

NMAA

Commission Meeting



Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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9:00 AM



New Mexico Activities Association Commission

Updated January 2016



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Note: The terms of the elected representatives to the NMAA Commission shall be three years. The initial term lengths are staggered to provide continuity on the Commission. Subsequent terms are for three years for the elected position.

NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION COMMISSION MEETING



NMAA - Hall of Pride and Honor
May 18, 2016
9:00 AM

AGENDA

A= Action Item

D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome**
Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum Mindy Ioane, Admin. Assistant
(A) Approval of Agenda Bruce Carver, Chairman
(A) Approval of Minutes (February 3, 2016) Bruce Carver, Chairman
- II. NMAA Directors' Report** Bill Cleland, Dusty Young
- III. NMAA Activities Report** Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- IV. General Discussion/ Information Items**
- (D/I) 8th grade participation at High School Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- (D/I) State Playoff forfeits Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- (D/I) Non-member private school participation Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- (D/I) SB137 Non-Scholastic Athletic Certification form Scott Evans and Scott Owen
- (D/I) **Football:** Emergency Medical Personnel requirement Dusty Young, Associate Director
- V. Action Items**
- (A) **Football:** Adjust schedule submission deadline (7.15.1.F) Dusty Young, Associate Director
- (A) **Football:** Post-game protocols for spectators Dusty Young, Associate Director
- (A) **Football:** USA Football Heads Up Coach Certification Dusty Young, Associate Director
- (A) **Baseball:** Determining home team for State quarterfinals Dusty Young, Associate Director
- (A) **Baseball:** Individual Game Limitations - Courtesy Runner Dusty Young, Associate Director
- (A) **Baseball:** Individual Game Limitations - Innings of Play Dusty Young, Associate Director
- (A) **Baseball:** Use of wood / composite wood bats Dusty Young, Associate Director
- (A) **Baseball:** Pitching restriction regulations Dusty Young, Associate Director

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| (A) Wrestling: Require the use of Track Wrestling software | <i>Scott Owen, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Wrestling: Adjustment to 4A and 5A State Qualifying | <i>Scott Owen, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Swim/Dive: Small school team champion | <i>Dave Caldwell, Sport Specific Rep.</i> |
| (A) Health / Safety audit | <i>Scott Evans and Scott Owen</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 3.10.2 - District Handbooks | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 3.11.2 - Contract Agreements (emailing) | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 6.4.1 - Open Enrollment Choice | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 6.6.2.G - Practice Regulations | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 6.7.4 and 6.7.5 - Parent to Parent | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 6.8.1 - Eligibility Retention | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 6.9.2.B - Did not Participate | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 7.4 - Out of Season Coaching | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 7.6.25 - Post Season Playoff Scheduling | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Bylaw 8.1.7 - Home School Teams | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |

VI. Consider Adjournment

Next Commission Meeting – September 7, 2016 (NMAA)

NMAA Commission Meeting
February 3, 2016
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Affentranger at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy loane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A) via teleconference
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B)
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C) via teleconference
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Representative)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member) via teleconference
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

16 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Schuster made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Commission Meeting as presented. Ms. Viramontes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report. 1) Mr. Cleland introduced three new Commission members: Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B), Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B) and Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D); 2) explained that Ms. Sally Marquez is in Santa Fe to hear discussion at the Senate Education Committee regarding SB 137 (concussion and length of required sit out time); and 3) congratulated Mr. Scott Affentranger for getting a hole-in-one at Ladera Golf Course as announced Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in *The Albuquerque Journal*.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report. 1) Winter sports championships taking place during the month of February: State Wrestling February 19-20 at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho, State Swimming & Diving also February 19-20 at Albuquerque Academy

Natatorium (gave thanks to Albuquerque Academy for use of their facilities), in March: State Basketball the 8th-12th at the following locations: Bernalillo HS (Class A/2A Quarterfinals/Semifinals), Rio Rancho HS & Cleveland HS (Class 3A Boys Quarterfinals Only), Santa Ana Star Center and WisePies Arena and in April: State Spirit, the 1st-2nd at WisePies Arena; 2) the NMAA Foundation Scholarship applications were due February 2, 2016. Two hundred applications were received for 16 scholarships (Foundation will award \$19,000 in scholarship monies); 3) announced the success of the 8th Annual Foundation Bowl-a-Thon held on January 31, 2016 with 22 teams participating in the event and also announced the 10th Annual Golf Classic to be held June 6, 2016 at the Canyon Club at Four Hills in Albuquerque.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) Ms. Pappas gave a synopsis of the Activities Council meeting held on January 12, 2016 adding that the minutes of the meeting are available on the Activities page of the NMAA website; 2) announced upcoming Activity events with the full calendar of events also available on the NMAA website; 3) three state music events will be held in April at VVHS (orchestra) and Cleveland HS (choir and band); and 4) WNMU is offering two to three full ride scholarships per NMAA sanctioned activity. The NMAA is currently working with activities representatives to determine criteria for receiving the scholarship with information due to WNMU by February 15th.

Mr. Cleland added that the NMAA is considering the possibility of not sanctioning some activities due to liability issues and the fact that some activities groups are not meeting the requirement that they must attend two NMAA Activity Council meetings per year to qualify for the Activities allocation.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Pappas discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) She announced that the NMOA Executive Board met on Sunday, January 31 where they discussed evaluations and the development of training and curriculum committees in all sports. Baseball will have its first training and development meeting within the next month with the intent of standardization of training from region to region, leading to increased consistency; 2) announced the Basketball "You Make the Call" video training presented by Nathan Acosta & Tony Armijo of Las Cruces; 3) the First Annual Baseball Umpire Educational Forum will be held this weekend in Las Cruces, NM. Ms. Pappas thanked Ernie Viramontes and LCPS for use of a conference room and baseball field. She explained that the conference is modeled after the Basketball Referee Educational Forum, which will be in its 10th year this summer with 30 umpires registered for the event. MLB umpire Doug Eddings will be the lead speaker and trainer; and 4) the NMOA State Clinic to be held on Saturday, July 16th with the confirmed luncheon speaker Scott Twardoski, NBA referee.

