

**GreatControversy.org encourages members of
The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America
To do the following:**

(1) **First, carefully study** the Mentone Church's paper, "COMPETITIVE INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS REVISITED: Study, Findings, Calls, Resources." If your own evaluation agrees, we urge you, *in a kind, Christian spirit*, to take the actions that follow. We must now train ourselves to be sentinels for truth...

(2) **Write** the NAD indicating your personal support for the findings and calls made in the paper, telling why you support them. Your letter need not be long or perfect. The key thing is that they hear from *you* and in your own words. Your letter should be sent to:

North American Division
12051 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600

(3) **Phone** the NAD and ask to speak personally to church leaders there to inform them, person to person, of your support for the paper's findings and calls. In respect for their time, speak to them only briefly. Their phone number is:

(301) 680-6400

(4) **Print-out** copies of the paper and make it available to your pastor and anyone on your church-school board. Locate the chairman of the board and ask to have the paper, in particularly its findings and calls, made an agenda item. The purpose would be to initiate a process to **adopt as the formal and binding position for your church or school** the paper, findings on page 65, and calls on page 66. Your local leaders can arrange a means of studying the paper as a church before your business meeting.

(5) If you know of Seventh-day Adventist persons who would be interested in reading the paper, send the PDF to them as an attachment in an e-mail. Do NOT send it to one who may not be interested in receiving it. The best approach is to e-mail them first and ask if they want you to forward it to them. The document is a in a PDF format file, which are very, very safe to open on your computer.

(6) **Check back** with the NAD at quarterly intervals throughout the year for a report from them on their progress in working with the material and the calls that have been made of them. Write this on your calendar!

If you are able, send us a short e-mail to keep us apprised of what you have done. This will help us to gauge the response to this initiative. People, this is the Lord's church and it is your church. All of us are responsible. Our prayer is that you will support our leaders at the NAD by encouraging them to be faithful and act to help our churches and schools reform on inter-school competitive sports. The success or failure of this or future initiatives depend in very large part upon the action you yourself take at this time. Set a precedent of faithfulness.

Sincerely,
Pastor Larry Kirkpatrick