

NMAA

Commission Meeting



Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Teleconference
9:00 AM



New Mexico Activities Association Commission *Updated January 2020*



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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



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May 20, 2020 - 9:00 AM



AGENDA

A= Action Item

D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome**
 - Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum*
 - (A)** Approval of Agenda *Alissa Wesbrook, Asst. to Exec. Dir.*
 - (A)** Approval of Minutes (February 5, 2020) *Ernie Viramontes, Chairman*
- II. NMAA Director's Report** *Dusty Young, Associate Director*
- III. New Mexico Officials Association Report** *Dana Pappas, Comm. of Officials*
- IV. Discussion/ Informational Items**
 - (D/I) Wrestling:** School Co-ops *Scott Owen, Assistant Director*
 - (D/I) Golf:** Centralized State Championships *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
 - (D/I) NMAA State Championship Trophies** *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
 - (D/I) Bylaws Committee Work** *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
 - (D/I) Scholastic Eligibility for 2020-2021** *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
 - (D/I) Physical Exams for 2020-2021** *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
 - (D/I) 2020 Summer Activity/Regulations** *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
 - (D/I) Rules Clinics / Officials Clinics** *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
- V. Action Items**
 - (A) Officials:** Invitational Tournaments *Dana Pappas, Comm. of Officials*
 - (A) Track & Field:** Certified Officials *Dana Pappas, Comm. of Officials*
 - (A) Football:** Class 2A Calendar *Dusty Young, Associate Director*
 - (A) Basketball:** 2-Person Crews for Class 1A *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
 - (A) NMPSIA Request:** Bullying/Hazing Coach Ed Course *Sally Marquez, Executive Director*
- VI. Consider Adjournment**

Next Commission Meeting – September 2, 2020 (NMAA)

NMAA Commission Meeting

February 5, 2020

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 Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Brandon Gurule (Small, Area A)
Mr. Larry Chavez (Large, Area A)
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Ms. LeeAnn Moores (Large, Area D)
Mr. Al Martinez (Non-Public Schools)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals)
Mr. David Campbell (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association)
Mr. Daren Jones (Jr. High/Middle School Committee)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association)
Mr. Frank Cordova (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Mr. Steve Perea (Activities Council)

Present Via Teleconference:

Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)

Not Present:

Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
Mr. Jason Hightower (Small, Area D)

14 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Chavez made a motion to approve the agenda with a modification to move the action item, Officials: Invitational Tournaments, to be heard as the last discussion item. Ms. Moores seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Mr. Roybal & Mr. Perea joined the meeting.

NMAA Director's Report:

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) welcomed Mr. Brandon Gurule to the Commission, the new representative for Small Area A; 2) provided an update on the upcoming winter sports championships; 3) stated that NMAA staff has visited approximately 130 member high schools so far this year with the goal to reach all 160; and 4) provided information pertaining to the NMAA Foundation including the 2018-2019 Annual Report, the 2020 Scholarship Program, and the upcoming Bowl-A-Thon and Golf Classic fundraisers.

NMAA Finance Report

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented two (2) items on her report: 1) provided financial reports for all fall championships; and 2) presented ticket sales information for all fall championships.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) reported that the majority of the state activity events for the year would be taking place over the next three months; 2) stated that the first ever Student Leadership regional meetings were held in recent weeks across New Mexico and were all very successful; and 3) provided a full update on the current work of the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council and upcoming openings for this group.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) provided details from the NMOA Executive Board meeting which was held in late January; 2) reported on officials' numbers for fall & winter sports; and 3) answered questions from the group regarding track officials' assignments and officials' numbers for spring sports.

General Discussion/Information Items

NMAA State Championship Trophies - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the current state championship trophy used by the NMAA and possible changes due to the limited supply of sports/activities figurines/toppers. Feedback from the Commission included the possibility of removing the figurine/topper and adding the sport logo to the trophy plate and increasing the overall size of the trophy.

DragonFly - Ms. Marquez informed the Commission that the NMAA is considering a partnership with a company named DragonFly, which would serve as a data entry platform for member schools to submit schedules, rosters, eligibility forms, etc.

Bylaws Committee Work - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the discussions of the NMAA Bylaws Committee which is made up of athletic directors from around the state. Current items of discussion include future classification & alignment processes, "did not participate" eligibility bylaws, and seeding/selection.