General Discussion/Information Items

State Basketball Schedule: Mr. Cleland informed the committee that the state basketball schedule is posted on the NMAA website under State Basketball Championship Information. He stated that the 2A Boys Quarterfinals have been moved to Santa Ana Star Center to accommodate the large number of fans in attendance for these games. He also mentioned that class A boys and girls quarterfinal games will all take place at Bernalillo HS on Wednesday since those teams and fans all travel together.

Legislative Session Update: Mr. Cleland discussed two pending Legislative Bills: SB 137 (Student Athlete Brain Injury Protocols) which would increase the sit out period from 7 to 10 days and HB 180 (Student Athlete Brain Injury Appeals) which would add an appeals process to the NMAA Executive Director and further stating that "no court has jurisdiction over a brain-injury determination until the director has entered a decision."

Classification/Alignment Committee Update: The newly formed Classification/Alignment committee met last week to discuss the data other states use to determine classification and/or alignment and the need to establish a priority list to be used in New Mexico for the process. Mr. Cleland mentioned that Monday Morning News might be one way to list the names of committee members which would allow athletic directors to give feedback to their area representative.

Spirit as an Activity: Mr. Cleland explained that the NMAA will be looking into whether the sport of Spirit would be better served as an activity due to its unique needs. He told the members that the NFHS does not define Spirit as a sport or an activity but leaves it up to each school/district to decide.

Junior All-Star Basketball Game: Mr. Buster Mabrey asked committee members for feedback on whether the NMHSCA should consider providing an education-based Junior All-Star Basketball game in June. A committee would be formed to implement this program. Mr. Bruce Carver has volunteered to head the committee. After tryouts for the team, 20 top players will be selected to play in a game the following day. In order to try out, every student must have a coach recommendation. After discussion, the majority of committee members were in support of the proposal.

Action Items

Volleyball: Modify bylaw 7.23 H: (Referenda Item): Ms. Alissa Wesbrook asked the committee to consider a proposal that pool play games must be 2 games to 25 starting at a score of 4-4 with a cap of 27 for seeding purposes during an invitational tournament and does not count toward match limitations. All tournament matches played during an invitational tournament count towards a team's match limitations. Tournament formats must count a minimum of 2 matches towards a team's match limitations. The rationale for this proposal is that it mirrors the score that is being used for pool play games at the state tournament and will help to create more consistency state-wide. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Football: Increase 8-man qualifiers to 12 from 8: Mr. Young asked the board to accept a proposal to adjust the number of qualifiers for the 8-Man State Football Playoffs (Bylaw 7.15.4.C) from 8 qualifiers to 12. The change would add one week to the 8-man season, thus pushing back the championship game to Week #22. The rationale for this proposal is that with 21 teams now participating in 8-man football, it is felt that a total of 12 teams should qualify for the post season, similar to Class 3A and 4A football which have 19 and 21 teams, respectively. Currently, the 8-man community believes at least 1-2 state tournament quality teams are being left out of the playoffs. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Roybal made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (15-1).

Football: Definition of Past History (6-Man and 2A): Mr. Young asked the committee to consider a proposal to adjust the definition of past history as it pertains to determining the host for 6-Man and 2A Football Finals. This proposal would add a note to bylaws 7.15.4.B and 7.15.4.D as follows: past history is defined by the NMAA as any final round playoff game between 2 schools dating back to 1953. The rationale for this proposal is that the 2015 adjustment to the definition of past history affected the 6-Man and 2A classifications differently than the other classes. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Henderson made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Football: 300 Mile Rule (Playoff game date/times): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to adjust bylaw 7.15.4.F regarding the date/time of state football playoff games (1st Round, Quarterfinals and Semifinals only) by changing the mileage from 300 miles to 250 miles. The rationale for this proposal is that it is felt that the current 300 mile threshold to determine dates/times for state football playoff games is too high. Travel time for trips near, but not over 300 miles, can be quite significant especially during late November/early December when weather can severely impact these trips. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Schuster made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (15-1).

Tennis: Seeding/Selection for State Tournament: Mr. Butler asked the committee to consider a proposal to remove bylaw 7.21.3.B.2 and replace it as follows: State Tennis Tournament Seeding and Selection process for both team and individual competition will be as per NMAA bylaw 7.11 – Seeding and Selection. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am. Ms. Viramontes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Next Commission Meeting – May 18, 2016 (NMAA)

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Non-scholastic Sport Users Certification

As a condition of permitting non-scholastic youth athletic activity in practice or preparation for an organized athletic game or competition against another team, club or entity to take place on school district property, the superintendent requires the person offering the non-scholastic youth athletic activity to sign this certification that the non-scholastic youth athletic activity will follow the brain injury protocols established pursuant to Section 2 of 22-13-31 NMSA 1978 regarding brain injury protocols, coaches training and information to be provided to parents or guardians and signatures to be received from them.

Print Name

Signature

Date

I hereby certify that I am authorized by user to make this certification and to make all representations on behalf of:

Non-scholastic Sport User Organization

Non-scholastic guidelines under SB137

1. Youth athletic leagues shall ensure coaches receive training in concussion awareness and management.
2. At the beginning of each athletic season youth athletic leagues shall provide a brain injury information sheet to parents and athletes to be signed and submitted prior to participation.
3. Coaches must immediately remove athletes from participation when signs/symptoms of a concussion are present.
4. Coaches must not allow youth athletes to return to play for a minimum of 240 hours and must be released by an appropriate medical professional (MD, DO, PA, CNP, PT, Licensed Psychologist, Licensed Athletic Trainer).

Required documents for non-scholastic parents, athletes and coaches can be found here:



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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE DEADLINE

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adjusting the deadline date within bylaw 7.15.1.F for football schedule submissions.

*F. **Schedule Deadlines/Procedures** - One copy of the schedule for the subsequent school year is to be sent to the NMAA and must be postmarked on or before ~~April 15~~ **May 15**. Delinquent schedules are subject to a fine to the school, payable to the Association.*

Rationale: – The NMAA has given member schools until mid-May to provide varsity football schedules for many years. The change within the above bylaw will now reflect this practice.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve



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FOOTBALL POST GAME PROTOCOLS (Crowd Control)

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider limiting field access for spectators at the conclusion of football contests.

ADD Bylaw 7.15.1.J – Post Game Protocols for Spectators

At the conclusion of each football game, spectators may not access the field.

