



NOVEMBER BOARD OF CONTROL AGENDA

November 20, 2025

3333 Lebanon Pike
Hermitage, TN 37076

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Review and approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting.

IV. **Reports & Updates**

A. TSSAA Building Update

B. 2025 Regional Meetings Recap

Report of the 2025 Regional Meetings

C. Review of 2025 Fall Sports

Review of the state tournament events in golf, girls' volleyball, girls' soccer, cross country, and cheerleading/dance.

D. Middle School Fall Sports Championships Update

E. Sports Medicine Update

F. TSSAA WISE (Women In Sports & Education)

TSSAA has formed a new Women's Leadership Networking group in partnership with TIAAA. We hosted lunches for female Athletic Directors and Assistant Athletic Directors following each of the three Regional Meetings. Emily Crowell and Lauren Jones will provide a recap of these events and future plans for the TSSAA WISE program.

G. DI Football Playoff Brackets

This is the first year of a new format for the DI football playoff brackets. The staff would like to hear feedback from the Board of Control on how this has been perceived in their respective areas. Should the Board of Control wish to continue with this format, the brackets for years 2, 3, and 4 of the 2025-2029 classification cycle will need to be approved at a subsequent meeting.



H. DII Football Classification

Article I, Section 4 of the TSSAA Bylaws now states the following:

For each sport, the method for determining classification shall be the same for all schools within a Division.

The staff will need direction on how to determine the classification process for Division II Football in the next contract cycle. The current system does not meet the aforementioned bylaw requirement, as a success formula was only applied to assist in determining which schools would belong to Class AAA. Once the AAA schools were determined, the success formula was not applied to Class AA and Class A.

V. **Business Items**

A. Approval of TSSAA Membership Contracts for 2025-26

The Board of Control must approve or reject all membership contracts annually.

B. Outstanding Fines and Membership Dues

Report of schools that have not paid their 2025-26 membership dues and schools with outstanding fines from the 2024-25 school year

C. Approval of Financial Aid for the 2025-26 School Year

Report for all tuition-receiving schools concerning financial assistance and need-based financial aid for the 2025-26 school year.

D. Crosstown High School Requests Cooperative Program Exception

Request from Crosstown High School to form a baseball and softball co-op with Memphis Central High School

E. Request for Lacrosse Co-op Exception

South Greene High School, Greeneville High School, and Chuckey-Doak High School request to form a three-team cooperative program in Lacrosse.

F. St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Requests Co-op Exception for Softball

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School requests to form a cooperative program in girls softball with Grundy County High School. St. Andrew's is a DII school, and Grundy County is a DI school.

G. Covington - Munford Football Contract

Covington High School appeals decision to uphold terms of contract for cancellation of football game with Munford High School

H. DII A and AA Quarterfinal Game Times for Baseball, Softball, and Tennis



During the August meeting, the Board of Control approved that the DII A and AA East/West quarterfinal games in basketball, soccer, and volleyball must be played between 12:00 and 4:00 local time. The Board also determined that schools could mutually agree to play the first round and/or quarterfinal games from 3:00pm-7:00pm local time. The Board needs to determine if these provisions should also apply to baseball, softball, and tennis.

I. Webb School of Knoxville Proposes an Exception to the Sports Calendar for Boys Basketball During the NCAA Live Recruiting Periods

This proposal advocates for allowing Tennessee boys high school basketball teams to participate in both NCAA live recruiting periods.

J. Addition to Media Regulations

The proposed addition is in bold below.

F. Requirements for other internet website:

1. The site has demonstrated a history and reputation for covering sporting events involving TSSAA member schools on a timely basis.
2. Content on the site is original, objective, news-gathering in nature and has editorial oversight. Content must be updated on a regular basis in the form of stories, game stories and updates, comprehensive scores, standings, statistics or streaming.
3. **Social media accounts, videos**, photos, recruitment content, rankings and forums do not, in and of themselves, meet criteria for approving credentials.

K. Region 4 AAAA Basketball Tournament Format

James Lawson High School is requesting a change in format for their Region 4 AAAA basketball tournament. The region has unanimously agreed that they would like to play the quarterfinal round at a central site.

L. Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Requests to be an Approved Host for the Region Basketball Tournament

M. TSSAA Membership Requests

Review of new member applications for the following schools:

1. Tri-Cities Christian Academy

Tri-Cities Christian Academy requests to become a TSSAA member school for the 2026-27 school year.

2. Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy



Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy requests to become a TSSAA member school for the 2025-26 school year.

N. Officials Appeals

1. Richard Bridges

Richard Bridges will be present to appeal the suspension of his registration as a TSSAA official.

2. Brian Busler

Brian Busler will be present to appeal the suspension of his registration as a TSSAA official.

O. Hardship Requests

Review and discussion of the following hardship applications:

1. Hancock County High School, Sneedville, TN
2. Loretto High School, Loretto, TN
3. Goodpasture Christian School, Madison, TN
4. Greenfield High School, Greenfield, TN
5. Pearl Cohn High School, Nashville, TN
6. McMinn Central High School, Englewood, TN
7. Meigs County High School, Decatur, TN
8. West Greene High School, Mosheim, TN
9. Warren County High School, McMinnville, TN
10. Memphis Middle School of Excellence - Cordova, Cordova, TN
11. Friendship Christian School, Lebanon, TN
12. Mt. Pleasant High School, Mt. Pleasant, TN
13. Merrol Hyde Magnet School, Hendersonville, TN (Not Appearing)

VI. **Litigation Report**

VII. **Adjournment**

2025 TSSAA REGIONAL MEETINGS SUMMARY

Mon., Nov. 10, 2025 10:00 a.m. CST Liberty Technology Magnet High School

Wed., Nov. 12, 2025 10:00 a.m. CST Ensworth High School

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025 11:00 a.m. EST Hardin Valley Academy

1. Call to order by Board of Control Representative:

Liberty Tech High School (Jackson) – Scott Vogel
Ensworth High School (Nashville) – Dennis Goodwin
Hardin Valley Academy (Knoxville) – Patrick Spangler

2. Presentation of A. F. Bridges Awards

3. Election of Board of Control and Legislative Council Members

West TN Elections:

Board of Control

Athletic District 7 Current Representative: Dexter Williams, Trinity Christian Academy

Dexter Williams, Trinity Christian Academy, was reelected to represent Athletic District 7 on the Board of Control.

Athletic District 8 - (Vacancy - 1-year term) - Greg Scott has recently resigned. His term was set to expire in 2026.

Mark Dunn, South Gibson County High School, was elected to represent Athletic District 8 on the Board of Control.

Legislative Council

Athletic District 9 – Current Representative: Bo Griffin, Millington Municipal Schools

Bo Griffin, Millington Municipal Schools, was reelected to represent Athletic District 9 on the Legislative Council.

West Independent - Current Representative: Catherine Chubb, Hutchison School

McKee Humphreys, Memphis University School, was elected to represent the West TN Independent Schools on the Legislative Council.

Middle TN Elections:

Board of Control

Athletic District 6 – Current Representative: Bryan True, Loretto High School

Bryan True, Loretto High School, was reelected to represent Athletic District 6 on the Board of Control.

