

NMAA

Board of Directors' Meeting



Wednesday, February 18, 2026

9:00 AM



NMAA Board of Directors *As of January 2026*



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Note: Initial term lengths are staggered as per approved procedure. Subsequent elected terms will be for three years each.



NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING



NMAA - Hall of Pride and Honor
February 18, 2026, 9:00 AM

A= Action Item

D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome**
Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum
(A) Approval of Agenda
(A) Approval of Minutes (December 18, 2025)
Annette Castillo, Bookkeeper
Anthony Casados, Board President
Anthony Casados, Board President
- II. Executive Session** (Report by and discussion with legal counsel Elizabeth German on pending and threatened litigation)
- III. NMAA Director's Report**
Dusty Young, Executive Director
- IV. NMAA Financial Report**
Shari Kessler Schwaner, Business Mgr.
- V. NMAA Foundation Report**
Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director
- VI. NMAA Activities Report**
Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director
- VII. New Mexico Officials Association Report**
Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director
- VIII. Discussion/Informational Items**
(D/I) Member Charter School Transfers
Chris Rigali, Cottonwood Classical
(D/I) Volleyball Tournament Structure
Debra Sena-Holton, Supt. PISD
(D/I) Tournament Entry Fees
Debra Sena-Holton, Supt. PISD
(D/I) Cheerleading Competition Requirements
Debra Sena-Holton, Supt. PISD
(D/I) Student Leadership: Mental Health Initiatives
Gary Allison, Assistant Director
(D/I) Attendance for Success Act
Scott Owen, Associate Director
(D/I) Eligibility/One-Free Transfer
Dusty Young, Executive Director
(D/I) Virtual School Student Eligibility
Dusty Young, Executive Director
(D/I) State Championship Formats
Dusty Young, Executive Director
(D/I) Role of the NMAA with Sanctioned Activities
Dusty Young, Executive Director
- IX. Action Items**
(A) Tennis: Match Coaching Policy
Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director
(A) NMOA: Scrimmage Fees/Protocol
Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director
- X. Executive Session** (Personnel matters; Limited personnel matters - Executive Director contract/evaluation process)
- XI. Executive Director Contract**
(A) Consider action pertaining to Executive Director's contract
Anthony Casados, Board President
- XII. Consider Adjournment**

Next Regular NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting – June 4, 2026 (NMAA)

NMAA Board of Directors' Special Meeting
December 18, 2025
1:15 p.m.
Virtual

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Lee White, Atcing Chairman, at 1:18 p.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)
Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey (Large School District I)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)
Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)

8 members were present representing a quorum.

Not Present

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)
Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. White asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)
Yes		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey (Large District I)
Yes		Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. White asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. Bibiano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)
Yes		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey (Large District I)
Yes		Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)

2026-2028 Classification & Alignment Appeal:

The following individuals presented an appeal on behalf of their school/district:

Rio Grande High School: Mr. Adrian Ortega, District Athletic Director, Albuquerque Public Schools; Ms. Antoinette Valenzuela, Principal, Rio Grande High School; and Mr. Pete Pino, Athletic Director, Rio Grande High School. Rio Grande High School appealed their placement in District 2-4A Football.

Executive Session

Mr. White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 1:41 p.m. Mr. Tripp made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)
Yes		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey (Large District I)
Yes		Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)

Mr. White asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 2:19 p.m. Mr. Moyer made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. Mr. White stated no action was taken in the Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)

Yes		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey (Large District I)
Yes		Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)

Action Items:

Consideration of 2026-2028 C & A Appeal from RGHS - Mr. White asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Rio Grande High School. Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve the appeal from Rio Grande High School which would allow for RGHS to be moved back into District 1 in Class 4A Football for the 2026-2028 block – leaving District 1 with nine teams and District 2 with seven teams. Dr. Blakey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0). Appeal approved.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. White asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m. Mr Hawkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Blakey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

The next regular NMAA Board Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2026

