

NMAA

Commission Meeting



Wednesday, November 16, 2022
NMAA
9:00 AM



New Mexico Activities Association Commission Updated July 2022



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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
November 16, 2022, 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 (August 24, 2022)
*Alissa Wesbrook, Asst. to Exec. Dir.
Ernie Viramontes, Chairman
Ernie Viramontes, Chairman*
- II. **NMAA Director's Report**
Dusty Young, Associate Director
- III. **NMAA Financial Report**
Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Mgr.
- IV. **NMAA Activities Report**
Tammy Richards, Assistant Director
- V. **New Mexico Officials Association Report**
Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials
- VI. **Discussion/ Informational Items**
(D/I) Boys Volleyball
Greg Villareal, Sandia HS
(D/I) Sports Academies / Specialized Sports Training
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) 2023-2024 Calendar for Football
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) Music License – ASCAP
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) Sportsmanship / Compete with Class
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) Appeals Process
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) Hardship Petitions
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) District Chairs
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- VII. **Action Items**
(A) **Baseball:** Class A State Qualifiers
Dusty Young, Associate Director
(A) **Baseball:** Home/Visitor for State
Dusty Young, Associate Director
(A) **Baseball:** Sub-Varsity Time Limit
Dusty Young, Associate Director
(A) Scholastic Eligibility & Minimum Contests for State
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(A) Foreign Exchange Student Residence Policies
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(A) Participant Ejections & Impact on Game Limitations
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(A) Post-Secondary School Participation
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(A) **NMOA:** Mileage Rings
Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials
(A) **NMOA:** Per Diem
Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials
(A) **NMOA:** Softball Game Fees
Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials
(A) **NMOA:** Officials' Fees for Future
Jess Martinez, NMOA President
- VIII. **Consider Adjournment**

Next Commission Meeting – February 1, 2023 (NMAA)

NMAA Commission Meeting
August 24, 2022
9:00 AM
Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernie Viramontes at 9:03 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Ben Tensay (Large Area A)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large Area B)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large Area C – Chair)
Ms. Robbie Robinson (Small Area D)
Ms. Ann Stewart (Large Area D)
Mr. Willie Owens (Non-Public Schools)
Ms. LeeAnn Moores (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association)
Mr. Adrian Pete (Jr. High/Middle School Committee)
Mr. Donald Valdez (New Mexico State School Boards Association)
Ms. Mary Hahn (Activities Council)

Not Present:

Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)

14 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022, Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hahn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

NMAA Director's Report:

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed five (5) items on his report: 1) welcomed the group and introduced two new Commission members: Mr. Adrian Pete, representing the Middle/Junior High School Committee and Ms. LeeAnn Moores, representing the NMADA; 2) stated the annual commission elections will take place in October for Small Area A; Small Area C and Large Area C; 3) provided information regarding the upcoming Fall Conference that is scheduled to take place on September 25-26th at the Embassy Suites Hotel; 4) reported that the NMAA Foundation would be continuing with its Together We Rise Scholarship program which would ensure over \$40,000 in funds would again be distributed to students from across the state; and lastly 5) stated that the NMAA Foundation would also be distributing up to \$15,000 to school athletic and activity programs through its school support/grant initiative.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the NMAA Financial Report. She discussed two (2) items: 1) stated that the annual audit for 2021-2022 is underway and should be finalized within the next couple weeks with a final report presented to the Board at its December meeting; and 2) provided box reports and ticket sales information for all state championships held during the 2021-2022 school year.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Tammy Richards, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the NMAA Activities Report. She discussed four (4) items: 1) stated that the annual Activities Council Meeting will be held on September 6th at the NMAA; 2) reported that participant numbers for most activities increased in 2021-2022; 3) stated that State One Act Play would be held in the Fall with all other state activity events again in the Spring; and 4) presented information regarding the continued partnership with Western New Mexico University that provides scholarship opportunities to students that participate in each NMAA sanctioned activity.

Mr. Pete joined the meeting.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Mr. Zac Stevenson, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the NMOA Report. He discussed ten (10) items on his report: 1) reported on the survey results for individuals that called in previous years but have not registered to continue as an official; 2) provided an update on current officials numbers which for Fall sports which have increased some as compared to previous years; 3) stated that heavy recruiting efforts are underway to help improve officials' numbers in all sports; 4) provided information regarding the new statewide officials' curriculum that has been created for schools to offer sports officiating as an elective for its students; 5) reported that Dragonfly trainings have been ongoing since the summer months and the NMAA will continue to provide individual support as needed; 6) recapped the fall assignor/A.D. meetings that were held in an effort to identify dates with officials scheduling problems so that these could be addressed in advance; 7) stated that the NMOA State Clinic took place in July with a new format that provided more training and educational opportunities for officials; 8) mentioned that the NMOA will be communicating with the NMAA, NMHSCA, and NMADA about a possible collaborative summer clinic in the future; 9) provided an update on the work of the NMOA Board and its work to remove barriers and lessen administrative requirements for officials; and 10) reminded the Commission about policies pertaining to the payment of officials during the state playoffs for various sports.