Exception: For State Championship contests, spectators may be allowed access to the field after the conclusion of the awards presentations should the host school allow for it.

Rationale: – It is felt that limiting field access for spectators after football contests will be extremely helpful to the overall management of the event. This should help to limit post-game incidents between the two teams and communities.

Football Sports Specific Committee: Unanimously Approved

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve



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FOOTBALL COACH CERTIFICATION (USA Heads Up Football Program)

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider requiring that all football coaches become nationally certified through USA Football’s Heads Up Program.

ADD Bylaw 7.15.1.K – Coaches Education

Football coaches must complete the USA Football Heads Up Certification Course. It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure that each coach has this certification, which is current for ___ years from the date of completion.

NOTE – This requirement is for head varsity coaches only for the 2016 season. Beginning with the 2017 season, ALL middle school and high coaches must be certified.

Rationale: – In the last few years, the NMAA membership has worked hard to implement new policies and regulations within the sport of football to help minimize risk and improve player-safety. It is felt that we can take this even further by partnering with USA Football and their Heads Up Football Certification Process. This is a comprehensive education and training program designed to make the sport better and safer for youth and high school football players. A partnership with USA Football will provide coaches with a national certification course that includes great information on tackling and blocking, but also includes guidance in the areas of concussions, cardiac arrest, heat illness, and equipment fitting.

This course will be offered to our membership at \$10 per coach. The NMAA is currently working on a potential partnership with the Denver Broncos to supplement these costs in future years, but until an agreement is in place, the Board approved “Opportunity Fund” would be used to pay for these courses.

In addition to providing the online certification, each individual will also be eligible to receive \$1 million excess coach liability insurance in excess of any other valid insurance for the calendar year the training was completed.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve



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STATE BASEBALL QUARTERFINALS (Higher Seed is Home Team)

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adjusting NMAA baseball bylaws (7.12.4.B.5 & 7.12.4.C.6) so that the higher seed serves as the home team during the quarterfinal round of the State Baseball Championships.

**Bylaw 7.12.4.B.5 would now read as follows:*

During the quarterfinals, the higher seed will be the home team. During the semifinals and finals, a coin flip will determine home/visitor with the higher seed calling the toss.

Note – in the quarterfinal match-ups, the higher seed may opt to be the visiting team, but must provide notice of this choice to the Tournament Director a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of the round.

**Bylaw 7.12.4.C.6 would now read as follows:*

During the quarterfinals, the higher seed will be the home team. During the semifinals and finals, a coin flip will determine home/visitor with the higher seed calling the toss.

Note – in the quarterfinal match-ups, the higher seed may opt to be the visiting team, but must provide notice of this choice to the Tournament Director a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of the round.

Rationale: It is felt that the higher seed should be rewarded for a successful regular season performance in the quarterfinal round. This would also eliminate the need for a coin flip to take place prior to a team's first game once the field is narrowed to eight.

Baseball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

April Coach Survey: 30-12 in favor of this proposal. (71%)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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BASEBALL PLAYER GAME LIMITATIONS (Courtesy Runner)

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adding verbiage to baseball bylaw 7.12.1.C (game limitations) regarding courtesy runners.

ADD to 7.12.1.C:

Note – If a player participates in a contest as a courtesy runner only, this will not count as a game towards that player's game limitations for the season.

Rationale: A courtesy runner participates in a very limited capacity during a baseball game. If an individual is used as a courtesy runner only, he/she gets in to the game when the pitcher or catcher reaches base – this could be anywhere from 0-4 times in a typical contest. It is felt by baseball coaches that this should not count as a game similar to special teams play not counting towards a football player's "experiences".

Baseball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation: Unanimously Approved

April Coach Survey: 38-4 in favor of this proposal. (90%)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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BASEBALL PLAYER GAME LIMITATIONS (Innings of Play)

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adding verbiage to baseball bylaw 7.12.1.C (game limitations) regarding innings of play.

ADD to 7.12.1.C:

1. If a school plays two games at different levels (i.e. JV & Varsity) back to back on the same day and at the same site, a student-athlete may participate in 10 innings between the two contests and only count this as one game towards his/her game limitations for the season.

Rationale: This would be similar to the basketball “quarters of play” and volleyball “games” rule. It is felt that this change would not only bring consistency amongst sports, but it would also allow baseball coaches to better develop younger players by allowing them to participate in more game situations without penalizing them via their yearly game limitations. This would be especially helpful at the Class A/2A and 3A levels where participation numbers in the sport of baseball are low.

Baseball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation: Unanimously Approved

April Coach Survey: 31-11 in favor of this proposal. (74%)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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BASEBALL BATS (Wood/Composite Wood)

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider mandating the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball.

**7.12.1.E. Bat Regulations:* Wood/composite wood bats only will be used. See 7.12.7 for specifics.

**7.12.6 Baseball Bats*

Only wood or composite wood (NO metal) bats may be used. This rule shall be effective for ALL levels of high school play.

- A. Wood Bats – Any single piece wood bat shall be deemed legal as long as it adheres to NFHS standards as listed in the baseball rules book. These standards state that a single piece wood bat must be no more than 36 inches in length with a barrel no more than 2 ¾ inches in diameter.
- B. Composite Wood Bats – Composite wood bats shall be deemed legal as long as they adhere to NFHS standards which state that the bat must be BBCOR certified. This certification must be permanently displayed on the bat by way of a BBCOR stamp.
- C. BBCOR Certified Metal Bats – ALL BBCOR metal (aluminum or composite metal) bats are illegal for use during NMAA sanctioned high school contests played in the state of New Mexico. These bats may, however, be used in practice and middle/junior high school competition.

Rationale: The NMAA membership voted to mandate the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball at the high school level during the 2012 season as a 1-year pilot. In the summer of 2012, the membership then voted to continue with these regulations for four additional years. Now that the 2016 season has been completed, these regulations must be revisited. The majority of the baseball community feels the move to wood bats has been a huge success and has made the game better in our state. Costs were a concern amongst some administrators and coaches in the early stages of this endeavor, but the use of composite wood bats has helped teams/players break fewer bats, thus lowering the need to make additional purchases during a season.

Baseball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation: Unanimously Approved

April Coach Survey: 34-8 in favor of this proposal. (81%)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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BASEBALL PITCHING RESTRICTIONS

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider the implementation of new pitching restriction regulations (bylaw 7.12.1.D) in the sport of baseball.