2025-2026 FALL SPORTS

	<u>Jul '25 - Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	745,293.20	703,500.00	41,793.20	105.9%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	94,000.00	94,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT& CONCESSIONS	49,413.80	48,000.00	1,413.80	102.9%
Total Income	888,707.00	845,500.00	43,207.00	105.1%
Expense				
6184 · GAME LOSS	712.34	0.00	712.84	100.0%
7011-01 · NON NMAA OFFICIAL FEES	672.50	0.00	672.50	100.0%
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	109,709.00	132,000.00	-22,291.00	83.1%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL				
7012T · ATHLETIC TRAINER	662.00	0.00	662.00	100.0%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL - Other	126,717.80	129,000.00	-2,282.20	98.2%
Total 7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	127,379.80	129,000.00	-1,620.20	98.7%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	16,179.25	28,000.00	-11,820.75	57.8%
7014 · SECURITY	18,992.99	17,500.00	1,492.99	108.5%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	10,487.85	11,050.00	-562.15	94.9%
7017 · MEALS	453.46	950.00	-496.54	47.7%
7018 · TRAVEL	382.36	1,250.00	-867.64	30.6%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	2,518.36	3,750.00	-1,231.64	67.2%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	3,723.65	12,350.00	-8,626.35	30.2%
7023 · VISITING TEAM SHARE	19,052.82	25,000.00	-5,947.18	76.2%
7024 · HOST SCHOOL SHARE	39,000.19	50,000.00	-10,999.81	78.0%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	7,774.55	7,550.00	224.55	103.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	1,402.00	2,200.00	-798.00	63.7%
Total Expense	358,441.12	420,600.00	-62,158.88	85.2%
<i>UNM SETTLEMT PENDING / RREC settlement as of 1/27/26</i>				
Net Income	\$ 530,265.88	\$ 424,900.00	\$ 105,365.88	124.8%

2025-2026 FOOTBALL

	<u>Jul '25 - Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	530,750.70	500,000.00	30,750.70	106.2%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	581,750.70	551,000.00	30,750.70	105.6%
Expense				
6184 · GAME LOSS	712.34	0.00	712.34	100.0%
7011-01 · NON NMAA OFFICIAL FEES	672.50	0.00	672.50	100.0%
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	59,860.00	78,000.00	-18,140.00	76.7%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	50,678.69	53,000.00	-2,321.31	95.6%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	2,900.00	9,500.00	-6,600.00	30.5%
7014 · SECURITY	15,212.40	15,000.00	212.40	101.4%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	3,449.51	3,800.00	-350.49	90.8%
7017 · MEALS	218.83	500.00	-281.17	43.8%
7018 · TRAVEL	382.36	1,000.00	-617.64	38.2%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	728.34	1,000.00	-271.66	72.8%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
7023 · VISITING TEAM SHARE	19,052.82	25,000.00	-5,947.18	76.2%
7024 · HOST SCHOOL SHARE	39,000.19	50,000.00	-10,999.81	78.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	684.00	1,500.00	-816.00	45.6%
Total Expense	193,551.98	238,400.00	-44,848.02	81.2%
Net Income	\$ 388,198.72	\$ 312,600.00	\$ 75,598.72	124.2%

2025-2026 CROSS COUNTRY

	<u>Jul '25 - Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	51,760.80	47,500.00	4,260.80	109.0%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	79,760.80	75,500.00	4,260.80	105.6%
Expense				
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	13,560.00	13,000.00	560.00	104.3%
7014 · SECURITY	2,561.59	2,500.00	61.59	102.5%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	3,328.76	3,500.00	-171.24	95.1%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	453.34	750.00	-296.66	60.4%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	3,196.65	4,500.00	-1,303.35	71.0%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	484.92	400.00	84.92	121.2%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	76.00	100.00	-24.00	76.0%
Total Expense	23,661.26	24,850.00	-1,188.74	95.2%
Net Income	\$ 56,099.54	\$ 50,650.00	\$ 5,449.54	110.8%

