



NMAA BYLAW CHANGES FOR 2019-2020

The following action was taken during the 2018-2019 school year

September 2018

- Approved an increase in officials' fees starting July 1, 2019
- Approved policy that prohibits team huddles on or near the center of the court/field/diamond/mat

December 2018

- Amended start date for Middle School/Junior High basketball

February 2019

- Approved an extension of Sandia High School's IB program exception for eligibility
- Adjusted 8-man football qualifier numbers from 12 to 8
- Approved the use of regional assignors in all sports
- Approved payment policy for officials when contests are cancelled
- Approved use of replay at state for basketball
- Adjusted State Volleyball format to a modified double-elimination tournament with no pool play
- Amended seeding/selection criteria with regards to district ties
- Amended the high school ineligibility period for students who follow a coach in middle school from one calendar year to both the 8th and 9th grade school years
- Amended scholastic eligibility requirements to only allow the cumulative provision for 10-12th grade students
- Adjusted the definition of a scrimmage
- Adjusted rule clinic requirements to require in-face attendance every other school year depending on the sport

June 2019

- Approved STEM Challenge as a sanctioned NMAA Activity
- Amended amateur status policy to match NCAA policy
- Amended regular season tournament/event entry fee policy to require entry fees to be processed through the host school
- Amended video recording policy to allow 3rd party filming of contests
- Amended minimum participation requirements for post-season eligibility
- Amended eligibility bylaws pertaining to legally separated parents
- Amended ejection policy to include suspension from 15% of the sport's game limitation for acts of battery
- Amended school personnel behavior policy to include social media
- Adjusted deadline dates for NMAA Rules Clinic attendance
- Adjusted deadline dates for schools to post rosters/schedules
- Approved a consent to treat form as a requirement for participation
- Approved the use of a uniform pre-participation physical examination form beginning with the 2020-21 school year
- Approved Girls' Wrestling as a sanctioned sport
- Amended the policy for tournament ties in the sport of soccer
- Amended sanctions for failure to post baseball pitch counts