Legislative Council

Athletic District 6 - Current Representative: Les Trotter, Waverly High School

Les Trotter, Waverly Central High School, was reelected to represent Athletic District 6 on the Legislative Council.

East TN Elections:

Board of Control

Athletic District 1 – Current Representative: Mike Reed, Morristown West High School

Mike Reed, Morristown-Hamblen High School West, was reelected to represent Athletic District 1 on the Board of Control.

East Independent - Current Representative: Mark Price, Baylor

Mark Price, Baylor School, was reelected to represent the East TN Independent Schools on the Board of Control.

Legislative Council

Athletic District 2 - Current Representative: Joe Gaddis, Oak Ridge High School

Joe Gaddis, Oak Ridge High School was reelected to represent Athletic District 2 on the Legislative Council.

4. Proposals for Changes in TSSAA/TMSAA Constitution and Bylaws

Documents containing each proposal and full rationale can be found [here](#).

A brief summary of each proposal is listed below.

a. Proposed Change to Article I Section 10 (Coaches Education Requirements) - submitted by Arlington High School

This proposal would remove the requirement for classified employees to take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching and NFHS Sport First Aid Courses.

Change to Article I - Coaches Education Requirements	East	96	79%	26	21%	122	100%
	Middle	112	78%	31	22%	143	100%
	West	66	67%	32	33%	98	100%
Change to Article I - Coaches Education Requirements Total		274	75%	89	25%	363	100%

b. Proposed Change to Article IV Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar) - submitted by Lebanon High School

This proposal would adjust the practice calendar for high school basketball programs to ensure they have at least three weeks of practice before Hall of Champions contests.

Change to Article IV - Basketball Practice	East	102	84%	20	16%	122	100%
	Middle	123	86%	20	14%	143	100%
	West	87	89%	11	11%	98	100%
Change to Article IV - Basketball Practice Total		312	86%	51	14%	363	100%

c. Proposed Change to Article II, Section 13 (Eligible Transfer Students) of the TSSAA Bylaws - submitted by Loretto High School

This proposal would allow students to transfer schools without loss of varsity eligibility after failing to make the team at the school in which they are attending and tried out for.

Change to Article II - Eligible Transfer Students	East	39	32%	82	68%	121	100%
	Middle	44	31%	98	69%	142	100%
	West	40	42%	56	58%	96	100%
Change to Article II - Eligible Transfer Students Total		123	34%	236	66%	359	100%

d. Proposed Change to Article IV, Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar) of the TSSAA Bylaws - submitted by Van Buren County High School

This proposal would increase the number of students who can receive individual instruction from their coaches in a given day. The proposal would keep the current numbers assigned to each sport, but would allow a coach to have multiple sessions in a day as long as the sessions were occurring at different times. The proposal would also allow multiple coaches to work with different groups of students on the same day, as long as the sessions take place in separate locations or in multiple sessions that take place at different times.

Change to Article IV - Individual Instruction	East	101	83%	21	17%	122	100%
	Middle	98	69%	44	31%	142	100%
	West	75	77%	23	23%	98	100%
Change to Article IV - Individual Instruction Total		274	76%	88	24%	362	100%

e. Proposed Changes to Article II, Section 2 (Academic Rule) - submitted by Westview High School

This proposal would allow students who are academically ineligible in the first semester to participate in athletics once final grades have been posted or when school resumes on or after January 1st, whichever occurs first, provided they have passed five classes/three blocks or the equivalent during the first semester.

Changes to Article II - Academic Rule	East	94	77%	28	23%	122	100%
	Middle	116	81%	27	19%	143	100%
	West	74	76%	24	24%	98	100%
Changes to Article II - Academic Rule Total		284	78%	79	22%	363	100%

f. Proposed Change to Article IV Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar) - submitted by Siegel High School

This proposal would allow coaches to coach their own children during times when the TSSAA Sports Calendar does not permit them to coach students from their own school, provided no other students from the coach's school are involved in the activity.

Change to Article IV - Coaching of School Students	East	100	82%	22	18%	122	100%
	Middle	124	88%	17	12%	141	100%
	West	82	85%	15	15%	97	100%
Change to Article IV - Coaching of School Students Total		306	85%	54	15%	360	100%

5. Transfer Rule Update/Discussion

Discussion regarding current transfer rule statistics and legislative updates.



NFHS summary of TSSAA SMAC Meeting 10-1-2025

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026: Date for 2026 SMAC meeting

Heat:

The committee discussed developing a “best practices” document for member schools including who should be monitoring heat during practices and games and how often; what to do if heat rises or falls to a higher zone; etc. The committee asked the state office to survey member schools to see what time of day their fall sports typically practice in late summer/early fall when heat conditions are at their most extreme.

Head:

TN state law allows Physician’s Assistants with concussion training to sign off on Return to Play documents. TSSAA policy hadn’t included them in the past. The state office felt we should be in line with what state law allows. The committee discussed if Nurse Practitioners should be considered as well. This would require the law to be amended by the state legislature.

Health:

TSSAA is not aware of any legislative pressure or lobbying to allow chiropractors to perform and sign off on pre-participation physical exams. However, the state office has received inquiries from individual chiropractors. They are not approved by our bylaws. The committee discussed and agreed that this was not something that fell into their scope of practice, and therefore, should not be approved.

TSSAA SMAC has added Dr. David Sacks, PhD as a mental wellness professional. Dr. Sacks is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in stress, sports performance, and coping skills. He provided an overview of mental wellness as well as some resources for the group and state office to consider promoting and providing to our member schools, including the development of a Mental Wellness Emergency Action Plan.

TSSAA Best Practices:

The state office will begin working to expand our pre-game EAP meetings to all sporting events. Currently, we require it for all varsity football games.

The state office will work to develop one-pager guidelines for schools to use to rehearse their EAPs during practices.

Wrestling Weight Certification:

Member schools with wrestling requested a change to the weight certification window to move the first official date of certification from October 15 to September 15 to provide more flexibility for football players to get their certification done earlier in order to cut down on potential delays once football season has ended and assessor availability is an issue. A motion was made to approve the change and it was passed unanimously.



You're Invited!

WHAT:

NETWORKING LUNCH FOR FEMALE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

WHEN:

NOVEMBER 10TH (FOLLOWING WEST TN REGIONAL MEETING)

NOVEMBER 12TH (FOLLOWING MIDDLE TN REGIONAL MEETING)

NOVEMBER 13TH (FOLLOWING EAST TN REGIONAL MEETING)

WHO:

**ANY FEMALE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**



Division II Football Classification 2025-2029

- There will be a minimum of 12 schools in Class AAA. The remaining schools will be split evenly, by enrollment, between Class AA and Class A.
- When enrollments are gathered, each Division II football-playing school will be asked to declare to compete in Class AAA for the upcoming classification cycle.
- If 12 or more schools declare for Class AAA, they will all be placed in Class AAA.
- If fewer than 12 schools declare to participate in Class AAA, a **Success Rating Formula** will be used to select the number of schools necessary to meet the 12-school minimum. The highest rated schools that did not previously declare to be in Class AAA will be placed in Class AAA until the 12-team minimum is met.
- The **Success Rating Formula** will utilize data from the two most recently completed football seasons as of the date enrollments are gathered for the classification cycle. The formula shall be implemented as follows:
 - **Enrollment (80%)** Grade 9-12 co-ed normalized enrollment
 - **Postseason wins (10%)** - Number of wins beginning Week 12 of each season
 - **Region Win Percentage (5%)** - Percentage of games won of those used to determine region standings
 - **Region Scoring Margin (5%)** - Cumulative scoring margin in the games used to determine region standings
- **Region Crossover Games**
 - Each school in Class AAA will play one Class AAA opponent not in their region. These games will be home-and-home series with two year contracts.
- **Class Crossover Games**
 - If Class AAA has fewer than 14 schools, Class AAA schools will be paired with the largest schools in Class AA for an additional mandated game for each school. The largest Class AA school will be paired with the highest-rated Class AAA school, and so on down the list by enrollment, unless the matchup results in an East-West pairing. In these cases, the state office must make adjustments to the pairings so that all matchups are first geographically sound. These games will be home-and-home series with two-year contracts. If schools mutually agree to not play, then the contest will be considered a “no contest.”
- Class A schools will have the option to move to Class AA.
- Class A and Class AA will be divided into three regions (East, Middle, West)
- Class AAA will be divided into two regions (East, West)

The following 7 schools have not completed their membership for the 2025-26 school year:

1. Geeter Middle School - Missing dues and contract
2. Hanley Middle School – Has not started the process for 2025-26 and missing 2024-25 dues
3. Liberty Collegiate Academy (Middle School) - Only missing dues
4. Orchard Knob Middle School - Only missing contract
5. Redemption School of Music - They have completed everything for high school, nothing for middle school
6. Skyuka Hall Middle School - They have completed everything for high school, nothing for middle school
7. Templeton Middle Academy - They have only completed Membership Statement

There are no schools with outstanding fines from the 2024-25 school year.

2025-26 Division II Financial Aid Report

Number of Participants

Name of School	FB	BK		BB	SB	Tr		CC		Sc		Wr		Tn		Bw		Golf		VB	Lax		Total Aid Awarded	Num. of Students On Supplemental List	Students Pending	
		B	G			B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G							
Annoor Academy (Knoxville)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																									
Apostolic Christian Academy (Maryville)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																									
Battle Ground Academy (Franklin)																									113	
Baylor School (Chattanooga)																									228	
Berean Christian (Knoxville)																									7	
Bowie Reading & Learning Ctr. (Memphis)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																									
Boyd Buchanan High School (Chattanooga)																									66	
Brentwood Academy (Brentwood)																									186	
Briarcrest (Memphis)																									159	
Carroll Academy (Huntingdon)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																									
Chapel Hill Christian Academy (Clarksville)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																									
Chattanooga Christian School (Chattanooga)																									187	
Christ Presbyterian Academy (Nashville)																									76	
Christian Academy of Knoxville (Knoxville)																									36	
Christian Brothers (Memphis)																									348	
Christ's Legacy Academy (Athens)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																									
Clarksville Academy (Clarksville)																									35	
Clayton-Bradley Academy (Maryville)																									5	
Collegedale Academy (Collegedale)																									121	
Columbia Academy (Columbia)																									17	

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		B	G			B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G						
Concord Christian School (Knoxville)																								61	
Davidson Academy (Nashville)																								48	
Dayspring Academy (Greenbrier)		Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																							
Devout Academy (Memphis)		Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																							
Donelson Christian Academy (Nashville)																								55	
Ensworth School (Nashville)																								144	
Evangelical Christian (Cordova)																								67	
Ezell-Harding Christian School (Antioch)																								90	
Family Christian School (Jackson)		Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																							
Father Ryan (Nashville)																								198	
Fayette Academy (Somerville)																								6	
First Assembly Christian (Cordova)																								35	
First Baptist Academy (Powell)																								27	
Franklin Road Academy (Nashville)																								109	
Friendship Christian School (Lebanon)																								42	
Girls Preparatory School (Chattanooga)																								148	
Goodpasture Christian School (Madison)																								55	
Grace Baptist Academy (Chattanooga)																								41	
Grace Christian Academy (Franklin)																								19	
Grace Christian Academy (Knoxville)																								79	
Harding Academy (Memphis)																								135	

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Harpeth Hall (Nashville)																								84	
Highland Rim Academy (Cookeville)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																								
Hutchison (Memphis)																								71	
J. Frank White Academy (Harrogate)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																								
Jackson Christian School (Jackson)																								27	
Knoxville Catholic (Knoxville)																								254	
Kings Academy (Seymour)																								22	
Lakeway Christian Academy (Morristown)																								229	
Lausanne (Memphis)																								137	
Lipscomb Academy (Nashville)																								74	
McCallie (Chattanooga)																								295	
Memphis University School (Memphis)																								84	
Middle Tennessee Christian School (Murfreesboro)																								67	
Montgomery Bell Academy (Nashville)																								95	
Mt. Juliet Christian Academy (Mt. Juliet)																								18	
Nashville Christian School (Nashville)																								84	
Northpoint Christian School (Southaven)																								13	
Notre Dame High School (Chattanooga)																								199	
Pleasant View School (Memphis)																								18	
Pope John Paul, II (Hendersonville)																								197	
Providence Academy (Johnson City)																								63	

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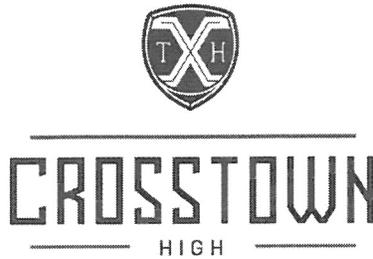
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Providence Christian Academy (Murfreesboro)																								21	
Redemption School of Worship (Powell)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																								
River Academy (Greeneville)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																								
River's Edge Christian Academy (Knoxville)																								1	
Silverdale Baptist Academy (Chattanooga)																								22	
Skyuka Hall (Chattanooga)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																								
St. Agnes Academy (Memphis)																								143	
St. Andrews--Sewanee (Sewanee)																								59	
St. Andrew's School (Sevierville)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																								
St. Benedict at Auburndale (Cordova)																								144	
St. Cecilia Academy (Nashville)																								71	
St. George's (Germantown)																								173	
St. Mary's (Memphis)																								64	
Tipton Christian Academy (Covington)																								5	
Tipton-Rosemark Academy (Millington)																								28	
Trinity Christian Academy (Jackson)																								19	
University School of Jackson (Jackson)																								32	
University School of Nashville (Nashville)																								56	
Valley Christian Academy (Riceville)	Had no student-athletes receiving need-based financial aid																								
Webb School (Bell Buckle)																								84	
Webb School of Knoxville (Knoxville)																								114	

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Westminster Academy (Memphis)																								6	
Winchester Christian Academy (Winchester)																								1	
Zion Christian Academy (Columbia)																								46	



Dear Members of the TSSAA Board of Control,

On behalf of Crosstown High School, I am writing to formally request your approval for a Baseball and Softball cooperative agreement with Central High School.

We are submitting this request to support our student-athletes who are eager to participate in these spring sports but face challenges due to limited roster sizes at Crosstown. We would like to highlight that we are in compliance with TSSAA guidelines for establishing a cooperative agreement in Softball, as we have not fielded a team for the past two consecutive seasons.

