



A History of the North Central Conference; 1926 - present

March 23, 1926 A meeting is held at Kokomo to organize a basketball conference. Kokomo principal E.E. Hinshaw presides at this meeting and is elected to be the 1st president. Frankfort principal Catherine Howard is chosen as the 1st secretary. Others present at this meeting are Frankfort's Everett Case, Kokomo's Chester Hill, Logansport's Clifford Wells and J.J. Mitchell, and Rochester's L.V. Phillips and Ralph Powell. Ten schools compose the first membership list: Anderson, Frankfort, Indianapolis Arsenal Tech, Kokomo, Lebanon, Logansport, Muncie Central, New Castle, Rochester, and Richmond. Basketball is the only NCC sport.

A nine-game basketball schedule is planned, with \$5 membership dues for each school. Muncie Central is crowned as the 1st basketball champion. Kokomo captures their 4th straight boys track state championship. The Wildkat title is also the 1st official state championship won by a member school in the NCC's existence. There is decided opposition voiced about the new dribble rule. The *Wilson J-48* is adopted as the official ball for NCC play. The visiting team will wear white uniforms with a 5-inch number on back. The *Schommer* goal will be used.

1927-28 Muncie Central wins their 1st boys basketball state championship. A fee of \$15 is set as the top limit of officials pay. Football is proposed as a NCC sport. All basketballs must be laced, lined and valve type. Alva Staggs is appointed as official statistician. All alleys must be reversed in relay races and will be implemented at the first ever NCC track meet; to be held on Saturday, May 5, 1928, at Arsenal Tech. Arsenal Tech and Kokomo both share top honors, tying for 1st place with 38 points apiece.

1928-29 Frankfort wins its 2nd boys basketball state championship, defeating NCC rival Arsenal Tech in the final. An Eastern and Western football league is suggested for future NCC play.

1929-30

1930-31 Muncie Central is the boys basketball state champion; their 2nd title. Considerable opposition is voiced by member schools to the 18-game schedule as passed by the Indiana state legislature.

1931-32 Three schools win state championships; Lafayette Jefferson, Muncie Central, and New Castle. The Trojans win their 1st boys basketball state championship, the Bronchos capture their 1st state title in boys golf, and the Bearcats win their 1st wrestling state championship. Football is adopted as a NCC sport. Rochester drops their NCC membership due to the fact that they do not have a football team. Lafayette Jefferson is accepted for membership, replacing Rochester. Any school violating the salary set for officials will be dropped from NCC membership. Richmond's Lymon H.

Lyboubt is elected as Secretary-Treasurer; the 2nd in NCC history. He replaces Frankfort's Katherine Howard.

1932-33 Basketball, football, track, tennis, and golf are official NCC sports. Any member school failing to field a team in any sport for two years in a row will lose their NCC membership. Basketball line-ups are to be in the hands of the scorekeeper no later than 10 minutes before game time. Lebanon terminates their NCC membership at the end of the school year because NCC rules stipulate that all schools must participate in football. Lebanon does not have a football team and does not wish to have one.

1933-34 Logansport wins their 1st boys basketball state championship, defeating NCC rival Arsenal Tech in the final. Kokomo wins their 6th boys track state championship. Marion replaces Lebanon in the conference.

1934-35 Anderson wins their 1st boys basketball state championship. Kokomo repeats as boys track state champions, winning their 7th title. An NCC baseball tournament is planned. The *Dickinson rating system* is adopted.

1935-36 Frankfort is the boys basketball state champion. It is the Hot Dogs 3rd title.

1936-37 Anderson wins their 2nd boys basketball state championship; the 4th straight NCC team to win the title. The home basketball team will now wear white uniforms. A list of basketball officials is selected for NCC games. The practice of rotating basketball schedules two weeks every two years is discontinued. The NCC track meet will now rotate alphabetically by NCC city. Kokomo wins its 8th boys track state championship.

1937-38 All officials are now selected and assigned by the NCC.

1938-39 Frankfort wins their 4th boys basketball state championship. An NCC All-Sports trophy is awarded for the first time, with Kokomo as champion. Final standings are tallied by the following point system: football; worth 25 points, basketball; worth 25 points, baseball; worth 15 points, tennis and golf; worth 5 points apiece. Tennis is to be a fall sport only. The golf and tennis tourneys are discontinued. Golf NCC standings will be determined by state tourney placement. Tennis NCC standings will be determined by percentage. NCC basketball officials' list is cut to 15 officials.

1939-40 Kokomo repeats as the All-Sports champion.