Rationale: – The NFHS (National Federation) Baseball Rules Committee and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee have been placing much focus on player safety and arm injuries within high school baseball. More information will be released by the NFHS this summer, but it is expected that our national rules making body may recommend that state associations utilize some form of a pitch count as part of their pitching regulations. Two state associations adopted policies for 2016 (Alabama & Colorado), and several more will be considering the same as we prepare for the 2016-2017 school year.

Due to this potential, the NMAA put together an Advisory Committee of Coaches and Administrators that was tasked to review this topic and put together a potential proposal for a pitch count regulation that is best for the state of New Mexico. The committee reviewed information from USA Baseball and several other state associations and felt that the proposed policy would best fit our schools and student-athletes here in New Mexico.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Baseball Sports Specific Committee: Unanimously Approved

Attachments: Proposed Pitching Restriction Regulations



Proposed Pitching Restriction Regulations

Bylaw 7.12.1.D

1. Pitchers may throw a maximum of 10 innings in a 72-hour period, regardless of the length of game.
2. At the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any one day. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any one day. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit (120 in varsity, 105 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat, but must exit the game after the batter.

Once a pitcher exceeds the inning or pitch count thresholds, that player is considered an ineligible player and the game must be forfeited by the team in violation of these regulations. The school and/or head coach will also be subject to additional sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

3. Coaches must post the pitch counts for all players from each game to MaxPreps, along with results, within 24 hours.

Failure to post pitch count numbers to MaxPreps within 24 hours will result in fines and/or other sanctions assessed to the school as determined by the Executive Director.

In addition to these requirements, the following recommendations should be considered:

****Rest Periods**

Pitches	Recommended Rest
91+	4 Calendar Days
61-90	3 Calendar Days
41-60	1 Calendar Day
0-40	0 Calendar Days

Calendar day = If a pitcher throws 85 pitches on Tuesday, that player should not pitch again until Saturday (3 recommended calendar days of rest).

Note – if a player pitches on consecutive days, the cumulative pitch count from those two days should be used to calculate the recommended rest period. Example = Pitcher A throws 27 pitches on Friday and 35 pitches on Saturday, which is 62 pitches cumulatively – recommended rest after day two would be 3 calendar days.

****** Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to the position he is assigned once he is done pitching. Consideration should be given to the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.

******Develop a pitching philosophy that includes the instruction in proper throwing mechanics, broadening the number of players who will become pitchers on their staffs, and developing a “work up” plan so that a pitcher is not throwing the maximum allowable pitches from the first day of competition (i.e., no more than 65 pitches in weeks 1-3, no more than 85 in weeks 4-6 to allow for growth and arm strength to develop.)



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TRACKWRESTLING SOFTWARE VARSITY INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Scott Owen, NMAA Director of Wrestling

Proposal:

Require Track Wrestling (TW) software for all in-state varsity individual tournaments.

Rationale:

Per bylaw **7.24.4.C – District Tournament**

Coaches must enter all individual varsity matches via the Track Wrestling database for state seeding.

Individual Varsity Records – “Coaches are required to maintain accurate and complete individual records for their varsity athletes via Track Wrestling. District tournament rosters with all varsity win/loss records must be entered in to the Track Wrestling system by Tuesday the week of the district tournament (week #33). Failure to submit district tournament rosters with complete and accurate individual records by the deadline will result in a \$250 fine to the school.”

Manual entry of results has shown to be time-consuming and problematic for accuracy (duplicate results, discrepancies in scores, results, etc.). Track Wrestling software will import exact results for all teams and individuals negating the need for manual entry and thus reducing time and increasing accuracy.

All current state qualifying events are mandated to run via TW software. – **NMAA Bylaw 7.24.4.B**

Budget Impact:

TW event software must be purchased each time a school hosts an event. Typical cost for most tournaments is about \$125. However, this cost can be offset by a minimal increase in entry fee. There are other software programs available that may be purchased for a one-time fee however they do not integrate with TW and thus the results would still have to be manually input after the fact. Coaches’ rationale seems to be they’d rather pay a little more for the convenience of not having to enter an entire tournament’s worth of results.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

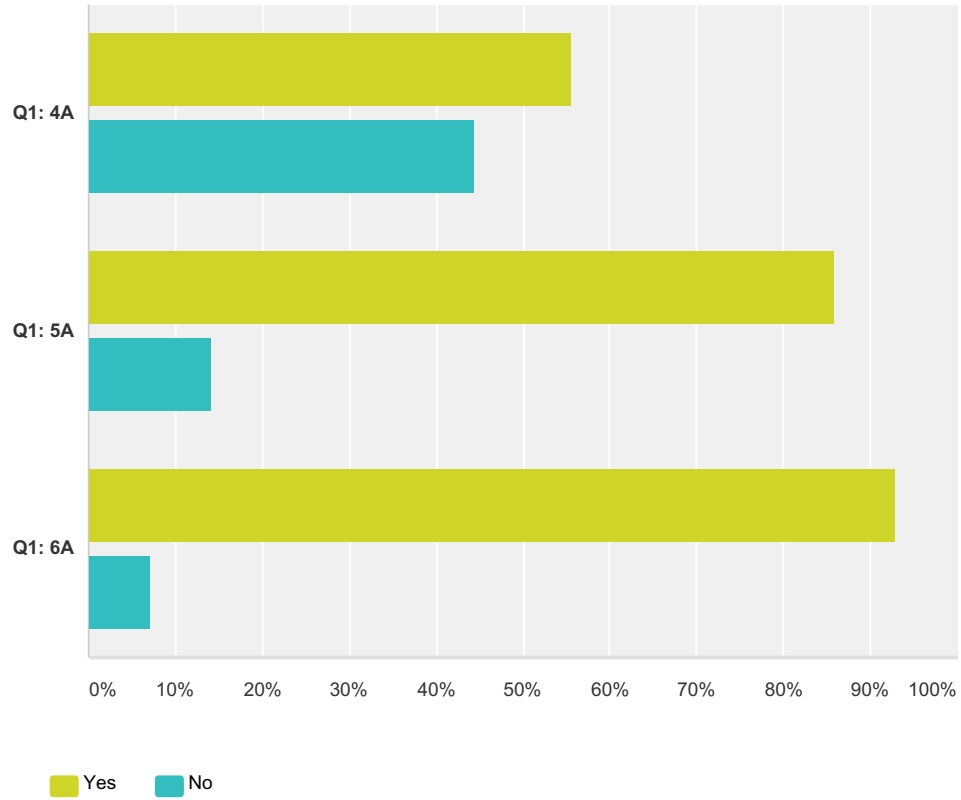
Approved

Attachments:

2016 Coach Survey

Q3 Would you be in favor of making TrackWrestling mandatory for all NMAA wrestling events?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 0



	Yes	No	Total
Q1: 4A (A)	55.56% 5	44.44% 4	20.45% 9
Q1: 5A (B)	85.71% 18	14.29% 3	47.73% 21
Q1: 6A (C)	92.86% 13	7.14% 1	31.82% 14
Total Respondents	36	8	44
	Comments		Total
Q1: 4A (A)	3		3
Q1: 5A (B)	4		4
Q1: 6A (C)	3		3



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WRESTLING CLASSIFICATION/ALIGNMENT 2016-2018

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
 Scott Owen, NMAA Director of Wrestling

Proposal:
 Adjust 4A and 5A state qualifying numbers due to updated classification and alignment.

Rationale:

Class 5A

- District 1-5A – Increase automatic qualifying spots from 3 to 4 due to the increase in teams from 5 to 6.
- Districts 3-5A and 4/5-5A – Decrease automatic qualifying spots from 4 to 3 due to the decrease in teams from 6 to 5.

Class 4A

- Reduce 4A state qualifiers from 12 to 10 – Disproportionate number of qualifiers compared to 5A/6A based on number of district tournament participants. 4A had on average about 16% fewer district participants. Proposal would reduce the number of A/4A state qualifiers to a number more proportional to 5A/6A.

**Notes:*

- Only four out of 14 weight classes in A/4A were able to completely fill all 12 state qualifying spots.
- Four weight classes had 10 or fewer state qualified athletes.

Budget Impact:

Potential negative impact by reducing number of state qualifiers by two per weight class.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Approved

Attachments:

1. State data from last two years with projected 2016-17 info.
2. Current and proposed classifications and alignments.

NMAA WRESTLING AUTOMATIC STATE QUALIFYING NUMBERS 2015/2016

<u>2016-2017 - PROJECTED</u>				<u>AQ Spots</u>	<u>AQ Spots</u>	<u>% of AQ</u>	<u>% of field earning</u>		
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>QUALIFIERS</u>	<u>TEAM % QUALIFIED</u>	<u>DISTRICT ENTRIES</u>	<u>AVG ENTRIES/TEAM</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Spots Used</u>	<u>AQ Spot</u>
4A	16	10	0.625	158	9.9	112	112	1.000	0.709
5A	21	16	0.762	245	11.7	182	182	1.000	0.743
6A	23	16	0.696	274	11.9	182	182	1.000	0.664

<u>2015-2016</u>				<u>AQ Spots</u>	<u>AQ Spots</u>	<u>% of AQ</u>	<u>% of field earning</u>		
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>QUALIFIERS</u>	<u>TEAM % QUALIFIED</u>	<u>DISTRICT ENTRIES</u>	<u>AVG ENTRIES/TEAM</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Spots Used</u>	<u>AQ Spot</u>
4A	15	12	0.800	156	10.4	140	130	0.929	0.833
5A	22	16	0.727	256	11.6	196	191	0.974	0.746
6A	22	16	0.727	260	11.8	182	182	1.000	0.700

<u>2014-2015</u>				<u>AQ Spots</u>	<u>AQ Spots</u>	<u>% of AQ</u>	<u>% of field earning</u>		
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>QUALIFIERS</u>	<u>TEAM % QUALIFIED</u>	<u>DISTRICT ENTRIES</u>	<u>AVG ENTRIES/TEAM</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Spots Used</u>	<u>AQ Spot</u>
4A	15	12	0.800	139	9.3	140	112	0.800	0.806
5A	22	16	0.727	257	11.7	196	189	0.964	0.735
6A	22	16	0.727	263	12.0	182	182	1.000	0.692

WRESTLING - STATE CLASS/ALIGN/QUALIFY - 2014-15

Wrestling - Class 6A (22 Schools)

District 1-6A	District 2-6A	District 3/4-6A	District 5-6A
Cibola	Eldorado	Carlsbad	Albuquerque
Cleveland	Highland	Deming	Atrisco Heritage
Rio Rancho	La Cueva	Gadsden	Rio Grande
Santa Fe	Manzano	Hobbs	Valley
Volcano Vista	Sandia	Las Cruces	West Mesa
		Mayfield	
		Onate	

Qualifiers	3	3	4	3	AQ 13	WC 3	Total 16
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Wrestling - Class 5A (22 Schools)

District 1-5A	District 2-5A	District 3-5A	District 4/5-5A
Aztec	Bernalillo	Belen	Academy
Farmington	Capital	Centennial	Grants
Gallup	Del Norte	Chaparral	Goddard
Miyamura	Espanola	Los Lunas	Moriarty
Piedra Vista	Los Alamos	Santa Teresa	Roswell
		Valencia	St. Pius

Qualifiers	3	3	4	4	AQ 14	WC 2	Total 16
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Wrestling - Class A-4A (16 Schools)

District 1-4A	District 2-4A	District 3/4/5-4A
Bloomfield	Pecos	Cobre
Kirtland Central	Robertson	Foothill
Newcomb	Taos	Ruidoso
Shiprock	Tucumcari	Silver
Wingate	W. Las Vegas	St. Mike's
		Tierra Encantada

Qualifiers	3	3	4		AQ 10	WC 2	Total 12
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**NOTE: WC based on the following priority order: 1) Winning Percentage, 2) Number of wins, 3) Coin toss or draw of lots

WRESTLING - STATE CLASS/ALIGN/QUALIFY - 2016-17

Wrestling - Class 6A (23 Schools)