Regarding Baseball, Crosstown did field a team during the 2023-2024 school year; however, we were unable to compete in TSSAA postseason play due to a lack of consistent player participation. While we made every effort to maintain a viable program, limited student interest and availability significantly impacted our ability to sustain competitive play.

Our athletic directors and coaches fully support this co-op and believe it will provide the necessary structure for students to grow as athletes and teammates.

We respectfully ask the Board of Control to consider our request for a cooperative agreement in Baseball, in light of the exceptional circumstances, and to approve the Softball co-op, for which we meet all eligibility criteria. If approved, we will promptly complete all necessary documentation required by TSSAA.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let us know if any additional information is needed.

Sam Thompson
Crosstown High School, Director of Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Thompson', is placed below the printed name and title.

TSSAA/TMSAA COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FORM

HOST SCHOOL

Host schools are responsible for conducting the program according to TSSAA/TMSAA rules, such as, but not limited to: registering coaches, obtaining rules meeting credit, submitting eligibility reports, paying catastrophic insurance fees, submitting schedules, etc. The host school's name is the name on the jersey.

Memphis Central High School
SCHOOL NAME

Public Independent Charter

Amy Epps Principal
ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME & TITLE

Amy Epps 5/21/25
ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE & DATE

PARTNER SCHOOL

A partner school is the school that will permit its students to participate on the host school's team. The partner school must submit eligibility for all participating students and add the students to the sport roster in their own school's Portal account. Partner high schools must not have offered the identified sport(s) anytime in the last two years.

Crosstown High School
SCHOOL NAME

Public Independent Charter

Our school **has** fielded a team in the last two years in one of the sports checked below

Our school **has not** fielded a team in the last two years in any of the sports checked below.

ERIN JOHNSON HEAD of SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME & TITLE

Erin Johnson 5/22/25
ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE & DATE

By signing this form, both schools acknowledge that the schools meet the cooperative agreement requirements as set forth in the TSSAA/TMSAA bylaws

REQUESTED SPORT(S)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' <input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' <input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Lacrosse |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' <input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Bowling |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Girls' Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' Wrestling <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' Flag Football |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' <input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Cross Country | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' <input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Track and Field | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' <input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Golf | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' <input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Tennis | |

Please consult the TSSAA or TMSAA Handbook (Article I Section 8) for more information about Cooperative Programs or contact Heather Carter (hcarter@tssaa.org) at the state office

Return fully completed and signed copies of this form to Heather Carter (hcarter@tssaa.org).



South Greene High School
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Telephone (423) 636-3790
Fax (423) 636-3791

Dear TSSAA Board of Control:

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Sincerely,

Terry Hoese

Athletic Director

South Greene High School



Chuckey-Doak High School

365 Ripley Island Rd.
Afton, Tennessee 37616
phone: 423.798.2636
fax: 423.639.5761

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Sincerely,

Kyle Donahue

Assistant Principal & Athletic Director

Chuckey-Doak High School

Dr. Daisy Shepard
Principal

Greeneville High School

210 TUSCULUM BOULEVARD

Mrs. Donita Huff
Assistant Principal

Dr. Jeff Gray
Assistant Principal

Greeneville, Tennessee 37745

Dr. Kimber McIntyre
Assistant Principal

Telephone (423) 787-8030

Mr. Brad Woolsey
Athletic Director

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Sincerely,



Brad Woolsey
Athletic Director
Greeneville High School



Lauren Jones <ljones@tssaa.org>

Coop Hardship in Softball

1 message

Rob Zeitler <rzeitler@sasweb.org>
To: Lauren Lynch <ljones@tssaa.org>
Cc: dhelton@grundyk12.com, Karl Sjolund <ksjolund@sasweb.org>

Tue, Nov 4, 2025 at 1:08 PM

Dear TSSAA,

I am writing to request an exception to the cooperative program rule that states only private schools can coop with private schools and public schools with public schools. The closest private school to St. Andrew's - Sewanee School is The Webb School which is 50 minutes away. St. Andrew's - Sewanee School would like to coop with Grundy County school which is 25 minutes away. SAS has a relationship with GCHS in middle school sports and is a natural fit for our softball player. SAS has cooped with GCHS in football two years ago. Co-oping with a school nearby makes getting to practice on time manageable.

St. Andrew's - Sewanee School is requesting a cooperative program in softball with Grundy County High School. Please let us know if this is possible.

Sincerely,

Rob Zeitler
Director of Athletics

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Rob Zeitler
Saint Andrew's-Sewanee School
Director of Athletics
Head MS Boys Basketball Coach
Head Girls Volleyball Coach
9th Grade Health and Fitness
Transformational Purpose Statement:

As a leader and teacher, I seek to build a positive community that is founded on resilience, joy, grace and integrity.

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ST. ANDREW'S
SEWANEE



Grundy County High School

24970 SR 108
Coalmont, TN 37313
Phone (931)692-5400
Fax (931)-692-5403



As the principal of Grundy County High School, I am writing to request an exception to the cooperative program rule that states that private schools cannot coop with public schools. GCHS has had a co-op agreement with St. Andrew's - Sewanee School in the past and the co-op was an excellent experience for both schools and SAS has students who have been a part of the Grundy County middle school sports programs.

Grundy County High School is in support of the request for a cooperative program in softball with St. Andrew's - Sewanee School .

Sincerely,

Deidre Helton

Principal and Athletic Director



August 19, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Carlin McGlown, Principal
Covington High School
803 S College
Covington, TN 38019

Dear Ms. McGlown:

We have reviewed your request for release from the \$3,000 fee associated with your decision not to play the football game with Munford High School. We acknowledge the TSSAA's determination that a Covington student was the subject of a violation of the TSSAA Recruiting Rule by Munford High School. However, it is important to note that the occurrence of one school being found in conflict with another, even due to rule violations, is an unfortunate but not uncommon scenario in interscholastic athletics.

While we understand Covington High School's decision not to compete against Munford this year, particularly in light of the recruiting violations, the terms of the contract remain binding.

As a result, we are not going to release Covington High School from its obligations as stated in the contract. We certainly understand a decision not to schedule Munford beginning with the next two-year cycle, should Covington High School choose to pursue that path in future planning.

If Covington High School wishes to appeal this decision, I would be glad to place this matter on the agenda of the November meeting of the TSSAA Board of Control for their review. Please let me know if you would like to proceed with that appeal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Reeves'.

Mark Reeves
Executive Director

MR:lj

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

803 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET • COVINGTON, TENNESSEE 38019

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Dr. Lynette Billington

Jeffrey Nix

D. Marty Price

PRINCIPAL

Carlin McGlown

TELEPHONE

901-840-9200

FAX

901-476-5778

Subject: Request for Waiver of Game Fee

Dear Mr. Reeves,

On behalf of Covington High School, I am writing regarding the recent game fee ruling. As it has been determined that Munford High School was in violation of recruiting policies, we respectfully request that Covington High School be released from the requirement to submit the \$3,000 fee. Our decision not to compete against Munford this year was made solely in light of these recruiting violations.