1940-41 Basketball officials are selected by each school in the conference. Richmond wins its 1st boys golf state championship. Anderson is the All-Sport champion.

1941-42 Football, basketball, track, tennis, golf, and baseball are recognized sports. Dues increase to \$15, with no dues for 1942-43. Anderson repeats as the All-Sport champion.

1942-43 Lafayette Jefferson is the All-Sports champion.

1943-44 Muncie Central is declared the mythical state champion in football, their 1st title. An All-Conference basketball team is selected by a committee appointed by the NCC president, and is selected before the IHSAA tournament. Six schools in the conference have baseball teams. Anderson is All-Sports champion.

1944-45 Anderson wins its 1st boys track state title. Selection of the All-Conference basketball team is discontinued because Kokomo finishes as state runner-up and the committee does not name any Kokomo players to the team. Dues are raised to \$25. Arsenal Tech is the All-Sports champion.

1945-46 Anderson wins their 3rd state title in boys basketball and their 2nd in boys track. The Indians are also All-Sports champions.

1946-47 Cross-country and wrestling now count in NCC All-Sports competition.

Anderson wins two state championships; its 1st in boys cross-country and its 3rd in boys track. A football schedule of 5 conference games per school is approved. All NCC schools now play each other in baseball. Muncie Central is the All-Sports champion.

1947-48 Anderson repeats as boys cross-country and boys track state champions; winning their 2nd cross-country and 4th straight track titles. Lafayette Jefferson wins their 2nd boys basketball state championship. Tennis is an active NCC sport again. Eight NCC schools have tennis, five have wrestling, and nine have cross-country. Payment for basketball and football officials pay is raised to \$25. Muncie Central repeats as All-Sports champion.

1948-49 Anderson wins the boys cross-county state championship for the 3rd year in a row. There is no NCC wrestling competition this year. Anderson is the All-Sports champion. They keep the trophy with their 5th win.

1949-50 Anderson is boys state cross-country champion; their 4th title in a row. Lafayette Jefferson is declared the mythical football state champion; their 1st title. Arsenal Tech is the All-Sports champion.

1950-51 Anderson wins the boys state cross-country championship; their 5th in a row. Muncie Central wins their 3rd boys basketball state championship. The Bearcats are also All-Sports champions.

1951-52 Hoosier high school athletics are dominated by the NCC in a year like no other. Four different schools; Anderson, Arsenal Tech, Muncie Central, and Richmond win 5 state championships. The Indians continue to dominate Indiana in boys cross-country, winning their 6th straight state championship. The Red Devils are declared the mythical football state champions; their 1st title. The Bearcats repeat as boys basketball state champion, defeating NCC rival Arsenal Tech in the final. It is their 5th title; the most in the state at this time. Muncie becomes the 1st NCC team to repeat as state champions. The NCC is a combined 50-0 against non-NCC competition in the tourney. Every NCC team is defeated in tournament play by another conference member. The Titans win their 1st wrestling state championship. The Tribe captures the boys golf state championship; their 1st title in that sport. Wrestling is reinstated as an NCC sport, as seven of the ten conference schools now have a team. Richmond is the All-Sports champion.

1952-53 Anderson wins its 7th consecutive boys cross-country state championship; an accomplishment that still stands. The Indians also repeat as boys golf state champions; winning their 2nd title. Arsenal Tech is the All-Sports champion.

1953-54 Muncie Central is defeated by Milan for the state basketball championship in what is one of the greatest upsets ever in tournament history. Arsenal Tech repeats as All-Sports champion.

1954-55 NCC dues are increased to \$75. Anderson is boys golf state champion. Muncie Central is the All-Sports champion.

1955-56 Richmond is declared the mythical football state champion; their 2nd title. Richmond's Lyman H. Lyboubt retires, serving the NCC as secretary since the 1931-32 school year. Richmond's Charles A. McConnell is elected as his replacement; the 3rd in NCC history. Anderson is the All-Sports champion.

1956-57 Muncie Central wins their 1st boys cross-country state championship. Kokomo Athletic Director Chester Hill, who is credited with the idea of the NCC, retires. He is honored with a lifetime pass in recognition of his affiliation with the NCC since its organization in 1926. Anderson athletic director Carl M. Bonge passes in February. Arsenal Tech is the All-Sport champion.

1957-58 Richmond wins its 1st wrestling state championship. Kokomo wins its 1st boys golf state championship. Muncie Central principal Loren Chastain and Arsenal Tech principal H.H. Anderson both retire after giving many valuable years to the NCC. Arsenal Tech repeats as All-Sport champion.