District 1-6A	District 2-6A	District 3/4-6A	District 5-6A
Cibola	Eldorado	Carlsbad	Albuquerque
Cleveland	La Cueva	Centennial	Atrisco Heritage
Piedra Vista	Manzano	Gadsden	Highland
Rio Rancho	Sandia	Hobbs	Rio Grande
Volcano Vista	Santa Fe	Las Cruces	Valley
		Mayfield	West Mesa
		Onate	

Qualifiers	3	3	4	3	AQ 13	WC 3	Total 16
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Wrestling - Class 5A (21 Schools)

District 1-5A	District 2-5A	District 3-5A	District 4/5-5A
Aztec	Academy	Deming	Belen
Bloomfield	Capital	Chaparral	Grants
Farmington	Del Norte	Goddard	Los Lunas
Gallup	Espanola	Roswell	St. Pius X
Kirtland Central	Los Alamos	Santa Teresa	Valencia
Miyamura			

Qualifiers	4	3	3	3	AQ 13	WC 3	Total 16
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Wrestling - Class A-4A (16 Schools)

District 1-4A	District 2-4A	District 3/4/5-4A
Foothill	Bernalillo	Cobre
Newcomb	Robertson	Moriarty
Pecos	St. Michael's	Ruidoso
Shiprock	Taos	Silver
Tierra Encantada	Tucumcari	
Wingate	W. Las Vegas	

Qualifiers	3	3	2		AQ 8	WC 2	Total 10
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****NOTE:** WC based on the following priority order: 1) Winning Percentage, 2) Number of wins, 3) Coin toss or draw of lots



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ADD SMALL SCHOOL STATE CHAMPION TEAM

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dave Caldwell, Swimming/diving sports specific committee

Proposal:

Continue with a combined A-6A state championship but award a championship trophy to the A-4A high point team.

Rationale:

The swimming/diving schools like the fact that students from around NM, in all classes, compete against each other in individual events to determine a single state champion. However, because small 1A-4A schools do not have the depth that large schools do, they are never in contention for a top 3 finish in the team competition. Since girls swimming began in 1970, there has not been a champion from the 1A-4A ranks. The last boys champion from those lower classifications was NMMI in 1966.

Awarding a small school championship would hopefully add excitement at the small school level and would help smaller schools in their recruitment of swimming/diving athletes.

Budget Impact: Increase in costs for one additional trophy per gender and two championship banners.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: None

Attachments: None



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NMAA STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Scott Evans and Scott Owen

Proposal: NMAA Board of Directors policy – require all member high schools to complete a Student-athlete health and safety self-audit annually.

Rationale: The purpose of this policy/requirement/document is to assist the member school with an annual review of all the existing standards and expectations, as well as some specific resources, for student-athlete health and safety. Given the high rate of turnover for the athletic director position and the ever increasing attention to health and safety, this exercise would provide guidance for leadership on an annual basis. As stated in the document, THIS REQUIREMENT IS FOR LOCAL REVIEW ONLY, IT NOT A GUARANTEE OF COMPLIANCE.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends

Attachments: See document – 2 pages

NMAA STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT



School: _____

Year: _____

General

- Fourteen Legal Duties** – read/review/acknowledge the 14 legal duties, share with all personnel as fundamental expectations for job performance (see page 2, note 3)
- NMAA Sports Medicine Page** – locate/review information and resources available from the Sports Medicine Page on the NMAA website
- NMPED Coaching License** – insure that every coach has a current coaching license to insure minimum requirements are met with regard to national/state standards
- Pre-Participation Physicals** – insure that every student athlete has a current (after April 1st of prior school year) physical form on file from an MD/DO/PA/NP/DC (NMAA 6.15)
- Participation Insurance** – insure that every student athlete has provided proof of medical insurance coverage and the school/district has catastrophic coverage (NMAA 6.16)
- Risk of Injury Warning** – insure that every student athlete and parent has been advised of the potential risk of injury (written forms/pre-season meetings/sport specific)
- Pre-Competition Practice** – insure that every student athlete has 5 days of practice (FB/Spirit – 10), waivers (5 days) for participation in the preceding season (NMAA 7.6.19)

All Sports

- First Aid, Health and Safety** – insure that all coaches have completed the NFHSLearn course First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches (required for level 1 & 2 coaching licensure)
- Emergency Action Plan** – insure that every practice and event staff and facility has a written emergency action plan for medical and safety emergencies (ACSL Resource, see page 2, note 4)
- AED Units On-Site** – insure that every practice and event has immediate access to a functional AED unit that can be used in the event of a SCA (vendor info, see page 2, note 6)
- CPR/AED Training** – insure that every practice and event staff has been trained in compression only CPR and use of an AED (AHA/ARC/PHS/ACSL/Other, see page 2, note 6)
- Concussion Injuries** – insure that every athlete/parent/coach and non-school youth group meets the requirements of NM law for concussion education/symptoms/return to play (NMAA 7.6.20)
- Heat Illness** – insure that all coaches are aware of heat index requirements, where to get information, and what action to take if heat illness is suspected (NMAA 7.6.21)
- Severe Weather/Lightning** – insure that all coaches and field managers are aware of authority, criteria for suspension, and return to play guidelines (NMAA 7.9/7.10)

Sport Specific

- Baseball Specific** – NFHS baseball regulations require that no individual pitcher shall pitch more than 12 innings in 72 hours as a maximum (NMAA 7.12.1.D.)
- Football Specific** – NMAA regulations require 10 days of pre-competition practice, restriction on weekly contact hours and “experiences” in a 5 day window (NMAA 7.15.1.B, 7.15.1.C.)
- Track and Field Specific** – NMAA regulations specify student athlete event limits (7.22.1.D.) and pole vault coach certification every 4 years (NMAA 7.22.1G.)
- Spirit Specific** – NMAA regulations require 10 days of pre-competition practice and AACCA Safety Training for coaches participating in state competition every 4 years (NMAA 7.19.5.D.4.c.)
- Wrestling Specific** – NMAA regulations require schools/individuals to comply with the wrestling weight management program (NMAA 7.24.1.F)

Athletic Director (Print)

Athletic Director Signature

Date

*Note – checked boxes and signature indicate a review of standards, NOT an assurance of compliance, see p2, #2

NMAA STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY – MEMBER SCHOOL SELF-AUDIT – NOTES

1. Purpose - The purpose of this instrument is to provide the NMAA member school athletic director with a tool to assess their program's status in meeting current legal standards in the area of student-athlete health and safety. Careful attention to this assessment will help insure the health and safety of the student-athletes and other participants, as well as minimizing legal risk for staff and the school/district.

