

NMAA

Commission Meeting



Wednesday, May 20, 2026

NMAA

9:00 AM



**New Mexico Activities Association
Commission**
Updated January 2026



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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 20, 2026, 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
(A) Approval of Minutes (February 4, 2026)
Alissa Wesbrook, Asst. to Exec. Dir.
Scott Affentranger, Chair
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- II. NMAA Director's Report**
Scott Owen, Associate Director
- III. NMAA Financial Report**
Annette Castillo, Business Mgr.
- IV. NMAA Foundation Report**
Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director
- V. NMAA Activities Report**
Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director
- VI. New Mexico Officials Association Report**
Carl Vigil, Coordinator of Officials
- VII. Discussion/Informational Items**
(D/I) Boys Volleyball
(D/I) Officials Conflict of Interest
(D/I) Soccer General Bylaws
(D/I) Basketball General Bylaws
(D/I) Baseball State Tournament Format
(D/I) Volleyball State Tournament Format
(D/I) Track Fully Automatic Timing (FAT)
(D/I) NMAA Calendar
(D/I) Annual Meeting
(D/I) Coaches Seeding/Selection Input Forms
(D/I) Seeding and Selection
Kasi Giovenco, East Mountain HS
Carl Vigil, Coordinator of Officials
Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director
Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director
Tyler Dunkel, Assistant Director
Gary Allison, Assistant Director
Dusty Young, Executive Director
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- VIII. Action Items**
(A) **Track and Field:** 2027 State Track Meet Dates
(A) **Track and Field:** District Meet Dates
(A) **Cross Country:** State Qualification
(A) **NMOA:** Game Cancellations
(A) **NMOA:** Solo Official Compensation
(A) **Football:** Film Submission
(A) **Baseball:** State Qualifiers
(A) **Soccer:** Misconduct Progression
(A) Governance Structure
(A) Executive Director Duties and Responsibilities
(A) Section 6 (Eligibility) Handbook Revision
Dusty Young, Executive Director
Jackie Martinez, Assistant Director
Jackie Martinez, Assistant Director
Carl Vigil, Coordinator of Officials
Carl Vigil, Coordinator of Officials
Tyler Dunkel, Assistant Director
Tyler Dunkel, Assistant Director
Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director
Dusty Young, Executive Director
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- IX. Consider Adjournment**

Next Commission Meeting – September 2, 2026 (NMAA)

NMAA Commission Meeting
February 4, 2025
9:00 AM
Hall of Pride and Honor

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

Ms. Debra Sena-Holton (Small Area A)
Mr. Ben Tensay (Large Area A)
Mr. Kevin Lackey (Small Area B)
Mr. Britt Cooper (Large Area B)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small Area C)
Ms. Karen Nougues (Large Area C)
Ms. Robbie Robinson (Small Area D)
Mr. Adrian Ortega (Large Area D)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals) - *Chairman*
Mr. Isaac Gamboa (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association)
Ms. Mary Hahn (Activities Council)
Ms. Taryn Bachis (Non-Public Schools)
Mr. Adrian Pete (Jr. High/Middle School Committee)
Mr. David Briseno (New Mexico Officials Association)
Mr. Toby Velasquez (New Mexico School Boards Association)

15 members were present representing a quorum.

Not Present:

Mr. Angel Castillo (New Mexico High School Coaches Association)

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025, Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Associate Director, discussed six (6) items in his report: 1) provided an update on winter and spring sports; 2) stated the Bylaws Committee met in January and discussed potential revisions to eligibility bylaws; 3) provided a legislative update and detailed a bill introduced during the current 30-day session that proposes to put student eligibility under the purview of the New Mexico Public Education Department; 4) stated that the NMAA will induct Ms. Dana Pappas and Mr. Mike Chambers into the NMAA Hall of Fame; 5) welcomed to the Commission, Mr. Alan Edmonson of Alamogordo High School representing Large Area C and Mr. Toby Velasquez representing the New Mexico School Boards Association; and 6) congratulated Ms. Shari Kessler-Schawaner, NMAA Business Manager, on her upcoming retirement and

thanked her for all of her hard work and dedication in her 24 years at the NMAA. Ms. Annette Castillo, NMAA Bookkeeper, will take over her position upon retirement.

Financial Report:

Ms. Annette Castillo, NMAA Bookkeeper, presented the NMAA Financial Report. She discussed two (2) items in her report: 1) presented the 2025-2026 fall championships reports; and 2) presented tickets sales for fall championships which shows an overall increase from last year.

NMAA Foundation Report:

Ms. Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director, presented the NMAA Foundation report. She presented three (3) items in her report: 1) stated the Foundation wrapped up their January grant cycle and five schools have been awarded funding; 2) stated Foundation scholarship applications are being reviewed with nearly 650 submissions and a total of over 60 scholarships to be awarded; and 3) the NMAA Foundation recently hosted its 17th annual Bowl-A-Thon, the event was very successful, and all proceeds will go to scholarship programs and/or school grants.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Sanchez, presented the activities report. She discussed two (2) items in her report: 1) State Drama took place last week and had a great turnout; and 2) all remaining activity state events will take place between February-June.

NMAA Officials Report:

Mr. Carl Vigil, Commissioner of Officials, presented the Officials' report. He presented four (4) items in his report: 1) stated winter seasons are nearing completion and selection of state officials are currently underway; 2) varsity regional assigner ballots have gone out with a slight change in terms moving from a 2-year term to a 3-year term; 3) three NMOA affiliated individuals have been selected for NFHS officiating awards - Ms. Dana Pappas, NFHS Director of Officiating Services; Mr. Land Clark, NMAA multi-sport tournament and current NFL official, and Mr. John Vance Lee Sr. the NFHS Section 6 Active Official of the Year for his outstanding service to New Mexico; and 4) presented the number of officials for winter sports, which are down slightly but holding steady.

General Discussion/Information Items:

Member Charter School Transfers: Ms. Chris Rigali, Athletic Director, Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School, and Mr. Trey Smith, Executive Director, East Mountain Charter School, discussed the effect of the charter school lottery system on student transfers and proposed providing an eligibility exception to students who later transfer into a charter school after previously being denied a lottery selection. Mr. Owen clarified the request would be specifically for students who had continually shown intent on attending a charter school by continuously applying for acceptance.

Volleyball Tournament Structure: Ms. Debra Sena-Holton discussed the possibility of bringing back the district tournament along with increasing the number of state qualifying teams from 12 to 16, proposing that this would provide better statewide representation as well as provide the opportunity for all teams to participate in a post-season tournament. Feedback included the need to reduce the regular season schedule and number of games to fit in the district tournament, as well as the financial feasibility of conducting a volleyball district tournament.

Tournament Entry Fees: Ms. Debra Sena-Holton discussed tournament entry fees and the need for host schools to lower/prorate fees when a school is bringing a reduced roster, specifically in individual sports. Discussion included making it a recommendation for host schools to work with schools with smaller rosters to lower/prorate entry fees.

Cheerleading Competition Requirements: Ms. Debra Sena-Holton discussed the difficulties smaller schools face in meeting the three-meet minimum in order to be post-season eligible, stating that smaller schools share a lot of athletes making it difficult for cheerleading squads to travel to these events. Feedback included the possibility of moving the state competition to late fall to reduce the year-long overlap.

Student Leadership and Mental Health Initiatives: Mr. Gary Allison, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the student leadership advisory regional meetings. Mr. Allison stated that they have been a huge success, and a major discussion at each regional meeting has been around mental health and having access to resources and help lines for young students and athletes.

Attendance for Success Act: Mr. Owen stated there have been several questions about the Attendance for Success Act. Many districts withhold credit due to absenteeism. Mr. Owen asked for feedback concerning how that should affect scholastic eligibility as well as how it should affect the seven-day grace period for declaring eligibility. Because there is a lack of consistency in how school districts are employing the statute, general response was to allow each district/school to regulate how absenteeism is handled on an individual district/school basis.

Eligibility/One-Free Transfer: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the need for a review of eligibility bylaws including the possibility of a one-free transfer for each student athlete during their high school career. Mr. Young discussed trends across the nation as well as external pressures for change. He emphasized the importance of evaluating our current policies to ensure they stay consistent with national trends but also that any policy changes are vetted thoroughly to ensure they function as intended. A proposal for action will go to the Commission at the May meeting. Feedback included needing strict regulations for undue influence as well as out-of-state transfers.

State Championship Formats: Mr. Young discussed that state tournament formats in all sports would be evaluated over the coming months to ensure that events are organized and structured to best meet the needs of both the membership as well as participants and family members.

Action Items

Tennis Match Coaching Policy: Ms. Sanchez presented a proposal regarding a pilot which would expand coaching opportunities during team and individual play throughout the 2026 season, including the state championships under bylaws 7.21.3.C.7 and 7.21.3.E.3.

*Stricken language is removed. Underlined language is added.

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

Note: New pilot regulations are underlined.

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Gamboa made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMOA: Scrimmage Fees/Protocol: Mr. Vigil presented a proposal to allow schools to compensate officials for services provided in scrimmage style events not to exceed one-half of a regular game fee per similar time commitments or approximately \$20 per hour. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Briseno made a motion to approve the proposal, but with an amendment to allow schools to also charge admission during scrimmage style events. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tensay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

2025-2026 FALL SPORTS

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	749,367.50	703,500.00	45,867.50	106.5%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	94,000.00	94,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	49,413.80	48,000.00	1,413.80	102.9%
Total Income	892,781.30	845,500.00	47,281.30	105.6%
Expense				
6184 · GAME LOSS	712.34	0.00	712.84	100.0%
7011-01 · NON NMAA OFFICIAL FEE:	672.50	0.00	672.50	100.0%
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	117,134.00	132,000.00	-14,866.00	88.7%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL				
7012T · ATHLETIC TRAINER	662.00	0.00	662.00	100.0%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL - O	133,452.96	129,000.00	4,452.96	103.5%
Total 7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	134,114.96	129,000.00	5,114.96	104.0%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	19,299.93	28,000.00	-8,700.07	68.9%
7014 · SECURITY	18,992.99	17,500.00	1,492.99	108.5%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	10,487.85	11,050.00	-562.15	94.9%
7017 · MEALS	659.03	950.00	-290.97	69.4%
7018 · TRAVEL	1,123.62	1,250.00	-126.38	89.9%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	3,051.72	3,750.00	-698.28	81.4%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	10,110.88	12,350.00	-2,239.12	81.9%
7023 · VISITING TEAM SHARE	19,052.82	25,000.00	-5,947.18	76.2%
7024 · HOST SCHOOL SHARE	39,000.19	50,000.00	-10,999.81	78.0%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	7,774.55	7,550.00	224.55	103.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	1,402.00	2,200.00	-798.00	63.7%
Total Expense	383,589.38	420,600.00	-37,010.62	91.2%
Net Income	\$ 509,191.92	\$ 424,900.00	\$ 84,291.92	119.8%

2025-2026 FOOTBALL

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	530,750.70	500,000.00	30,750.70	106.2%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	581,750.70	551,000.00	30,750.70	105.6%
Expense				
6184 · GAME LOSS	712.34	0.00	712.34	100.0%
7011-01 · NON NMAA OFFICIAL FEE:	672.50	0.00	672.50	100.0%
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	67,285.00	78,000.00	-10,715.00	86.3%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	50,678.69	53,000.00	-2,321.31	95.6%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	2,900.00	9,500.00	-6,600.00	30.5%
7014 · SECURITY	15,212.40	15,000.00	212.40	101.4%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	3,449.51	3,800.00	-350.49	90.8%
7017 · MEALS	366.71	500.00	-133.29	73.3%
7018 · TRAVEL	1,055.32	1,000.00	55.32	105.5%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	861.68	1,000.00	-138.32	86.2%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
7023 · VISITING TEAM SHARE	19,052.82	25,000.00	-5,947.18	76.2%
7024 · HOST SCHOOL SHARE	39,000.19	50,000.00	-10,999.81	78.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	684.00	1,500.00	-816.00	45.6%
Total Expense	201,931.16	238,400.00	-36,468.84	84.7%
Net Income	\$ 379,819.54	\$ 312,600.00	\$ 67,219.54	121.5%

2025-2026 CROSS COUNTRY

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	51,760.80	47,500.00	4,260.80	109.0%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	79,760.80	75,500.00	4,260.80	105.6%
Expense				
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	13,560.00	13,000.00	560.00	104.3%
7014 · SECURITY	2,561.59	2,500.00	61.59	102.5%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	3,328.76	3,500.00	-171.24	95.1%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	586.68	750.00	-163.32	78.2%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	3,226.46	4,500.00	-1,273.54	71.7%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	484.92	400.00	84.92	121.2%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	76.00	100.00	-24.00	76.0%
Total Expense	23,824.41	24,850.00	-1,025.59	95.9%
Net Income	\$ 55,936.39	\$ 50,650.00	\$ 5,286.39	110.4%