1958-59 Muncie Central wins their 2nd boys cross-country state championship. Arsenal Tech's John Gorman retires and is presented with an NCC lifetime pass. Logansport is the All-Sport champion; their first.

1959-60 The NCC Life-Time (Gold Pass) and the qualifications to receive it are officially established. Muncie Central is the All-Sport champion.

1960-61 Kokomo is the 1961 basketball state champion; their 1st. The NCC will be reduced to 9 schools in 1962-63, as Arsenal Tech is forced to withdraw by IPS in order to play a full city schedule. The NCC will drop the *Dickison Rating System* and adopt a percentage point system in 1965. The Kokomo Wildkats also grab the All-Sport championship.

1961-62 Arsenal Tech's athletic teams will now be known as the Titans, having switched their mascot from the Green Clads. Dues are increased to \$75. Cost of the NCC handbook, trophies, ribbons and medals are \$462 for the year. The NCC will continue with 9 schools after the departure of Arsenal Tech. Kokomo repeats as the All-Sport champion.

1962-63 Muncie becomes a two-high school town with the opening of Muncie Southside. Muncie Central is the basketball state champion; their 5th. NCC charter member Logansport principal J.H. Mertz retires. Anderson is the All-Sport champion.

1963-64 Lafayette Jefferson is the basketball state champion; their 3rd. Richmond's Lyman H. Lybault, a charter member of the NCC, passes in June of 1964. Mr. Lybault was the NCC secretary from 1932 to 1955. Muncie Central is suspended from IHSAA competition in all sports for one year, beginning on January 15. Kokomo is the All-Sport champion.

1964-65 Muncie Central continues its suspension for the duration of 1964. The Bearcats become eligible to participate in IHSAA contests on January 5. NCC dues are raised to \$100. Anderson is no longer the only high school in town with the addition of Anderson Madison Heights to the Anderson Community Schools. Rochester's L.V. Phillips, a former NCC charter member and IHSAA Commissioner, passes on May 18, 1965. Kokomo repeats as All-Sport champion.

1965-66 Frankfort concludes its 40-year membership in the NCC at the conclusion of the school year due to competitiveness, enrollment, and travel. All varsity NCC basketball games now begin at 8:00. The NCC elects to continue with 8 teams at the present time. Richmond's Charlie McConnell retires, serving the NCC as secretary from 1955 to 1966. New Castle's Horace Cook is appointed as his replacement; the 4th in NCC history. Marion wins their 1st boys golf state championship. Kokomo is the All-Sport champion for the 3rd consecutive year.

1966-67 Richmond is declared the mythical football state champion; their 3rd title. Basketball officials are now paid \$30. NCC dues now \$150. Cost of NCC trophies, ribbons, and medals for this year are \$758.64. A n All-Sport trophy is again awarded to the top finishing school with all sports being equal in importance this time. Lafayette Jefferson is the All-Sport champion.

1967-68 Muncie Central wins its 3rd boys cross-country state championship. New Castle's Horace Cook resigns, serving the NCC as secretary from 1966-68. Logansport's Rex Hunter is elected as his replacement; the 5th in NCC history. Kokomo is the All-Sport champion.

1968-69 Haworth High School opens, making Kokomo a two-high school town. Kokomo wins their 1st boys swimming state championship. Lafayette Jefferson wins their 1st baseball state championship. Marion is the All-Sport champion; their 1st.

1969-70 Marion's football team is named as the 1969 Mythical State Football Champions. Richmond is the All-Sport champion, their 1st in 18 years.

1970-71 Muncie North opens, making Muncie a three high school town. The NCC championship in football is decided by a round-robin schedule. Each sport selects an *NCC Coach of the Year*. Richmond repeats as the All-Sport champion.

1971-72 All tickets for football and basketball are now sold for \$1.50 apiece at the gate. Anderson wins their 4th boys golf state championship. Lafayette Jefferson is the All-Sport champion.

1972-73 Logansport's Rex Hunter retires, serving the NCC as secretary from 1968-73. Kokomo's Kenneth *Red* Craig is elected as his replacement; the 6th in NCC history. Lafayette Jefferson wins their 2nd baseball state championship. Richmond is the All-Sport champion.

1973-74 Anderson wins their 5th boys golf state championship. Richmond repeats as the All-Sport champion.