Seeding and Selection: SOS and Wins vs. DC - Ms. Marquez stated that several sports specific committees have asked the NMAA to look at the possibility of adjusting the criteria used for seeding/selection. Changes to be considered would be adding a strength of schedule component and using a quality win component (wins versus top 5 in final MaxPreps rankings) in place of the current wins versus district champions criteria point. Ms. Marquez stated that the NMAA Staff would put together sample brackets using the proposed changes so that continued discussion can be generated.

Soccer: State Championship Schedule - Ms. Marquez discussed the current state soccer format and the possibility of adjusting the schedule so that the first round and quarterfinals would be played at home sites the week prior to the semifinals and finals. Feedback included keeping the same format due to the financial impact this change could have on schools.

Officials: Invitational Tournaments - Ms. Marquez stated that the NMAA office has recently been made aware of concerns with the process for the selection/assigning and payment of officials for regular season invitational tournaments. Feedback included allowing host schools

the opportunity to continue selecting/assigning officials for their events, but ensuring that all payments are handled in accordance with NMAA bylaws. Ms. Marquez stated that this topic would continue to be evaluated by the membership.

Action Items

Sports Medicine: Heat Illness Protocol (Referenda) - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 7.6.21 Heat Illness Protocol to read as follows: The athletic trainer and the head coach of each sport and level are responsible for checking the heat index prior to the beginning of any athletic activity. Go to the NMAA website (www.nmact.org) and enter your zip code and the site will calculate the heat index for the current time. You may also use the site to calculate for projected high temperatures. If the heat index is above 104, athletic activities must be postponed until later in the day provided the heat index falls to 104 or less. If the heat index is 100-104, consider modifying practices to remove protective equipment and to shorten practice duration. If the heat index is 95-99, use caution, but you may practice. If the heat index is under 95, the risk of heat illness is present, but the risk is greatly reduced. Water breaks should occur every 20-30 minutes during practice. Do not restrict the intake of fluids. Immersion in cold water is the treatment of choice for management of acute heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Call EMS if you suspect heat illness. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Campbell made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Soccer: Overtime for State Finals - Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to consider adjusting Bylaw 7.17.1.J.1 NOTE to read: In the final state championship games only, there shall be as many as two (10) minute sudden victory overtime periods. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. J. Martinez made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Football: Individual Game Limitations (Referenda Item) - Mr. Henderson presented a proposal to consider adjusting NMAA Football Bylaw 7.15.1.D so that individuals can participate in a maximum of 11 football games during the regular season. Varsity teams would still be limited to 10 total games (sub-varsity to 9 total games.) *for 8-man and 2A-6A Classifications only. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Baseball: Pitching Restriction (Referenda Item) - Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider changes to NMAA Baseball Bylaw 7.12.1.D to read: at the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any three-day period. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any three-day period. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit during an at bat, but must exit the game after the batter. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Chavez made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Perea seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0). Mr. Young clarified that this would be for immediate implementation (2020 season).

Golf: iWanamaker (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust Bylaw 7.16.1.J to read: Players may not use cell phones or other communication devices while playing, except in the following circumstances: Calling a coach or tournament official for a medical or other emergency. Inputting scores for live scoring or other scoring applications such as iWanamaker. When inputting scores, ONE person from each group, prior to the start of the round, will be designated to input scores using their cell phone. Scores should be inputted following the completion of each hole at the next tee box before anyone in the group tees off to start the next hole. If at some point during the round the designated scorer for that group cannot

continue to score due to i.e. cell phone battery dies, etc. a new player within the group will take over and the tournament directors should be notified of the change in scorer. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Perea made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Moores seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Basketball: 3-Person Crews for Class 4A/5A (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to revise the current NMAA Bylaws 7.13.2 to read: Officials working NMAA sanctioned events must be registered through the Association. Class 4A and 5A schools are required to use three (3) NMAA/NMOA officials for NMAA regular season sanctioned contests. Class A-3A schools are required to use at least two (2) NMAA/NMOA officials. Three (3) NMAA/NMOA officials may be used in Class A-3A, if requested by the host Athletic Director. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to amend the proposal to state that all classifications (A-5A) must use three (3) person officiating crews for all NMAA sanctioned varsity basketball contests. Mr. Gurule seconded the motion. A vote to consider the amendment for approval was taken and passed unanimously (14-0). Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the amended proposal. Ms. Moores made the motion to approve the amended proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Scholastic Eligibility: Section X (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to add the following language to Section X of the NMAA Bylaws: if an academically ineligible student in good standing transfers from a public school in his/her attendance zone to a charter, alternative or non-member private school setting, the Student is considered academically ineligible for participation. Students may gain eligibility as per NMAA Bylaw 6.2.1. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Perea made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Student Eligibility: J-1 Visa to F-1 Visa (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust NMAA Bylaw 6.8.2 A to include students who change their visa status. Additionally, add to Bylaw 6.8.2 B, to include students who return to a member school after completing a formal CSIET program are ineligible for 180 school/ 365 calendar days at the varsity level. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Perea made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Mr. Perea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gurule seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

