



# 2023 NMAA Softball Rules Clinic

Tammy Richards, NMAA Assistant Director of Sports



# Agenda:

- Introductions
  - NMAA Staff
  - NMOA Leadership
  - Regional Assignors/Information
- Review of 2023 NMAA Information and requirements—Tammy Richards
- NFHS Rules, Points of Emphasis and Editorial Changes—Rick Carbajal
- Question/Answer session

# Contact Information:

## NMAA/NMOA Staff Contacts:

- **Tammy Richards, NMAA Assistant Director**
  - 575-740-0409 [tammy@nmact.org](mailto:tammy@nmact.org)
- **Zac Stevenson, Comm. Of Officials**
  - 505-595-4274 [zac@nmact.org](mailto:zac@nmact.org)
- **Dillon Metzgar, Assist. Comm. Of Officials**
  - 505-2525662 [dillon@nmact.org](mailto:dillon@nmact.org)
- **Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director**
  - 505-977-5384 [sally@nmact.org](mailto:sally@nmact.org)

## ➤ NMOA Softball Regional Assignors:

- **Northwest: Sam Gomez**
  - 505-906-9901 [samuelagomez@msn.com](mailto:samuelagomez@msn.com)
- **Northeast: Richard Salazar**
  - 505-490-3560 [salazar.richard4@gmail.com](mailto:salazar.richard4@gmail.com)
- **Central: Mike Garcia**
  - 505-450-5363 [mia8836@aol.com](mailto:mia8836@aol.com)
- **Southwest: Gary Galindo**
  - 575-635-5938 [rgarygalindo@netscape.net](mailto:rgarygalindo@netscape.net)
- **Southeast: Larry Grant**
  - 575-626-1246 [grant1948@yahoo.com](mailto:grant1948@yahoo.com)



# Important Dates:

- **Rules Clinics—online registration/attendance required for head coaches**
  - **Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @6pm via Zoom**
- First day of regular season practice—Monday, January 30, 2023
- Deadline for MaxPreps Rosters and Schedules—Wednesday, March 1, 2023
  - **Game limits—26, 23, 18**
- Class 4A-5A seeding input, district results due by 8am—Sunday, April 30, 2023
- Class 4A-5A brackets released—Sunday, April 30, 2023
- Class 4A-5A First Round—Friday & Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Class A/2A & 3A seeding input, district results due by 8am—Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Class A/2A brackets released—Sunday, May 7, 2023
- Class A/2A & 3A State Championships—Wed., May 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri., May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Class 4A-5A State Championships—Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

# Umpires and Contest Coverage

- Umpire registration numbers—2021:

- Northeast—20
- Northwest—14
- Central—35
- Southeast—25
- Southwest—30

- Umpire registration numbers—2022:

- Northeast—12---22
- Northwest—9---22
- Central—37---52
- Southeast—21---28
- Southwest—20 ---38

- Current Umpire registration numbers—2023:

- Northeast—17
- Northwest—10
- Central—34
- Southeast—22
- Southwest—20

- *Be prepared to be flexible if umpires are not available to cover your contests, and work with regional assignors to meet the needs of the situation.*

# Seeding and Selection Criteria

- Finish in regular season district play
  - Head-to-Head
  - Wins against district champions regardless of class
  - Overall Record
  - MaxPreps Freeman Rankings
  - Member School Input
- Strength of Schedule will be used in the event of a tie and there is no head-to-head..



# Softball Reminders



- **MaxPreps/DragonFly accuracy—EXTREMELY important!!**
- **Approved Bats:** <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-usa-softball/certified-usa-softball-equipment>
- **Drying Agents:** *Gorilla Gold Grip Enhancer* is the only one APPROVED for use
- **Lightening/Severe Weather:** [https://www.nmact.org/file/NMAA\\_Lightning.pdf](https://www.nmact.org/file/NMAA_Lightning.pdf)
- **Heat Index Calculator:** <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/heatindex.shtml>
- **Concussion protocol:** [https://www.nmact.org/file/Concussion\\_Info\\_AD.pdf](https://www.nmact.org/file/Concussion_Info_AD.pdf)
- **DP/Flex:** [https://www.nmact.org/file/DP\\_Flex.pdf](https://www.nmact.org/file/DP_Flex.pdf)
- **Awareness games**—let us know about positive promotion opportunities
- **“Compete with Class” and Sportsmanship**—#BenchBadBehavior
  - Crowd control and unsportsmanlike behavior—control what you can...
  - Ejection Policies
- **NMAA Softball Page:** <https://www.nmact.org/sports/softball/>



# Post-Season Competition Eligibility (Ind.)

## ► 7.6.5 Minimum Contests for Post-Season Competition Eligibility (Individual)

- Students must participate in a minimum of one quarter (1/4) of the varsity contests scheduled to be eligible for post-season competition. A player who sustains an injury that precludes participation in one quarter of varsity contests scheduled during the regular season may participate in postseason competition provided the student has been on the team roster throughout the season. In addition, the injury must be certified in writing by a licensed medical physician and submitted to the Director as well as kept on file by the school principal. For this exception to apply, the injured player cannot have participated in any other sport (inside or outside of the school) during the regular sports season.

Note: Sub-varsity players can be moved up for post-season play without playing in one quarter of the varsity contest scheduled.



# Verification of Equipment and Sportsmanship Regulations



Please read the information below carefully; it is your responsibility to ensure that your sub-varsity coaches (JV, C-Team, Freshmen, etc.) are aware of the information as well.

## **I acknowledge that all players:**

1. have been informed what equipment is mandatory and what constitutes illegal equipment.
2. have been provided the equipment mandated by rule.
3. have been instructed to wear and how to wear mandatory equipment during a game.
4. have been instructed to notify the coaching staff when equipment becomes illegal through play during the game.
5. have been made aware of and will practice the safety as well as the sportsmanship regulations in concert with NFHS and NMAA rules.



# Questions??

## Tammy Richards

[tammy@nmact.org](mailto:tammy@nmact.org)

Office: 505.923.3278

Cell: 575.740.0409