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**NMAA Membership Votes To Mandate  
Wood/ Composite Wood Bats For High School Baseball**

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The membership of the New Mexico Activities Association has voted via referenda to implement the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball at the high school level, as a one year trial, for the 2012 baseball season.

In 2012, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) will implement new bat standards on metal bats; all metal bats must adhere to BBCOR certification. This change will result in schools/athletes having to purchase new BBCOR bats for the 2011-2012 school year.

With the affirmative vote of the NMAA membership, New Mexico high school baseball teams will only be permitted to use wood/composite wood bats for the 2012 season. BBCOR metal bats will not be allowed for NMAA sanctioned high school baseball games during 2012. Middle schools, however, will not be subject to this change and will be allowed to use BBCOR certified metal bats.

Dusty Young, NMAA Assistant Director in charge of baseball, said, “coaches across the state have been interested in making this change for many years, and with the new BBCOR standards going into effect in 2012, these coaches felt it was a perfect time to make the move and their proposal was in fact passed by the membership.”

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