



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
September 23, 2016



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Modify Bylaw 7.4 re: Out of Season Coaching

Amend the out-of-season coaching bylaw to allow 8th graders to participate in out-of-season practices (along with the 9-12th graders who are currently allowed), during the 7.5 hours of total contact time per week (during days when school is in session only).

If approved by the membership, this change will take effect immediately.

NOTE: Proposal was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

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Modify Bylaw 13.1.1 re: Appeals Committee

Remove the last sentence in the current bylaw to allow for more scheduling flexibility for appeals hearings. That sentence states "For an appeal to be heard, current superintendents/headmasters of NMAA member schools must make up the majority of the Appeals Review Committee."

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Non-Member Private School Student Participation

This proposal would create a bylaw that would allow non-member private school students to participate in NMAA athletics/activities at the public school in the student's residence attendance zone. The language is the same as what is currently in place for alternative school and home school students.

10.7 NON-MEMBER PRIVATE SCHOOL PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

10.7.1 Definition of a Private School

A school, other than a home school, that offers on-site programs of instruction and is not under the control, supervision or management of a local school board. The school is supported by a private organization or private individuals rather than by the government.

10.7.2 Definition of a Non-Member Private School

A private school, as defined in 10.7.1, that is not a member of the New Mexico Activities Association.

10.7.3 Regulations for Non-Member Private School Student Participation in Public School of Student(s) Residence Attendance Zone

- A. Student's bona fide residence must be within the attendance area of the public school.
- B. Scholastic eligibility (GPA, failing grades, attendance) from the non-member private school must be verified based upon the latest official grade report.
- C. A complete, valid physical must be on file including all consent and information requirements from parents (including insurance provider).
- D. Verify all other NMAA requirements and guidelines (e.g. age, participation limits, amateur status, etc.) as specified in Section VI – Eligibility (Bylaws) of the NMAA Handbook are met.

10.7.4 Mutual Code of Conduct Agreement

A Code of Conduct/Discipline Agreement must be in writing and signed by the Student(s), the Student(s) parents, and both school administrators, a copy of which is to be kept on file at the Student(s) non-member private school as well as the public school in which the Student(s) is participating. The Student(s) must adhere to all code of conduct rules and regulations required of the students at the member school in which the Student(s) is participating.

10.7.5 Physicals/Insurance/Catastrophic Insurance Requirements

Student participants must maintain an annual physical that is kept on file with both the non-member private and public schools. Student participants must also have proof of insurance coverage on file. (See Sections 6.15, 6.16)

10.7.6 Transportation

Transportation to and from practice is the responsibility of the Student(s) participating on the team.

10.7.7 On-Line Reporting

The public school fielding the team the Student(s) is participating with will be responsible for the on-line reporting.

If approved by the membership, this change will take effect immediately.

NOTE: Proposal was passed by the Commission (11-1) and Board of Directors (8-4).

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Pitching Restrictions

Modify pitching restriction regulations in the sport of baseball as follows:

Bylaw 7.12.1.D

1. At the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any one day. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any one day. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit (120 in varsity, 105 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat, but must exit the game after the batter.

Once a pitcher exceeds the inning or pitch count thresholds, that player is considered an ineligible player and the game must be forfeited by the team in violation of these regulations. The school and/or head coach will also be subject to additional sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

2. Coaches must post the pitch counts for all players from each game to MaxPreps, along with results, within 24 hours.

Failure to post pitch count numbers to MaxPreps within 24 hours will result in fines and/or other sanctions assessed to the school as determined by the Executive Director.

In addition to these maximum daily pitch counts, the following “days of rest” requirements shall be followed:

****Rest Periods (varsity & sub-varsity)**

Pitches	Required Rest
91+	4 Calendar Days
61-90	3 Calendar Days
41-60	1 Calendar Day
0-40	0 Calendar Days

Calendar day = If a pitcher throws 85 pitches on Tuesday, that player should not pitch again until Saturday (3 required calendar days of rest).

Consecutive Day Note – if a player pitches on consecutive days, the cumulative pitch count from those two days should be used to calculate the required rest period. Example = Pitcher A throws 27 pitches on Friday and 35 pitches on Saturday, which is 62 pitches cumulatively – required rest after day two would be 3 calendar days.

****** Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to the position he is assigned once he is done pitching. Consideration should be given to the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.

****Develop a pitching philosophy that includes the instruction in proper throwing mechanics, broadening the number of players who will become pitchers on their staffs, and developing a “work up” plan so that a pitcher is not throwing the maximum allowable pitches from the first day of competition (i.e., no more than 65 pitches in weeks 1-3, no more than 85 in weeks 4-6 to allow for growth and arm strength to develop.)**

If approved by the membership, this change to bylaw 7.12.1 D will take effect for the Spring 2017 season.

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JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL REFERENDUM
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Pitching Restrictions

Modify pitching restriction regulations in the sport of junior high/middle school baseball as follows:

Bylaw 9.8.1.C.3

1. At the middle school / junior high level, a pitcher may throw 90 pitches in any one day. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit (90) during an at-bat, but must exit the game after the batter.

Once a pitcher exceeds the inning or pitch count thresholds, that player is considered an ineligible player and the game must be forfeited by the team in violation of these regulations. The school and/or head coach will also be subject to additional sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

2. Coaches must keep a written record of all pitch counts for each player for all games. This information should be kept on file with the head coach and also reported to the school administration.

In addition to this maximum daily pitch count, the following "days of rest" requirements shall be followed:

****Rest Periods**

Pitches	Required Rest
81+	4 Calendar Days
61-80	3 Calendar Days
41-60	2 Calendar Days
21-40	1 Calendar Day
0-20	0 Calendar Days

Calendar day = If a pitcher throws 65 pitches on Tuesday, that player should not pitch again until Saturday (3 required calendar days of rest).

Consecutive Day Note – if a player pitches on consecutive days, the cumulative pitch count from those two days should be used to calculate the required rest period. Example = Pitcher A throws 27 pitches on Friday and 25 pitches on Saturday, which is 52 pitches cumulatively – required rest after game two would be 2 calendar days.

****** Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to the position he is assigned once he is done pitching. Consideration should be given to the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.

****Develop a pitching philosophy that includes the instruction in proper throwing mechanics, broadening the number of players who will become pitchers on their staffs, and developing a "work up" plan so that a pitcher is not throwing the maximum allowable pitches from the first day of competition (i.e., no more than 50 pitches in weeks 1-3, no more than 70 in weeks 4-6 to allow for growth and arm strength to develop.)**

If approved by the membership, this change to bylaw 9.8.1 C.3 will take effect for the Spring 2017 season.

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Modify golf coaching bylaw 7.16.1 F

This proposal will modify NMAA Bylaw 7.16.1 F to allow communication between the player and the coach to resume once all members of the playing group have completed the hole and left the putting green.

If approved by the membership, this will take effect for the Spring 2017 golf season.

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