1974-75 Three schools; Lafayette Jefferson, Logansport, and Marion win state championships. The Bronchos capture their 1st title in girls swimming, the Giants win their 2nd title in boys basketball, and the Berries win their 1st baseball title. The NCC becomes one of the 1st athletic conferences in Indiana to add girls' athletics as track is added as the first conference girls' sport. The first NCC girls' track meet is held at New Castle on Thursday, May 6. Richmond is the All-Sport champion.

1975-76 Marion wins their 3rd boys basketball state title. The Giants become the 2nd NCC team to repeat as state champions. Lafayette Jefferson wins its 1st state championship in boys tennis. Football and basketball officials are now paid \$27.50 and \$32.50, respectively. All tickets sold at the gate are \$2 for football and basketball. Girls' golf and swimming are added as conference sports commencing with the 1976-77 school year. Dues are raised from \$150 to \$200. Richmond repeats as All-Sport champion, their 4th in a row.

1976-77 Logansport wins their 2nd baseball state championship. Lafayette Jefferson is the boys golf state champion; their 2nd title. The Bronchos also are All-Sport champions.

1977-78 Muncie Central wins their 6th boys basketball state championship. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as boys golf state champions, winning their 3rd title. Girls' volleyball and tennis are added as NCC sports. Richmond is All-Sport champion.

1978-79 Muncie Central is the basketball state champion, defeating Anderson in the final game. The Bearcats become the 1st NCC team to win consecutive championships two different times. The *Coca-Cola Bottlers Association* pays the cost of printing the NCC handbook. The NCC secretary's fee is raised from \$100 to \$200 per year. Football and basketball officials are now paid \$30 and \$35, respectively. The NCC girls compete in 6 sports with the addition of basketball. Logansport continues its odd-year magic by winning their 3rd baseball state championship. Lafayette Jefferson is the 1st Girls All-Sport champion. Richmond repeats as Boys All-Sport champion.

1979-80 Lafayette Jefferson wins their 1st girls golf state championship. Gymnastics is added as a girls' sport; the 7th to become a part of NCC competition. Its championship will be decided in an all-conference meet. Lafayette Jefferson is both Boys and Girls All-Sport champion.

1980-81 Kokomo's Chet Hill, who first suggested organizing the NCC, passes on

February 9, 1981; his 89th birthday. Anderson and Marion are both Girls All-Sport champions. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as Boys All-Sport champion.

1981-82 Officials' pay is raised to \$40 for football and \$45 for basketball. NCC dues are raised from \$200 to \$250. Ticket prices are raised to \$2.50 at the gate. Anderson and Lafayette are both Girls All-Sport champions; Anderson is boys All-Sport champion.

1982-83 Lafayette Jefferson wins both boys and girls All Sport championships.

1983-84 Anderson, Lafayette Jefferson, and Marion win state championships. The Indians win their 1st title in girls swimming, the Bronchos win their 3rd in girls golf, and the Giants win their 1st in baseball. Kokomo becomes one town with one high school once again; Haworth and Kokomo consolidate with the beginning of the next school year. Anderson and Lafayette Jefferson reign as boys and girls All-Sport champions.

1984-85 Four different NCC schools win five different state championships. Anderson repeats in girls swimming; winning their 2nd title. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls golf state champions; their 3rd title. Marion wins their 4th boys basketball state championship, defeating NCC rival Richmond in the final game. Kokomo boys win 2; their 2nd in golf and 1st in baseball. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion; Kokomo wins the boys title.

1985-86 Marion repeats as boys basketball state champion, defeating NCC rival Anderson in the final game. It is their 5th title. Lafayette Jefferson and Kokomo repeat as girls and boys All-Sport champions.

1986-87 Marion is the boys basketball state champion, defeating Richmond in the final game. They become the 1st NCC school and the 1st school in Indiana to win the state championship three years in a row. It is their 6th title. Basketball officials pay is raised to \$50. Lafayette Jefferson is boys golf state champion; their 4th title. Softball and cross-country are added as the 7th and 8th girls' sports in the NCC. Marion secures the boys All-Sports championship. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion.

1987-88 Anderson wins their 1st boys swimming state championship. Muncie Central is the boys basketball state champion, winning their 8th hoops title; the most in Indiana. Kokomo wins their 4th boys golf state championship. Muncie North and Muncie Central consolidate into one high school. Lafayette Jefferson and Marion share the girls All-Sport championship; Kokomo wins the boys title.

1988-89 Anderson repeats as boys swimming state champion; their 2nd title. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sports champion. Kokomo's Kats are the boys All-Sport champions.

