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Golf, women's soccer, softball and men's tennis will be allowed to play 14 games.

Baseball, women's tennis, outdoor track and field and wrestling will be allowed to begin practice on April 12, 2021.

First contests are set for April 26 and the final day of regular-season contests is set for June 11.

Baseball, women's tennis and wrestling will be allowed 14 contests, while track and field is allowed up to 10 regular-season contests.

Football is limited to one contest per week, while all other sports are limited to two contests per week.

The association's annual cheerleading championships will be held May 1.

The NCHSAA noted that indoor track and field will not be contested during the 2020-21 athletic year.

Traditional fall sports include men's and women's cross country, men's soccer, football, volleyball, women's tennis and women's golf.

Traditional winter sports include wrestling, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and men's and women's indoor track and field.

Traditional spring

2020-2021 NCHSAA Proposed Sports Calendar			
First Practice	November 4	First Practice	November 23
First Contest	November 16	First Contest	December 7
Final Reg. Season Contest	January 8	Final Reg. Season Contest	January 30
Cross-Country		Swimming & Diving	
Season Limit	10 Meets	Season Limit	10 Meets
Weekly Limit	2 Meets	Weekly Limit	2 Meets
Volleyball		Basketball	
Season Limit	14 Games	Season Limit	14 Games
Weekly Limit	2 Games	Weekly Limit	2 Games
Football		Baseball	
Season Limit	7 Games	Season Limit	14 Games
Weekly Limit	1 Games	Weekly Limit	2 Games
Golf (M&W)		Tennis (M)	
Season Limit	14 Matches	Season Limit	14 Matches
Weekly Limit	2 Matches	Weekly Limit	2 Matches
Tennis (W)		Soccer (W)	
Season Limit	14 Matches	Season Limit	14 Games
Weekly Limit	2 Matches	Weekly Limit	2 Games
Soccer (M)		Softball	
Season Limit	14 Games	Season Limit	14 Games
Weekly Limit	2 Games	Weekly Limit	2 Games
Track & Field		Wrestling	
Season Limit	10 Meets	Season Limit	14 Duals
Weekly Limit	2 Meets	Weekly Limit	2 Duals
Cheerleading Invitational			
May 1st			

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The NCHSAA released the amended schedule for the 2020-21 athletic year, Aug. 12. The athletic year was delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

sports include softball, baseball, men's tennis, men's and women's track and field, men's golf, women's soccer and men's and women's lacrosse.

NCHSAA commissioner Que Tucker released a statement Aug. 12 on the revised calendar:

"You all have been waiting patiently for a decision from the NCHSAA relative to an amended sport calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please keep in mind that these proposed dates are dependent on COVID-19 conditions improving across N.C. However, last night

the Board of Directors approved a framework we believe maximizes the opportunities for students in our membership to participate in athletics at some point during this school year, regardless of what plan a school and/or school system operates.

"The NCHSAA Board approved an amended calendar for the 2020-2021 school year in a special called meeting for this purpose on Tuesday, Aug. 11, via Zoom. This calendar represents the hard work of the NCHSAA Staff, Board of Directors and various committees such

as the City/County Athletic Directors, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and the Sports Ad Hoc Committee. There is still much work to be done on the details of implementing athletic programs and contests during this pandemic, but we thank these committees and individuals for their hard work to bring us to this point.

"We recognize that this is a lot of information to digest and drastically different from the way the sport calendar has been aligned for years in North Carolina. However, as we mentioned many weeks

ago, 'We will play again.' In that mantra we believe, and it is in that spirit that we present this calendar. It is the belief of the Board of Directors and our staff that this calendar provides us the greatest chance of providing interscholastic athletic opportunities to the students of the NCHSAA for the 2020-2021 academic year. We believe that this is the best path forward to a safe return to the field.

"Our decision-making process has been careful and calculated, as we work to ensure the health and safety of all student-ath-

letes, coaches and administrators during this unprecedented time. There is still much work to be done in regard to playoff formats, COVID-19 related rules modifications for numerous sports, securing potential playoff facilities and providing the safest possible regular season opportunities for student athletes. We are committed to that work and will continue to lead and govern interscholastic athletic programs across this state that support and enrich the educational experience provided by our member schools in such a manner to maintain the standards of excellence that the NCHSAA has become known for."

Dr. Josh Bloom, a member of the NCHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC), released a statement on behalf of the committee:

"We feel it is critically important to provide opportunities for North Carolina student athletes to participate, and compete, in education-based athletics. While there are risks with resuming NCHSAA sanctioned athletics, it has also become very clear that there are significant negative consequences with not providing this option to student athletes. Accordingly, this is an exercise in balance — and we are committed to an appropriate balance of both safety AND participation."

WHITE-DAVIS

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typically forget as an adult. I happened to be awake one night, so I took my beloved dog, a can of bug spray, a glass of sweet tea, and a chair outside at 2 a.m.

My dog wandered around a bit, but then came to sit by me, a touch confused, as if to say "are you ok?"

I pet her head and stared at the sky, letting my eyes adjust to the glittered view strewn over the void. "Yes, girl. Let's just watch and see."

As I watched, I saw my first meteor of the night. A little streak, so far away. They glow as it enters our atmosphere and burns with the oxygen. It is incredible to think it's so far, yet still within our airspace.

The magnitude of God's creation suddenly

tightened my chest in emotion. I felt so small and so helpless. I quietly sang the Hillsong lyrics "if the stars were made to worship, so will I."

I counted 12 meteors that night and I cried at the beauty above me. My dog even saw a few and

she darted her head as if to chase it. "We can't chase it girl," I laughed. We have to let things come... let God come to us. Let peace emerge. Let hope be a thing with feathers. It doesn't happen unless we can watch for it. Be poetic observers

of our own lives. Look around expectantly! "Hope" is the thing with feathers - That perches in the soul - And sings the tune without the words - And never stops — at all - Emily Dickinson

GOLFING

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and without credit," said Lassiter. "He truly was a great human being and worked to be the hands and

feet of Christ daily." Proceeds from the tournament are used to fund innovative learning experiences and opportunities such as Governor's School tuition, swim lessons for all kindergarten students, field

trips for students, scholarships and cultural arts events. In addition, some of this year's funds will go into the Dwayne K. Stallings Educational Fund. Corporate sponsors for the event were Pierce

Group Benefits, Smithfield Grain, Stifel and PNC. In addition, there were 19 hole sponsors, 16 team sponsors, Johnson Lambe Company, Pepsi and Chick-Fil-A. The School Foundation netted \$8,000 for

programs/projects for the school district. The Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its purpose is to encourage and assist educational functions and

activities. Contributions can be made at Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc., PO Box 337, Hertford, NC 27944. For information, contact Brenda Lassiter at 252.426.5741.

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