

NMAA Board of Directors Summary

March 10, 2010

The NMAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, March 10 at the Lobo Club Board room across the street from The Pit during the State Basketball Championships.

Gary Tripp notified the Board of Directors that current NMAA Assistant Director, Robert Zayas, would be promoted to Associate Director. Zayas who has been at the NMAA since 2002, will replace the retiring Mario Martinez on August 1.

The School Athletics Equity Act was discussed as an information item. Although a bill was introduced at the state legislature to delay the implementation of the School Athletics Equity Act for one year, Governor Richardson did not sign this bill. The act will go into effect beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

The Board of Directors approved the following action items:

Financial: The NMAA will move money to a different fund with a higher percentage rate. Assessments for the 2010-2011 school year will remain the same as they were for the current school year.

Officials: Basketball regional assignors will assign all regular season invitational basketball tournaments, with input from host schools.

Seeding & Selection: The NMAA staff will be responsible for the entire seeding and selection process in all team sports beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. The criteria will remain the same as it is presently used with the following revisions and additions:

- 1) The present number two (2) under the present criteria will add the following language to the end of the statement: “regardless of classification.”
- 2) The most recent coaches’ poll conducted by the New Mexico High School Coaches Association prior to the seeding and selection meeting will be used to help in determining the actual seeds in all classifications.

Football: The football mercy rule will be revised for the Fall 2010 season. A 50-point lead in the second half will result in the game ending. The clock will continue to begin running after a 35-point lead has been achieved in the second half.

Spirit: The format for the sport of spirit was approved. Schools will be required to declare whether they will participate in competitive spirit or side-line only spirit. All students participating in dance/drill or cheer must complete a minimum of 10 practices on mats prior to throwing stunts or tumbling and are only be permitted to participate with one team per competition season.

The sport of spirit will be subject to all “sport” regulations as per the NMAA Bylaws Section VII; a spirit specific section will be added to the NMAA handbook.

Spirit practice is open year round as are the sports of swimming & diving, golf and tennis.

Spirit classifications will be based upon basketball classifications. Class B basketball schools will be classified as Class A.

Teams must compete in at least two sanctioned competitions prior to the state competition. Teams are limited to 5 competitions per competition season. Competition season is defined as first day of winter practice through March 31st or the State Competition, whichever comes later).

Spirit teams may only make one trip that exceeds 300 miles from the New Mexico border per school year.

Judges and officials must be registered with the NMAA/ NMOA to be eligible to judge NMAA sanctioned competitions.

The state competition will remain the same with the exceptions/ clarifications that:

- teams will no longer be assessed an entry fee
- judges will continue to be selected from out of state
- held on week #39 of the NMAA calendar
- squads must qualify to state by participating in two sanctioned competitions.

Additional information pertaining to the sport of spirit will be distributed to coaches in the coming weeks.