1989-90 Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion. Muncie Central's Bearcat boys are the All-Sport champions.

1990-91 Logansport athletic director Jim Jones retires. Logansport wins their 4th baseball state championship with Berry skipper Jim Turner retiring as coach after winning his 4th title. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Kokomo's Frank Moore, Logansport's Jim Jones and Henry Stephan. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion. Richmond's Red Devil boys win an All-Sport championship.

1991-92 Three NCC schools are crowned as state champions. Marion wins its 1st boys tennis state championship. Kokomo wins its 1st girls basketball state championship. Richmond wins its 1st basketball state championship, defeating NCC rival Lafayette Jefferson in the final game. Basketball officials pay is raised to \$55. There are no NCC dues for 1991 due to an increase in television fee income. The 1st ever *NCC Football*

Classic is held in the *Hoosier Dome* with all schools participating. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Logansport's Jim Turner, Muncie's Bill Harrell, and Richmond's Dick Baumgartner. Lafayette Jefferson and Richmond repeat as girls and boys All-Sport champions.

1992-93 Soccer is added as the 10th NCC boys' sport. Kokomo repeats as girls basketball state champion, winning their 2nd title. Richmond wins their 2nd boys golf state championship. NCC dues increase to \$100. Football officials are paid \$50 each. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Anderson's Roger Whitehead and Norm Held, Kokomo's Mal Cofield and Carl McNulty, and Lafayette Jefferson's Pat McCaffrey. Lafayette Jefferson and Richmond repeat as girls and boys All-Sport champions.

1993-94 Boys and girls NCC swim meets are held in the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis for the 1st time. Kokomo wins its 9th boys track state championship 57 years after their last cinder title. Gate prices are now \$4.00. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Logansport's Don Baldini, Marion's Dick Persinger, and Richmond's John Lebo. Kokomo claims the boys All-Sport title. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion.

1994-95 Richmond wins its 1st boys cross-country state championship. Anderson wins its 6th boys golf state championship. Doug Zaleski is hired as *NCC Sports Information Director*. Kokomo hosts the 1st ever *NCC Sportsmanship Conference* for student athletes. Richmond wins the boys All-Sport title. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion.

1995-96 Richmond wins its 3rd boys golf state championship. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to longtime stalwarts of the NCC, Anderson principal Horace Chadbourne and athletic director Jack Macy, both who retire at the end of the year. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion. Muncie Central wins the boys All-Sport championship.

1996-97 Richmond repeats as boys golf state champions, winning their 4th state title. NCC dues are now \$425, which includes \$125 for the new SID. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Lafayette Jeff's Denny Blind, Logansport's Jan Blackburn, and Muncie's Joe Kinnett, all who retire after many years of service to the NCC. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion. Richmond is the boys All-Sport champion.

1997-98 NCC adds girls' soccer as its 20th sport in the fall of 1998. Six schools participate: Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, Logansport, Muncie Central, New Castle, and Richmond. Muncie Central wins its 1st volleyball state championship. Anderson consolidates from three into two high schools, Anderson and Highland, with the closure of Madison Heights. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion. Marion wears the boys All-Sport crown.

1998-99 Muncie Central repeats as volleyball state champion, its 2nd consecutive title. Kokomo's Ken Craig retires as NCC secretary after 26 years of service, the longest tenure in conference history. Kokomo's Terry Downham is elected as his replacement; the 7th in NCC history. The NCC implements an *Academic All-Conference* team for all sports. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Kokomo's Larry Ruch and Ken Craig, Logansport's Mike Smith, and Muncie Central's Terry Hitchcock. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as girls All-Sport champion; their 18th in a row. Richmond's Red Devil boys win the All-Sport trophy.

1999-00 The 2nd *NCC Sportsmanship Conference* is held in August in Muncie. The 2nd *NCC Football Classic* takes place in the *RCA Dome* in September. Muncie Central pulls the hat trick as they win the volleyball state championship for the 3rd consecutive year. Marion wins their 7th boys basketball state championship. Richmond's Red Devils stop Lafayette Jefferson's 18-year reign of winning at least a share of the girls All-Sports title with their first ever crown. Lafayette Jefferson wins the boys All-Sport championship.

Muncie's Jim Dixon is awarded an *NCC lifetime pass*.

2000-01 The conference website, www.nccsports.org, is initiated. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Anderson's Jim Regenold, Logansport's Gordon Newlin, and to the family of Lafayette Jefferson's Joe Heath, who passed in March. Kokomo wins their first girls All-Sport championship. Lafayette Jefferson wins the boys All-Sport crown.