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Discussion Items – Scholastic Eligibility and Summer Activity

Scholastic Eligibility

Current: 6.2.1.A Academic Eligibility

A Student shall have a 2.0 grade point average with no F's, based on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent, for the semester grading period immediately preceding participation. For students not eligible at the semester, the next six or nine week grading period can be used to regain eligibility.

Approved by Board:

ADD:

For Fall 2020 only, a Student may compete without reference to his/her immediate or previous scholastic record (last semester). The end of the 1st grading period (6 or 9 weeks) is the beginning of the scholarship requirement (2.0 with no F's) for Students.

Summer Activity

Current: 7.5.1 Summer Activities

Summer programs are under the direction of the local school/school district. The NMAA does not govern coaching activities during the summer, other than undue influence and guidelines established in 7.5.3 below.

Approved by Board:

ADD:

For Summer 2020, summer programs are under the direction of the NMAA. The NMAA will govern coaching activities during the summer.

Attachments: Athletic Director Survey Results

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Summer Activity/Regulations Survey Results

**Basic Info*

- 113 Member High Schools Voted
- 86 voted in favor of the NMAA implementing statewide regulations for 2020
- 27 voted to continue with current bylaws, allowing schools the option of creating their own policies
- 86-27 (76%)

**Results by Classification & Region*

- 5A: 20-3
 - C: 10-2
 - NE: 1-0
 - NW: 2-0
 - SW: 4-0
 - SE: 3-1
- 4A: 21-6
 - C: 11-1
 - NE: 3-0
 - NW: 4-1
 - SW: 1-2
 - SE: 2-2
- 3A: 13-5
 - C: 3-1
 - NE: 4-1
 - NW: 2-1
 - SW: 4-0
 - SE: 0-2
- 2A: 19-7
 - C: 3-2
 - NE: 6-2
 - NW: 4-1
 - SW: 2-2
 - SE: 4-0
- 1A: 13-6
 - C: 4-1
 - NE: 4-1
 - NW: 0-0
 - SW: 2-2
 - SE: 3-2

**Results by Region*

Central: 31-7
Northeast: 18-4
Northwest: 12-3
Southwest: 13-6
Southeast: 12-7

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Physical Exams for 2020-2021 School Year – Discussion Item

Bylaw 6.15 - PHYSICAL FITNESS

The Student must be physically fit. This fitness must be based on a physical examination of the Student occurring on or after April 1 of the previous school year and must be verified in writing by a licensed medical/osteopathic physician/physician's assistant or nurse practitioner to the extent authorized by their practice act and licensing authority. The physical is considered valid through the following school year. A Student must have a current physical on file for any participation outside of the school day (pre-season, in-season, off-season, summer). The certificate of examination must be on file in the member school office. By State Education Agency regulations, SBE Regulation No. 95-11, Section IV. A., a Student's fitness may be verified in writing by a "licensed chiropractic physician to the extent authorized by their practice act and licensing authority."

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020

Member schools shall utilize the physical examination forms provided by the NMAA. There shall be four parts:

Part One – Emergency Information Form – To be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of the student athlete.

Part Two – Annual Pre-Participation History Form – To be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of the student athlete.

Part Three – Annual Pre-Participation Examination Form – To be completed and signed by the examining medical provider.

Part Four – Consent to Treat Form – To be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of the student athlete.

Q1: Must a student have a current physical to be eligible to participate in school sponsored summer or out of season (ex. one hour after school) programs?

A1: Yes, for liability purposes, a student must have a current physical to be eligible to participate in school sponsored programs.