2025-2026 SOCCER

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	37,759.45	26,000.00	11,759.45	145.2%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	67,759.45	56,000.00	11,759.45	121.0%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	3,620.00	6,000.00	-2,380.00	60.3%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL				
7012T · ATHLETIC TRAINER	662.00	0.00	662.00	100.0%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL - O	8,315.66	7,500.00	815.66	110.9%
Total 7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	8,977.66	7,500.00	1,477.66	119.7%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	3,120.68	3,500.00	-379.32	89.2%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	2,044.78	2,000.00	44.78	102.2%
7017 · MEALS	262.61	100.00	162.61	262.6%
7018 * TRAVEL	68.30	0.00	68.30	100.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	776.68	750.00	26.68	103.6%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	727.61	750.00	-22.39	97.0%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	32.56	650.00	-617.44	5.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	68.00	100.00	-32.00	68.0%
Total Expense	19,698.88	21,350.00	-1,651.12	92.3%
Net Income	\$ 48,060.57	\$ 34,650.00	13,410.57	138.7%

2025-2026 VOLLEYBALL

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	129,096.55	130,000.00	-903.45	99.3%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	12,413.80	11,000.00	1,413.80	112.9%
Total Income	163,510.35	163,000.00	510.35	100.3%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	46,229.00	48,000.00	-1,771.00	96.3%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	60,898.61	55,500.00	5,398.61	109.7%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	13,279.25	15,000.00	-1,720.75	88.5%
7014 · SECURITY	1,219.00	0.00	1,219.00	100.0%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	1,664.80	1,750.00	-85.20	95.1%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
7018 · TRAVEL	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	826.68	1,250.00	-423.32	66.1%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	6,156.81	7,000.00	-843.19	88.0%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	7,257.07	6,500.00	757.07	111.6%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	574.00	500.00	74.00	114.8%
Total Expense	138,105.22	136,000.00	2,105.22	101.5%
Net Income	\$ 25,405.13	\$ 27,000.00	-1,594.87	94.1%

2025-2026 WINTER SPORTS

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS				
4111-01 · GATE RECEIPTS (RE	190,432.75	190,000.00	432.75	100.2%
4111-02 · COMP PASS	130.00	0.00	130.00	100.0%
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS - Other	554,264.10	1,007,000.00	-452,735.90	55.0%
Total 4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	744,826.85	1,197,000.00	-452,173.15	62.2%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	115,000.00	114,000.00	1,000.00	100.9%
4115-01 · BANQUET INCOME	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4119 · WRESTLING ASSESSMENT FI	14,220.00	13,500.00	720.00	105.3%
Total Income	925,046.85	1,375,600.00	-450,553.15	67.2%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	145,597.13	134,750.00	10,847.13	108.1%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	105,518.66	318,000.00	-212,481.34	33.2%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	14,345.88	99,800.00	-85,454.12	14.4%
7014 · SECURITY	6,723.67	94,500.00	-87,776.33	7.1%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	20,141.84	13,950.00	6,191.84	144.4%
7017 · MEALS	24.65	3,150.00	-3,125.35	0.8%
7018 · TRAVEL	14,261.64	12,500.00	1,761.64	114.1%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	4,168.37	5,000.00	-831.63	83.4%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	16,130.43	27,500.00	-11,369.57	58.7%
7025 · SCHOOL SHARE	32,143.88	40,000.00	-7,856.12	80.4%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	49,527.94	46,500.00	3,027.94	106.5%
7028 · WEIGHT MGT	12,110.00	13,500.00	-1,390.00	89.7%
7031 · REUNION/HALL OF FAME EXI	18,004.18	18,000.00	4.18	100.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	1,482.00	1,700.00	-218.00	87.2%
7116 · SQUARE FEES	1,893.71	0.00	1,893.71	100.0%
Total Expense	442,073.98	828,850.00	-386,776.02	53.3%
NO UNM OR RREC SETTLEMENT				
Net Income	\$ 482,972.87	\$ 546,750.00	\$ (63,777.13)	88.3%

2025-2026 SWIMMING & DIVING

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	20,114.35	16,000.00	4,114.35	125.7%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	37,114.35	33,000.00	4,114.35	112.5%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	3,885.00	4,000.00	-115.00	97.1%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	5,635.30	6,000.00	-364.70	93.9%
7014 · SECURITY	6,563.92	6,500.00	63.92	101.0%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	2,550.88	2,750.00	-199.12	92.8%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	531.66	500.00	31.66	106.3%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	318.85	1,000.00	-681.15	31.9%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	2,575.43	1,500.00	1,075.43	171.7%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	56.00	100.00	-44.00	56.0%
Total Expense	22,117.04	23,350.00	-1,232.96	94.7%
Net Income	\$ 14,997.31	\$ 9,650.00	\$ 5,347.31	155.4%

2025-2026 WRESTLING

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	77,541.05	75,000.00	2,541.05	103.4%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4119 · WRESTLING ASSESSMENT FEES	14,220.00	13,500.00	720.00	105.3%
Total Income	126,761.05	123,500.00	3,261.05	102.6%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	18,400.00	20,000.00	-1,600.00	92.0%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	12,130.00	41,000.00	-28,870.00	29.6%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	0.00	11,500.00	-11,500.00	0.0%
7014 · SECURITY	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	2,243.62	2,300.00	-56.38	97.5%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	386.66	500.00	-113.34	77.3%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	3,682.59	4,000.00	-317.41	92.1%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	1,592.86	500.00	1,092.86	318.6%
7028 · WEIGHT MGT	12,110.00	13,500.00	-1,390.00	89.7%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	220.00	300.00	-80.00	73.3%
Total Expense	50,765.73	99,600.00	-48,834.27	51.0%
NO RREC SETTLEMENT				
Net Income	75,995.32	23,900.00	52,095.32	318.0%

2025-2026 BASKETBALL

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS				
4111-01 · GATE RECEIPTS (RE	190,432.75	190,000.00	432.75	100.2%
4111-02 · COMP PASS	130.00	0.00	130.00	100.0%
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS - Other	426,634.60	800,000.00	-373,365.40	53.3%
Total 4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	617,197.35	990,000.00	-372,802.65	62.3%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	48,000.00	47,000.00	1,000.00	102.1%
4115-01 · BANQUET INCOME	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	685,197.35	1,057,100.00	-371,902.65	64.8%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	93,969.00	92,000.00	1,969.00	102.1%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	57,690.66	195,500.00	-137,809.34	29.5%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	14,238.11	75,000.00	-60,761.89	19.0%
7014 · SECURITY	159.75	70,000.00	-69,840.25	0.2%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	3,089.00	3,500.00	-411.00	88.3%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
7018 · TRAVEL	31.56	0.00	31.56	100.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	1,066.16	2,000.00	-933.84	53.3%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	1,928.77	12,000.00	-10,071.23	16.1%
7025 · SCHOOL SHARE	32,143.88	40,000.00	-7,856.12	80.4%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	42,529.53	35,000.00	7,529.53	121.5%
7031 · REUNION/HALL OF FAME EXI	18,004.18	18,000.00	4.18	100.0%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	934.00	1,000.00	-66.00	93.4%
7116 · SQUARE FEES	1,893.71	0.00	1,893.71	100.0%
Total Expense	267,678.31	544,250.00	-276,571.69	49.2%
NO UNM OR RREC SETTLEMENT				
Net Income	417,519.04	512,850.00	-95,330.96	81.4%

2025-2026 SPIRIT

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	0.00	89,000.00	-89,000.00	0.0%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	31,000.00	120,000.00	-89,000.00	25.8%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	19,188.13	10,000.00	9,188.13	191.9%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	22,208.95	45,500.00	-23,291.05	48.8%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	107.77	8,800.00	-8,692.23	1.2%
7014 · SECURITY	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	10,950.08	4,000.00	6,950.08	273.8%
7017 · MEALS	24.65	400.00	-375.35	6.2%
7018 · TRAVEL	14,230.08	12,000.00	2,230.08	118.6%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	1,677.23	1,500.00	177.23	111.8%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	1,835.80	2,500.00	-664.20	73.4%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	330.66	6,000.00	-5,669.34	5.5%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	144.00	200.00	-56.00	72.0%
Total Expense	70,697.35	100,900.00	-30,202.65	70.1%
NO UNM SETTLEMENT				
Net Income	\$ (39,697.35)	\$ 19,100.00	\$ (58,797.35)	-207.8%

2025-2026 POWERLIFTING

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4111 · GATE RECEIPTS	29,974.10	27,000.00	2,974.10	111.0%
4114 · SPONSORSHIPS	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4116 · T-SHIRT & CONCESSIONS	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	44,974.10	42,000.00	2,974.10	107.1%
Expense				
7011 · OFFICIALS/ADJUDICATORS	10,155.00	8,750.00	1,405.00	116.1%
7012 · EVENT PERSONNEL	7,853.75	30,000.00	-22,146.25	26.2%
7013 · FACILITY COSTS	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
7014 · SECURITY	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
7015 · TROPHIES/MEDALS/AWARDS	1,308.26	1,400.00	-91.74	93.4%
7017 · MEALS	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
7018 · TRAVEL	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
7021 · PROGRAMS/PRINTING	506.66	500.00	6.66	101.3%
7022 · SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	8,364.42	8,000.00	364.42	104.6%
7026 · HOSPITALITY	2,499.46	3,500.00	-1,000.54	71.4%
7115 · DRAGONFLY FEES	128.00	100.00	28.00	128.0%
Total Expense	30,815.55	60,750.00	-29,934.45	50.7%
NO RREC SETTLEMENT				
Net Income	\$ 14,158.55	\$ (18,750.00)	\$ 32,908.55	-75.5%

**2025-2026
TICKET SALES**

Sport	Total Tickets Sold	Current Year				Tickets Sold							Comparison from prior year					% change from prior year					
		2025-2026				24/25	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	25/26-24/25	24/25-23/24	22/23	21/22	21/20 - 20/21	20/21 - 19/20	24/25	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20
		8	12	17																			
Soccer	4,574	2,256	1,880	438		3,072	4,243	3,681	4,243	2,705	5,854	1,502	(1,171)	562	(562)	1,538	(3,149)	48.89%	-27.60%	15.27%	-13.25%	56.86%	-53.79%
Cross Country	6,015	2,485	3,074	456		5,433	5,576	5,232	5,415	1,794	3,930	582	(143)	344	(183)	3,621	(2,136)	10.71%	-2.56%	6.57%	-3.38%	201.84%	-54.35%
Volleyball	16,159	4,804	3,437	7,918		19,939	20,793	21,058	20,156	0	19,658	(3,780)	(854)	(265)	902	20,156	(19,658)	-18.96%	-4.11%	-1.26%	4.48%	#DIV/0!	-100.00%
Conversion Change to 2 times not 3		8	12	17																			
Football 6-Man	1,749	900	849			1,531	1,703	1,710	1,645	0	1,240	218	(172)	(7)	65	1,645	(1,240)	14.24%	-10.10%	-0.41%	3.95%	#DIV/0!	-100.00%
Football 8-Man	3,292	1,509	1,783			1,902	2,691	2,516	1,686	0	1,557	1,390	(789)	175	830	1,686	(1,557)	73.08%	-29.32%	6.96%	49.23%	#DIV/0!	-100.00%
Football AA	6,436	3,013	3,423			3,446	4,730	3,791	5,256	415	5,484	2,990	(1,284)	939	(1,465)	4,841	(5,069)	86.77%	-27.15%	24.77%	-27.87%	1166.51%	-92.43%
Football AAA	5,844	2,689	3,155			4,330	6,167	7,350	8,531	468	8,016	1,514	(1,837)	(1,183)	(1,181)	8,063	(7,548)	34.97%	-29.79%	-16.10%	-13.84%	1722.86%	-94.16%
Football AAAA	9,664	4,710	4,954			5,006	10,661	8,987	10,318	448	11,738	4,658	(5,655)	1,674	(1,331)	9,870	(11,290)	93.05%	-53.04%	18.63%	-12.90%	2203.13%	-96.18%
Football AAAAA	16,084	7,293	8,791			7,918	18,064	13,340	19,293	697	12,837	8,166	(10,146)	4,724	(5,953)	18,596	(12,140)	103.13%	-56.17%	35.41%	-30.86%	2668.01%	-94.57%
Football AAAAAA	17,132	9,368	7,764			7,093	17,695	16,926	22,351	1,170	18,354	10,039	(10,602)	769	(5,425)	21,181	(17,184)	141.53%	-59.92%	4.54%	-24.27%	1810.34%	-93.63%
TOTAL FOOTBALL	60,201					31,226	61,711	54,620	69,080	3,198	59,226	28,975	(30,485)	7,091	(14,460)	65,882	(56,028)	92.79%	-49.40%	12.98%	-20.93%	2060.10%	-94.60%
Swimming	2,501	687	644	1,170		1,760	1,825	1,757	583	0	1,764	741	(65)	68	1,174	583	(1,764)		-3.56%	3.87%	201.37%	#DIV/0!	-100.00%
New to swimming conversion is times 2		8	12	17																			
Wrestling	13,146	1,934	1,516	3,232		12,722	12,686	12,422	9,346	7,520	12,083	424	36	264	3,076	1,826	(4,563)		0.28%	2.13%	32.91%	24.28%	-37.76%
Conversion Change to 2 times not 3		8	12	15	Reserved																		
Basketball - 1st Rd	34,023	16,201	16,536																				
Basketball - State	0																						
RREC & Bernalillo HS	17,409	9,030	8,379	0																			
1st Rd 16+ State Only	51,432					101,544	112,205	113,840	118,402	9,057	70,319	(50,112)	(10,661)	(1,635)	(4,562)	109,345	(61,262)		-9.50%	-1.44%	-3.85%	1207.30%	-87.12%
Baseball	0	8	12	17		10,719	9,822	8,690	9,580	2,899	0	(10,719)	897	1,132	(890)	6,681	2,899		9.13%	13.03%	-9.29%	230.46%	#DIV/0!
Track & Field 1A-3A	0																						
Track & Field 4A-5A	0																						
Total Track	0					18,250	11,224	11,502	11,629	7,226	0	(18,250)	7,026	(278)	(127)	4,403	7,226		62.60%	-2.42%	-1.09%	60.93%	#DIV/0!
Softball	0	8	12	17		6,181	6,036	5,598	5,694	2,134	0	(6,181)	145	438	(96)	3,560	2,134		2.40%	7.82%	-1.69%	166.82%	#DIV/0!
Spirit Comp	0	8	12	17		11,611	11,822	14,051	8,469	5,069	0	(11,611)	(211)	(2,229)	5,582	3,400	5,069		-1.78%	-15.86%	65.91%	67.07%	#DIV/0!
Powerlifting	0	8	12	17		4,377	4,244	1,247	0	0	0	(4,377)	133	2,997	1,247	0	0		3.13%	240.34%			
TOTAL	154,028					226,834	257,943	252,451	262,597	41,602	172,834		(103,915)	5,492	(10,146)	220,995	(131,232)		-40.29%	0.02	(0.04)	531.21%	(0.76)