2001-02 Marion's Jim Fricke, a veteran of 26 years as athletic director at MHS, retires and is awarded an NCC lifetime pass. NCC lifetime passes were also awarded to Kokomo's Bob Bushong, Bob Croll, Sue Huggler, Mike McCroskey, Dave Pettay, and Mike Smith as well as Logansport's Lee Gaumer, Boyd Gundrum, Butch Jones, and Dale Sullivan. Lafayette Jefferson and Richmond win the girls and boys All-Sport championships.

2002-03 Three schools claim state championships; Kokomo, Muncie Central, and Richmond. The Bearcats win their 4th in volleyball, the Wildkats win their 3rd in girls basketball, and the Red Devils win their 5th in boys golf. Lafayette Jefferson announces that they are leaving the NCC at the conclusion of the school year after having been a member since 1931-32. Huntington North is selected to replace Lafayette Jefferson with the beginning of the 2003-04 school year. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Logansport's Al Thomas and New Castle's David Clark, Don Geozeff, and David Pryor. Lafayette Jefferson repeats as both boys and girls All-Sports champions.

2003-04 Huntington North officially becomes a member of the NCC. The inaugural All-Sports Award, a traveling trophy that combines the Boys' and Girls' All-Sports standings, is won by Muncie Central. New Castle wins its first Girls' All-Sport trophy. An NCC Lifetime Pass is awarded to Huntington North's Bob Straight. Eric Harmon is hired as NCC supervisor of basketball officials, beginning in 2004-05. Muncie Central wins the boys All-Sport championship.

2004-05 Football game starts are moved to 7:00 pm, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Ticket prices for football, volleyball, girls and boys basketball are set at \$5. Officials' pay for basketball is increased to \$70. Kokomo athletic director Jim Callane retires after an 18-year stint at KHS and is awarded an NCC lifetime pass. Muncie Central repeats as volleyball state champion, winning their 5th title. Huntington North wins the Girls' All-Sport title in their 1st full season in the NCC. The first Male and Female Sport Coach of the Year Awards are presented to Muncie Central's Matt Fine and Wes Lyon. Kokomo and Muncie Central share the boys All-Sports championship. Richmond's Red Devils are overall champions.

2005-06 New Castle is the 2006 state boys basketball champion; their 1st since 1932. It is the 30th boys basketball title for the NCC. The 1st *NCC Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards* are presented to Huntington North's Chris Kramer and Muncie Central's Vanneisha Ivy. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Logansport's Rich Wild and Muncie Central's Don Slauter. Huntington North and Kokomo win the girls and boys All-Sport championships. Kokomo's Wildkats are overall champions.

2006-07 Huntington North wins the All-Sports trophy for the 1st time by sweeping both the boys and girls all-sport standings. The Vikings are also overall champions. Muncie Central's Kim Kuzma and New Castle's Zach Hahn were named the NCC Female and Male Athletes of the Year. Kokomo's Ruthann Hawkins, Marion's Jimmy Donald and Mark Surface, and Muncie Central's Jerry Edwards were presented NCC lifetime passes. The NCC bids farewell to two longtime football coaches, Marion's Mark Surface and Richmond's Richard Bryant, both who are resigning at the end of their season.

2007-08 New Castle wins their 1st volleyball state championship. Anderson's Justin Fuller is chosen the Male Athlete of the Year, while Huntington North's Katie Hackney and New Castle's Caitlin Cox share the Female Athlete of the Year award. Three retiring

principals; Kokomo's Harold Canady, Muncie Central's Dick Daniel, and Anderson's Phil Nikirk were awarded NCC lifetime passes, along with Anderson's Bill Thomas, Kokomo's Ron Barsh and Charlie Hall, and Muncie Central's Dr. Marlin Creasy. Logansport's Berries win their first ever girls All-Sport championship. Kokomo claims the boys All-Sport title. The Kats are the overall NCC champion.

2008-09 Marion is the overall NCC champion for the 1st time, making a nice retirement gift for outgoing Athletic Director Rocky Kent. New Castle and Marion are the Girls and Boys All-Sport champions. Muncie's Devon Hill and Erynn Young are named the NCC Male and Female Athletes of the Year. Kokomo's Brett Colby and Huntington North's Don Cotton are named the NCC Male and Female Sport Coaches of the Year. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Huntington North's Don Cotton and Dean Stephan, and Richmond's Ron Maze, Joann Lawrence, and Richard Bryant. Anderson becomes one town with one high school once again. Highland and Anderson consolidate to become Anderson High School with the beginning of the next school year.