Q2: If a student takes a physical examination in March of the current school year, is that physical examination valid during the fall sports season of the following school year?

A2: No, any physical examination taken prior to April 1st, is valid for the present school year only.

Q3: If a student took a physical examination after April 1st of the previous school year but prior to the present school year, is the physical examination valid throughout the present school year?

A3: Yes, a physical examination taken after April 1st is valid for the entire following school year.



GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING NMAA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS



The NMAA Bylaws relative to hosting invitational tournaments have been consistent over the years. However, the NMAA office has been made aware of a number of issues relative to the payment of officials at invitational tournaments, in particular in the sport of basketball. Below are standards and guidelines relative to officials at invitational tournaments. We are providing these to schools in order to ensure the payment of officials is consistent across the board.

- 1) Per NMAA Rule 7.8.9, “Officials used for regular season invitational tournaments in all sports ***must have their registrations verified by the NMAA office, Varsity Regional Assignor or Local Assignor prior to their assignments to said tournaments.***”
- 2) If someone other than your regional assignor is assigning officials for your invitational tournament, please notify the NMAA Commissioner of Officials as to who the assignor will be, along with that individual’s contact information. All games and assignments for invitational tournaments ***must be*** entered into the assignment software (Arbiter). The NMAA office will provide access to the assignor to make assignments in the Arbiter.
- 3) Officials must be paid the fee established by the NMAA Board of Directors. **Fees cannot be negotiated at a higher or lower rate than what is on the NMAA Officials’ Fee Schedule.**
- 4) If it is a multiple day tournament and officials are coming in from out of town and working for more than one day, the school must pay \$75 per diem per each night spent in a hotel. If the school is able to provide rooms in lieu of per diem, they may do so, provided it is communicated to the officials in advance of the event.
- 5) If officials are traveling from their home residence to the tournament, they are subject to mileage payment of .405 per mile round trip. Officials who are riding with fellow officials are subject to the \$10 rider’s fee.
- 6) If officials are provided food at the tournament (and are traveling from 51 miles or more one-way), they are not subject to the meal fee. Again, this should be communicated to officials in advance of the event.
- 7) No additional payment via cash or other method of payment is to be given to officials working your invitational tournaments. Providing gifts for tournament officials is common practice but these gifts should never be cash.

Questions about these guidelines can be directed to NMAA Executive Sally Marquez (sally@nmact.org) or NMAA Commissioner of Officials (danamarie@nmact.org).

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TRACK & FIELD: CERTIFIED OFFICIALS

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<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials

Proposal:

To revise a current NMAA track and field bylaw to reflect current assignment practices and procedures.

Current Bylaw:**M. Certified Officials**

2. Meet referees may be coaches who are certified track officials via the NMAA / NMOA as long as there are at least THREE coaches from three different schools at three who are NMOA certified and all three must agree to certify/verify the results of the meet.

Proposed Revision:

Each qualifying meet is required to have a Certified Track and Field Meet Referee, assigned by an NMAA Varsity Regional Track and Field Assignor. This individual will certify/verify the results of the meet and will serve in all roles as outlined by the NFHS Track and Field Rulebook.

Rationale:

Now that the NMAA has an assignor system in track and field, this by-law is no longer necessary and defeats the purpose of having assignors. Schools can still use referees they have traditionally had at their meets, in communication with their assignor, but it is no longer efficient to have coaches serving as officials and is no longer necessary with the assignor system. In many cases, the coaches who were serving as meet referees were not following the process to register as track and field officials.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Approve

Attachments:

None

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FOOTBALL: CLASS 2A CALENDAR

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<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Associate Director

Proposal: Consider amending the calendar (Bylaw 7.15.6 – Playoff Weeks) for Class 2A Football so that brackets for the state tournament are released at the same time as Class 3A-6A (Saturday of Week #18). Currently, the Class 2A brackets are released on the Saturday of Week #17.

Rationale:

Several 2A Football Coaches approached the NMAA after the conclusion of the 2019 season asking for their bracket to be released at the same time as all other 11-man football classes (3A-6A). The main reason for this would be to ensure that the wins vs. district champion criteria point can be used for Class 2A schools that play games versus schools in a higher classification. Although schedules have already been finalized for 2020, 2A coaches felt that an easy solution would be that all schools within the classification have an open week after their last regular season game.