Given these circumstances, we believe it is reasonable for this penalty to be lifted. We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Principal



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Mr. Mark Reeves
TSSAA
3333 Lebanon Pike
Hermitage, TN 37076

August 22, 2025

Dear Mr. Reeves,

I am writing on behalf of Covington High School to formally request an appeal of the recent decision regarding the game payment fee to Munford High School.

In accordance with Board procedures, I respectfully ask that this appeal be placed on the agenda for the upcoming November Board meeting. Additionally, I would like the opportunity to appear in person to present our case directly to the Board.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Carlin McGlown



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Webb School

OF KNOXVILLE

Proposal: Expanding Opportunities for Tennessee High School Basketball Teams in NCAA Live Recruiting Periods

Overview

This proposal advocates for allowing Tennessee boys' high school basketball teams to participate in both NCAA live recruiting periods. The goal is to maximize recruitment exposure for student-athletes within our state, ensuring they are not placed at a competitive disadvantage compared to athletes in neighboring states.

Rationale

1. Direct Impact on Student-Athletes

- Exposure during NCAA live periods is critical for recruitment. It only takes one viewing by the right college coach to change a student-athlete's future.
- Restricting Tennessee high school teams to only one live period limits opportunities for players with college potential.

2. Equity with Out-of-State Athletes

- Currently, BCAT provides opportunities for teams from other states to participate in Tennessee events, which positively impacts their athletes.
- However, Tennessee athletes are disadvantaged by being restricted from the second live period and from competing on Sunday during the first live period. This creates unequal recruiting exposure.

3. Retention of Talent in Tennessee

- Neighboring states host highly attended live events during the second recruiting period. When Tennessee athletes cannot participate, they lose valuable visibility.
- As a result, some student-athletes are transferring out of state or enrolling in unsanctioned schools that offer access to these opportunities, weakening Tennessee's basketball programs overall.

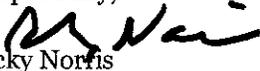
Benefits of Allowing Participation in Both Live Periods

- Increased visibility for Tennessee athletes in front of college recruiters.
- Level playing field with athletes from surrounding states.
- Strengthened Tennessee high school basketball programs by reducing the incentive for players to leave the state.
- Enhanced credibility and reputation for BCAT and TSSAA in advocating for student-athlete advancement.

Conclusion

Allowing Tennessee high school teams to participate in both NCAA live recruiting periods, as well as removing restrictions on Sunday competition during the first live period, is essential for ensuring fairness and maximizing opportunities for student-athletes. This adjustment directly impacts nearly every high school program with college-level players and helps Tennessee retain and develop its basketball talent.

Respectfully,


Ricky Norris

Boys Basketball Coach / Webb School of Knoxville


Matt Macdonald

Upper School Head / Webb School of Knoxville



Region	District	School	Avg. Travel Time
<i>Division I, Class 1A, Region 7</i>	<i>District 13</i>	<i>Middleton High School</i>	<i>1:50</i>
Division I, Class 1A, Region 7	District 14	Greenfield High School	0:42
Division I, Class 1A, Region 7	District 14	Dresden High School	0:48
Division I, Class 1A, Region 7	District 14	Gleason High School	0:50
Division I, Class 1A, Region 7	District 14	South Fulton High School	0:56
Division I, Class 1A, Region 7	District 14	Lake Co. High School	1:14
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 15	Soulsville Charter School	0:14
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 15	Memphis Middle College High School	0:14
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 15	Booker T. Washington High School	0:14
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 15	Compass School - Midtown High School	0:15
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 15	Manassas High School	0:16
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 15	KIPP Memphis Collegiate School	0:17
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 15	University High School - Memphis	0:18
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 16	Oakhaven High School	0:16
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 16	City University School of Liberal Arts	0:16
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 16	Mitchell High School	0:17
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 16	Westwood High School	0:19
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 16	Memphis School of Excellence	0:20
Division I, Class 1A, Region 8	District 16	Memphis School of Excellence - Cordova	0:28
Division I, Class 2A, Region 1	District 1	West Greene High School	1:04
Division I, Class 2A, Region 1	District 1	Chuckey-Doak High School	1:09
Division I, Class 2A, Region 1	District 1	South Greene High School	1:16
Division I, Class 2A, Region 1	District 1	Happy Valley High School	1:27
<i>Division I, Class 2A, Region 1</i>	<i>District 1</i>	<i>Unicoi Co. High School</i>	<i>1:33</i>
<i>Division I, Class 2A, Region 1</i>	<i>District 1</i>	<i>Johnson Co. High School</i>	<i>2:10</i>
Division I, Class 2A, Region 1	District 2	Claiborne High School	1:28
Division I, Class 2A, Region 1	District 2	Pigeon Forge High School	1:29
<i>Division I, Class 2A, Region 1</i>	<i>District 2</i>	<i>Eagleton College and Career Academy</i>	<i>1:40</i>
<i>Division I, Class 2A, Region 1</i>	<i>District 2</i>	<i>Gatlinburg-Pittman High School</i>	<i>1:40</i>
<i>Division I, Class 2A, Region 1</i>	<i>District 2</i>	<i>Cumberland Gap High School</i>	<i>1:42</i>
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 3	Sweetwater High School	0:44
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 3	Meigs Co. High School	0:45
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 3	McMinn Central High School	0:48
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 3	Tellico Plains High School	0:57
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 3	Kingston High School	1:07

Region	District	School	Avg. Travel Time
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 4	Polk Co. High School	0:47
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 4	Tyner Academy	0:50
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 4	Chattanooga Preparatory School	0:57
Division I, Class 2A, Region 2	District 4	Chatt. School for the Arts & Sciences	0:58
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 5	Sequatchie Co. High School	1:01
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 5	Bledsoe Co. High School	1:05
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 5	Grundy Co. High School	1:12
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 5	Marion Co. High School	1:23
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 6	Monterey High School	1:11
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 6	Cannon Co. High School	1:15
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 6	Smith Co. High School	1:30
Division I, Class 2A, Region 3	District 6	Alvin C. York Institute	1:42
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 7	RePublic High School	0:18
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 7	KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School	0:19
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 7	Whites Creek High School	0:21
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 7	White House Heritage High School	0:28
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 7	East Robertson High School	0:35
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 7	Westmoreland High School	0:54
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 8	East Nashville Magnet School	0:19
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 8	LEAD Academy	0:19
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 8	Pearl Cohn High School	0:21
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 8	STEM Prep Academy	0:21
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 8	Stratford High School	0:22
Division I, Class 2A, Region 4	District 8	KIPP Antioch Global High School	0:29
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 9	Summertown High School	0:57
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 9	Forrest High School	1:04
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 9	Community High School	1:08
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 9	Loretto High School	1:21
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 9	Cascade High School	1:23
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 10	Lewis Co. High School	0:59
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 10	East Hickman High School	1:00
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 10	Hickman Co. High School	1:04
Division I, Class 2A, Region 5	District 10	Decatur Co. Riverside High School	1:31
Division I, Class 2A, Region 6	District 11	Stewart Co. High School	1:10
Division I, Class 2A, Region 6	District 11	Harpeth High School	1:12

