



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
 June 9, 2015



**Due Date: June 24, 2015**

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**Modify Bylaw 7.6.4 re: Scrimmage Limits (Alumni Game)**

A section of the bylaw will be changed from:

*Schools will be allowed to sponsor an alumni game (if approved by the Local School Administration) which will not count against their scrimmage limit.*

to:

*Schools will be allowed to sponsor an alumni game **prior to their first regular season game** (if approved by the Local School Administration) which will not count against their scrimmage limit.*

<b>76 Favor</b>
<b>4 Do Not Favor</b>

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**Modify Bylaw 6.2.1 B.2 re: Participation by Academically Ineligible Student**

This section of the bylaw will be changed from:

*Participation - The Student CANNOT participate in any interscholastic event at any level of competition during the period of ineligibility.*

to:

*Participation - The Student CANNOT participate in any interscholastic event at any level of competition during the period of ineligibility. **A student who has participated in an interscholastic event during his/her period of academic ineligibility must sit out the number of games/events/contests that he/she participated in once he/she becomes academically eligible.***

<b>71 Favor</b>
<b>7 Do Not Favor</b>

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**New bylaw 7.7.9 Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)**

This proposal would add a new section to the NMAA bylaws, prohibiting the use of drones at NMAA sanctioned events as follows:

*For purposes of this policy, an unmanned aircraft system ("UAS"), commonly known as a drone, is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.*

*The use of drones is prohibited at NMAA sanctioned contests. If these devices are detected at an NMAA sanctioned event (scrimmage, regular, and postseason), contest officials are to stop play/activity and notify game/contest management. It is the responsibility of the contest management to ensure that it is not operating at the facility prior to the resumption of play.*

*It is the responsibility of each local school district to establish policies for the use of drones during practices.*

<b>73 Favor</b>
<b>6 Do Not Favor</b>

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**Modify Bylaw 7.15.1.I re: Mercy Rule**

This proposal will modify the current football mercy rule for 8-man and the 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A classes by starting the running clock earlier. The current mercy rule will remain unchanged for 6-man football.

*When a team is ahead by 35 or more points or becomes 35 or more points ahead, the clock will not stop during out of bounds, incomplete passes or first downs. The clock only stops for timeouts or scores. If the point differential becomes less than 35 points, regular timing resumes. A game is ended at halftime or during the second half if a team is 50 or more points behind.*

<p><b>64 Favor</b></p> <p><b>7 Do Not Favor</b></p>
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**Change to Misconduct Progression Rule**

Add the following language to NMAA bylaw 7.17.3.A4:

*A coach or player who is issued a red card for (D1) Violent Conduct—Fighting may receive a three (3) match suspension, starting with the next scheduled match and including any carryover to the state soccer tournament. A second Violent Conduct—Fighting red card received in the same season may result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season, including carryover to the state soccer tournament.*

*By definition a player or coach would be guilty of Violent Conduct—Fighting if he/she acts deliberately to strike or punch, or attempt to strike or punch another player, coach, bench personnel or fan. These acts include, but are not limited to, kicking, head butting, hair pulling or an open handed strike, if done deliberately and in a malicious manner, either on the field of play or outside its boundaries and whether the ball is in play or not. A player, coach or member of bench personnel shall be guilty of fighting if he/she leaves the coaching/bench area to participate in an altercation.*

<b>47 Favor</b>
<b>2 Do Not Favor</b>

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**Wrestling Competition Limits**

Amend NMAA bylaw 9.8.12.B – Match Limitations as follows:

*The maximum number of meets for teams or individuals is eight (8).*

<b>18 Favor</b>
<b>1 Do Not Favor</b>

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