Discussion/Informational Items:

NMOA Mileage Rings - Mr. Stevenson provided information regarding a new mileage system that the NMOA would like to propose in the future. He stated the NMAA & NMOA have been looking at this for several years now and the change should help to improve the process of paying officials while also providing more equitable fees to everyone within the contest crew. Examples of the new system did show an increase in expenses for the few schools that were researched. Feedback included concerns with the increase in expenses, especially for districts that have multiple schools. It was also stated that more research should be done to look at how this will impact smaller and more rural schools. Mr. Stevenson also mentioned that the proposed changes to mileage payments would serve to increase fees slowly over time in an effort to compensate officials accordingly for their work officiating events and for their travels.

2023-2024 Calendar - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, provided information regarding the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. She stated that sports seasons will look like they are starting later than normal due to where July 1st falls. Schools will need to plan accordingly for the dates used to schedule based on a 2-year block. Ms. Moores asked the group to consider a more consistent start and end date to the Fall sports season since football starts earlier than the others and volleyball finishes after soccer and cross country.

Music License for State Playoffs - Ms. Marquez reported that the NFHS has placed an emphasis on public performance music licenses for state associations and school districts. Lawsuits have been filed against many schools across the country for failure to obtain these licenses prior to playing music during athletic contests and other school events. She stated that the NMAA will need to address this soon for early round playoff games that are held at host school sites.

CPR Requirement for Coaches - Ms. Marquez stated that the NMAA has been researching coach requirements within states across the country and has found that the majority do have a CPR requirement either through the state association or department of education. She stated that the membership will need to consider this in the future. Mr. Mabrey presented concerns from the coaches' standpoint due to the cost of this type of training and because of the numerous requirements and trainings that are already in place.

Middle School Championships - Ms. Marquez discussed the possibility of holding state championships for middle schools and stated that this has been implemented in other states to enhance middle school athletics, increase participation, and ensure the association can provide additional support to these programs. Feedback included concerns that adding championships would lead to other issues that are currently seen only at the high school level. The group did state that middle school athletics in New Mexico could be improved and thus should be a focal point of the Association in the near future.

Collaborative Summer Clinic - Ms. Marquez discussed the idea of holding a larger statewide clinic during the summer that would include the New Mexico High School Coaches Association, the New Mexico Officials Association, the New Mexico Athletic Directors Association, the NMAA and student leaders from schools across the state. It is felt that bringing these groups together will help build and improve relationships for all stakeholders while also helping to ensure collaboration in addressing the current challenges within interscholastic athletics and activities. Feedback provided was extremely positive.

Mr. Henderson left the meeting.

Definition of Practice - Ms. Marquez asked for feedback regarding a contradiction that was found within the NMAA Handbook that pertains to the definition of practice and how tryout periods are handled to determine student eligibility. Feedback included continued review of this issue and the possibility of proposing a bylaw change that would state that 5 days of practice and/or tryouts constitutes participation in a sports season when attempting to determine student eligibility.

Action Items:

Seeding/Selection: Coach Input Form Requirement - Mr. Pete presented a proposal to mandate that all head coaches in each team sport submit the school input form that is used for state championship seeding/selection. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. No motion was made, proposal fails due to lack of a motion.

Golf: State Qualifiers - Mr. Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to change the state qualifying process in the sport of Golf to include the following:

Team Qualifying: Teams must compete in a minimum of five regular season tournaments, recording a team score in those tournaments to be eligible for the State Tournament. If a District does not have a District Champion for either boys or girls, the next team in the iWanamaker rankings will be used to fill the remaining team slots at State. If a school participates in more than 5 tournaments, only their top 5 events will be used to calculate rankings. The District Tournament does not count towards the minimum five tournaments needed to be eligible for State.

Individual Qualifying: The individual District Champions will automatically qualify for State if they are not on a qualifying team. Individuals need to participate in a minimum of five regular

season tournaments. Only the individuals top-5 tournaments of the year will count in the iWanamaker rankings. The District Tournament does not count towards the minimum five tournaments needed to be eligible for State.

Maximum Score: Maximum Score will be used in all regular season, District and State Championships.

Tie Breaking Procedure for First Place Team at State: The Head Coach will select three golfers from his/her team to participate in the team playoff. The two teams will tee off from a hole to be determined.

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

Tennis: State Qualifiers - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to reduce the number of individual state qualifiers (singles/doubles) from 20 to 16 in the sport of tennis. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Tensay made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Moores seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Non-Scholastic Events During NMAA Playoffs - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 7.6.8 (Season Ends) to read as follows: A season ends when a team/individual does not qualify for, or is eliminated from, post season competition (playoffs, district, and/or state tournament). Once post-season play has begun or state tournament seeding and selection has taken place, no regular season or non-scholastic games/matches/events can be scheduled/played in the same sport. At the sub-varsity level, the regular season concludes at the end of regular season competition. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Owens made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Tensay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

The next NMAA Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022.