November 6, 2025

To: TSSAA Board of Control

West Greene High School recognizes that Gatlinburg-Pittman High School has been eliminated from the possibility of being selected as a host site for the Region 1 Class AA Basketball Tournament due to travel time. However, as a member of District 1 Class AA, our school has no issue with traveling to Gatlinburg-Pittman High School for a postseason tournament. We support Gatlinburg-Pittman's appeal to be able to host the Region 1 Class AA Basketball Tournament moving forward.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Logan Minnick", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Logan Minnick, Athletic Director

November 3, 2025

To: TSSAA Board of Control

Unicoi County High School recognizes that Gatlinburg-Pittman High School has been eliminated from the possibility of being selected as a host site for the Region 1 Class AA Basketball Tournament due to travel time. However, as a member of District 1 Class AA, our school has no issue with traveling to Gatlinburg-Pittman High School for a postseason tournament. We support Gatlinburg-Pittman's appeal to be able to host the Region 1 Class AA Basketball Tournament moving forward.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Bogart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Chris Bogart, Principal



South Greene High School
7469 Asheville Hwy.
Greeneville, Tennessee 37743
Telephone (423) 636-3790
Fax (423) 636-3791

November 3, 2025

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Regards,

Terry Hoese, Athletic Director



CHUCKEY-DOAK ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

365 Ripley Island Rd., Afton, TN. 37616 | P: (423) 798-2636

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November 6, 2025

To: TSSAA Board of Control

Chuckey-Doak High School recognizes that Gatlinburg-Pittman High School has been eliminated from the possibility of being selected as a host site for the Region 1 Class AA Basketball Tournament due to travel time. However, as a member of District 1 Class AA, our school has no issue with traveling to Gatlinburg-Pittman High School for a postseason tournament. We support Gatlinburg-Pittman's appeal to be able to host the Region 1 Class AA Basketball Tournament moving forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kyle Donahue
Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
Chuckey-Doak High School



November 6, 2025

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Matt Estep, Athletic Director

Sevier County Schools



BRIAN JESSIE <brianjessie@sevier.org>

GP Letter

2 messages

BRIAN JESSIE <brianjessie@sevier.org>

Thu, Nov 20, 2025 at 8:17 AM

To: aatwood@jocoed.net

Coach,

I am so sorry to have to bother with you at this time. We are praying for all of you.

God Bless,

Brian L. Jessie Ed.S.
Assistant Principal
Gatlinburg-Pittman High School
Phone (865) 436-5637

 **Johnson County Support of Gatlinburg-Pittman for Region Host.pdf**

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Austin Atwood <aatwood@jocoed.net>

Thu, Nov 20, 2025 at 9:15 AM

To: BRIAN JESSIE <brianjessie@sevier.org>

Johnson County agrees.

Austin Atwood

Athletic Director

Johnson County High School
290 Fairground Hill
Mountain City, TN 37683
Phone: 423-727-2640

From: BRIAN JESSIE <brianjessie@sevier.org>**Sent:** Thursday, November 20, 2025 8:17 AM**To:** aatwood@jocoed.net <aatwood@jocoed.net>**Subject:** GP Letter

[Quoted text hidden]

REQUEST FOR TSSAA MEMBERSHIP

School: Tri Cities Christian Academy

Type: Independent

Address: 415 Lebanon Road Kingsport TN, 37663

Phone: (423) 538-0210

Applicant Name & Position: Robert Norris- Athletic Director

Accreditation: ACSI- Association of Christian Schools International

County Sullivan

Grade Configuration: 6-12

Enrollment (9th – 12th): Current 110
students Estimated 125 Students

Division: High School Division

Student Composition: Co-Ed

Principal: Jeff Hawkins

Email: jhawkins@lcstn.org

Athletic Director: Robert Norris

Email: mnorris@lcstn.org

Classification

Boys' Basketball: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Girls Basketball: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Baseball: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Girls Softball: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Boys Track: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Girls Track: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Boys Golf: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Girls Golf: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Girls Volleyball: DII-A, East Region, District 1

Year Desiring Membership: 2026-27 - High School Division (Effective July 1, 2026 upon Board approval)

Additional Comments:

REQUEST FOR TSSAA MEMBERSHIP

School: Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy

Type: Public

Address: 535 Chickamauga Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917

Phone: (865) 362-6802

Applicant Name & Position: Sofia Roth, Executive Principal

Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

County Knox

Grade Configuration: 9-12

Enrollment (9th – 12th): 250

Division: High School Division

Student Composition: Co-Ed

Principal: Kendrick Jones

Email: Kendrick.jones@knoxschools.org

Athletic Director: Rob.Black@knoxschools.org

Email: rob.black@knoxschools.org

Co-Op School (If Applicable): Fulton High School

Year Desiring Membership: 2025-26 - High School Division (Effective immediately upon Board approval)

Additional Comments: This Newcomer Academy is one of the academies at Dr. Paul L. Volunteer Academy. It began serving students in 2024. This program serves students who have recently moved to the United States who have limited English language proficiency and may have experienced some type of interrupted education along the way. They offer the following: 1. Small class sizes. 2 Additional English learning support staff. 3. Certified teachers who have experience with supporting English learners.

General Sessions Case Summary

STATE OF TENNESSEE vs. Bridges
Warrant Case # 65072407

Case Name: STATE OF TENNESSEE vs. Bridges	Notation Date:
Case Status: CLOSED	Case Filing Date: 02/17/2023
Case Sub-Type:	Judge:
Complaint #:	Disposition Summary:
Arrest #:	Assigned Pledge:
Bond Currency: MCHL Bond	Case Code:
Bond Code: Field	Court Code: Grand

Defendant Information:

Name: Bridges, Andrew Dwayne	OCA: 12540	Gender: Male
Date of Birth: 09/21/1983	Weight: 153 lbs.	Eye Color: Brown
Race: White	City: Goodlettsville	DOB: 09/21/1983
Address: 26 AQUINAS CREASCO DR.	State: TN	POC:
Phone:	PDC Name:	

Charging Instrument Information:

TCA	TCA Description	Offense Date Range	Offense Type	Offense Class	Assigned Officer
39-10-301	Criminal Impersonation - Law Enf. Off. Operating a Vehicle	06/22/2022 to 06/22/2022	MW0	A	

Disposition:

TCA	TCA Description	Offense Date Range	Offense Type	Offense Class	Assigned Officer
39-15-301	Criminal Impersonation of Law Enforcement Officer	06/22/2022 to 06/22/2022	MW0	A	

Disposition: 49-35-313 Judgment deferred no conviction Disposition Date: 06/03/2022 Disposition By: Hearing - Court

Concurrent with:

Incarceration:

Location:	Years:	Months:	Days:	Percentage:
Suspend All But:	SAB%:	Day for Day:	Hour for Hour:	Report Date: 06/23/2022
Suspend:	No Work Default:	Work Release:	WR%:	No Early Release:
Time Served Credit:	Months:	Days:	Hours:	

Incarceration Special Conditions:

Court Costs:

Court Costs: \$00 Court Fines: \$500.00 Total: \$00

Fines Special Conditions:

Probation:

Type: Supervised Years: Months: 11 Days: 20

Probation Special Conditions:

Restitution: \$00 @ \$00 per month to

Events:

- | Filing Date | Description |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 09/15/2023 | Expungement Requested |
| 06/13/2023 | GS Probation Dismissed |
| 06/13/2023 | DISPOSE PV - DISMISSED/forfeited |
| 06/14/2023 | Rescheduled Appearance |
| 07/19/2023 | Jail Release |
| 07/18/2023 | Bond Posted |



Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association

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July 13, 2022

Mr. Richard Bridges

28 Rolling Meadows Dr.
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Dear Mr. Bridges:

It has been brought to our attention that you have violated the *Regulations Governing TSSAA Officials*.