2. Compliance - The NMAA member school athletic director is required to complete and submit this form no later than October 1st of each school year. Signatures are interpreted as an acknowledgement that the standards and resources have been reviewed as they apply to the local school/district, not a guarantee of compliance to every standard/level.

3. Fourteen Legal Duties of Athletic Personnel (Coaches and Administrators) - The following categories of legal duties are generally accepted national standards derived from case law. All coaches and administrators should be aware of these standards and insure that their programs consistently meet the standards. (Lee Green, JD, Chapter 12 "Legal and Safety Concerns", "NIAAA's Guide to Interscholastic Athletic Administration", 2013)

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| 1. Duty to Plan | 8. Duty to Condition Properly |
| 2. Duty to Supervise | 9. Duty to Warn |
| 3. Duty to Assess Athletes Readiness | 10. Duty to Ensure Athletes Covered by Insurance |
| 4. Duty to Maintain Safe Conditions | 11. Duty to Provide Emergency Care |
| 5. Duty to Provide Proper Equipment | 12. Duty to Develop an Emergency Response Plan |
| 6. Duty to Instruct Properly | 13. Duty to Provide Proper Transportation |
| 7. Duty to Match Athletes | 14. Duty to Select, Train and Supervise Coaches |

4. Anyone Can Save a Life (ACSL) – ACSL is an emergency action plan program sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, the Medtronics Foundation, and the NFHS Foundation. The program includes information and forms for after-school practices and events as well as information on Sudden Cardiac Arrest (one of the most important emergencies). The resources can be downloaded from www.anyonecansavealife.org.

5. AED Vendors – sources for purchase, oversight and maintenance of AED devices

- AED One-Stop Shop (505) 800-5280
- Safety Services, LLC (505) 424-6513
- Southwest CPR (505) 235-8994

6. CPR/AED Training (AHA/ARC/PHS/ACSL/Other) - There are several training/certification programs available to train coaching and event personnel in the areas of compression only CPR and use of an AED.

- PHS – Project Heart Start – <http://projectheartstartnm.org> (CoCPR/AED training), **recommended by NMAA** as an effective, low cost training program
- AHA - American Heart Association – www.heart.org (CPR/AED certification)
- ARC - American Red Cross – www.redcross.org (CPR/AED certification)
- ACSL – Anyone Can Save a Life – minimal training models, see note 4, above
- Other – There are other nationally recognized organizations that provide safety training including the National Safety Council, www.nsc.org



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DISTRICT HANDBOOKS

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Strike sentence two in bylaw 3.10.2 requiring district handbooks to be submitted annually to the NMAA.

3.10.2 District Chairpersons and Handbooks

Each competitive district elects a Chairperson, who publishes a handbook for the conduct and management of sports/events within that district. ~~A copy of the current district handbook shall be on file with the NMAA by September 15th annually and revisions are to be submitted to the NMAA as changes are made.~~

Rationale:

Handbooks have not been submitted to the NMAA for several years. Districts are in charge of ensuring their policies and procedures are in accordance with NMAA bylaws.

Budget Impact:

N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Approved

Attachments:

None



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EMAIL AS A BINDING GAME CONTRACT

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Add electronic correspondence as a binding contract to bylaw 3.11.2.

3.11.2 Contracts - Current

Contracts for regular season contests shall be in writing. The original contract is binding unless nullified by a subsequent contract.

3.11.2 Contracts - Proposed

Contracts for regular season contests shall be in writing **or email correspondence**. The original contract is binding unless nullified by a subsequent contract.

Rationale:

1. Legally email can be utilized as a binding agreement
2. Convenience of use

Budget Impact:

N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Approved

Attachments:

None



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OPEN ENROLLMENT OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFERS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:
Allow students making a bona fide resident move into the state of New Mexico for the first time an open enrollment choice.

6.4.1 Open Enrollment Choice - Current

- A. An incoming ninth grade student, or an eighth grade student who participates at the high school level, will have made his/her Open Enrollment Choice. The Open Enrollment Choice can be to attend a school within the attendance zone of his/her primary residence or attend a school outside the attendance zone of his/her primary residence, to include a private school, with an approved transfer.

Note: Open Enrollment Choice is not an option for 10th, 11th or 12th grade students, or foreign students in this country without their parents and/or legal guardians.

- 1. An incoming ninth grade student, upon his/her initial enrollment in ninth grade, will have an Open Enrollment Choice to enroll in a member public, private, tribal, independent, parochial, charter, alternative, or home school.
- 2. An eighth grade student who participates in high school athletics, at any level of competition, will make his/her Open Enrollment Choice at the eighth grade level.

Proposed – New bylaw would strike the note and add the following sections:

NEW *3. An out-of-state student making a bona fide resident move will have an Open Enrollment Choice to enroll in a member public, private, tribal, independent, parochial, charter, alternative, or home school upon their initial enrollment in the state of New Mexico.

NEW *4. Open enrollment choice is not an option for foreign students in this country without their parents and/or legal guardians.

Rationale:
Create more consistency in open enrollment choice.

Budget Impact:
N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:
Approved

Attachments: None



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TRANSFERS PRACTICE REGULATIONS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Strike section G. from bylaw 6.6.2 which disallows practice for reasons other than academic ineligibility.

6.6.2 – Conditions of Eligibility for Transfer Students

~~G. Any student who is ineligible for reasons other than academics cannot practice with the team.~~

Rationale:

Bylaw is rarely followed or known to exist.

Budget Impact:

N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Approved

Attachments:

None



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PARENT TO PARENT PROVISION

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:
Disallow the parent to parent provision for students transferring within the same or adjoining districts.

Current
6.7.4.C – Legally Separated Parents
6.7.5.D – Divorced Parents

“A student who moves from parent to parent, or from legal guardian to legal guardian the first time in his/her high school career, will be eligible upon verification to the office that this is the first move and certified by the administrators involved that the move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment.”