2025-2026 SOCCER

	<u>Jul '25 - Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	37,759.45	26,000.00	11,759.45	145.2%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	67,759.45	56,000.00	11,759.45	121.0%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	3,620.00	6,000.00	-2,380.00	60.3%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL				
7012T · ATHLETIC TRAINER	662.00	0.00	662.00	100.0%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL - Other	1,580.50	7,500.00	-5,919.50	21.1%
Total 7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	2,242.50	7,500.00	-5,257.50	29.9%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	2,044.78	2,000.00	44.78	102.2%
7017 · MEALS	234.63	100.00	134.63	234.6%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	643.34	750.00	-106.66	85.8%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	32.56	650.00	-617.44	5.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	68.00	100.00	-32.00	68.0%
Total Expense	8,885.81	21,350.00	-12,464.19	41.6%
NO UNM SETTLEMENT				
Net Income	58,873.64	34,650.00	24,223.64	169.9%

2025-2026 VOLLEYBALL

	<u>Jul '25 - Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	129,096.55	130,000.00	-903.45	99.3%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	162,096.55	163,000.00	-903.45	99.4%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	46,229.00	48,000.00	-1,771.00	96.3%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	60,898.61	55,500.00	5,398.61	109.7%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	13,279.25	15,000.00	-1,720.75	88.5%
7014 · SECURITY	1,219.00			
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	1,664.80	1,750.00	-85.20	95.1%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
7018 · TRAVEL	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	693.34	1,250.00	-556.66	55.5%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	527.00	7,000.00	-6,473.00	7.5%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	7,257.07	6,500.00	757.07	111.6%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	574.00	500.00	74.00	114.8%
Total Expense	132,342.07	136,000.00	-3,657.93	97.3%
Includes settlement info but not final as of 1/27/26				
Net Income	\$ 29,754.48	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 2,754.48	110.2%

**2025-2026
TICKET SALES**

Sport	Total Tickets Sold	Current Year						Tickets Sold				
		2025-2026						21/22	20/21	19/20	25/26-24/25	24/25-23/24
		8	12	17	8	12	17					
Soccer	4,574	2,256	1,880	438	3,072	4,243	3,681	4,243	2,705	5,854	1,502	
Cross Country	6,015	2,485	3,074	456	5,433	5,576	5,232	5,415	1,794	3,930	582	(143)
Volleyball	16,159	4,804	3,437	7,918	19,939	20,793	21,058	20,156	0	19,658	(3,780)	(854)
Football 6-Man	1,749	900	849		1,531	1,703	1,710	1,645	0	1,240	218	(172)
Football 8-Man	3,292	1,509	1,783		1,902	2,691	2,516	1,686	0	1,557	1,390	(789)
Football AA	6,436	3,013	3,423		3,446	4,730	3,791	5,256	415	5,484	2,990	(1,284)
Football AAA	5,844	2,689	3,155		4,330	6,167	7,350	8,531	468	8,016	1,514	(1,837)
Football AAAA	9,664	4,710	4,954		5,006	10,661	8,987	10,318	448	11,738	4,658	(5,655)
Football AAAAA	16,084	7,293	8,791		7,918	18,064	13,340	19,293	697	12,837	8,166	(10,146)
Football AAAAAA	17,132	9,368	7,764		7,093	17,695	16,926	22,351	1,170	18,354	10,039	(10,602)
TOTAL FOOTBALL	60,201				31,226	61,711	54,620	69,080	3,198	59,226	28,975	(30,485)

NMAA ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR FUTURE REVIEW

1. **Free Transfer – Not permitted:**
 - a. After having already participated in that sport that same school year
 - b. For foreign exchange students who return after their exchange year
 - c. For out-of-state/foreign students without parents
 - d. For students who attend private sports academy and then enroll in different school (ok to return to same school and use free transfer)
 - e. For students following club teammates
 - f. After certain year in school?