According to the *Regulations Governing TSSAA Officials*, the Executive Director shall have authority to suspend registration of an official who is guilty of unsportsmanlike or unethical conduct. Such decisions shall be subject to review upon appeal by the official. If you wish to appeal this suspension, please contact Mr. Gene Menees in the state office.

This letter is to notify you that your registration is being **suspended indefinitely as a TSSAA official.**

If there are further questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Mark Reeves
Executive Director

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cc: Don Barry & Ernie Briggs, Supervisors, North Middle TN Football Association
Tim Finch & Andy Griffin, Supervisors, Middle TN Football Association
Dave LeMarbre, Assigning Officer, Hendersonville Softball Association
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Man Charged with Impersonating a Police Officer After Confrontation with Another Motorist

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Investigation by Specialized Investigations Division detectives led to today's arrest of Richard Bridges, 52, who is accused of impersonating a police officer on June 22 when he confronted another motorist on Brick Church Pike.

Bridges was traveling on Brick Church Pike when he activated red and blue lights on his white Ford Taurus causing another driver in front of him to pull over. The female driver stopped, believing that she was being pulled over by law enforcement. Bridges then yelled at her for pulling out in front of him. She told him that she didn't see him coming. When asked if she was going to receive a ticket, Bridges told her no.

The woman, who was traveling with her husband and daughter, took a photo of Bridges' license plate after realizing that he was likely not a police officer. She then reported the incident.

During an interview, Bridges admitted that he had activated emergency lights on his car in order to stop the other motorist.

Bridges is charged with criminal impersonation of a law enforcement officer.

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October 23, 2025

Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA)
Attn: Mark Reeves and TSSAA Board Members
3333 Lebanon Pike
Hermitage, TN 37076

Dear Mr. Reeves and TSSAA Board Members,

I am writing to formally request the reinstatement of my eligibility to officiate school sports under the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA). I am eager to return to officiating and to once again contribute to the high standards of integrity and professionalism expected by the Association.

About nine or ten years ago, I made some mistakes that I have since worked diligently to correct. I have taken full responsibility for my actions and made every effort to move forward in a positive and productive way. Through this process, I have learned valuable lessons and grown both personally and professionally.

During my time as an official, I was known for my fairness, integrity, and commitment to sportsmanship—qualities that are essential to maintaining the spirit and integrity of school athletics. My officiating experience, combined with my current work and coaching responsibilities, has strengthened my ability to lead by example and support the mission of TSSAA.

I am currently in my second year working at Science Hill High School as a Campus Monitor and coaching middle school football in Johnson City. These roles have deepened my connection to student-athletes and reinforced my belief in the importance of mentorship, discipline, and fairness in youth sports.

If reinstated, I am fully committed to continuing my professional development, adhering to TSSAA's standards, and upholding the values that define your organization. I would appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate my renewed commitment and to once again serve the student-athletes of Tennessee.

Please feel free to contact me at **(423) 218-6886** or via email at **buslerb@jcschools.org** should you require any further information. I have included letters of recommendation and will

also provide contact information for individuals willing to serve as character references on my behalf.

Thank you very much for your time, attention, and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Busler

Campus Monitor, Science Hill High School
Tri-Cities Basketball Officials Association (TCBOA)

Character References:

Kenneth "Herb" Greenlee	Carver Rec Center Supervisor & Local Middle School Asst	(423) 727-1425
Steve Caldwell	TSSAA Supervisor	(423) 967-0006
Larry Hutchinson	TSSAA Supervisor	(423) 416-0653
Jim Cradic	TSSAA Supervisor	(423) 357-6698
Stacy Carter	Head Football Coach, Science Hill High School	(423) 863-8614
Brandon Carpenter	Director of Schools, Carter County Schools	(423) 547-4000
Ned Smith	Head Basketball Coach, Hampton High School	(423) 727-5200
Keith Turner	Athletic Director, Science Hill High School	(423) 232-2195
Dewayne Humphery	Head Girls Basketball Coach, Hampton High School	(423) 727-5200
Mike Matheson	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Hampton High School	(423) 444-9131



Recommendation Letter

3 messages

David Whaley <dwhaley@wcs.k12.va.us>
To: brianbusler3@gmail.com

Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 8:27 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to highly recommend **Brian Busler** for any opportunity as a basketball official. I have had the pleasure of working with him for many years in various capacities, and I can confidently say that he exemplifies the professionalism, integrity, and deep understanding of the game that are essential in officiating.

Brian consistently demonstrates excellent judgment on the court, even under pressure. He possesses a thorough knowledge of the rules and applies them fairly and consistently. Whether officiating high-stakes playoff games or local youth tournaments, he maintains composure, manages game flow effectively, and communicates clearly with players, coaches, and fellow officials.

What sets Brian apart is not just his technical proficiency, but also his commitment to growth and the development of others in the officiating community. He is punctual, prepared, and always willing to take on additional responsibilities, including mentoring newer officials and participating in training sessions.

I have seen firsthand how his presence contributes to a fair, safe, and respectful playing environment. Any officiating crew would benefit from his leadership and professionalism.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further information. I give my full endorsement of Brian Busler without reservation.

Sincerely,
David S. Whaley

John Battle HS
Head Girls Basketball Coach

Brian Busler <brianbusler3@gmail.com>
To: David Whaley <dwhaley@wcs.k12.va.us>

Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 8:28 AM

Thank you so much
[Quoted text hidden]

David Whaley <dwhaley@wcs.k12.va.us>
To: Brian Busler <brianbusler3@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 8:32 AM

yes sir

[Quoted text hidden]

Coach John Good
Daniel Boone High School
Work- 423-477-1600 Cell - 423-773-9633
goodj@wcde.org

October 22, 2025

To whom it may concern:

It's with great pleasure that I write to you to offer my recommendation of Mr. Brian Busler for the opportunity to represent the TSSAA as a Basketball Official. I have observed Mr. Busler working with the professionalism, integrity, honesty and understanding of the rules that are essential to the profession of officiating. Mr. Busler is a remarkable individual and it's my belief that he is an exemplary candidate to represent the TSSAA.

I have witnessed Mr. Busler officiate high school, middle school, youth and summer league games. He provides the professionalism regarding the level of the game.

Therefore, I'm honored to offer my support and recommendation without reservation for Mr Brian Busler as a qualified candidate as a TSSAA Basketball Official. He would be an outstanding representative of TSSAA and is extremely desiring of such an honor. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or by email.

Sincerely,

John W. Good

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Mr. Brian Busler's reinstatement as a TSSAA official. My name is Beau Hauldren, and I serve as the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Science Hill High School.

I have had the opportunity to work with Brian on multiple occasions during my time as a coach, and I've always found him to be professional, fair, and respectful in every interaction. He carries himself with integrity and demonstrates a strong understanding of both the rules of the game and the importance maintaining a positive atmosphere for players and coaches alike.