New Mexico Activities Association

Commission Meeting – May 20, 2026

OFFICIALS CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Carl Vigil, Coordinator of Officials

Proposal: State Tournament officials shall not be assigned to postseason contests involving schools with which they have a true conflict of interest rather than physical address of the official. (schools can submit blocks of selected tournament officials). A true conflict includes, but is not limited to:

- official has a close affiliation with the school or community
- official has immediate family member on team, coaching for, or employed by school
- official is employed by school or district.
- official has worked an unusually high number of games for a specific school

Rationale:

- helps to ensure qualified officials are not excluded from a game solely by home address
- aligns with other sports (VB, SOC, WR, SW, BB, SB, TR,)
- Increased Scheduling Flexibility: Expands the pool of available and qualified officials.
- Cost Efficiency: Reduces the need for extended travel and associated expenses.
- Fairness Maintained: True conflicts still disqualify officials; oversight remains through school ratings and assigners' discretion.

Budgetary Impact:

Cost Efficiency: Reduces the need for extended travel and/or hotel per diem if applicable.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROPOSAL

Purpose

This proposal is a revision to the current New Mexico Officials Association (NMOA) bylaw defining conflict of interest for officials working postseason contests. The goal is to more accurately identify and limit true conflicts of interest while increasing flexibility, reducing costs, and maintaining fairness and integrity in postseason assignments.

Current Policy

The existing bylaw prohibits officials from working postseason contests involving schools from their own region, regardless of any direct affiliation with the schools involved.

Identified Issues

- Overly Restrictive: Disqualifies officials without a direct or actual conflict.
- Operational Strain: Limits the pool of qualified officials, particularly in rural areas.
- Increased Costs: Requires bringing in officials from outside regions unnecessarily.

Proposed Policy Revision

Officials shall not be assigned to postseason contests involving schools with which they have a true conflict of interest. A true conflict includes, but is not limited to:

- The official is a graduate of the school and maintains an ongoing affiliation.
- The official has immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling) who are employed by, coach for, or currently attend the school.
- The official is currently employed by the school or district.
- The official has worked an unusually high number of regular season games for the school, raising concerns of perceived bias.

Regional affiliation alone shall not constitute a conflict of interest.

Officials may still be excluded through the school rating and evaluation process, which will be reviewed by the assigning authority for additional concerns.

Scope of Implementation

This revised policy is recommended for all postseason rounds of Football and Basketball, with support for expansion across all sports under the NMAA umbrella.

Benefits of Proposed Revision

- Increased Scheduling Flexibility: Expands the pool of available and qualified officials.
- Cost Efficiency: Reduces the need for extended travel and associated expenses.

- Fairness Maintained: True conflicts still disqualify officials; oversight remains through school ratings and assigners' discretion.

- Consistency Across Sports: Aligns with approaches used in other states and recommended best practices.

Recommendation

The NMOA leadership recommends that the NMAA Board approve this revision to the conflict of interest policy, effective beginning with the upcoming postseason.

We believe this change reflects a balanced, modern, and practical approach to postseason officiating, supporting both fiscal responsibility and the highest standards of integrity.



New Mexico Activities Association

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SOCCER GENERAL BYLAWS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director

Proposal 1:

To align with National standards, the soccer committee with support from member coach survey data, is recommending removing overtime during the regular season, except when a regular season tournament requires declaring a winner for advancement.

Rationale:

Player safety - potential for injury with increased minutes, ie: multiple OTs in the same week - if 3 games in a week all go to OT, additional 60 minutes of play.

National consistency - OT periods are by state adoption only. 41 states do not play overtime in the regular season (player safety is cited as the #1 reason). All other national governing bodies end regular season games in ties.

Facility constraints - fields without lights and/or later start times have trouble finishing and sometimes eliminate the JV game to follow, especially later in the season.

Rewarding regulation wins and regulation ties - ties are part of the sport and factored into MP rankings. A regulation win earns more than a tie, likewise a loss in overtime is not rewarded for playing an evenly matched regulation 80 minutes.

Proposal 2:

The soccer committee, with support from member coach survey data, is recommending the tournament field expanded to 16 teams in 4A & 5A and 12 teams in A-3A with additional teams entered as play-in games (ie: seeds 9-16 and 9-12 participate in play-in games to the original 12 team and 8 team brackets).

Parity exists in the bottom seeds, most games in the tournament are decided by 1 or 2 goals. In 2022, a 12 seed won the class. This would increase the tournament field to 60% of the available teams.

Proposal 3:

Return to a centrally located tournament to include semi-finals and finals in Albuquerque and consideration for Regional host sites for first round and quarter finals, similar to softball. Adds the tournament feel back to the sport and allows for teams to see games / scout next round opponents.

Proposal 4:

Remove goal differential from the District Tie-breaking procedures. Allows for programs to prioritize player development over score accumulation for potential district placement considerations.



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BASKETBALL GENERAL BYLAWS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director

Proposal 1:

Move to a State Tournament assigning process that identifies true conflicts of interest rather than physical address of the official. (schools can submit blocks of selected tournament officials). 92% of survey respondents favor this along with unanimous support from the basketball committee.

Conflicts of Interest examples:

- official has a close affiliation with the school or community
- official has immediate family member on team, coaching for, or employed by school
- official is employed by school
- official has worked an unusually high number of games for a specific school

Rationale:

- helps to ensure qualified officials are not excluded from a game solely by home address
- aligns with other sports (VB, SOC, WR, SW, BB, SB, TR,)

Proposal 2:

Modify the mercy rule score to have a 5-10 spread from running clock to return to regulation timing. Committee recommends 30 point separation for running clock and remain running until under 20 for High School and 20/10 for Middle School. Each with the addition of a mercy rule substitution time out. This allows for easier administration for table help and officials.

Proposal 3:

Remove the mandatory district tie-breaker game played at a neutral site. Recommendation by the basketball committee to allow districts to decide tiebreaker procedures. Note: less than 30% of survey respondents want to keep this game, and over the last two seasons, all schools that have been required to play this game have asked if they could be exempt from playing. This additional game is often the 3rd-4th time the same teams meet with the potential to meet again in the state tournament. Additionally minimizes the rest/preparation period for the teams required to play when all others have finished two to three days earlier prior to the first round of the state tournament.

Proposal 4:

Remove or modify the District Tournament format. Several alternatives have been submitted. Less than 37 percent of survey respondents want to keep the current District Tournament formats. Understanding some areas have financial considerations, one proposal is to only have the District Tournament Champ as the automatic qualifier. Adds excitement to the District Tournament while the regular season champ still benefits from overall record, MP rankings, and other seeding criteria. Historically, the potential for two teams from each district to receive automatic bids originated when only 8 teams made the state tournament.

Proposal 5:

Reduce/remove seeding and selection criteria and move to MaxPreps for ranking. MaxPreps rankings have a 90% accuracy rate across the tournament seeding process, with most of the 10% variations due to other criteria points such as district placement and wins against district champs that often do not factor in overall strength of schedule. The committee feels this does not always represent the top teams making the tournament and unanimously supports moving to straight MaxPreps ranking.

Proposal 6:

Return to two weeks of preseason practice prior to the first regular season game. This allows for appropriate time for team logistics such as try-outs, team parent meetings, scrimmages, etc prior to the first game.



New Mexico Activities Association

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TRACK AND FIELD: 2027 STATE MEET DATES

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenters:

Dusty Young, Executive Director
Jackie Martinez, Assistant Director, Director of Track and Field

Proposal: Move the 2027 Large School State Track Meet up one week from Week #46 to Week #45 and conduct all state meets the same week, with the 4A/5A meet taking place Wednesday and Thursday and the A/2A/3A meet taking place Friday and Saturday.

Additionally, require district track meets in all classifications to be conducted between Thursday of Week #43 and Tuesday of Week #44 to provide sufficient time for entry submission and event preparation for the following Week #45.

This adjustment would be for the 2027 season only.

Rationale: The University of New Mexico will be hosting the 2027 Mountain West Outdoor Track Championships during Week #46, which is the same week as the large school state track meet. Shifting the large school meet up one week reduces the need to secure an alternate site and also prevents the meet from being shifted further back in the calendar.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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TRACK AND FIELD: DISTRICT MEET DATES

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Jackie Martinez, Assistant Director

Proposal: Add Thursday as a possible starting date for District Track Meets.

Underlined language added:

7.22.2 District Meets

- A. Dates – District meets are held Thursday and/or Friday and/or Saturday during:
1. Week #44 for Classes A, 2A, and 3A for both boys and girls.
 2. Week #45 for Classes 4A and 5A for both boys and girls.

Rationale:

1. Provides an additional scheduling option for District Track and Field Meets.
2. Helps address the shortage of track and field officials by spreading district meets over an additional day.
3. Assists with the limited availability of FAT (Fully Automatic Timing) crews by allowing more flexibility in scheduling, enabling crews to cover additional meets.

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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CROSS COUNTRY: STATE QUALIFICATION

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Jackie Martinez, Assistant Director

Proposal: Adjust Class A and 2A cross country district entry and state qualification standards.

Current Bylaw Language:

7.14.2.B and C – District Meet

B. Number Qualifying for State Championships

1. 3A-5A – District meets qualify the top three (3) teams in each district and the top three (3) individual district meet finishers from non-qualifying teams to the State Championships.

2. A/2A – District meets qualify the top six (6) teams in each district and the top four (4) individual district meet finishers from non-qualifying teams to the State Championships.

* Note: All runners finishing in the top ten (10) at the district meet qualify for the State Championships with the exception of those finishing 8th or 9th on their team.

C. Teams are allowed to enter a maximum of nine (9) runners in the Pre-State and District Meet (only). At all other varsity meets, teams are limited to seven (7) runners.

Proposed Revisions: Changes Bolded

7.14.2.B and C – District Meet

B. Number Qualifying for State Championships

1. 2A-5A – District meets qualify the top three (3) teams in each district and the top three (3) individual district meet finishers from non-qualifying teams to the State Championships.

2. Class A – District meets qualify the top three (3) teams in each district and the top two (2) individual district meet finishers from non-qualifying teams to the State Championships.

C. All teams are allowed to enter a maximum of nine (9) runners in the Pre-State meet. Class 2A-5A are allowed to enter a maximum of nine (9) runners in the District Meet. At the Class A District Meet and Class A State Meet, Class A teams may enter a maximum of five (5) runners, with the top three (3) runners from each team scoring. At all other varsity meets, teams are limited to seven (7) runners.