New Mexico Activities Association

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SPECIALIZED SPORT TRAINING

☐ Action Item ☒ Referenda Item
☒ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

6.9.2.C 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 180 school / 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. Specialized sport training programs also include non-NFHS member prep school, non-scholastic team/program or municipal sports teams.

OR

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 180 school / 365 calendar days from the date of their enrollment **unless they enroll in their previous school**. Specialized 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.

Rationale:

The “Did Not Participate” provision was intended to allow transfer students the opportunity to participate at the varsity level in a sport not previously participated in the prior year. Since the bylaw is specific to interscholastic sports, transfer students who enroll after attending non-scholastic specialized sport training academies/schools/clubs have been able to utilize the rule to become immediately eligible, despite the rule’s intent.

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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SPORTSMANSHIP / COMPETE WITH CLASS

☐ Action Item ☒ Referenda Item
☒ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Discussion: Discuss/review NMAA's current unsportsmanlike conduct bylaw in comparison to Oklahoma and Louisiana policy.

Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association

Board Policy V. SUSPENSION FROM ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR UNSPORTING CONDUCT

Any time an egregious act of unsportsmanlike conduct occurs **two or more times** during the same season, at the same school, in the same activity, **the team and/or individual will be suspended from participation in that activity** for the remainder of the season. Egregious acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will be defined as instances not within the OSSAA adopted rules of the contest. In the event the second act of misconduct occurs when there are no contests left in the current season, the penalty will be applied to the next season in the same activity. The OSSAA will notify the school that the team and/or individual has been placed on **warning after the first offense**. Unsportsmanlike acts under this policy will include acts by **coaches, players or spectators**.

Louisiana High School Athletic Association

5.11.12 SUSPENSION FROM ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR UNSPORTING CONDUCT

1. **Anytime** an egregious act of unsportsmanlike conduct occurs, **the team and/or individual(s) may be suspended from participation in that sport for the remainder of the season**. Egregious acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will be defined as instances not within the NFHS or LHSAA adopted rules of the contest. In the event **the second act** of misconduct occurs when there are **no contests left in the current season, the penalty will be enforced in the next season in the same sport**.
2. The penalties for a school whose coach(es), player(s), team or spectator(s) display unsporting conduct are as follows:
 - a. **The school may be placed on disciplinary, restrictive, or suspension probation not to exceed one calendar year on the first offense.**
 - b. **On the second offense, the team and/or individuals shall be suspended for the remainder of the season including postseason.**
 - c. The school may be charged with the cost of any investigation connected with the violation.
 - d. The school may be charged with the cost of conducting a sportsmanship hearing that is held in connection with the violation.
 - e. The school may be ordered to conduct a home and/or an away contest(s) in the sport without a player(s), a coach(es), and/or a spectator(s) in attendance not to exceed one calendar year.
 - f. The school may be prohibited from playing home contests in the sport not to exceed one calendar year.
 - g. Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

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BASEBALL: CLASS A STATE QUALIFIERS

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Associate Director

Item:

Consider adjusting the number of qualifiers for the Class A State Baseball playoffs from 4 to 6 starting with the current school year (2023 season). This will add an additional round to the state playoffs. The new quarterfinal round will be played the Wednesday of Week #45 at the site of the higher seed. This is the same day that Class 2A holds its 1st Round of 12. The top two seeds would receive a bye into the semifinals.

Rationale:

Class A Baseball has increased from 10 schools to 15 schools in 2022-2023. Increasing the playoff field by two will allow for a more equitable percentage of schools within the division to qualify for the state tournament.

NMAA Recommendation: Approve

Baseball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

Current Class A Baseball Alignment for 2022-2024 (15 Teams Eligible for State):

A BASEBALL – 15 (16) SCHOOLS – 3 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2	District 3
Chesterton Academy	Dora	Cimarron
Jemez Valley	Elida	Grady
Magdalena	Floyd	Logan
Mesilla Valley	Gateway Christian	Melrose
Northwest		Roy
		San Jon

Independent: Hozho Academy

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BASEBALL: HOME/VISITOR FOR STATE

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Associate Director

Proposal: Edit State Baseball Playoff Bylaws so that the higher seed serves as the home team for the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals (instead of a coin flip deciding this in the semifinals and finals for Classes 2A-5A and in the finals for Class A).

Current Language

7.12.4 State Tournament Information

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

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

New Language

7.12.4 State Tournament Information

During the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, the higher seed will be the home team.

Note – in the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, the higher seed may opt to be the visiting team but must provide notice of this choice to the Tournament Director no later than 2 hours prior to the start of the contest.

Rationale: There is a push from coaches to make this change based on the idea that the higher seed has earned the right to be the home team because of its success during the regular season.

Budget Impact: N/A

Baseball Sports Specific Committee: Split

Baseball Coach Survey: In Favor (28-19; 60%)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Neutral

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BASEBALL: SUB-VARSITY TIME LIMIT

☒ Action Item ☒ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Associate Director

Proposal: Consider addition of a statewide limit for sub-varsity baseball games.