What stands out most about Brian is his calm and steady presence on the court. Even in competitive or high-pressure situations, he shows consistency and composure-qualities that earn respect from those around him. He treats everyone with fairness and courtesy, and it's clear he takes pride in representing the game the right way.

I believe Brian's knowledge, demeanor, and commitment to doing things with integrity make him a great fit to return as a TSSAA official. I fully support his reinstatement and have confidence that he will continue to contribute positively to high school athletics in our state.

Sincerely,

Beau Hauldren

Head Girls Basketball Coach

Science Hill High School



Re: TSSAA administration

2 messages

Mike Ensor <mikeensor@carterk12.net>
To: Brian Busler <brianbusler3@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 21, 2025 at 8:36 AM

I am writing this letter on behalf of Brian Bussler. It is my understanding that Mr. Bussler has been excluded from participation in the TSSAA as an official for a prior transgression. I have knowledge that this transgression has been cleared and expunged from his record. I had Mr. Bussler work for me at Unaka High School in the Carter County School District. Mr. Bussler was able to pass the background check that is done through the state(TBI). I know that Mr. Bussler is now employed by the Johnson City School system at Science Hill High School. I have been involved in sports at all levels of athletics from youth club to High School. Mr. Bussler is a phenomenal official and I would like to see him get an opportunity to be re established and allowed to be involved in TSSAA athletics. If you have any questions for me, please reach out to me at Unaka High School.

Mike Ensor

**Principal,
ED. Specialist**

Unaka High School
(423)474-4100 Phone
(423)547-4061 Fax

 Picture

On Tue, Oct 21, 2025 at 8:25 AM Mike Ensor <mikeensor@carterk12.net> wrote:
Yes, I am working on it. Hopefully have it today.

On Tue, Oct 21, 2025 at 8:12 AM Brian Busler <brianbusler3@gmail.com> wrote:
I know your busy Coach but just touching base with you on that letter of recomendation ?

Brian Busler <brianbusler3@gmail.com>
To: Mike Ensor <mikeensor@carterk12.net>

Tue, Oct 21, 2025 at 8:40 AM

Words can not exspress the gratitude and respect I have for you. Thank you so much for helping me

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
AT JONESBOROUGH, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

vs.

Brian Busler
Defendant

Filed 15 day of
Sept 20 23 at
11:42 o'clock AM
Brenda Downes, Clerk MAN

DOCKET NO(S): 39364
DATE OF ARREST: 11-18-13
DATE OF BIRTH: 6-21-74
GENDER: Male
RACE: White
CHARGE(S): Filing False
Report & Harrassment

ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO EXPUNGE RECORDS OF CONVICTION
PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §40-32-101(g)

This cause came for hearing on the written Petition to Expunge Records of Conviction Pursuant to T.C.A. §40-32-101(g) and the entire record, from all which the Court finds that:

1. The statute authorizes the subject conviction to be expunged.
2. Petitioner has no other conviction in this or any other jurisdiction other than the one to be expunged.
3. At least five (5) years have elapsed since the completion of the sentence imposed for the offense.
4. All fines, restitution, court costs, and other Court-ordered assessments have been paid.
5. All terms of imprisonment, probation, and parole have been completed.
6. All conditions of unsupervised release have been met.
7. If so required by the condition of the sentence imposed, Petitioner has remained free from dependency on or any abuse or alcohol or a controlled substance or other prohibited substance for a period of not less than one (1) year.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that all public records of the subject conviction be removed and destroyed in accordance with T.C.A. §40-32-101(g). The Clerk shall send or cause to be sent a copy of the Order of Expungement to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for entry into its expunged offender database. Pursuant to



ORDER FOR THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD

State of Tennessee vs Brian K. Buster Circuit Docket Number 39364
Date Original Case was filed in Clerk's Office 1-7-2014 General Sessions Docket Number 0096254
In the Criminal Court of Washington County, Tennessee at Jonesborough
On the Motion or Petition of _____

Defendant/Arrest Information:

State Control Number: _____

<u>Brian K. Buster</u> Defendant (name at time of arrest)	<u>W</u> Race	<u>M</u> Sex	<u>6-21-74</u> Date of Birth
<u>WCSO</u> Arresting Agency	<u>410</u> OCA#	<u>25</u> Date of Arrest	<u>8509</u> SSN#
<u>False reports X 3 (indicted false reports)</u> Charge 1 (original arrest charge)			
<u>Stalking (indicted harassment)</u> Charge 2 (original arrest charge)			
Charge 3 (original arrest charge)			

Disposition Information:

Final Charge	Disposition
<u>1. False reports</u>	<u>dismissed</u>
<u>2. Harassment</u>	<u>Guilty</u>
<u>3.</u>	

Diversion Date (if applicable) _____

The defendant named above is entitled to have all PUBLIC RECORDS relating to the offenses listed above expunged according to the T.C.A. provision marked below:

- Provision relating to Adults:
- Charge has been dismissed (T.C.A. § 40-32-101)
 - No true bill returned by Grand Jury (T.C.A. § 40-32-101)
 - Arrested and released (T.C.A. § 40-32-101)
 - Verdict of not guilty (T.C.A. § 40-32-101)
 - Nolle Prosequi entered in case (T.C.A. § 40-32-101)
 - Judicial Diversion (T.C.A. § 40-35-313)
 - Pretrial Diversion (T.C.A. § 40-15-105)
 - Conviction expungement (T.C.A. § 40-32-101 (g) or (k))
 - Pardon expungement (T.C.A. § 40-32-101 (h))
 - Human Trafficking (T.C.A. § 40-32-105)

- Provisions relating to Juveniles:
- Petition alleging delinquency not filed (T.C.A. § 37-1-155)
 - Proceedings dismissed after petition is filed or the case transferred to Juvenile Court as provided in T.C.A. § 37-1-109 (T.C.A. § 37-1-155)
 - Adjudicated not to be a delinquent child (T.C.A. § 37-1-155)
 - Child has reached eighteen (18) years of age and there is no record that he committed a criminal offense after reaching sixteen (16) years of age, unless such fingerprints were obtained on alleged charge which if committed by an adult would be a felony (T.C.A. § 37-1-155)
 - Passage of six (6) months from date of liquor law violations defined by T.C.A. § 57-3-412(a)(3)(c) or T.C.A. § 57-5-301(e)(3)
 - Juvenile Pretrial Diversion (T.C.A. § 37-11-10)

It is ordered that all PUBLIC RECORDS relating to such offense above referenced be expunged and immediately destroyed upon payment of all costs to clerk and that no evidence of such records pertaining to such offense be retained by any municipal, county, or state agency, except non-public confidential information retained in accordance with T.C.A. § 40-32-101(b)(1) & (g)(13); T.C.A. § 10-7-504; and T.C.A. § 38-6-118.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY

Defendant/Attorney for Defendant

District Attorney General

10/2/2025

Date
[Signature]

Judge's Signature

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ENTER this the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.



TRACY STAPP, JUDGE
CRIMINAL COURT, WASHINGTON
COUNTY, AT JONESBOROUGH, TENNESSEE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY :