life. On March 13, the NCCSA [emailed a letter](#) to NCCSA athletic-participating schools stating that NCCSA Athletics was suspended and a decision to continue would be communicated to schools by April 6.

On Monday, March 23, Governor Cooper [issued an executive order](#) instructing public schools to remain closed through May 15. On Friday, March 27, Governor Cooper issued a statewide [stay-at-home order](#) until April 29.

With the updated executive order, as well as the most recent stay-at-home order, most private schools will remain closed until May 15 and are utilizing various forms of online education. Some schools have already canceled onsite instruction for the remainder of the year. In light of these orders, the **NCCSA has made the decision to cancel NCCSA spring sports for the remainder of the year.**

NCCSA's Director of Programs and Services, Dr. Jason Haas, stated, "Unfortunately, there has never been a two-year period in the history of the NCCSA in which more events have been canceled. Starting with the 2018 Southeast Christian School Convention with over 1,700 registered attendees and exhibitors that was canceled because of Hurricane Florence, and more recently, the 2020 NCCSA JH/SH Fine Arts Festival and three NCCSA Elementary Fine Arts Competitions (representing over 4,200 total fine arts entries) have been canceled because of concerns related to COVID-19. Because of the recent orders by Governor Cooper, the NCCSA must cancel spring sports because health officials have implemented many of these strategies in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In times like this, we must all do our part to heed their warnings."

NCCSA's State Athletic Commissioner, Mr. Brian Trull, added, "I want to thank all of our athletic-participating schools as we have experienced an unprecedented time in our country's history. Unfortunately, the 2020 NCCSA spring season will not be completed, but I understand and appreciate the energy and effort that athletic directors and coaches have invested in athletic programs and student athletes. It is our hope and prayer that those investments will not return void and that we will be able to return to normal activities for the 2020–2021 school year."

Important Details:

- The results of any games played during this year's spring season will not count for any reason toward next year's spring competition.
- Once the restrictions have passed for COVID-19 and as much as your schedule allows, schools are encouraged to schedule developmental activities this summer to work with your players that would have competed in spring sports.
- The next NCCSA Athletic Meeting will be the 2020 NCCSA Summer Athletic Online Meeting on Wednesday, August 5. More details will be available in the next few months.

Although some may think that this decision was made too early, the NCCSA believes canceling the spring season is the only course of action at this time. We had planned from the beginning to continue NCCSA Athletics on April 6, but so much of what has transpired the last few weeks has made it impossible.

Thank you for your participation in NCCSA Athletics. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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