

NMAA Commission Meeting

May 21, 2025

9:00 AM

Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Affentranger, Chairman of the Commission at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present:

Ms. Mandy Montoya (Small Area A)
Mr. Ben Tensay (Large Area A)
Mr. Billy Burns (Small Area B)
Mr. Britt Cooper (Large Area B)
Ms. Karen Nougues (Large Area C)
Mr. Adrian Ortega (Large Area D)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (NM Assoc. of Secondary School Principals Rep.) – *Chairman*
Mr. Isaac Gamboa (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Ms. Mary Hahn (Activities Council Rep.)
Ms. Taryn Bachis (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Adrian Pete (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)
Mr. David Briseno (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Angel Castillo (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)

13 members were present representing a quorum.

Commission Members not in attendance

Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small Area C)
Ms. Robbie Robinson (Small Area D)
Mr. Earl James Martinez (State School Boards Association Rep.)

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025, Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gamboa seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Associate Director, discussed five (5) items in his report: 1) reported that spring championships have concluded and were successful; 2) recognized the NMAA staff for their hard work during the spring championships and thanked Cleveland High School and Albuquerque Academy for their assistance in hosting a variety of the events; 3) reported on summer activities planned for the NMAA staff including preparation for the annual NMAA/NMOA/NMHSCA Summer Conference as well as attendance at the NFHS and NMOA summer conferences 4) welcomed Mr. Angel Castillo to the Commission, and congratulated him on becoming the new Executive Director of the NMHSCA; and 5) thanked Mr. Roy Sanchez for his service on the Commission.

NMAA Financial Report

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the NMAA Financial Report. She discussed three (3) items in her report: 1) discussed the 2024-2025 financial reports; 2) stated fall sports reports have been finalized, winter and spring sports are pending settlements; and 3) presented ticket sales for fall and winter sports.

NMAA Foundation Report

Ms. Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director, presented the NMAA Foundation report. She discussed three (3) items in her report: 1) reported that the NMAA Foundation awarded and recognized 69 scholarship winners during the 2024-2025 school year and awarded approximately \$100,000 in scholarships and grants; 2) stated the NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Monday June 16, 2025, at the Tanoan Country Club; and 3) reported that the Foundation has launched its own website.

NMAA Activities Report

Ms. Sanchez presented the activities report. She discussed three (3) items in her report: 1) reported 18 activities hosted their state events this spring; 2) stated the final activity will be state FFA held in Las Cruces; and 3) thanked all NMAA Activity lessons for their hard work throughout the school year. Mr. Affentranger requested the possibility of looking into other dates for the State FFA Championships due to its conflict with school finals.

New Mexico Officials Association Report

Mr. Zac Stevenson, Director of Officiating Services, presented the officials report. He discussed a number of items in his report: 1) reported that RefReps, through representative Robert Abney, is working with the NMPED to create a high school officiating course that would be counted as a PE credit for graduation; 2) discussed the current registration waiver policy and possible amendments to ensure the policy functions as intended; 3) reported that they are currently working to get official evaluations imbedded directly in Dragonfly; 4) reported on a proposal from the NMOA Board regarding state tournament officials and the rules behind conflict of interests; 5) reported that the NMOA Board selected their 2025 Hall of Fame members; 6) reported that the registration process has been refined in regards to eligibility and exam requirements; 7) discussed the need for a consistent fee policy with regards to the cancelation of games; 8) discussed the need for a more formal sub-varsity assigner selection process and fee schedule; 9) discussed evaluating the current travel ring policy to consider an additional ring between miles 16-24; 10) discussed the need for a gradual fee schedule increase; 11) gave a summary on spring sport championships; 12) gave an update on the NMAA/NMOA/NMHSCA Summer Conference; and 13) thanked all assignors for their work this past year. Committee discussion followed concerning the current scrimmage fee policy and the desire for more consistency and clarification.

General Discussion/Information Items

Perry Weather Update- Mr. Owen provided an update on Perry Weather and reported that the fees required for an annual subscription would be cost prohibitive for most schools. Mr. Owen recommended its use, however, if individual school/district funding permitted.

Charter School Student Eligibility- Mr. Owen discussed charter school law and clarified open enrollment eligibility for students at non-member charter schools versus students at member charter schools. Feedback included a desire for consistency in eligibility determinations regardless of membership status as well as possibly including charter school student participation numbers in classification and alignment enrollment figures.

A/2A Cross Country- Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Executive Director, discussed potentially splitting class A and 2A for state cross country. This past season A/2A had only 3 full girls' teams and only 6 full boys' teams. Feedback included scoring fewer runners in both classes to increase the number of "full" teams however that would conflict with NFHS rules. Additional feedback included the possibility of awarding the highest scoring class A team with a "small school" championship in order to retain the current A/2A designation. Mr. Young stated they will continue to evaluate a potential split.

Game Limitation Violations- Mr. Young discussed the variety of ways in which schools are penalized for game limitation violations and sought feedback on ways to create consistency. Monetary fines were discussed as well as evaluating current game limitation policies to minimize violations and provide schools more flexibility.

Fan Ejection Fines- Mr. Young discussed the possibility of adding a monetary fine for spectator/fan ejections. Feedback included a possible suspension for the next game/contest similar to coaches and students. Discussion also included concerns regarding enforcement of suspensions as well as monetary fines that are wrongly assessed.

Director's Cup Process- Mr. Young discussed possible amendments to the Director's Cup process including altering the current disqualification policy and awarding points for good sportsmanship.

Bylaws Committee Update- Mr. Young gave an update on the Bylaws Committee, reviewing its composition, thanking its members, and reviewing topics discussed at its recent April 30, 2025, meeting which predominantly included classification and alignment as well as the creation of handbook review sub-committees.

Action Items

School Day Event Start Times- Mr. Young presented a proposal to update Bylaw 3.7.1 so that single day events held on school days can start prior to 3:00 p.m. with Superintendent/Headmaster approval. Proposed:

3.7.1 Athletics and Activities in Regular Season

- A. One-day events scheduled on Saturday or other non-school days may start at any time.
- B. One-day events scheduled on a school day must start at 3:00 p.m. or later unless approved by the Director and Superintendent/Headmaster from each participating school. Exception: Due to the limited availability of courses, golf events may start at any time.
- C. Multiple day events must include Saturday or other non-school days.
Note: The Director has the authority to set aside this rule when necessary or upon request, when conditions and unusual circumstances warrant the exception.

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Pete made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Montoya seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (13-0).

Wrestling: Boys Weight Classes- Mr. Scott Owen presented a proposal to increase boys' wrestling weight class beginning next wrestling season (2025-2026). Proposed: 7.24.1.F.5 – Boys' Weight Classes. There will be fourteen (14) weight classes utilized for boys' wrestling: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, and 285. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Gamboa made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Tensay seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Wrestling: Girls' Weight Classes- Mr. Scott Owen presented a proposal to increase girls' wrestling weight class beginning next wrestling season (2025-2026). Proposed: 7.24.1.F.4 – Girls' Weight Classes. There will be fourteen (14) weight classes utilized for girls' wrestling: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Pete made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Montoya seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tensay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Next Commission Meeting - September 3, 2025