Rationale: With the re-establishment of Class A cross country, it is necessary to adjust district entry and state qualification standards for Classes A and 2A which were previously combined. Proposal:

1. Establishes separate qualifying standards for Class A, allowing schools to enter up to five runners at the district and state meets, with only three runners required to score.
2. Aligns Class 2A qualifying standards with those used by Classes 3A–5A.
3. Supports growth of the sport at the smallest school classification by providing flexibility in team size for competition.

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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NMOA: GAME CANCELLATIONS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Carl Vigil, Coordinator of Officials

Proposal: To establish a consistent and fair policy across New Mexico for handling game cancellations or postponements, ensuring accountability, minimizing financial loss, and aligning NMOA with best practices from other state associations

Rationale: Create fairness, consistency, and accountability for schools and officials. Officials commit their time travel, and availability when accepting assignments, and late cancellations can create financial and scheduling hardships. A standardized policy encourages timely communication, reduces disputes between schools and officials regarding payment and scheduling, supports official retention, and aligns NMOA with other statewide best practices and NFHS-recommended standards.

Budgetary Impact: The budgetary impact of a game cancellation policy would be limited because cancellations are not intended to be routine occurrences. The policy primarily serves as a deterrent to late cancellations and encourages timely communication. In most cases, schools can avoid additional costs simply by providing proper notice. Any occasional cancellation fee would offset the time, travel, and lost assignment opportunities incurred by officials while still being far less costly than the operational challenges caused by inconsistent cancellation practices.

- **Notice Requirement:** Notify the assigned officials at least 4 hours prior to game time = Full game fee
- **Travel Exception Clause:**
 - a. IF canceled after travel has begun, school must pay travel policy and ½ game fee.
 - b. IF cancellation occurs at the game site, the full game fee and travel will be owed.

Note: If multiple contests are scheduled on the same day and one is canceled, the official is entitled to only one game-fee payment.

- **Weather & Emergency** – No fee will be owed IF:
 - a. Inclement weather, natural disasters, emergencies, or transportation issues occur.
 - b. All parties agree prior to travel a game is unplayable

NOTE: This shall not include low participation numbers due to injuries, disciplinary actions, or other events (e.g., band concerts, schools plays, class trips) that prevent participants' attendance at the scheduled event.

- **Rescheduled Games**
 - a. Officials originally assigned to a canceled game will be given first right of refusal for the rescheduled date.
 - b. An official may have another assignment prior to the rescheduled date but shall not accept another assignment over the rescheduled contest.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments:

Proposal

Standardized Game Cancellation Policy

Purpose

To establish a consistent and fair policy across New Mexico for handling game cancellations or postponements, ensuring accountability, minimizing financial loss, and aligning NMOA with best practices from other state associations such as Colorado, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Texas.

Background

Currently, the NMAA and NMOA lacks a clearly defined statewide game cancellation policy. This creates inconsistent practices across regions, causing confusion, travel-related losses, and conflicts between schools and officials.

States like Colorado (CHSAA), Oklahoma (OSSAA), Arizona (AIA), and Texas (UIL/TASO) have implemented formal policies addressing cancellations due to weather, emergencies, or other circumstances. These policies define timelines, responsibilities, and compensation procedures, helping all parties plan and respond appropriately.

Proposed Policy

1. Notice Requirement

- If a school or host site cancels a scheduled contest, the school must notify the assigned officials at least 4 hours prior to game time.
- Failure to notify within the specified time results in full game fees owed to officials assigned.

2. Travel Exception Clause

- If the game is canceled after an official has already traveled, the school must pay the travel policy and 50% of the scheduled game fee.
- If cancellation occurs at the game site, the full game fee and travel policy will be owed.

3. Weather & Emergency Cancellations

- In cases of inclement weather, natural disasters, or declared emergencies, both schools and officials are encouraged to follow district and NMAA guidelines.
- If all parties agree prior to travel that a game is unplayable, no fees are charged.

4. Rescheduled Games

- Officials originally assigned to a canceled game will be given first right of refusal for the rescheduled date.
- If unavailable, replacement officials may be assigned per local association protocol.

5. Documentation

- Cancellations must be reported in writing to the Regional Assignor within 24 hours.
- Assignors will document cancellations and any payment decisions to ensure transparency.

Rationale

- Reduces disputes between schools and officials regarding payment and scheduling.
- Protects officials' time and travel investment.
- Aligns NMOA with other statewide best practices and NFHS-recommended standards.
- Provides clear, equitable guidelines to handle unpredictable situations like weather-related cancellations.

Recommendation

We recommend that this policy be adopted by the NMAA Commission and Executive Board in advance of the upcoming athletic season, and that it be included in the officials' handbook and training sessions. This policy can be adjusted annually based on feedback and evolving circumstances.

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NMOA: SOLO OFFICIAL COMPENSATION

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Carl Vigil, Coordinator of Officials

Proposal: To establish a standardized and fair compensation policy for game contests where only one official, referee, or umpire is required or assigned due to shortages, emergencies, or unavoidable circumstances. Equivalent to an additional ½ game fee. This policy ensures that solo officials are compensated appropriately for the additional responsibilities and workload they assume when working a contest alone.

Rationale: The solo officiating fee recognizes the increased workload, responsibility, and liability place on an official who must manage an entire contest alone. It is also an investment and supports game continuity during officiating shortages and helps retain experienced officials by fairly compensating them for additional duties.

Budgetary Impact: This proposal is not asking schools to spend more than a normal officiating crew. In fact, schools would still spend less overall.

Policy applies to Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball.

Basketball Example (including approved fees for 2026-27):

2 Varsity Officials @ \$80 each = \$160, 1 Official @ \$80 + ½ game fee = \$120
2 JV/Freshman Officials @ \$60 each = \$120, 1 Official @ \$60 + ½ game fee = \$90
2 Middle school Officials @ \$50 each = \$100, 1 Official @ \$50 + ½ game fee = \$75

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments:

Proposal

Solo Officiating Game Compensation Policy

Purpose:

To establish a standardized and fair compensation policy for game contests where only one official, referee, or umpire is required or assigned due to shortages, emergencies, or unavoidable circumstances. This policy ensures that solo officials are compensated appropriately for the additional responsibilities and workload they assume when working a contest alone.

Background:

Occasionally, contests proceed with only one official due to last-minute cancellations, travel issues, or shortages. When this occurs, the solo official must perform all responsibilities typically handled by a full officiating crew. Various state associations—such as Colorado, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Texas—recognize this increased workload and have implemented adjusted pay rates for solo officiating assignments.

Proposed Policy: Solo Officiating Compensation

1. Definition of Solo Officiating:

A game or contest in which a single official is required to manage the entire event due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances, and no additional crew member is present.

2. Eligibility:

- Applies to all sanctioned contests under the jurisdiction of the NMOA.
- Applies to any official who completes a full contest solo, regardless of sport or level (middle school, JV, varsity).

3. Compensation Model:

- Solo Rate = 1.5x Standard Game Fee
 - When one official works a contest alone, they shall receive 150% of the regular game fee.
 - This reflects the physical, mental, and administrative responsibilities undertaken without crew support.
- Example:
 - Standard single-official game fee = \$80
 - Solo officiating fee = \$120

4. Administrative Considerations:

- Schools or host sites will be responsible for authorizing payment of the adjusted solo rate when reported and verified.
- Officials must notify the NMOA and host school site immediately following the game to confirm the solo status.

- Payment should follow regular processing timelines but include notation of the solo status on voucher or game report forms.

5. Exceptions & Clarifications:

- If a second official is present for only part of the game, a pro-rated adjusted fee may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Supporting Practices from Other States:

- Colorado (CHSAA): Officials working alone receive an enhanced fee (1.5x) due to assuming full crew responsibilities.
- Oklahoma (OSSAA): Implements a solo officiating rate for basketball, baseball, and football when crew members are absent.
- Arizona (AIA): Uses a hardship adjustment rate of 1.5x for officials working games alone.
- Texas (UIL): Local chapters approve increased pay when officials cover contests alone due to emergencies.

Recommendation:

Adopt this Solo Officiating Compensation Policy to align with national best practices, maintain fairness, and retain high-quality officials in New Mexico by recognizing the demands placed on solo officials.

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FOOTBALL: FILM SUBMISSION

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Tyler Dunkel, Assistant Director

Proposal: Update Bylaw 7.15.1.M – Film Requirement to include a progression penalty for weekly game film not turned in on time.

Thursday games – film must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday

Friday games – film must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday

Saturday games – film must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday

Film not received in the NMAA/NMOA Hudl account using the above deadline will now be subject to penalty as follows:

1st Offense – Warning in Writing to Head Coach and Athletic Director

2nd Offense – Suspension from the 1st Half of the next game for the Head Coach

3rd Offense – Suspension from the entire next game for the Head Coach

Rationale: The current deadlines have become more like suggested deadlines. Coaches are holding film, with the excuse that their next opponent has an advantage. The penalty progression will put some consequences to the bylaw. The Football Sports Specific Committee was unanimously in favor of this, citing that late film has become more of an issue in recent years.

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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BASEBALL: STATE QUALIFIERS

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Tyler Dunkel, Assistant Director

Proposal: Increase the number of State qualifiers in Class 1A to 8 teams and Class 2A & 3A to 16 teams.

Rationale: With the new 2026-2028 Classification and Alignment, each classification now has the numbers to support this change. This would also eliminate the 1st Round Bye for each classification. In the past, earning a 1st Round Bye meant teams would have almost two weeks between games. 1A & 2A brackets would remain single elimination, while 3A brackets would still be the best of 3 series in the 1st Round.

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve



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SOCCER: MISCONDUCT PROGRESSION

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Zac Stevenson, Assistant Director

Proposal: To align with National standards, the soccer committee, with support from member coach survey data, is recommending removing card count misconduct progression for players and coaches from our bylaws entirely (A.), or at least from the state tournament (B.). Ejection penalties would still exist in alignment with all other sports.

Modify Rule 7.17.3 – Misconduct Progression Rule

- A. Regular season – remove sections 1-3 referring to card counts during the regular season for teams and individuals. Sections 4a,b,c and 5 specific to ejections would remain.
- B. Post Season – modify this entire section to remove card counts. Ejection language would remain.

Note: Q & A sections would require updating upon approval of one or both proposals listed above.

Rationale:

- There is feeling nationally that this is an outdated rule. 32 states do not count cards. Only 4 states count team cards. 14 states have individual counts, typically around 5, and several are considering removing these policies.
- Other sports do not track the number of fouls (i.e.: we do not count technical fouls in basketball or UNC's in football)
- Ejections for red cards (including a "second yellow") would still result in a suspension for the next scheduled game
- Eliminates excessive game reports for officials to only include reports for ejections.

NMAA Soccer Sports Specific Committee: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Executive Director

Proposal: Update Section 3.1 of the NMAA Handbook (NMAA Governance Structure).

Rationale: Due to the new Classification & Alignment system that will be used for the 2026-2028 block, Section 3.1 of the NMAA Handbook must be updated so that schools are placed according to their new classification/region.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments:

NMAA Handbook Section 3.1 – Updated

SECTION III STRUCTURE (BYLAWS)

3.1 NMAA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

NMAA Small School Governance Structure

Classes A & 2A

Each Area Elects a Member to the Commission and the Board of Directors on a 3-Year Rotation

Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D
Cimarron	Clovis Christian	Alamo-Navajo	Capitan
Clayton	Dora	Animas	Carrizozo
Coronado	Elida	Cliff	Cloudcroft
Des Moines	Estancia	Hozho Academy	Corona
Dulce	Floyd	Laguna Acoma	Eunice
Escalante	Fort Sumner	Lordsburg	Gateway Christian
Jemez Valley	Grady	Magdalena	Hagerman
Maxwell	House	Navajo Pine	Hondo
McCurdy	Legacy Academy	Newcomb	Jal
Mesa Vista	Logan	Northwest	Lake Arthur
Monte del Sol	Melrose	Pine Hill	Loving
Mora	Menaul	Quemado	Mescalero
Moreno Valley	N.A.C.A	Ramah	Mesilla Valley
Mosquero	Oak Grove Classical	Rehoboth	Mountainair
NMSD	San Jon	Reserve	Tatum
Pecos	Santa Rosa	To'Hajiilee	
Peñasco	Texico	Tse'Yi'Gai	15
Questa	Tucumcari		
Raton	Vaughn	17	
Roy			
Springer	19		
Tierra Encantada			
Wagon Mound			
Walatowa			

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Area A:	24
Area B:	19
Area C:	17
Area D:	15
Total	75

Total Schools	
Small Schools:	75
Large Schools	81
Total	156

NMAA Large School Governance Structure

Classes 3A, 4A & 5A

Each Area elects a member to the Commission on a 3-year rotation.

Each Area, excluding APS and Las Cruces as they have automatic representation, elects a member to the Board of Directors on a 3-year rotation.