New Language Underlined

7.12.1.H.6. Time Limits – Only the below time limits are permitted in the sport of baseball.

- a. **District Time Limits** – A time limit can be implemented by a district if they choose to do so. Games that end due to a time limit will be considered regulation games regardless of how many innings are played. The score will remain as recorded when the game was called.
- b. **Invitational Tournament Time Limits** – Time limits can be implemented for invitational tournaments put on by schools/school districts. Games that end due to a time limit will be considered regulation games regardless of how many innings are played. The score will remain as recorded when the game was called.
- c. **Sub-Varsity Time Limits** – At the sub-varsity level, no inning may start after two hours of play. Schools can lower this time limit if mutually agreed upon in advance (i.e. 1 hour & 45 minutes).

****NOTE – Special Run Rules can NOT be implemented as game ending procedures as a district policy, for invitational tournaments, or for sub-varsity contests (i.e. 15 runs after 3 innings). If a game does not meet the NFHS standards of five completed innings (or four and a half if the home team ahead), it is only a regulation game if a specific time limit was in place for the contest in question.***

Rationale: Baseball coaches and umpires have raised some concerns with the length of contests at the sub-varsity level. This can be especially problematic for schools that play varsity and sub-varsity contests on the same day, many of these played on weekdays at facilities without lights. This item was initially brought up for discussion pre-covid and did have support from coaches, athletic directors, and the Commission. It was tabled by NMAA staff, however, due to the impact the pandemic had on spring sports and limited participation within the sport of baseball during the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

Budget Impact: N/A

Baseball Sports Specific Committee: Approve

Baseball Coach Survey: In Favor (33-14; 70%)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY & MINIMUM CONTESTS FOR STATE

☒ Action Item ☒ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal: Exempt students who are unable to meet the one-quarter participation rule due to scholastic ineligibility.

New language underlined below:

7.6.5 Minimum Contests for Post-Season Competition Eligibility (Individual)

Students must participate in a minimum of one quarter (1/4) of the varsity contests scheduled to be eligible for post-season competition.

- A. Injured Player** – A player who sustains an injury that precludes participation in one quarter of varsity contests scheduled during the regular season, may participate in post-season competition provided the student has been on the team roster throughout the season. In addition, the injury must be certified in writing by a licensed medical physician and submitted to the Director as well as kept on file by the school principal. For this exception to apply, the injured player cannot have participated in any other sport (inside or outside of the school) during the regular sports season.
- B. Scholastically Ineligible Student** – A student whose scholastic eligibility status precludes participation in one quarter of the varsity contests scheduled during the regular season may participate in post-season competition provided the student has regained scholastic eligibility. For this exception to apply, the student must have been actively participating in team practices throughout the duration of the season and the school must be able to verify that participation.

Note: Sub-varsity players can be moved up for post-season play without playing in one quarter of the varsity contest scheduled.

Rationale: The one-quarter rule is intended to ensure a student has been regularly participating with the team during the season. If a scholastically ineligible student has been practicing with the team throughout the duration of the season, they meet the intended standard and should be eligible to participate in the post-season once scholastic eligibility is regained.

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT RESIDENCE POLICIES

☒ Action Item ☒ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal: Permit foreign exchange students wishing to participate in athletics to reside with school employees who are not coaches or athletic department staff members.

New language is underlined/bolded below:

6.1.3 Undue Influence of a Student

- 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 also 6.8.2 Foreign Students~~). **(See 6.8.2.A for Foreign Exchange exceptions).**

6.8.2 Foreign Students

A. International Student Exchange Participant

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.**

Rationale: Due to their brief enrollment, as well as the parameters in place to reduce their recruitment and ensure random placement, the undue influence rule wasn't specifically intended to prevent foreign exchange students from residing with school employees.

However, due to the conflict of interest created by allowing a student-athlete to live with a coach or other member of the athletics department, foreign exchange students should not be permitted to live with athletic department staff members.

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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PARTICIPANT EJECTIONS & IMPACT ON GAME LIMITATIONS

☒ Action Item ☒ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal: Count games missed due to an ejection or suspension toward the student's overall competition limit.

New language is underlined/bolded below:

7.6.6 Maximum/Minimum Number of Games/Contests Permitted (Schools/Teams)

- A. Game Limitation (Maximum)** - Schools/teams may not schedule more than the maximum number of games/contests allowed for each sport relative to each level of competition. For example, a 26-game limitation means that a school can schedule only 26 games at the varsity level. Refer to 7.0 in this section for the number of games/contests permitted.
- B. Schedule/Competition Requirement (Minimum)** – Schools must compete within the assigned district (as determined by the NMAA) and must complete their entire district schedule, as determined by the district, in order to qualify for the post season. Districts must minimally schedule to play each school in the assigned district one time. Exception: Golf, Spirit, Swimming and Diving, and Girls Wrestling. District play must be completed prior to state tournament seeding and selection.
- C. Sub-varsity district tournaments/meets** - Sub-varsity district tournaments/meets count towards game limitations. A player cannot play in two tournaments (regular season or district) simultaneously. (See also 7.6.14, 7.8.5)
- D. Ejections/Suspensions** - Games/contests missed by an individual due to an ejection or suspension shall count toward the student athlete's individual contest limitations.