2009-10 Muncie Central wins their 6th state volleyball title. Kokomo's Terry Downham retires, serving the NCC as Secretary-Treasurer and Athletic Public Relations Director from 1999-2012. Muncie Central's Mike Austin is elected as his replacement; the 8th in NCC history. NCC lifetime passes are awarded to Huntington North's Joe Santa, Kokomo's Tom Cooper, Terry Downham, and Ed Pulver. Huntington North is the girls All-Sport champion. Kokomo repeats as the boys All-Sport champion. Huntington North wins their 2nd overall All-Sport championship. Kokomo's TJ Weir is selected as the NCC Athlete of the Year.

2010-11 Huntington North and Kokomo repeat as girls and boys All-Sport Champions. Huntington North also repeats as the overall All-Sport champions.

2011-12 Logansport's Berries win their 2nd girls All-NCC championship. Kokomo's Wildkats repeat as boys All-NCC champions. Huntington North repeats as the overall NCC champion, their 3rd in a row.

2012-13 Kokomo and Logansport are All-Sport champions; the Kats winning the boys title, and the Berries winning the girls title for the 3rd consecutive year. Huntington North is the overall NCC champion for the 4th consecutive year as well.

2013-14 New Castle, an NCC charter member of 88 years, terminates its membership and joins the *Hoosier Heritage Conference* due to transportation concerns, expenses and football competitiveness. Huntington North announces that they are also leaving the NCC at the conclusion of the 2014-15 year to join the newly formed *Northeast 8 Conference*. Travel concerns/expenses and better proximity to the schools in their conference are cited as reasons for their departure. The NCC will add three new members from the *Hoosier Crossroads Conference* in Harrison, Lafayette Jefferson, and McCutcheon in 2014-15. Arsenal Tech of Indianapolis will replace Huntington North in 2015-16. Logansport's Lady Berries win their first regional basketball title and make their first ever appearance in the semistate. Logansport repeats as girls All-Sport champion; their 4th overall. Kokomo repeats as boys All-Sport champion; their 5th in a row. Huntington North wins their 5th overall All-NCC championship in a row. Muncie becomes one town with one high school once again, as Southside and Central consolidate to become Muncie Central High School with the beginning of the next school year.

2014-15 McCutcheon Principal John Beeker and Athletic Director Ryan Walden serve as NCC chairmen for the year. Lafayette Jefferson rejoins the NCC after an absence of 12 years. Harrison and McCutcheon officially become NCC members. Muncie Central's Mike Austin resigns as the Secretary and Athletic Public Relations Director. Logansport's Greg Dominick is elected as his replacement; the 9th in NCC history. In their 1st year, McCutcheon and Harrison win All-Sport titles in girls and boys

competition, the Raiders as the overall All-Sport champion. Huntington North exits the NCC, ending a tenure of 12 years as a member of the conference.

2015-16 Muncie Central Principal Tom Jarvis and Athletic Director Suzanne Crump serve as NCC chairpersons for the year. Arsenal Tech rejoins the NCC after an absence of 53 years. The Harrison Raider boys soccer team advances to the ISHAA Boys State Soccer Championship, finishing as runner-up to the Center Grove Trojans. Kokomo's Wildkats win their first ever boys football regional. The NCC establishes a *Facebook* page, *North Central Athletics*. The conference launches its new website, northcentralconference.net, in December. The NCC's *Twitter* account adds its 1,000 follower in December. The first ever boys and girls basketball tournaments were held. Anderson hosted the girls finals, with Kokomo hosting the boys. Marion's Lady Giants and McCutcheon's Mavericks claim tournament titles. Muncie Central's Jayla Scaife earns a spot on the Indiana Girls Basketball All-Star team, the first ever Bearcat selected. Arsenal Tech's C.J. Walker is also selected as a member of the boys team. McCutcheon's girls basketball coach Jeff Knoy is selected as an assistant coach Marion's Giants won the 3A State Title, which tied them with Muncie Central's Bearcats at 8 championships apiece. The McCutcheon Maverick basketball team advances to the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Championship, finishing as runner-up to the New Albany Bulldogs. Lafayette Jefferson's Essence Henderson is the IHSAA champion in the shot put. NCC Lifetime Passes are awarded to Anderson's Terry Turner, Lafayette Jefferson's Maurie Denney, Muncie Central's Rob Fisher and Tom Jarvis, and Richmond's Joe Spicer. AD Jamy Bechler departs Marion at the conclusion of the school year. Harrison's Raiders win both the boys and girls All-Sport titles and repeat as the overall All-Sport Champion. Muncie Central's Jayla Scaife and Harrison's Matthew Roop are selected as the NCC Female and Male Athletes of the Year. Logansport's Danna Griffith and Kokomo's Shawn Flanary are selected as the NCC Female and Male Coaches of the Year.