<u>Area A</u>	<u>Area B</u>	<u>Area C</u>	<u>Area D</u>
Atrisco Heritage	Artesia	Alamogordo	Acad. for Tech/Classics
Albuquerque High	Carlsbad	Centennial	Albuq. Academy
Aztec	Clovis	Chaparral	Belen
Bloomfield	Dexter	Cobre	Bernalillo
Bosque	Goddard	Deming	Capital
Cibola	Hobbs	Gadsden	Cottonwood Classical
Cleveland	Lovington	Hatch Valley	Del Norte
Crownpoint	NMMI	Hot Springs	East Mountain
Cuba	Portales	Las Cruces	Eldorado
Farmington	Roswell	Mayfield	Española Valley
Gallup		Organ Mountain	Highland
Grants	10	Ruidoso	Hope Christian
Kirtland Central		Santa Teresa	La Cueva
Miyamura		Silver	Los Alamos
Navajo Prep		Socorro	Los Lunas
Piedra Vista		Tularosa	Manzano
Rio Grande		16 (4)	Moriarty
Rio Rancho			Pojoaque
Sandia Prep			Robertson
Shiprock			Sandia
St. Pius X			Santa Fe
Thoreau			Santa Fe Indian
Tohatchi			Santa Fe Prep
Valley			St. Michael's
Volcano Vista			Taos
West Mesa			Valencia
Wingate			West Las Vegas
Zuni			27 (7)
28 (7)			

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Executive Director

Proposal: Provide the Executive Director with the authority/autonomy to hire professional staff and structure employment positions.

New language underlined, stricken language removed

2.2.2 Executive Director - Duties and Responsibilities

- A.2.** ~~Recommend employment of professional staff (Associate Directors) for approval by the Board.~~ The Director shall organize employment positions and hire-employ, retain and/or dismiss ~~classified and discretionary positions (Assistants to the Director, clerical, administrative assistants, general operational personnel, etc.)~~ staff.

Rationale: Provides the Director with the flexibility and latitude to structure and organize staff to best suit and meet the needs of the Association.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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HANDBOOK REVISION: SECTION 6 – ELIGIBILITY

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Executive Director

Proposal: Revise Section 6 (Eligibility) of the NMAA Handbook and update various eligibility and transfer bylaws.

Rationale: National and societal trends along with increasing legal challenges and legislative involvement have made it necessary to evaluate and revise eligibility and transfer bylaws. These changes are an attempt to ensure the founding principles of interscholastic athletics and activities remain intact, but to also stay in step with the changing landscape of school sports and to minimize legal and legislative challenges so that NMAA bylaws continue to serve the membership for which they were intended.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments:

Overview of proposed changes/updates
Section 6 with proposed revisions



PROPOSED NMAA ELIGIBILITY CHANGES (SECTION 6)

The following is a summary of proposed changes for 2026-2027

- **Following a Coach** – Apply the rule after a student makes their open enrollment choice at the 8th or 9th grade level (recruiting and undue influence rules will still apply prior to the open enrollment choice)
- **Recruiting and Undue Influence** – Include/emphasize recruiting and undue influence regulations which could subject a school up to a \$5000 fine.
- **Use of Scholastically Ineligible Player** – Remove provision that requires the player to sit the same number of games played once scholastic eligibility is gained (other penalties, including forfeiture of games, creates a double jeopardy)
- **8th Grade Open Enrollment** – Allow 8th grade students to open enroll at the high school their middle school/junior high school feeds.
- **First Transfer** – Allow students to transfer schools without penalty and be immediately eligible at the school of their choice on a first transfer (home school/charter school statutes still apply as do recruitment and undue influence rules).
- **Subsequent Transfers** – Students who make a second or subsequent transfer are ineligible for varsity participation for 365 days from the date of enrollment unless they meet one of the following exceptions: 1) bona fide residency change, 2) deceased parents, 3) state custody, 4) first parent-to-parent move, 5) emancipated/married student, 6) boarding school student, 7) deployed parents, 8) did not participate, 9) discontinued program.
- **Exceptional Circumstances** – New transfer rules shall still be subject to 1) eligibility retention and 2) specialized training academies, which may render a student ineligible.
- **Foreign Students/Exchange Students** – Clarify that foreign students without parents are not eligible for the free-transfer exception, nor are foreign exchange students who opt to return to an NMAA school after their exchange year.
- **Local School Policy** – Emphasize that NMAA bylaws are subject to local policy and districts may implement stricter policies.
- **Dissolution of Hardship Committee** – Hardship Committee would dissolve, and any unique or hardship-based eligibility denials would proceed to the Appeals Review Committee (ARC), subject to a \$250 fee.
- **Transfer after Official Practice Start Date** – Students who transfer after the official practice start date would be ineligible for varsity participation for the remainder of that sport's season but would be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level in those sports immediately.
- **Students Awaiting Eligibility Ruling** – Provide latitude for transfer students to return to their former school if eligibility is denied after the practice start date, and if they have not already played in a sanctioned contest.

SECTION VI ELIGIBILITY (BYLAWS)

**(Please also refer to Section X for additional bylaws regarding
Charter, Alternative, Home School, and Non-Member Private School Student
eligibility for participation)**

6.1 **STUDENT PARTICIPATION-GENERAL**

Eligibility rules exist to preserve the educational integrity of interscholastic athletics. These rules ensure that participation is limited to bona fide students, thereby reinforcing the principle that academics take precedence over athletic involvement. Additionally, eligibility standards promote equity and fair competition among schools, safeguard the health and welfare of student-athletes, and deter practices such as recruitment and professionalism. Collectively, these regulations uphold the values of sportsmanship, academic accountability, and character development within the framework of secondary education.

Participation is a privilege, not a right. Students earn the privilege to participate by adhering to high standards of personal conduct, academic performance, and compliance with the Association’s eligibility guidelines.

Note: “Participant” is defined as a student who represents his/her school for any period of time. A participant is any student who has an official role with an NMAA sanctioned program, including, but not limited to, managers, statisticians, team videographers, etc. Participating students are required to compete in the gender listed on their original or amended birth certificate.

Students participating in interscholastic activities represent the school, depict its character, and serve as role models to other students. Accordingly, participants are subject to a standard of academic performance and to high standards of conduct both in and out of the school setting. Continued participation in interscholastic activities is conditioned upon observing and maintaining such standards, and complying with NMAA bylaws, rules, and policies. It is the responsibility of the Local School District to ensure that academic standards and codes of conduct are enforced.

Note: The student and his or her Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) are responsible for becoming familiar with the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Activities Association and the student’s respective school.

6.1.1 Purpose

- A.** Students who participate in interscholastic activities serve as representatives of the Association, their respective schools/districts, and their communities.
- B.** Participants serve as role models and leaders among their peers.
- C.** The NMAA’s Sportsmanship Mission is: “To develop champions for the future by utilizing athletics and activities to learn and practice the character traits necessary to live a positive, productive and caring lifestyle.”
- D.** The NMAA defines Sportsmanship as: “The act of treating others in a respectful manner, taking personal responsibility for your actions and responding with integrity while engaged in competition.”

- E. The NMAA defines its “Compete with Class” sportsmanship initiative as “Competing in a manner where your attitudes, actions and reactions are synonymous with the ideals of good sportsmanship.”
- F. Member schools must provide students with clear guidance regarding NMAA and school expectations and the consequences that can result from any violations of NMAA or school specified rules and regulations.

6.1.2 Compliance

- A. Eligibility rules shall comply with the intent and purpose of:
 - 1. Federal laws, superseding state and local laws.
 - 2. New Mexico State Law including the Children’s Code and Open Enrollment Statutes.
 - 3. District and member school policies.
 - 4. The policies and mission of the NMAA.
- B. Eligibility rules and standards apply to students who participate in interscholastic activities.
- C. The NMAA does not discriminate or preclude students from participating based upon disabilities defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). (See 6.11.2)
- D. Member schools may establish and administer eligibility rules which exceed standards defined in the NMAA policies and procedures Handbook.
- E. If a student, the student’s Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) provides false information to the school or the New Mexico Activities Association, the student shall be declared ineligible for participation for a period of 365 calendar days in all sports at all levels from the date of discovery that information was false.

6.2 RECRUITING & UNDUE INFLUENCE

6.2.1 Provisions on Recruiting/Undue Influence

- A. A student (domestic or foreign) at any grade level shall not be recruited to a member school of the NMAA to participate in athletics. Recruiting is defined as an act, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, a school, including impermissible contact, which attempts to influence a student to transfer to a member school to participate in athletics, including the offer of improper benefits not available to all members of the student body.
- B. It shall also be defined as recruiting to provide impermissible benefits not available to all members of the student body to an already enrolled student to influence that student to remain at a member school including recruitment under the guise of academics.
- C. A school employee, athletic department staff member, or representative of the school’s athletic interests (including parents and boosters) shall not influence a student even if the student, his or her parents or any intermediary from another school, makes the initial contact. In this situation, a coach or staff member (paid or unpaid) should immediately refer the person(s) to the school athletic director and/or principal.
- D. Influencing a student shall include the promise or instilling the expectation of an athletic advantage, playing time, employment of the student or the student’s parents or relatives,

housing for the student or the student's parents, scholarships or financial aid for which other members of the student body are not generally eligible, providing other improper benefits, making improper contacts or any other material or athletic reward for which other members of the student body are not generally eligible.

- E. A school employee, athletic department staff member, or representative of the school's athletic interests utilizing an intermediary including a peer, another school employee, a student, a parent or a citizen, to recruit a student-athlete shall be in noncompliance.

6.2.2 Representatives of a School's Athletic Interests

A representative of a school's athletic interests refers to any independent person, business or organization that participates in, assists with and/or promotes that school's interscholastic athletic program, this includes, but is not limited to:

- A. A student-athlete or other student participant in the athletic program at that school
- B. A school alumnus
- C. The parents, guardians or other family members of a student-athlete or other student participant in the athletic program at that school
- D. Immediate relatives of a coach or other member of the athletic department staff at that school
- E. A volunteer with that school's athletic program
- F. Club coaches/programs affiliated with a coach
- G. A board member of that school
- H. A member of an athletic booster organization of that school
- I. A person, business or organization that makes financial or in-kind contributions to the athletic department or that is otherwise involved in promoting the school's interscholastic athletic program

6.2.3 Impermissible Contact

Impermissible contact is contact, either directly or indirectly, whether in person or through written or electronic communication, by a school employee, athletic department staff member, representative of the school's athletic interests or third parties, such as an independent person, business or organization, with a student or any member of the student's family, in an effort to pressure, urge or entice the student to attend a different school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.

Casual contact by an employee, athletic department staff member or representative of the athletic interests of a school with a student who attends another school in normal community settings is not a violation. At NO time during such contact may the conversation pressure, urge or entice the student to attend a school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.

A. Specific Prohibitions

Specifically prohibited contact by school employees, athletic department staff members, representatives of the school's athletic interests or third parties with a student includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Contact or communication concerning potential enrollment or athletic participation at the school, other than the initial referral to the school athletic director and/or principal if approached by a feeder school student or his/her parents/family.
2. Contact with any student not enrolled in a feeder school concerning potential enrollment at the school.

3. Contacting any prospective student-athlete not enrolled in a feeder school or his/her parents/family by phone, email, text, social media, fax, in person, by letter or by other means.
4. Requesting students, parents, boosters, alumni or other representatives of a school's athletic interests to discuss the merits of a school's athletic program with a prospective student-athlete not enrolled in a feeder school or member of his/her family.
5. Making a presentation or distributing any form of advertisement, commercial or material to students not enrolled in a feeder school, that promotes primarily or exclusively a school's athletic program or implies a school's athletic program is better than the athletic program of any other school or suggests that the student's athletic career would be better served by attending a different school.
6. Attending an elementary school, a junior high school, a middle school or a non-school athletic contest to identify prospective student-athletes not enrolled in a feeder school who might be recruited to attend a school.
7. Coordinating for a student or any member of his/her family to visit a school, to take an entrance examination for a school, to participate in an athletic tryout at a school, or to meet with a school employee, athletic department staff member, other representative of the school's athletic interests or third parties, as part of an effort to pressure, urge or facilitate the student's attendance at a different school to participate in interscholastic athletics.
8. Making or arranging any other contact with the student or any member of his/her family in an attempt to pressure, urge or entice the student to attend a school to participate in interscholastic athletics.

NOTE: Any student, family or individual that contacts a coach about the student attending a school where he or she coaches must be informed that they need to contact the athletic director and/or principal if they have an interest in transferring. Any meeting with coaches regarding prospective athletes or their families should be at the request of the family to the individual(s) responsible for school and/or athletic administration and must take place at the school.

6.2.4 Undue Influence of a Student – Prohibited

An "impermissible benefit" is any arrangement, assistance or benefit that is not offered or generally made available to all students and/or their families who apply to or attend a school, or that otherwise is prohibited by NMAA rules.