2. **Residence Move after Free Transfer** – A Student who makes a residence move within the same or adjoining district after utilizing their free transfer is ineligible, **OR** just let them use bona fide as long as they were enrolled at least a calendar year at the prior school?

3. **Residence Move after Open Enrollment Choice Out of Zone** – A Student who makes a residence move within the same or adjoining district after making an open enrollment choice out-of-zone is ineligible, **OR** just let them use bona fide as long as they were enrolled at least a calendar year at the prior school?

4. **Open Enrollment** – Not permitted for out-of-state/foreign students without parents

5. **Online/Virtual Students** – Eligible at local high school regardless of designation

6. **Disenrolling from Public School to Magnet/Alternative** – Grandfather in any student who initially enrolled in a public school and has been enrolled a year, who then leaves to an alternative or magnet school (similar to charter exception)

7. **Following a Coach** – Implement after student makes an open enrollment choice at either the 8th or 9th grade level

8. **Teammate Influence** – Following teammates (scholastic and non-scholastic) after open enrollment choice – deny free transfer but still give JV **OR** just deal with on case-by-case basis?

9. **Remove Hardship** – All challenges go to appeals committee

10. **Transferring Mid-Season** – Allow sub-varsity eligibility at new school

New Mexico Activities Association

Board of Directors' Meeting – February 18, 2026



TENNIS: MATCH COACHING POLICY

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director

Proposal: Pilot expanded coaching opportunities during team and individual play throughout the 2026 season, including state championships under bylaws 7.21.3.C.7 and 7.21.3.E.3.

**Stricken language is removed. Underlined language is added.*

Coaching: Coaching during play is permitted. The designated high school coach(es) may communicate with his/her players between points and during change of sides through the fence only. Coaching shall not disrupt the normal flow of play and shall only occur at the fence during changeovers. In the case of split sets, a 10-minute break may be awarded at the request of either player. Coaching may occur off-court during this time.

Note: New pilot regulations are underlined.

Rationale: The purpose of the pilot is to provide additional instructional opportunities for coaches without interrupting the flow of competition. After conducting a limited pilot during the 2025 season, the NMAA received positive yet limited feedback on the use of the pilot. This expanded pilot aims to increase the scope of the pilot to all events in 2026 including the state championships to gather more feedback from member schools and help the NMAA determine if the pilot should become policy.

Coaches Survey: 2025 Survey (also attached)

- 52 total respondents out of roughly 80 coaches
- Of the 52 that responded, 29 reported attending an event that used the pilot coaching policy
- Of those 29 that attended a pilot coaching event, 21 were in favor of the pilot

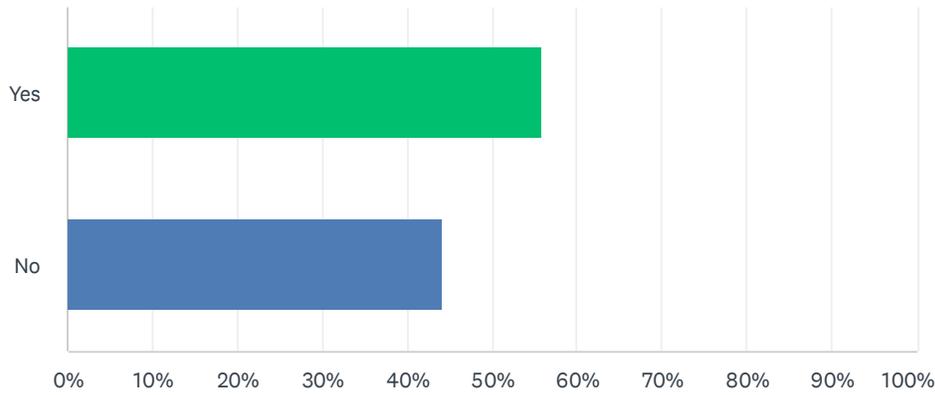
Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (15-0)

Q7 Did you attend a meet this year that utilized the NMAA's pilot coaching policies which permitted coaching through the fence at any time except during points?