Proposed
“A student who moves from parent to parent, or from legal guardian to legal guardian the first time in his/her high school career, will be eligible **provided the following conditions are met:**” ~~upon verification to the office that this is the first move and certified by the administrators involved that the move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment.”~~

1. Student is making his/her first move
2. The move is not within the same or adjoining district
3. The move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment as certified by the administrators involved

Rationale:
Closes the loop hole to gain immediate eligibility in close proximity transfers

Budget Impact:
N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:
Approved

Attachments:
None



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ELIGIBILITY RETENTION

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Require a student who achieves initial eligibility as a bona fide resident or transfer student to remain at that school for 180 school/365 calendar days to utilize the eligibility retention exception.

6.8.1 Eligibility Retention - Current

After a Student participant achieves initial eligibility as a bona fide resident or transfer Student, he/she retains eligibility for subsequent years as long as the Student remains enrolled at the school and meets all other NMAA eligibility requirements.

6.8.1 Eligibility Retention - Proposed

~~After a Student participant achieves initial eligibility~~ **A Student participant enrolled for 180 school/365 calendar days** as a bona fide resident or transfer Student ~~he/she~~ retains eligibility for subsequent years as long as the Student remains enrolled at the school and meets all other NMAA eligibility requirements.

Rationale:

Ensures at least a year stay before a student would be permitted to use the exception.

Budget Impact:

N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Approved

Attachments:

None



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DID NOT PARTICIPATE REGULATION 8TH, 9TH GRADE/BOARDING SCHOOL TRANSFERS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:
Allow 8th/9th grade transfer students and boarding school transfer students to utilize the “did not participate” exception.

**Sections 1 and 4 would be removed and section 3 shortened to exclude “during the 10th through 12th grade years.” Additionally, sections 2 and 3 would become 1 and 2.*

6.9.2 B. Did Not Participate

A transfer student who did not participate in a particular sport at his/her former school during the previous school year may petition the Executive Director for immediate eligibility at the varsity level. Please adhere to the following:

- ~~1. 8th and 9th grade transfer students are not eligible for this exception.~~
2. The student must have been in good standing and academically eligible for participation at their former school prior to their transfer.
3. This exception can be used only once. ~~during the 10th through 12th grade years.~~
- ~~4. This exception cannot be used for a student transferring from a boarding school.~~

Rationale:
Creates consistency between all transfers and allows all students/parents the option to choose when to use this exception regardless of grade or institution.

Budget Impact:
N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:
Approved

Attachments:
None



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OUT OF SEASON COACHING 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Amend out-of-season coaching bylaw to allow only 9th-12th graders and 8th graders who have made an open enrollment choice to participate in out-of-season practices. Prospective student athletes (7th and 8th grade students) would be excluded from this bylaw and ineligible to participate in any out-of-season practices.

7.4 OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR - Current

A Coaching Staff is allowed 7.5 hours of total contact time per week (during days when school is in session only) to work with prospective student athletes during the off-season. Sports specific and sports specific conditioning classes are to be included within this allowable timeframe. This provision applies to all school coaches, paid and volunteer. This rule prohibits coaching these individuals on any team (school or non-school sponsored) out-of-season during the school year.

7.4 OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR - Proposed

During the off-season a Coaching Staff is allowed 7.5 hours of total contact time per week (during days when school is in session only) to work with ~~prospective~~ student athletes **grades 9-12 in addition to any 8th graders who have already made an open enrollment choice.** ~~during the off-season.~~ Sports specific and sports specific conditioning classes are to be included within this allowable timeframe. This provision applies to all school coaches, paid and volunteer. This rule prohibits coaching these individuals on any team (school or non-school sponsored) out-of-season during the school year.

Rationale:

Amendment would emphasize multi-sport participation at the middle school level and reduce specialization.

Budget Impact:

N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Approved

Attachments:

None



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POST-SEASON/PLAYOFF SCHEDULING FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:
Require football and basketball to conclude their final pre-state competition game by Friday the week of seeding and selection.

7.6.25 Post-Season and Playoff Scheduling - Current

- A. Except for golf and A/AA baseball, district tournaments must include Saturday or other non-school day as one of the days, unless approved in advance by the Executive and/or Associate Directors.
- B. With the exception of Golf and Tennis, day before or pre-state tournament practices at the site of the state tournament are not permitted in any sport, unless specified by NMAA officials.

7.6.25 Post-Season and Playoff Scheduling - Proposed

- A. ~~Except for golf, and A/AA baseball, district tournaments~~ **Excluding golf, district post-season tournaments and events** must include **Friday and/or** Saturday ~~or other non-school day as one of the days,~~ unless approved in advance by the Executive and/or Associate Directors.
- B. **Basketball and Football must conclude any pre-state competition by Friday the week of seeding and selection.**
- C. With the exception of Golf and Tennis, day before or pre-state tournament practices at the site of the state tournament are not permitted in any sport, unless specified by NMAA officials.

Rationale:
Provide ample time for criteria (MaxPreps ranking, district tournament finishes, coaches input, etc.) to be collected/analyzed prior to seeding/selection.

Budget Impact:
N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:
Approved

Attachments:
None



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ACTIVITIES HOME SCHOOL TEAMS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:
Re-amend bylaw 8.1.7 (Home School Student Eligibility) to allow home school “teams” to participate in activities but with these former restrictions in place (see below bold):

8.1.7 Home School Student Eligibility - Current

- A. As per New Mexico State Legislation, home school students are permitted to participate in NMAA activities **ONLY** at the public school in the attendance zone in which they live.
- B. A home school student who participates on a public school team in the attendance zone in which they reside is eligible to compete for individual awards under the name of that public school.
- C. A home school student’s participation on a public school team in the attendance zone in which they reside counts towards the final placement of that team in regards to any state awards.
- D. Additional participation guidelines such as practice requirements, entry fees, etc. shall be determined by the individual activity.
- E. Home school students are subject to any and all requirements set forth by the activity.

Proposal – Strike “only” in section A and add the following three sections:

- F. The individual activity, based on the constitution of its national governing organization, has the purview to allow home school teams to participate.**
- G. A home school student who participates on a home school team is not eligible for state awards.**
- H. A home school team, although eligible to participate in state competitions, is ineligible to compete for state awards.**

Rationale:
PED overturned a ruling based on removal of these three criteria. Amendment reinstates prior policy giving home school teams the option to participate in NMAA sanctioned state events.

Budget Impact:
N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:
Approved

Attachments: None