Providing an impermissible benefit to a prospective student-athlete and/or family member by school employees, athletic department staff members or representatives of a school's athletic interests, to secure or encourage the attendance of that student for athletic purposes constitutes undue influence, resulting in ineligibility for all high school athletic participation for 365 calendar days.

If a coach is directly associated with undue influence, the member school will be fined \$2,500/\$5,000 (See also 7.4.6).

Specifically prohibited arrangements, assistance or benefits include, but are not limited to, the following: (See also 1.8.1, 7.4.4)

- A. School-based financial assistance of any kind that exceeds the amount for which a student has been approved by an independent financial needs assessment or otherwise is in excess of any supplemental assistance provided by a school to each and every student who qualifies for financial assistance.

- B. Cash or like items, such as credit cards, debit cards, gift cards, gift certificates, coupons or vouchers.
- C. Gift of clothing, equipment, merchandise, or other tangible items.
- D. Payment for any work or service that is not performed or that is in excess of the amount normally paid for such work or service.
- E. Free or reduced-cost transportation.
- F. Living on a full- or part-time basis, regardless of whether rent is paid, with any school employee, athletic department staff member, representative of the school's athletic interests, unless legal guardianship appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction has been obtained. (See 6.7.1.A for Foreign Exchange exceptions)
- G. Free or reduced-cost rent for housing, vehicles, or other items.
- H. Full or partial payment of moving expenses or assistance of any kind with an actual physical move.
- I. Employment or assistance in securing employment or contractual arrangement of any kind for which compensation may be paid.
- J. Free or reduced costs to attend a sport or skills camp.
- K. Any other form of arrangement, assistance, discount, or benefit that is not generally available to other students in the school or their families or that is based in any way on athletic ability.

6.2.5 Student Transferring to Follow a Coach in High School – Prohibited (See also 7.4.5, 9.3.18)

The transfer/residency requirement is implemented as a means to discourage recruitment and reduce the opportunity for undue influence. Beginning with the summer prior to the 7th grade, After making an open enrollment choice in either 8th or 9th grade, if a student participates on/with any team (i.e. interscholastic, AAU, American Legion, club settings, summer program, etc.) that is affiliated with or coached by a coach associated with that same sport at a school other than the one the student attends or has attended, and then transfers to that school, regardless of change in bona fide residence, it will be assumed that the student has been recruited to attend that school or transferred to that school for athletic reasons, and the student will be ineligible for all high school athletic participation for 365 calendar days. If the student transfers to a school that his/her coach has relocated to, regardless of change in the student's bona fide residence, it will be assumed that the student transferred to that school for athletic reasons and he/she will be ineligible there for all high school athletic participation for 365 calendar days.

6.3 SCHOLARSHIP

6.3.1 Extracurricular Activities – Student Participation

A. Academic Eligibility

1. 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. Grades earned during a summer session must be placed on a student's transcript by the school registrar prior to the first day of the Fall semester in order for the course to be utilized for eligibility purposes.

- a. All class work counted for eligibility must be credit earning and acceptable for graduation.
 - b. The GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with an allowance for consideration of honors points.
 - c. Cumulative provision
 - 1. A student who is ineligible at the end of a semester may utilize the cumulative provision.
 - 2. Only semester grades can be used, and all semester grades starting with the 9th grade year must be utilized. (The cumulative provision cannot be used for 9th grade or middle school/junior high students.)
 - 3. The cumulative provision may not be applied if a student has more than one “F” in the semester grading period immediately preceding participation.
 - 4. A student must have passed a minimum of 51% of coursework taken by a full-time student in the semester grading period immediately preceding participation to take advantage of the cumulative provision option.
 - d. Stricter guidelines may be imposed by the school/district.
2. A student must be enrolled in at least 51% of the member school’s regular class schedule in courses that will be counted towards his/her graduation and in regular attendance during the current as well as the previous semester.

B. Academically Ineligible Player

- 1. Practice - The student may practice with the team if it is determined by the school’s administration that he/she is demonstrating academic progress towards eligibility.
- 2. Participation - The student CANNOT participate in any interscholastic event at any level of competition during the period of ineligibility. The student may participate in team functions at the school only. ~~A student who has participated in an interscholastic event(s) during his/her period of academic ineligibility must sit out the number of games/events/contests that he/she participated in once he/she becomes academically eligible.~~
- 3. Travel - The Student CANNOT travel to any interscholastic event or activity with the team during the period of ineligibility.
- 4. Games – The student may take part in game preparation but CANNOT dress out in uniform or sit on the bench in street clothes with the team during games.

C. Attendance Requirements (HB 236 – 2019)

Pursuant to New Mexico State Statute 22-12-2.1, the Local School District is required to enforce that students shall not be absent from school for extracurricular activities in excess of fifteen days per semester, and no class shall be missed in excess of fifteen times per semester for interscholastic extracurricular activities. The Secretary of Education may issue a waiver relating to the number of absences for participation in any state or national competition that is not an interscholastic extracurricular activity.

D. Open Enrollment Eligibility

A ninth-grade student who has not previously competed in interscholastic sports at the high school level has his/her open enrollment choice. The student may compete without reference to his/her immediate or previous scholastic record in eighth grade (last semester). The end of the 1st semester grading period in 9th grade establishes the beginning of the scholarship requirements for this student.

6.3.2 Waiver Request for Scholarship Requirement

In case the scholastic record for the previous semester grading period is incomplete due to sickness or death in the immediate family or any other legitimate cause, the student may petition the NMAA, through the administrative head of the school of attendance, for a waiver of the previous semester grading period scholarship requirement.

6.3.3 Special Education

- A.** Students enrolled in a special education program (classification levels 1/2 or A/B) whose service schedule, as determined by the Individualized Educational Program Committee, is less than 50%, are subject to the same scholastic requirements as stated in 6.2.1 (NMSA (1978) Section 22-12A-10.).
- B.** Scholastic eligibility criteria for students (classification levels 3/4 or C/D) whose service schedule, as determined by the Individualized Educational Program Committee, is more than 50%, may be determined by the Individualized Educational Program Committee. The student's current IEP must indicate that a specific educational plan is in place should the student not meet NMAA academic eligibility requirements for athletic participation.

6.3.4 Make-Up Class in Summer School

A student may make up classes during summer school by earning a passing grade in at least the general level of the same course from an accredited program. The new grade may be substituted for the original grade in that class providing the local school policy permits. Summer school is defined as an extension of the spring semester for that year only. If the course is to be utilized for determining a student's eligibility, it must be placed on the transcript prior to the first day of the school year.

6.3.5 Scholarship Requirements Established by Member Schools

Member schools may establish and administer scholarship requirements, which exceed the minimum requirements, stated herein. Students transferring to a school must meet the scholarship requirements established by that school.

6.3.6 Grace Period

The school is allowed up to seven (7) school days from the last day of the regular grading period or semester, whichever is applicable, for grades to be gathered and recorded and the eligibility/ineligibility of student athletes to be determined for the next grading period or semester.

Students, who are declared eligible at the end of a semester, retain their eligibility throughout the duration of the following semester. Athletes who are declared ineligible at the end of a semester may regain their eligibility at the next six or nine week grading period.

Note: Schools must declare fall semester eligibility prior to first day of the fall semester.

6.4 ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Prior to participating in any interscholastic activity including but not limited to practice sessions, in-season or off-season practice/workout sessions, summer practice/workout sessions, or school district approved athletic elective credit classes, the following conditions apply:

6.4.1 Student Enrollment

The student must be officially admitted to the public high school in his or her designated attendance zone, obtain a school district approved transfer to a school outside his or her designated attendance zone, or be enrolled in a private, charter, alternative, or home school. (See Open Enrollment Choice **6.5.1**)

6.4.2 Full-Time Student

The student participant must be a Full-Time student of the member school for which he/she participates or represents. A Full-Time student is defined as a student who is enrolled in a minimum of 51% of the member school's regular class schedule and is in regular attendance at the NMAA member school. The student must be enrolled in courses that are credit earning, are applicable to high school graduation requirements and are to be included in the student's high school transcript.

Note: See 6.4.5 for regulations governing Charter, Home, Alternative, and Non-Member Private School students.

6.4.3 Use of Student's Own Legal Name

The student participant must be enrolled under his/her own legal name.

6.4.4 Attendance Zone Determination

Attend the high school in his or her designated Attendance Zone or the high school of his/her Open Enrollment Choice. Private Schools and Charter Schools do not have a designated attendance zone.

A. The attendance zone is based on the bona fide residence of the student's Parent(s) or Legal Guardian.

1. Residence of Student, Parent(s), Spouse

- a. The residence of a single, divorced, or widowed student is presumed to be that of the parents of the student.
- b. The residence of a married student is presumed to be that of his or her spouse.

2. Legal Guardian

If a student's Parents are alive but a Legal Guardian of his or her person is appointed by an appropriate district court judicial authority, the residence of the student is presumed to be that of the Legal Guardian. Legal guardianship must be established at least one calendar year before a transfer in order to be considered for eligibility purposes.

6.4.5 Participating at Schools other than those Attending

Students attending Charter Schools, Alternative Schools, Home Schools, or Non-Member Private Schools may participate at schools other than those that they attend, providing they meet eligibility criteria. (Please see specific rules and regulations governing Charter, Alternative, Home, and Non-Member Private Schooled students outlined in Section 10 of this Handbook.) NMAA member

private school and/or NMAA member public school students are ineligible to participate in NMAA sanctioned activities/athletics outside of the school in which they attend.

6.4.6 Enrollment Timeline for Participation

- A. A student entering school for the first time in a school year must have enrolled by the tenth (10) school day of that semester to be considered for immediate athletic eligibility.
- B. If not enrolled by the tenth (10) day, the student is ineligible for participation until his/her eleventh (11) day of attendance.
- C. The 10-day rule applies if the student is absent from school for ten (10) or more school days and is officially dropped from the school registry, unless he/she is out of school due to documented illness or injury. A student is required to practice the appropriate number of days in advance of participation in a contest/game/match. (See individual sport bylaws in Section VII)

6.4.7 Non-Athletic Residential Requirements

Bowling is the only non-athletic activity sanctioned by the NMAA whose participants must meet the same residential regulations required of athletic participants.

6.5 OPEN ENROLLMENT

Member schools may establish and administer open enrollment policies and procedures which may exceed the standards listed in this section.

6.5.1 Open Enrollment Choice

Open Enrollment Choice refers to a one-time decision to attend/participate for a school of the student's choosing, pursuant to state statutes and the policies of each school district.

- 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 subject to the following rules:
 - 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. ~~8th grade students must participate at their home attendance zone public high school unless one of the following exceptions is applicable:~~ 8th grade students are eligible to participate in high school athletics at the high school in which their middle school or junior high feeds. 8th grade students who are not enrolled in a middle school or junior high school that feeds an NMAA member high school are eligible to participate at their attendance zone public high school.
 - ~~a. Students enrolled in a K-12, 6-12 or other combined member school are eligible to participate at the school in which they are currently enrolled.~~
 - ~~b. Students are eligible to participate outside their home attendance zone public high school if it can be verified that:
 - ~~1. The student has been enrolled consecutively in that school's feeder system since elementary school.~~~~

~~2. The student is an out of state transfer that has been enrolled consecutively in that school's feeder system since their initial enrollment in New Mexico.~~

~~3. An out of state student making a bona fide resident move with family will have an Open Enrollment Choice provided the student has not previously been enrolled in a New Mexico public, private or charter school at any grade level.~~

4. Open enrollment choice is not an option for foreign students residing without their parents and/or legal guardians (see 6.7.1.B.).

Note: Athletic Directors (at all levels) must submit the online "8th Grade Participation Form" to the NMAA signed by the Parent and Athletic Director prior to 8th Graders participating at the high school level. 8th grade students are ineligible to participate at any level until the NMAA has confirmed receipt of the "8th Grade Participation Form."

- B. The Open Enrollment Choice will allow ~~entering ninth grade~~ students to be eligible immediately at all levels of competition, providing all other requirements are met. (See 6.2 for situations which would make an eighth grade/freshman student ineligible for Open Enrollment Choice.)
- C. If a student utilizes his/her Open Enrollment Choice ~~as an incoming ninth grader~~ to enroll in a school outside the attendance zone of his/her primary residence, the Student will NOT be classified as a transfer student. The student must follow the Open Enrollment process as established by his/her local school district.
- D. If a student changes schools after the Open Enrollment Choice, he/she is classified as a transfer student. All transfer rules then apply. (See 6.6)
- E. Failure to follow the approved local school district Open Enrollment process or providing false information to the school's administration for enrollment purposes will result in the student's immediate suspension from participation. Once the student achieves an approved Open Enrollment to the school of his/her Open Enrollment Choice, he or she is ineligible for 365 calendar days from the time of the approved enrollment.

6.6 TRANSFERS

All student transfers must comply with local school district policies and procedures, which may exceed the standards listed in this section.