Budgetary Impact: None.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

2A Football Coach Survey: 12-2 (86%); 2 coaches did not submit a vote

2A Athletic Director Survey: 9-0 (100%); 7 athletic directors did not submit a vote

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BASKETBALL: 2-PERSON CREWS FOR CLASS 1A

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<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Referenda Item

Presenters:

Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

The new language recently passed by the membership:

"Officials working NMAA sanctioned events must be registered through the Association. Schools are required to use three (3) NMAA/NMOA officials for NMAA regular-season sanctioned varsity contests. Two (2) officials may be used at the sub-varsity level."

The new language proposed after recent referenda vote:

"Officials working NMAA sanctioned events must be registered through the Association. Class 2A-5A schools are required to use three (3) NMAA/NMOA officials for NMAA regular-season sanctioned varsity contests. Two (2) officials may be used at the sub-varsity level. Class A schools are required to use a minimum of two (2) NMAA/NMOA officials for NMAA regular-season sanctioned varsity contests."

Rationale:

After review of the February/March referenda results pertaining to the requirement that all schools use three-person crews instead of two for varsity basketball games, it was found that Class A voted 12-3 against the proposal.

Budgetary Impact:

Allowing Class A schools to use two officials for both boys and girls games instead of three could potentially save schools \$1000+ depending on their schedules.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None

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NMPSIA REQUEST: BULLYING/HAZING COACH ED COURSE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referenda Item
<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Upon request from the New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority, consider approval of a requirement that all coaches review the following courses offered via the NFHSLearn website:

- Bullying, Hazing, & Inappropriate Behaviors
- Protecting Students from Abuse

Rationale:

The New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority would like to request that coaches undergo further education via two free online courses offered by the National Federation of State High School Associations NFHSLearn website. A letter from the NMPSIA Executive Director explaining their position is attached.

Budgetary Impact: None (free courses)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Neutral

Attachments: NMPSIA Request Letter & NMHSCA Letter

To: Sally Marquez

Director of the NM Athletic Association

From Richard Valerio

Executive Director, NMPSIA

As you are aware the New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority has been struggling with an increase in the number of inappropriate behavior claims involving school employees, contractors and volunteers. Unfortunately a few of the claims have involved coaches. We would like to formally request that NMAA require two thirty-minute courses for all coaches in NM -Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors and Protecting Students from Abuse currently available for free on the NFHS Learn site. Both programs, although slightly different, address the need for coaches to be aware of the signs and impact of child abuse, as well as, the diligence required by coaches to recognize and report potential abuse. The Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors addresses responsibilities of individual coaches, whereas the Protecting Students from Abuse does an excellent job of helping individuals recognize child abuse and the reporting requirements.

Thank you for attention and ongoing support.

From: [Thomas Mabrey](#)
To: [Dusty Young](#); [Commission](#)
Subject: Re: NMAA Commission Meeting Agenda - 5/20/20
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 2:16:27 PM
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Dusty,

Thanks for the email. We would like to make an additional action item or amendment to the "(A) NMPSIA Request: Bullying/Hazing Coach Ed Course" to include the NMHSCA's ***"Protect Your Athletes, Protect Your Staff, & Protect Yourself" training as a method in which to meet a NMAA mandate of additional educational courses.*** This particular NMHSCA course is a focus on legal duties and ethical expectations of all coaches with a specific focus in the areas of: Cyber bullying, hazing, physical/mental abuse, sexual harassment/assault, difficult parents and building team cultures. It is aligned with the most recent peer reviewed academic principles of coaching in conjunction with the experience and history of the NMHSCA to help coaches be better coaches. This course was most recently presented at the NMTCCCA annual clinic in January, 2020 as well as the core elements of a Coaching Principles course I taught at UNM this semester. The course will also be updated annually to reflect on the most recent history of NM sports. Truth be told, I took the NFHS online class just to ensure I wasn't missing anything from our research.

The NMHSCA & NMAA had a similar arrangement with the ASEP's Coaching Principles course previously. The idea was a collaboration between Dan Salzwedel and Bobby Gibbs, and I believe it was a super beneficial mechanism for helping coaches be better coaches.

Thanks,

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From: Dusty Young <dusty@nmact.org>
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Good afternoon,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Attached is the agenda for next week's NMAA Commission Meeting. As a reminder, this is