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Staff Liaisons for Golf, Tennis, Bowling Appointed

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (January 12, 2012) — Three NFHS staff members have been appointed liaisons for golf, tennis and bowling and will provide support for member state associations in these sports for which the NFHS does not write playing rules.

Chris Boone, who serves in the publications and communications department, will handle the sport of golf; **Maggie Scheiman**, who works in the events department, will be responsible for tennis; and **Ashlee Ferguson**, who assists with a number of other sports, will be the bowling liaison.

"Since we do not write playing rules in these sports, we have never had designated individuals to handle questions and inquiries that we receive from the membership and general public," said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. "These individuals will be working with national governing bodies and will be developing an expertise in their respective sport in an effort to provide additional service to our member associations. Chris, Maggie and Ashlee have served our membership for a number of years, and I know they will do a tremendous job in these additional areas." Boone, a 1996 graduate of Centreville High School in Clifton, Virginia, where he played on the golf team, has worked in the publications/communications department for 10 years after serving an internship in the department for one year. A 2000 graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis, he has served as a graphic designer/technician since 2004. Boone graduated with honors from Butler with a bachelor's degree in public and corporate communications.

Boone has been responsible for prepress work on the majority of NFHS rules publications for the past seven years. He also has been assistant editor of the *National High School Sports Record Book*, managing editor of the *Interscholastic Athletic Administration* (IAA) magazine and coordinator of the NFHS internship program. He formerly handled layout of the *NFHS News* and currently assists in writing and editing articles for *High School Today*. From 2008 to 2010, Boone served on the Butler University Career Services Advisory Board.

Scheiman, a 2004 graduate of Kokomo (Indiana) High School where she was a member of the track team, has served as an assistant to Mark Koski in the events department since August 2008. She is a 2008 graduate of Butler University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in public relations and advertising.

Scheiman assists with all local NFHS meetings, as well as the NFHS Summer Meeting and National Athletic Directors Conference. She also is an assistant with the sport of soccer and works with John Black in the NFHS Legal Department.

Ferguson, a 2004 graduate of William Henry Harrison High School in Evansville, Indiana, where she played on the high school softball team, joined the NFHS staff in September 2008 after graduating from Indiana University. At IU, Ferguson earned a bachelor's of science degree in kinesiology with a major in sports communication and a minor in telecommunications. Since joining the NFHS staff, Ferguson has worked as an assistant to Becky Oakes and is involved with the administration of boys and girls gymnastics, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, and water polo. She is also involved with selection of speakers for the National Athletic Directors Conference and NFHS Summer Meeting.

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The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.6 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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