6.6.1 Transfer Defined

- A. A student who changes their school of enrollment/participation at any time after having made an open enrollment choice.

6.6.2 First Transfer

- A. Students are permitted one free transfer after their open enrollment choice provided that transfer occurs on or before the Start of Practice date of the sports season in which the transfer occurs.
 - 1. Students who transfer after the Start of Practice date shall be ineligible for varsity participation for the remainder of that sport's season (see also 6.12.1.D.).
 - 2. Inter zone/district transfers must be approved by the local school district.

Note: See 6.7.1.B. (Foreign Students) and 6.6.8.B. (Specialized Sport Training) for exceptions.

6.6.3 Second and Subsequent Transfers

Students who transfer a second or subsequent time are ineligible for varsity participation in all sports for 365 calendar days from the date of enrollment at the new school unless they meet one of the following exceptions:

A. Bona Fide Residence

1. If a student moves residences and enrolls in the school located within the attendance zone of the student's new bona fide residence and resides with his or her Parent or Legal Guardian, the student is a bona fide resident of that attendance zone and eligible for varsity participation (see also Eligibility Retention exception 6.6.8.A.)

2. Bona Fide Residence Criteria

Documentation for the establishment of a bona fide residence shall be provided to the NMAA as follows:

- a. Does the student's Parent, Legal Guardian, or other person whose residence determines the student's residence own a house or condominium or rent a house or apartment in the school district and attendance zone? Parents must provide documentation to verify the purchase, lease, or rental of a home or living quarters located in the new attendance zone. A lease or rental agreement must be for at least one year in duration.
- b. Does the student and Parent or Legal Guardian have their furniture and personal effects in the new district and attendance zone? There shall not be any personal effects or furniture belonging to the family at the previous residence.
- c. Does the student and the Parent or Legal Guardian receive their mail (other than business or office mail) in the new district and attendance zone? The family shall submit a change of mailing address to the Post Office.
- d. Do the siblings of the student attend schools within that attendance zone?
- e. Do the Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) regularly live in the new district and attendance zone?
 1. The new residence shall accommodate the entire family.
 2. The former residence shall be on the market at a reasonable market price, or sold, or the lease or rental agreement shall be terminated, or the home abandoned.
 3. All utilities and telephone services shall be disconnected or no longer in the family's name.
- f. Items used for personal identification purposes should reflect the current/new address.

B. Deceased Parents

If a student's Parents are deceased and guardianship of his or her person has not been appointed, the residence of the student is presumed to be that of the grandparent, aunt, uncle, adult brother or sister, or other person with whom the student is living and by whom the student is supported.

C. Custodial (2017 - SB213)

1. The childcare boarding facility to which a student has been assigned by an appropriate governmental authority is presumed to be the residence of the student.

2. If a student is moved to a foster home in another school attendance zone or school district, the foster home is considered the residence of the student.
3. The mental health treatment facility to which a student has been assigned pursuant to the Children's Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act is presumed to be the residence of the student.

D. Parent-to-Parent Transfers

1. A student shall be able to make one parent to parent or legal guardian to legal guardian move and be eligible provided the following conditions are met:
 - a. Parents/Legal Guardians are divorced or legally separated
 - b. The move is not within the same or adjoining district
 - c. The student establishes a bona fide residence with his/her parent or legal guardian and attends the high school in his or her designated attendance zone

E. Independent Self-Supporting Student

1. A self-supporting student (married or independent) may be eligible for athletic competition in the attendance zone in which he/she resides provided all other eligibility requirements are met. The criteria for achieving independent self-supporting status for purposes of eligibility are as follows:
 - a. Must be residing on his/her own, paying for lodging, food, clothing, household maintenance, transportation, etc. from funds/revenues generated through current earnings. Students achieving eligibility under this rule cannot have subsidized trust, savings, or other means by which their existence would be endowed, both past and present.
 - b. Must show evidence to the satisfaction of the Director that he/she is not receiving support from anyone other than him/herself.
 - c. Must show evidence that the student has lodging, phone, insurance, transportation, etc. clearly under his/her name and is responsible for the payment thereof.
 - d. Reaching the age of 18 is not a factor in determining independent status in terms of determining eligibility for interscholastic activities.

Note: NMAA Administration will make determination as to eligibility status, based on documentation received.

F. Boarding Schools

1. Students who are residing on campus and attending NMAA member institutions which have the capacity to board or provide residence to individuals who are bona fide students at the member institution, are eligible providing the following conditions are met:
 - a. The student must provide an affidavit, signed by both the student and Parents, attesting to the fact that he/she has not in any way been influenced or recruited to enroll in the institution for athletic or activity purposes.
 - b. The student left the previous school in good standing.
 - c. The intent of the move is to stay with this institution and not attend another high school for the remainder of his/her secondary educational career.

d. The student has not attended the same or another boarding school, in or out of state, and applied this exception to another institution.

e. The student will remain under the jurisdiction of this institution and be subject to all of the same rules as any other student who attends the petitioning school during the course of his/her tenure at the school.

G. Parents Living Outside the United States

A student of American Parents working or stationed outside of the United States may be eligible if petitioned through the Director.

H. Did Not Participate

Students who did not participate in an NMAA sanctioned competition (or equivalent), at any level, 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 in that sport. The student must have been in good standing and academically eligible during his/her period of non-participation at the former school. This exception can only be used once.

I. Discontinued Programs

Students transferring out of a school which discontinues a sport the student was a participant of the year prior shall be afforded immediate varsity eligibility in that sport only at the school of their choice.

6.6.5 Senior Transfers

Senior transfer students may not compete at the sub-varsity level.

6.6.6 Good Standing

If the student does not leave his/her school in good standing, the student is ineligible in all sports at all levels of competition for 365 calendar days *or* until all disciplinary measures/debts from the sending school have been satisfied.

6.6.7 Falsification

Failure to achieve an approved school district transfer or providing false information will result in immediate suspension from participation for 365 calendar days in all sports at all levels (see 6.1.2.E.).

6.6.8 Exceptional Circumstances

A. Eligibility Retention

A student participant enrolled for 365 calendar days ~~as a bona fide resident or transfer student~~ retains eligibility for subsequent years as long as the student remains enrolled at the school and meets all other NMAA eligibility requirements.

B. Specialized Sport Training

Transfer Students who enroll in an NMAA-member school after attending a specialized sport training academy or school, shall be ineligible for varsity participation in that sport(s) for 365 calendar days from the date of their enrollment. Specialization sport training programs include, without limitation, non-school sponsored sports training academies or facilities that recruit

participants for specialized training. Specialization sport training programs also include non-NFHS member prep school, non-scholastic team/program, or municipal sports teams.

6.7 FOREIGN STUDENTS

6.7.1 International Student Exchange Participant

- A. Eligible immediately if the student is participating in a formal program sanctioned through the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and is not directly placed by the CSIET program. Directly placed foreign exchange students will be eligible at the sub-varsity level only. Students who receive a foreign exchange waiver are eligible to participate in NMAA sanctioned athletic events for a period of one calendar school year. If they return for a second year to the host school or any other member school, they are ineligible to participate in NMAA sanctioned athletic events; this includes students who change their visa status. Foreign exchange students who receive a foreign exchange waiver may reside with school employees who are not athletic department staff members.

B. Foreign Students (non U.S. citizens)

Foreign students who enter this country without their parents/legal guardians and enroll in a NMAA member high school without a formal sanctioned CSIET program, or who return to a member school after completing a formal sanctioned CSIET program, are ineligible for 365 calendar days at the varsity level. A Foreign student who enrolls during his/her senior year may not participate in NMAA sanctioned events. It is not permissible for foreign students to live with coaches, administrators, or school officials without U.S. court ordered legal guardianship (See Undue Influence, 6.2.4). Foreign students residing at boarding schools are exempt from this rule.

Note: Foreign students who enter NMAA member schools without their parents and/or Legal Guardians are not afforded an Open Enrollment Choice or **First Transfer Exception**.

6.8 ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

When determining the eligibility status of students, it is the school's responsibility to read and follow all NMAA policies and procedures. The policies and procedures apply to all levels of competition unless specifically stated otherwise. It is the responsibility of administrators to ensure that Association standards are satisfied within each school's athletics and activities programs. If deviations are discovered, it is the administrator's responsibility to communicate them to the Association.

6.8.1 Local Schools

- A. Local schools shall administer the eligibility review procedure and make eligibility decisions based on the following NMAA eligibility rules:
1. Scholarship, including cumulative provision (6.3)
 2. Enrollment/Open Enrollment Choice (6.5)
 3. If a student-athlete resided with and continues to reside with the same individual or family other than a Parent or Legal Guardian prior to 7th grade
 4. ~~Bona Fide student (at initial/open enrollment) (6.5)~~
 5. Eligibility Retention (6.6.8.A)
 6. Eligibility for participation at the sub-varsity level only (6.8.3.C.2) – all paperwork, including Form C, must be reviewed by the Athletic Director and remain in the student's file until graduation
 7. GED/High School Diploma (6.10)
 8. Semesters of Attendance (6.11) – unless an exception is being petitioned
 9. Participation Limits (6.12) – unless an exception is being petitioned

10. Dual Participation (6.12.2)
11. Parental Consent (6.13)
12. Physical Fitness (6.14)
13. Participant Insurance (6.15)
14. Age (6.16) – unless an exception is being petitioned
15. Charter, Alternative, Home, and Non-Member Private School (10.1 – 10.7)

B. Documents signed by the AD and principal school administration which are pertinent to the above rulings must be maintained in the student’s file both at the school and the NMAA office until that student’s graduation.

C. The local school assumes all responsibility for errors or misinterpretation of rules.

6.8.2 NMAA Office

A. The NMAA Office shall administer the eligibility review process and make eligibility decisions based on the following NMAA eligibility rules:

1. Undue Influence of a student Athlete (6.2.4)
2. Student Transferring to Follow a Coach (6.2.5)
3. Incomplete Scholastic Record due to sickness or death of immediate family member (6.3.2)
4. Special Education (6.3.3)
5. 8th Grade Participation (6.5.1.A.2 & Note)
- ~~6. Transfer student with New Dona Fide Residence (6.5)~~
7. Transfers (6.6)
- ~~8. Conditions of Guardianship (6.7)~~
9. Foreign Exchange students (6.7.1)
10. Foreign students (6.7.2)
11. Semesters of Attendance (6.11) – exceptions only
12. Participation Limits (6.12) – exceptions only
13. Age (6.16) – exceptions only
14. Amateur Status (6.17)
- ~~15. Hardship – Hardship Petitions must be submitted with Forms A, C, school transcripts and Transfer Rule Hardship Petition before the Hardship Review Committee can rule on the petition. All documentation necessary for a ruling on hardship petition must be provided at the time of the initial petition. Additional documentation after the ruling will not be accepted. The Hardship Review Committee will meet no less than every other month during the school year.~~
16. Eligibility issues pursuant to court or legal orders

6.8.3 Eligibility Review Process – Petition for Eligibility

~~Note: A student must be academically eligible prior to submission of the petition (regular or hardship).~~

A. Member schools shall petition the NMAA for a determination of a transfer student’s eligibility to participate in NMAA sanctioned interscholastic activities at the varsity level. The member school petitioner shall submit the required NMAA Petition Forms A, C, a transcript of the student’s grades, and all supporting documentation. The student’s parent or guardian must sign the Form C certifying that all information and documents supporting the petition have been provided. The NMAA reserves the right to request any other form of information that will assist in determining the student’s eligibility.

~~If a Hardship is being petitioned, the Transfer Rule Hardship Petition Form must also be completed and all supporting documentation must be provided with the Transfer Rule Petition Form. The affected student’s parent or guardian must sign the Petition for Eligibility certifying~~

~~that all information and documents supporting the Hardship have been provided. The NMAA shall notify the student's sending (previous) school of the request for Hardship review.~~

- B.** The member school petitioner shall submit to the NMAA office:
1. Correspondence and/or Form A stating:
 - a. Name of student
 - b. Reason for petition/exception ~~(If hardship, in addition to Forms A, student transcript and Form C, the Transfer Rule Hardship Petition must also be submitted.)~~
 - c. Eligibility rule being petitioned or a narrative explaining specifics of the transfer.
 2. School record/Transcripts (must include grades from most recent grading period).
 3. Record from previous school/good standing (Form C)
 4. All documentation necessary for a ruling on a petition for eligibility (e.g., residential lease or home purchase documentation, other bona fide residence documentation, medical records, written statements of health care provider(s), divorce decrees, court documents, ~~documents establishing hardship,~~ other records including video recordings, audio recordings, emails etc.) must be provided at the time of the initial petition. Athletic Directors should notify the parents or guardians of the student whose eligibility is being determined of the need to provide all supporting records, and the deadline to do so. The affected student's parent or guardian must sign the Petition for Eligibility certifying that all information and documents have been provided.
- C.** Each member school petitioner shall complete the required forms and submit the documentation to the NMAA office.
1. A student may practice but is not permitted to participate in games/contests at the varsity level until a decision has been received from the NMAA via email, official phone call or U.S. Mail. (This criteria does not pertain to sub-varsity competition, although documentation verifying that the student left his/her previous high school in good standing is required prior to sub-varsity participation.)
 2. Transfer students who will participate at the sub-varsity level only, do not need to be petitioned to the NMAA, although a Form C must be requested by the petitioner at the receiving school to ensure that the student left the sending school in good standing. If a Form C indicates that the student did not leave in good standing (ex. fines owed, disciplinary measures not satisfied) the form C document must be submitted to NMAA administration for review and ruling prior to eligibility declaration.
- D.** The Executive Director or designee shall make the determination of eligibility based on the information and records submitted with the Petition for Eligibility and in accordance with NMAA bylaws. The member school may appeal this decision pursuant to Section XIII of these Bylaws.