Rationale: Students who are required to miss games due to an ejection or suspension should not be able to benefit from that discipline by replacing those games with participation in other scholastic or non-scholastic games.

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

☒ Action Item ☒ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal: Edit Bylaw 6.13.3 to clarify that student-athletes cannot participate at any time against collegiate teams/individuals while representing an NMAA member school.

Current Language

6.13.3 Post-Secondary School Participation

A Student who, while representing a member school during the season, competes against any intercollegiate individual or team, shall be subject to NMAA sanctions.

New Language

6.13.3 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.

Rationale: Current bylaws only reference participation during the season, but the intent of the rule is to prohibit students, while representing an NMAA member school, from competing against collegiate athletes/teams, regardless of the time of year. Clarification is needed, especially with recent changes to out-of-season coaching bylaws that now provide more opportunities for member school competitions outside of the traditional season.

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

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NMOA: MILEAGE RINGS

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Zac Stevenson, Commissioner of Officials

Proposal:

To modify the current Officials fees structure, moving away from mileage for one driver to a standard fee for all Officials based on incremental rings from the Officials home to the contest site. See the following three options:

\$10 game fee increase option	
Miles to contest	Fee per Official
0-25	\$0
26-50	\$30
51-100	\$40
101-150	\$50
151-200	\$60
201-250	\$70
251-300	\$80
301-350	\$90
351-400	\$100
401-450	\$110
451-500	\$120
501-550	\$130

16-25 mile tier	
Miles to contest	Fee per Official
0-15	\$0
16-25	\$20
26-50	\$40
51-100	\$50
101-150	\$60
151-200	\$70
201-250	\$80
251-300	\$90
301-350	\$100
351-400	\$110
401-450	\$120
451-500	\$130
501-550	\$140

\$5 game fee increase option	
Miles to contest	Fee per Official
0-25	\$0
26-50	\$30
51-100	\$40
101-150	\$50
151-200	\$60
201-250	\$70
251-300	\$80
301-350	\$90
351-400	\$100
401-450	\$110
451-500	\$120
501-550	\$130

Rationale:

Adopting any of the proposed models would provide equity to everyone on the crew, rather than one person receiving all mileage and simplifies the calculation and communication between the school staff managing the payments and the crew. This will shift from paying mileage, to compensating officials for their time in travel. Traditionally, an unwritten “agreement” includes the person receiving mileage then shares other compensation with the crew, such as meals, or rental vehicle and is inconsistent in interpretation. The proposals add written clarification for all parties, allows Officials to travel separately if they choose or have a specific need, and shares game fee compensation equally.

Budgetary Impact:

Calculations that include a total projected increase for the year that encompasses all sports at all levels for several member schools from various Regions statewide show the following ranges:

\$10 game fee increase: \$3000 - \$6000
 16-25 mile tier increase: \$1100 - \$3500
 \$5 game fee increase: \$1100 - \$3600

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

An overall increase in officials’ fees is needed. The exact amount(s) should be determined through discussion with and approval from the NMAA membership.

Attachments:

Flat Fee v Mileage Chart Comparison – 3-person Basketball Crew example

\$10 increase option

increase game fee \$10 across all sports all levels

Miles to contest	Fee per Official	Example: 3-person Var Basketball (current fees)				New \$80 + Flat Fee Total	New IRS Total range - \$0.625	Current per Official		New per Official
		Game fee (\$70)	Driver fee range - \$0.405	meals/riders	Total range			Driver	Riders	
0-25	\$0	\$210	\$0 - \$20.25	\$0	\$210 - \$230.25	\$240	\$210.00 - \$241.25	\$70.00 - \$90.25	\$70	\$80
26-50	\$30	\$210	\$21.06 - \$40.50	\$0	\$231.06 - \$250.50	\$330	\$242.50 - \$272.50	\$91.06 - \$110.50	\$70	\$110
51-100	\$40	\$210	\$41.31 - \$81.00	\$50	\$301.31 - \$341.00	\$360	\$323.75 - \$385.00	\$121.31 - \$161.00	\$90	\$120
101-150	\$50	\$210	\$81.81 - \$121.50	\$50	\$341.81 - \$381.50	\$390	\$386.25 - \$447.50	\$161.81 - \$201.50	\$90	\$130
151-200	\$60	\$210	\$122.21 - \$162.00	\$65	\$397.21 - \$437.00	\$420	\$463.75 - \$525.00	\$207.21 - \$247.00	\$95	\$140
201-250	\$70	\$210	\$162.81 - \$202.50	\$65	\$437.81 - \$477.50	\$450	\$526.25 - \$587.50	\$247.81 - \$287.50	\$95	\$150
251-300	\$80	\$210	\$203.31 - \$243.00	\$65	\$478.31 - \$518.00	\$480	\$588.75 - \$650.00	\$288.31 - \$328.00	\$95	\$160
301-350	\$90	\$210	\$243.81 - \$283.50	\$65	\$518.81 - \$558.50	\$510	\$651.25 - \$712.50	\$328.81 - \$368.50	\$95	\$170
351-400	\$100	\$210	\$284.31 - \$324.00	\$65	\$559.31 - \$599.00	\$540	\$713.75 - \$775.00	\$369.31 - \$409.00	\$95	\$180
401-450	\$110	\$210	\$324.81 - \$364.50	\$65	\$599.81 - \$639.50	\$570	\$776.25 - \$837.50	\$409.81 - \$449.50	\$95	\$190
451-500	\$120	\$210	\$365.31 - \$405.00	\$65	\$640.31 - \$680.00	\$600	\$838.75 - \$900.00	\$450.31 - \$490.00	\$95	\$200
501-550	\$130	\$210	\$405.81 - \$445.50	\$65	\$680.81 - \$720.50	\$630	\$901.25 - \$962.50	\$490.81 - \$530.50	\$95	\$210

