

NMAAA

Commission Meeting



Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Virtual
9:00 AM



**New Mexico Activities Association
Commission
Updated July 2020**



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

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November 18, 2020 - 9:00 AM

AGENDA

A= Action Item

D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome**
Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum
(A) Approval of Agenda
(A) Approval of Minutes (September 2, 2020)
*Alissa Wesbrook, Asst. to Exec. Dir.
Ernie Viramontes, Chairman
Ernie Viramontes, Chairman*
- II. NMAA Director's Report**
Dusty Young, Associate Director
- III. NMAA Activities Report**
Dana Pappas, Comm. of Officials
- IV. New Mexico Officials Association Report**
Dana Pappas, Comm. of Officials
- V. Discussion/ Informational Items**
 - (D/I) NMOA/Football: Film Requirement
Dana Pappas, Dusty Young
 - (D/I) Baseball: Sub-Varsity Time Limits
Dusty Young, Associate Director
 - (D/I) Coach Education: New NMPSIA Requirements
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (D/I) NMSBA: Scholastic Eligibility Inquiry
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (D/I) COVID Addendum: Student Screening / Honesty
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (D/I) Bylaws Committee Update
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- VI. Action Items**
 - (A) COVID Addendum: Cumulative Provision for Freshmen
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- VII. Consider Adjournment**

Next Commission Meeting – February 3, 2021

NMAA Commission Meeting

September 2, 2020

9:00 AM

Zoom

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernie Viramontes, Chairman, at 9:02 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present via Zoom:

Mr. Kamau Turner (Small, Area A)
Mr. Larry Chavez (Large, Area A)
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large Area C)
Mr. Jason Hightower (Small Area D)
Ms. LeeAnn Moores (Large, Area D)
Mr. David Campbell (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. Daren Jones (Jr. High/Middle School Committee)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association)
Ms. Mary Hahn (Activities Council)

Not Present:

Mr. Al Martinez (Non-Public Schools)
Mr. Frank Cordova (New Mexico School Boards Association)

14 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hightower seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Commission Meeting as presented. Ms. Moores made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. D. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

NMAA Director's Report

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed five (5) items on his report: 1) welcomed two new members to the Commission, Ms. Mary Hahn, representing the Activities Council and Mr. Kamau Turner, representing Small Area A; 2) stated that elections will take place in October for Commission seats representing Small A, Small D, Large A, and Non-Public Schools and for Board Members representing Small D, Large A, and Large C; 3) added that one Board seat is currently up for election due to a vacated term within Large D; 4) provided an update on the NMAA Foundation that included information on its Fall Golf Classic fundraiser and the decision to increase both student scholarship awards for 2020-2021 by \$20,000 and school grants/support by up to \$15,000 from previous years due to the difficult times brought forth by the current pandemic; and 5) stated that Powerlifting has been added as an unofficial activity for

member schools beginning in October. Mr. Young asked for feedback from the group as to if the NMAA should seek approval of Powerlifting as a sanctioned activity for 2020-2021. The Commission recommended that it should be a sanctioned activity for the current school year and thus should be taken to the NMAA Board of Directors for approval at their next meeting.

NMAA Finance Report

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the Association's finance report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) provided an overview of the financial reports for sports and activities from the 2019-2020 school year; and 2) stated that the annual audit was recently completed and that the results and final financials will be presented to the Board of Directors later in the month.

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, provided additional details regarding the financial position of the organization at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, the proposed 2020-2021 budget, and the potential long term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Association.

NMAA Activities Report

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) stated that the annual Activities Council Meeting was held on September 1 and New Mexico Association of Student Councils representative Mary Hahn was elected as chair for the next two years; 2) reported that many of the state activity events scheduled for the Spring of 2020 were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic and that most events in 2020-2021 are planned to be held virtually; 3) announced a renewed partnership with Western New Mexico University that will provide scholarship opportunities to students participating in each NMAA sanctioned activity; and 4) provided an update on the composition and current work of NMAA's Student Leadership Advisory Council.

New Mexico Officials Association Report

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) stated that the 2020 NMOA State Clinic was held virtually in July with over 600 officials in attendance; 2) reported that the NMOA has conducted over 100 successful webinars for seven different sports over the past six months; 3) announced that the NASO Summit was held virtually this year with over 10,000 attendees (150+ were NM officials); and 4) stated that District Clinics will be held virtually during 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Viramontes asked about officials' numbers and Ms. Pappas stated that these are fairly steady under the circumstances.

Discussion/Informational Items

STEM Challenge - Ms. Marquez stated that although it was successful during its first year as a sanctioned activity, the STEM Challenge would no longer be recognized under the NMAA umbrella due to cash prizes that are awarded to student participants. The NMAA still supports school involvement in this great educational opportunity.