6.8.4 Effect of Eligibility Determination

A decision of eligibility by the Director, Appeals Review Committee, or Board of Directors is a determination that a student is eligible under the NMAA bylaws, rules, and policies to participate in an NMAA sanctioned activity at a specific member school. A determination of eligibility by the NMAA is not a guarantee that the student will be allowed to play a certain amount of time or participate to any particular degree. Member schools, administrators and coaches retain discretion over such decisions.

6.9 USE OF INELIGIBLE STUDENT PARTICIPANT

6.9.1 Penalty for Use of Ineligible Student Participant

A member school or coach allowing an ineligible student to participate in an interscholastic activity will be subject to sanctions as determined by the Executive Director which may include forfeiture of games. (See 2.2.2)

6.10 GED/HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

6.10.1 GED/High School Diploma

A student's eligibility for participation is ended once that student earns or is eligible for his/her GED or high school diploma or its equivalent.

- A. A student who leaves high school and completes a full-time early release post-secondary education/training program (GED or its equivalent) is no longer eligible for interscholastic competition even though the student later returns to high school.
- B. A senior student who is eligible in the spring semester continues to be eligible for all spring interscholastic activities even though graduation exercises may precede the completion of interscholastic activities for that specific semester.

6.11 SEMESTERS OF ATTENDANCE

6.11.1 Senior High Interscholastic Competition

A student is eligible for senior high school interscholastic competition for ten (10) consecutive semesters starting with the 8th grade year if the student participates in any sport at the senior high level during his/her 8th grade year. A student is eligible for senior high interscholastic competition for eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with the 9th grade year if the student is beginning senior high competition for the first time and has not previously participated at the senior high level prior to entering the 9th grade.

- A. Age limitations apply in all cases. (6.16)
- B. A student uses a semester of eligibility if he or she attends one or more class periods in a semester.
- C. The 8th grade semesters must be consecutive and within the same academic year.

6.11.2 SBE Regulation No 95-11 Section IV C - Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

A student forced to withdraw from school attendance may not be required to count the semester as one of possible eligibility, provided each of the following criteria is met and supported by evidence acceptable to the Director. The burden of proof rests with the Parent or school requesting the exception. The student must:

- A. Have been forced to withdraw due to illness, injury, or disability (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act). The withdrawal must be necessary because of the student's disability or medical condition, not merely a preference.
- B. Have been forced to withdraw on or before the 15th school day of that semester.
- C. Not have participated in any interscholastic athletic event(s) that semester.

- D. Have been eligible scholastically that semester at the time of withdrawal unless the student's scholastic ineligibility is a result of a disability which is the basis for the student's withdrawal.
- E. Continue to be unable to attend school for at least the remainder of that semester.
- F. Meet all other eligibility standards.

6.12 PARTICIPATION LIMITS

6.12.1 Season/Championship Limit

- A. A Senior High student is eligible for no more than four (4) seasons in any sport unless that student participated at the senior high level during his/her 8th grade year in which he/she is eligible for no more than five (5) seasons. A Junior High/Middle School student shall not participate for more than three (3) seasons in a given sport, regardless of circumstances (7th, 8th, and 9th for junior high and/or 6th, 7th and 8th for middle schools).
- B. A student is limited to one (1) season per school year in a specific sport. This applies to students transferring from another state where the season may have already occurred in that sport.
- C. It shall be considered a season of participation when a student participates in an NMAA sanctioned competition (or equivalent), at any level, in that sport. (See Appendices for definitions of participant, participation, and practice.)
- D. Students who transfer ~~after participating in tryouts or after practicing at that school for five (5) or more days~~ after the official practice start date will be ineligible for varsity participation ~~in that sport~~ at the new school for the remainder of ~~the school year that sport's season~~.
 - 1. Transfer students who practice after the official practice start date at their new school while awaiting a varsity eligibility ruling are exempt from this provision and eligible to return to their former school if eligibility is denied and if the student has not participated in an official sanctioned competition in that sport.
- ~~E. Students who transfer after participating in an NMAA sanctioned competition (or equivalent), at any level, will be ineligible for participation at any level in that sport at the new school for the remainder of the school year (See 6.13.1.B & C).~~

6.12.2 Dual Participation

- A. Participating on a non-school team in the same sport during the school season is discouraged. If a student is allowed by the school, through the permission of his/her coach or administrator, to participate in this manner, the student's sport event limit may not be exceeded cumulatively.
- B. Game limitations in interscholastic sports are not to be exceeded.
 - 1. Pre-season scrimmage does not count toward game limits.
 - 2. All competition and/or games played (school and/or non-school, individual and/or team) from the first day of permissible legal practice to the final day of their school schedule in that sport count toward the allowable limit. Exception: Golf, Tennis, and Spirit.

Note: Because swimming/diving is classified as a "year round" sport, meet limitations in that sport are in effect from the start of the NMAA competitive season (Monday of week #19) through the completion of the school's swimming/diving schedule.

3. NMAA Post-season events such as district and state tournaments do not count toward that limit.

C. The Director may impose penalties appropriate to the violation.

6.12.3 Post-Secondary School Participation

A student who, while representing a member school, competes against any collegiate individual or team, shall be subject to NMAA sanctions.

6.13 PARENTAL CONSENT

6.13.1 General Consent

A statement must be on file in the school office, signed by the student's Parents or Legal Guardian, indicating that there are no objections to the student participating in athletic contests or to the school releasing to the Association information on the student when needed to determine eligibility.

6.13.2 Consent to Treat

Prior to participation, written parental consent, allowing qualified medical providers (QMP) to provide sports medicine services, must be on file with the school and provided on the NMAA's Consent to Treat form. A QMP is defined as a medical/osteopathic physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or athletic trainer licensed by the state of New Mexico (or the state in which the student-athlete is located at time of injury or illness).

6.14 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."

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. Schools may use their own form/format.

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.

6.15 PARTICIPANT INSURANCE

Participants must be covered by accident/injury insurance prior to participation. They may carry school-offered insurance or provide the school with documentation that they are covered by a private insurance carrier. A document signed by the student and parent verifying insurance coverage must remain on file in the athletic administrative office.

6.16 AGE

An age limitation requirement provides commonality between student-athletes and schools in interscholastic competition; inhibits “redshirting”; allows *for* the participation of younger and less experienced players, enhances the opportunity for more students to participate; promotes equality of competition; avoids over-emphasis on athletics, and helps to diminish the inherent risk of injury associated with participation in interscholastic athletics.

To ensure equality of competition and opportunity, a standard must be established to determine the cut-off date for age eligibility. Use of a specific cut-off date gives notice to all parties involved in interscholastic athletics and maintains equality of participant eligibility among schools.

A student who turns 19 years of age after August 31 of the current school year is eligible for the entire school year. A student who is 19 years of age or older prior to SEPTEMBER 1 (12:01 A.M. MIDNIGHT) is ineligible.

For Junior High/Middle School, a student is eligible to play with the grade indicated if the student is of age at the date outlined herein. If not, the student must move up to play with the age which is correct for him/her.

Sixth Grade: A student must be less than 13 years of age on August 31st of the current school year.

Seventh Grade: A student must be less than 14 years of age on August 31st of the current school year.

Eighth Grade: A student must be less than 15 years of age on August 31st of the current school year.

Ninth Grade: A student must be less than 16 years of age on August 31st of the current school year.

Note: Age appropriateness does not supersede allowable semesters of competition. (See 6.12.1)

6.17 ATHLETIC AMATEUR STATUS

6.17.1 Amateur Status

In order to represent their school in any Association-sanctioned contest, students must be amateurs in that sport.

6.17.2 Participate Under Own Legal Name

An amateur athlete shall participate and shall always have participated under his/her own name.

6.17.3 Loss of Amateur Status

- A. An amateur athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:
1. Competing for money or other monetary compensation.
 2. Receiving any award or prize of monetary value.

3. Capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value in affiliation or connection with activities involving the student's school team or school.
 - a. This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to use their name, image, or likeness to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no school, school team, or NMAA affiliation.
 - b. The student is prohibited from appearing in the uniform of the student's school and may not utilize the name, marks, logos, etc. of the school, or NMAA as part of any endorsement.

***NOTE:** This provision is also applicable to participants in the activity of Esports.

6.17.4 Contracts

An amateur athlete shall not sign any contract for his/her services as an athlete representing he/her school except a letter of intent to attend a college or university.

6.17.5 Retention of Amateur Status

An amateur athlete who received pay for officiating or teaching in recreation programs retains amateur status for interscholastic competition.

6.17.6 Participation With or Against Professional Athletes

An amateur athlete may participate with or against professional athletes, but not while representing a member school or the Association. The athlete's amateur standing is ultimately under the jurisdiction of the national or international governing body for the specific sport. The Dual Participation Regulation applies.

6.17.7 Non-School Sponsored Events – Awards

In non-school sponsored events, the awards a participant may receive and still retain amateur status will be determined by the NCAA guidelines for that specific sport. For golf and tennis, amateur status will be determined by the national governing body.

6.17.8 School Sponsored Events - Awards

Individual participants in any interscholastic athletic/activity sponsored and/or approved by the Association shall not accept cash or merchandise awards. Awards must be symbolic in nature with no functional or intrinsic value such as, but not limited to, letters, plaques, trophies, medals, ribbons, certificates, and letter adornments.

- A. "Cash" includes such things as, but not limited to, remuneration in any form such as cash, money orders, gift certificates, scholarships, free or reduced price meals.
- B. "Merchandise" awards include such things as, but not limited to, jackets, sweaters, blazers, wind-breakers, blankets, etc.

6.17.9 Amateur Status Lost in One Sport

A student athlete who has lost amateur status in one sport does not necessarily lose amateur status in other sports. An appeal for reinstatement of amateur status must be submitted to the NMAA.

6.18 ELIGIBILITY COMPLAINTS

Any school/individual filing a complaint regarding the eligibility of a student may be required to submit in writing/email, a full statement of the facts to the Director. The Director shall have the discretion to determine whether an investigation is warranted, the authority to conduct an investigation, the authority to determine what, if any action, should be taken, and to take such action on any complaint.

6.19 PENALTIES

6.19.1 Violations of Rules and Regulations by Participants, Fans, Students, and School Personnel

Violations of any of the rules and regulations of the Association may subject a school or any individual to sanctions, including suspension and fines. In addition, the Director has the authority, after investigation, to suspend a school or individual for violations of the Code of Ethics, Undue Influence, or other serious offenses against the goals and philosophy of the Association. (See also NMAA Bylaw 7.7.4. "Crowd Control and Unsportsmanlike Conduct")

6.19.2 Injunctions/Temporary Restraining Orders

- A. If a student is ineligible by rule yet is permitted to participate contrary to those rules, but in accordance with the terms of an injunction or court restraining order against the student's school and the Association and the injunction is subsequently vacated or reversed in favor of the Association and school's position, remedies or action may be taken by the Association. If a finding is entered by the court that the application for injunctive relief or restraining order is frivolous, any one or more of the following actions against such school in the interest of restitution and fairness to other competing schools may be taken:
1. Require the individual or team records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student be vacated, stricken, or forfeited;
 2. Require any team victories/contests to be forfeited to opponents;
 3. Require team or individual awards earned to be returned to the Association and/or;
 4. Require funds to be retained or returned to the Association. If a school has received or would receive any funds from the Association tournament series (state playoffs) in which the ineligible individual participated, that school would be required to forfeit its share of the net receipts from such competition; and if said receipts have not been distributed, to authorize the withholding of said receipts by the Association.
 5. Impose an appropriate penalty on the member school or program, such as but not limited to suspension, probation, reprimand, etc. as presently exists within the NMAA Handbook.
- B. A school which has been suspended in one or more activities/athletic events sanctioned by the Association may not participate in that activity for a period not to exceed one calendar year. Other terms of the suspension or sanction imposed are established through Administrative and Review Committee procedures.