16-25 mile tier

add a 16-25 mile tier

Miles to contest	Fee per Official	Example: 3-person Var Basketball (current fees)				New Flat Fee Total	New IRS Total range - \$0.625	Current per Official		New per Official
		Game fee (\$70)	Driver fee range - \$0.405	meals/riders	Total range			Driver	Riders	
0-15	\$0	\$210	\$0 - \$12.15	\$0	\$210 - \$222.15	\$210	\$210.00 - \$228.75	\$70.00 - \$82.15	\$70	\$70
16-25	\$20	\$210	\$12.96 - \$20.25	\$0	\$222.96 - \$230.25	\$270	\$230.00 - \$241.25	\$82.96 - \$90.25	\$70	\$90
26-50	\$40	\$210	\$21.06 - \$40.50	\$0	\$231.06 - \$250.50	\$330	\$242.50 - \$272.50	\$91.06 - \$110.50	\$70	\$110
51-100	\$50	\$210	\$41.31 - \$81.00	\$50	\$301.31 - \$341.00	\$360	\$323.75 - \$385.00	\$121.31 - \$161.00	\$90	\$120
101-150	\$60	\$210	\$81.81 - \$121.50	\$50	\$341.81 - \$381.50	\$390	\$386.25 - \$447.50	\$161.81 - \$201.50	\$90	\$130
151-200	\$70	\$210	\$122.21 - \$162.00	\$65	\$397.21 - \$437.00	\$420	\$463.75 - \$525.00	\$207.21 - \$247.00	\$95	\$140
201-250	\$80	\$210	\$162.81 - \$202.50	\$65	\$437.81 - \$477.50	\$450	\$526.25 - \$587.50	\$247.81 - \$287.50	\$95	\$150
251-300	\$90	\$210	\$203.31 - \$243.00	\$65	\$478.31 - \$518.00	\$480	\$588.75 - \$650.00	\$288.31 - \$328.00	\$95	\$160
301-350	\$100	\$210	\$243.81 - \$283.50	\$65	\$518.81 - \$558.50	\$510	\$651.25 - \$712.50	\$328.81 - \$368.50	\$95	\$170
351-400	\$110	\$210	\$284.31 - \$324.00	\$65	\$559.31 - \$599.00	\$540	\$713.75 - \$775.00	\$369.31 - \$409.00	\$95	\$180
401-450	\$120	\$210	\$324.81 - \$364.50	\$65	\$599.81 - \$639.50	\$570	\$776.25 - \$837.50	\$409.81 - \$449.50	\$95	\$190
451-500	\$130	\$210	\$365.31 - \$405.00	\$65	\$640.31 - \$680.00	\$600	\$838.75 - \$900.00	\$450.31 - \$490.00	\$95	\$200
501-550	\$140	\$210	\$405.81 - \$445.50	\$65	\$680.81 - \$720.50	\$630	\$901.25 - \$962.50	\$490.81 - \$530.50	\$95	\$210