2016-17 Richmond Principal Rae Woolpy and Athletic Director Frank Carr serve as NCC Chairpersons for the year. Three new athletic directors are welcomed to begin the year. Anderson's Colin Short joins Steve Schindler as an additional AD. Arsenal Tech's Tom Starnes replaces Jason Delaney, who resigns just prior to the school year. Marion's Mike Quinn replaces Jamy Bechler. Suzanne Crump of Muncie Central and Frank Carr of Richmond retire from their respective athletic director positions in April. Assistant AD's Tom Lyon of Muncie and Jeremy Hill of Richmond serve as their replacements for the duration of the year. The Richmond Red Devil boys tennis team reaches the IHSAA State Tennis Finals for the first time ever. The NCC celebrated three individual state champions: Richmond's Ike Khamis; IHSAA champion in diving, and Lafayette Jefferson's Essence Henderson; IHSAA champion in both the discus and shot put. Richmond's Eric Hollingsworth is the 2016-17 IHSAA Boys Tennis Mental Attitude winner. Logansport wins its first boys basketball NCC championship since 1977, finishing with a perfect 9-0 record. Harrison's Raiders repeat as boys and girls All-Sport Champions and repeat as the overall All-Sport Champion. NCC Lifetime Passes are awarded to Anderson's Gary Reagan, Lafayette Jefferson's Lydia Meacham, McCutcheon's Rick Peckinpugh, and Muncie Central's Suzanne Crump. Lafayette Jefferson's Essence Henderson and Logansport's Matt Jennings are selected as the NCC Female and Male Athletes of the Year. Marion tennis coach Doug Porter and Kokomo football coach Brett Colby are selected as the NCC Female and Male Coaches of the Year.

2017-18 Anderson Principal Eric Davis and Athletic Directors Steve Schindler and Colin Short serve as NCC Chairpersons for the year. Richmond Athletic Director Larry Cochren is welcomed as our newest member, replacing Jeremy Hill, who was the interim Athletic Director. The NCC celebrated one individual state champion in Richmond's Ike Khamis; diving, and a team state champion; Harrison's boys soccer. Harrison's Pete Newton was the recipient of the C. Eugene Cato Mental Attitude Award

in boys soccer. Richmond's Ike Khamis was the recipient of the Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award in boys swimming and diving. Harrison's Raiders once again repeated as both boys and girls All-Sport Champions and repeat as the overall All-Sport Champion as well. Richmond's Jennifer Ahaus and Kokomo's Kyle Wade are selected as the NCC Female and Male Athletes of the Year. Lafayette Jefferson girls basketball coach and Harrison soccer coach Bryan Clouse are selected as the NCC Female and Male Coaches of the Year. Kokomo Athletic Director Jason Snyder resigns his post at the end of the year to become an elementary principal in Kokomo

2018-19 Harrison Principal Cory Marshall and Athletic Director Jerry Galema serve as NCC Chairpersons for the year. Arsenal Tech's Don Newberry and Kokomo's Nick Sale are welcomed to the NCC as our newest Athletic Directors. Mosi Barnes replaces Don Newberry as Athletic Director at Arsenal Tech midyear. Harrison once again sweeps boys, girls, and overall All-NCC titles. NCC Lifetime Gold Passes are awarded to Kokomo's Rick Stucker, Logansport's Chuck LaDow and Pat Skaggs, and Muncie Central's Steve Edwards. Kokomo's Lauren Hicks and Marion's Dre Aguilar were selected as the NCC's Athletes of the Year. Girls basketball coach Lawrence Jordan and boys football coach Craig Chambers; both from Marion, were selected as the NCC's Coaches of the Year. Lafayette Jefferson's Peyton Stovall resigns his AD position at LJHS to accept a new position at Purdue University. Richmond's Larry Cochren resigns as well, taking the AD's position at Washington High School in Southern Indiana.

2019-20 Kokomo Principal Angela Blessing and Athletic Director Nick Sale serve as NCC Chairpersons for the year. Warren Cook and Doug Seagrave were welcomed as the newest Athletic Directors at Richmond and Lafayette Jefferson.