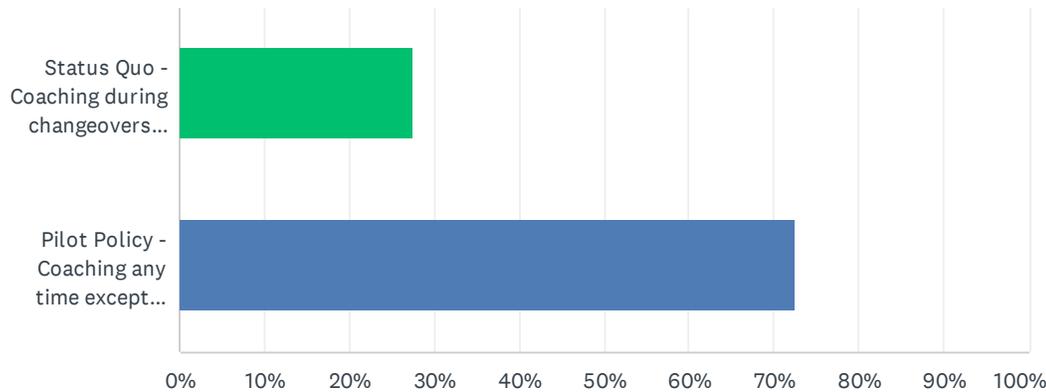
Answered: 52 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	55.77% 29
No	44.23% 23
TOTAL	52

Q8 Which coaching policy would you prefer?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Status Quo - Coaching during changeovers only	27.59%	8
Pilot Policy - Coaching any time except during points	72.41%	21
TOTAL		29

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	May times the kids are still learning and still need that little bit of help. If they are great players they will learn in college the coaches talk all the time. That may be more distracting.	6/9/2025 6:25 PM
2	Athletes need coaching. They are not pros.	6/9/2025 8:49 AM
3	Not sure how to codify equitable enforcement. There were times I witnessed running commentary during the match. To be fair, after trialing "any time coaching" early in the season and reverting to "change over only", I had to be reminded (by other coach) that this was a change over only event.	6/6/2025 9:54 AM
4	They do this in Texas and I do not mind it.	6/5/2025 3:27 PM
5	Our job is to coach. Why shouldn't we be able to do that when the opportunity arises? It's what they will receive in college if they continue to play.	6/5/2025 2:23 PM
6	None so far	6/5/2025 12:05 PM
7	HS sports is based on educating student athletes in their sport. Almost all sports have coaching during matches/games. Many tennis players may have 0-2 years experience and do not have private pros they can rely on. They need direction and mentoring throughout the game to allow them to learn and grow in the game. Kids need support and encouragement during the game just like student athletes in other sports are allowed to have.	6/5/2025 11:55 AM
8	Most coaches were respectful and within the scope of the rules and game that this was not a distraction nor did it change the outcome.	6/5/2025 11:53 AM
9	For being the head coach for both boys and girls, it gives me more time to see all my players.	6/5/2025 11:52 AM
10	Coaching at any time allows coaches to teach the sport. This is education based athletics. Coaching with the set parameters that we used at certain events is beneficial for student-athletes.	6/5/2025 11:52 AM

New Mexico Activities Association Board of Directors' Meeting – February 18, 2026



NMOA: SCRIMMAGE FEES/PROTOCOL

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director

Proposal: Allow schools to compensate officials for services provided in scrimmage style events **not to exceed one-half of a regular game fee per similar time commitments or approximately \$20 per hour.**

Commission Amendment – Expand on the proposal to also allow schools to charge admission

Rationale: Provide consistency among schools and fairly compensate officials for services provided. Officials may continue to volunteer. Schools can help offset travel costs if applicable and the policy minimizes price competition.

Budgetary Impact: Varies by school based on the number of events and sessions hosted.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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