\$5 increase option

increase game fee \$5 across all sports all levels

Miles to contest	Fee per Official	Example: 3-person Var Basketball (current fees)				New \$75 + Flat Fee Total	New IRS Total range - \$0.625	Current per Official		New per Official
		Game fee (\$70)	Driver fee range - \$0.405	meals/riders	Total range			Driver	Riders	
0-25	\$0	\$210	\$0 - \$20.25	\$0	\$210 - \$230.25	\$225	\$210.00 - \$241.25	\$70.00 - \$90.25	\$70	\$75
26-50	\$30	\$210	\$21.06 - \$40.50	\$0	\$231.06 - \$250.50	\$315	\$242.50 - \$272.50	\$91.06 - \$110.50	\$70	\$105
51-100	\$40	\$210	\$41.31 - \$81.00	\$50	\$301.31 - \$341.00	\$345	\$323.75 - \$385.00	\$121.31 - \$161.00	\$90	\$115
101-150	\$50	\$210	\$81.81 - \$121.50	\$50	\$341.81 - \$381.50	\$375	\$386.25 - \$447.50	\$161.81 - \$201.50	\$90	\$125
151-200	\$60	\$210	\$122.21 - \$162.00	\$65	\$397.21 - \$437.00	\$405	\$463.75 - \$525.00	\$207.21 - \$247.00	\$95	\$135
201-250	\$70	\$210	\$162.81 - \$202.50	\$65	\$437.81 - \$477.50	\$435	\$526.25 - \$587.50	\$247.81 - \$287.50	\$95	\$145
251-300	\$80	\$210	\$203.31 - \$243.00	\$65	\$478.31 - \$518.00	\$465	\$588.75 - \$650.00	\$288.31 - \$328.00	\$95	\$155
301-350	\$90	\$210	\$243.81 - \$283.50	\$65	\$518.81 - \$558.50	\$495	\$651.25 - \$712.50	\$328.81 - \$368.50	\$95	\$165
351-400	\$100	\$210	\$284.31 - \$324.00	\$65	\$559.31 - \$599.00	\$525	\$713.75 - \$775.00	\$369.31 - \$409.00	\$95	\$175
401-450	\$110	\$210	\$324.81 - \$364.50	\$65	\$599.81 - \$639.50	\$555	\$776.25 - \$837.50	\$409.81 - \$449.50	\$95	\$185
451-500	\$120	\$210	\$365.31 - \$405.00	\$65	\$640.31 - \$680.00	\$585	\$838.75 - \$900.00	\$450.31 - \$490.00	\$95	\$195
501-550	\$130	\$210	\$405.81 - \$445.50	\$65	\$680.81 - \$720.50	\$615	\$901.25 - \$962.50	\$490.81 - \$530.50	\$95	\$205

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NMOA: PER DIEM

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Zac Stevenson, Commissioner of Officials

Proposal:

To increase Officials Hotel Per Diem from \$75 to \$100 when requested for trips over 150 miles one way.

Current Fees:

MILEAGE, MEAL AND RIDER FEE PAYMENTS FOR ALL CONTESTS

Officials' expenses for regular season and play-off games/matches in all sports:

- (2) Per diem (over 150 miles one way) is \$75 per day providing the official spends the night.

Rationale:

The hotel per diem amount has remained at \$75 since at least 2005. Current hotel rates force Officials to share rooms or pay out of pocket to stay overnight. This would mostly impact state tournament games where out of Region Officials are often required.

Budgetary Impact:

Minimal to schools. \$25 per Official for two to five Officials and only when the Officials choose to stay overnight over 150 miles one way.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

An overall increase in officials' fees is needed. The exact amount(s) should be determined through discussion with and approval from the NMAA membership.

Attachments:

None

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NMOA: SOFTBALL GAME FEES

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Zac Stevenson, Commissioner of Officials

Proposal:

To increase softball umpires' fees to match those of baseball officials.

Current Fees:

	<u>VARSITY</u>	<u>JV & 9th GRADE</u>	<u>JUNIOR HIGH (7th/8th)</u>
Softball (All Classes)	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
Baseball (All Classes)	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$40.00

Rationale:

Upon input from the NMOA over the last year, with comparison to baseball contests, there was a feeling that softball umpires should make the same as baseball officials, given the similarity in length of games, and equivalent expenses for equipment and travel.

Budgetary Impact:

Schools that have softball programs would be impacted \$15-30 per varsity game (depending on number of umpires used), \$5-10 per JV/C game and \$5-10 per junior high/middle school game. If a school hosts half of their maximum game allowance, the total budgetary impact would be \$180-360 at the Varsity level, \$60-120 each sub-varsity team per year.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

An overall increase in officials' fees is needed. The exact amount(s) should be determined through discussion with and approval from the NMAA membership.

Attachments:

None

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NMOA: OFFICIALS' FEES FOR FUTURE

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Jess Martinez, NMOA President

Proposal:

To increase game fees in all sports all levels by \$5 in 2025, 2027, 2029

Current Fees: (See attached)

Fee increases by state:

- AR – varies, usually increase a couple dollars every 2-3 years
- CO – 10 year plan – 2% cost of living \$1.32 per year
- OK - \$5 every 3-4 years rolling rotation for different sports
- TX - \$5 every three years – roughly 2-3% per year to mirror school employee increases

Rationale:

Upon input from the NMOA over the last year, with comparison to surrounding states game fees there was a feeling that our numbers are comparatively low. This multi-year proposal would bring our fees in line with surrounding states in the 6th year while providing schools a timely plan for budget purposes.

Budgetary Impact:

Depending on the number of programs and number of levels. Multiplying \$5 times the total number of Officials for a year will provide a specific increase for each school. For example, a 5A school offering all levels of all programs had 507 contest Officials in 2021-22. This would total an increase of \$2535 in 2025, 2027 and 2029.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

An overall increase in officials' fees is needed. The exact amount(s) should be determined through discussion with and approval from the NMAA membership.

Attachments:

2022-23 NMAA Officials Fees



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OFFICIALS' FEES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



REGULAR SEASON OFFICIALS' FEES

Officials are paid the following fees, plus applicable mileage, meal and rider fees. **Effective July 1, 2020.**

	VARSITY	JV & 9th GRADE	JUNIOR HIGH (7th/8th)
Baseball (All Classes)	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Basketball (All Classes)	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Football (All Classes)	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Soccer (All Classes)	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
Softball (All Classes)	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
Volleyball (All Classes)	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$35.00
	<i>\$25.00 per pool play match at the varsity level</i>		
	<i>\$20.00 per pool play match at the high school sub-varsity/9th grade level</i>		
	<i>\$17.00 per pool play match at the middle school level (7th & 8th)</i>		
Wrestling (All classes - Duals)	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
	\$4.00 per match for varsity regular season tournaments		
	\$3.00 per match for JV/C/9th regular season tournaments		
	\$2.50 per match for Junior High (7 th /8 th) regular season tournaments		

Volleyball Line Judges (ONLY if NMOA-registered officials are utilized by schools):

Regular Season Varsity Rate:	\$17.00 per match
Regular Season Sub-Varsity Rate:	\$12.00 per match

Swimming & Diving (All Classes)

\$50.00 per meet – Referee
\$40.00 per meet – Stroke & Turn Judges

Track & Field (All Classes)

\$84.00	All day meet, preliminaries and finals, track and field events for boys and girls
\$56.00	Half day meet, finals only, both track and field events for boys and girls
\$72.00	All day meet, preliminaries and finals, both track and field for boys OR girls
\$56.00	All dual, triangular and quadrangular meets
\$56.00*	Track referee only – all day meets as described above
\$56.00*	Field referee only – all day meets as described above
	<i>*Must hire both track and field referees if this format is used.</i>
\$56.00	Additional for pre-meet seeding, heating, etc. optional if school/referee so agree)
\$96.00	Two-day meet (afternoon or evening day one, morning day two), both track and field for boys and girls
\$67.00 ea.	Track referee and field referee – same format as above

Spirit (All Classes)

\$84.00	All Day competition - technical official
\$72.00	All Day competition - performance official
\$56.00	All Day competition - single discipline performance official
\$56.00	1/2 Day competition - technical official
\$47.00	1/2 Day competition - performance official
\$37.00	1/2 Day competition - single discipline performance official

POST-SEASON OFFICIALS' FEES

	<u>BASEBALL</u>	<u>SOFTBALL</u>	<u>BASKET-BALL</u>	<u>FOOTBALL</u>
District Tournament	N/A	N/A	\$75.00	N/A
State Round of 12	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$73.00
State Quarterfinal	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$75.00
State Semifinal	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$77.00
State Final	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$79.00
State (incl. 1 st Round)	\$71.00	\$65.00	\$79.00	N/A
	<u>SOCCER</u>	<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	<u>VB LINE JUDGE</u>	<u>WRESTLING</u>
District Tournament	N/A	\$63.00	\$28.00	\$4.50/match
State (incl. 1 st Round)	\$71.00	\$65.00	\$33.00	\$5.00/match

MILEAGE, MEAL AND RIDER FEE PAYMENTS FOR ALL CONTESTS

Officials' expenses for regular season and play-off games/matches in all sports:

- (1) Reimbursement of an official's expenses (meal or per diem) is based on one-way mileage intended to reach the site of a game/match/event is as follows:

51 miles to 150 miles=one meal @ \$10
Over 150 miles=two meals = \$15
- (2) Per diem (over 150 miles one way) is \$75 per day providing the official spends the night.
- (3) Mileage is paid at the rate of **\$.405** per mile round trip from the official's hometown (*new, effective July 1, 2009*).
 - a) EXCEPTION: If an official chooses to affiliate him/herself with a group from outside of his/her hometown where a local group exists, they will not be paid mileage from their home town. For example, if an official lives in Alamogordo but chooses to officiate with the Las Cruces association rather than the Alamogordo association, he/she would NOT be paid mileage from Alamogordo to Las Cruces for the game because he/she has made the choice to officiate outside of his/her home town, where a local group exists.
 - b) Only ONE driver will be paid for each contest. This will be paid to the official on the crew who travels the furthest. Issues with multiple drivers must be solved between the officials and the assignor prior to the game. For example, if a game in Carlsbad is being officiated by an official from Loving and an official from Artesia, the mileage may be split between the two officials. It is the responsibility of the "crew chief" to notify the school of the split mileage or the officials can work out splitting the mileage on their own, which has been a practice for officials for quite some time.
- (4) A rider fee of \$10 is paid to officials who are riding (non-drivers only) on trips of 51 miles or more one-way.