Mental Health Awareness - Ms. Marquez provided an overview of the NMAA's Mental Health Awareness initiative that was launched August 31 and will continue throughout 2020-2021. The initial "Mental Health Awareness Week" will be followed up with "Wellness Wednesdays" for the remainder of the school year.

Basketball: 2-person crews - Ms. Marquez discussed the possible use of 2-person officiating crews in the sport of basketball for smaller classifications. She stated that an action item to

implement this at the 1A level was tabled by the Board of Directors over the summer, and asked for feedback as to if this proposal should be expanded to Class 2A as well due to the financial implications brought forth by the coronavirus pandemic. Feedback from the Commission supported the change for Class 1A & 2A not only because of finances, but also because of potential scheduling and officials' assignment issues that could occur during this unique year. Ms. Marquez stated that this proposal would be presented to the Board of Directors.

Action Items

Rodeo: Consider Removal as Sanctioned Activity - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate Rodeo as an NMAA sanctioned activity. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Moores made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Discussion/Informational or Action Items

Handbook Addendum - COVID-19 Adjustments

(D/I) = Discussion/Informational; (A) = Action

(A) Bylaw 2.5.1: Annual Meeting - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate the Annual Meeting (Fall Conference) requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Hahn made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

(D/I) Bylaw 3.6: District Clinics - Ms. Marquez stated that all District Clinics for the 2020-2021 school year will be held virtually with updated dates that reflect the amended sports calendar.

(D/I) Bylaw 3.9: School Online Reporting - Ms. Marquez provided details regarding the change in dates for the online reporting (schedules/rosters/etc.) of athletic information based on the amended sports calendar for 2020-2021. She also stated that there will be no pre-season meeting requirement for the current school year, but that schools would still need to provide the NMAA pre-season video to all parents and students.

(D/I) Bylaw 4.1.3 A: Failure to Complete Season - Ms. Marquez stated schools that drop programs or fail to complete seasons during 2020-2021 would not be subject to penalties. However, if a school does choose to drop a particular sports program before the season begins, it must notify the NMAA at least two weeks prior to the official start date. Mr. Young clarified that this exemption to penalties pertains to classification and alignment policies/bylaws.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.2: Scholastic Eligibility- Ms. Marquez reminded the group of the change in scholastic eligibility bylaws for the 2020-2021 school year only. This was approved by the Board of Directors over the summer.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.5.A.C.1 and 6.13.1 B: Multiple Seasons in Same Sports - Ms. Marquez stated that there are no changes to this NMAA bylaw and referenced that this would prohibit a student from participating in a certain sport outside of New Mexico in the Fall, and then coming back to New Mexico and participating in the same sport in the Spring.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.6: Transfer Students - Ms. Marquez stated there are no changes to this bylaw.

(A) Bylaw 6.9.2 B - Did Not Participate Exception: Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that if a school is unable to offer a particular sport during the 2020-2021 school year due to state, country or local health department, or school/school district determinations, students who later

transfer from those schools will have their 2019-2020 sport participation utilized when applying the did not participate exception. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Chavez made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Hightower seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

(D/I) Bylaw 6.12: Semesters of Attendance - Ms. Marquez stated that there are no changes to bylaw.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.15: Physical Exam Waivers - Ms. Marquez reminded the group of the changes that were made to the physical exam requirements for the 2020-2021 school year only. These were approved by the Board of Directors over the summer.

(A) Bylaw 7.4 and 9.7.8: Out of Season Coaching - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to update Out of Season Coaching bylaws for junior high and middle schools for the 2020-2021 school year only. All high school out-of-season coaching regulations will remain in effect as per Bylaw 7.4 in the NMAA Handbook. However, middle school students/coaches will be permitted out-of-season contact time, exclusive of the high school, but must follow the out of season coaching regulations listed in Bylaw 7.4. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Campbell made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Hightower seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

(A) Bylaw 7.6.5: Minimum Contests for Postseason Eligibility - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate the requirement for individual students to participate in a minimum of 25% of its team's contests to be eligible for post-season competition. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

(A) Bylaw 7.9, 3.11.4, 5.1.6, & 5.1.7: Missed Games - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that teams not be penalized a loss or forfeit due to state, county, or local health department determinations relative to COVID-19. These games will be considered a "no contest" but can be made up if mutually agreed upon. District games missed due to COVID-19 must be rescheduled if time permits. Teams may work to reschedule with new opponents if games (district or non-district) cannot be rescheduled. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Hightower made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. D. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

(D/I) Out of State Competition - Ms. Marquez clarified that out of state competition is permitted. Schools, however, must comply with public health orders, including potential quarantine orders, that may be in place at the time of the contest.

(D/I) Section 10: Home/Charter/Alternative/ Non-Member Private School Eligibility - Ms. Marquez stated that there are no changes to these bylaws. She also clarified that students electing to remain enrolled through virtual curriculum offered by the local public school retain eligibility at that school.

(D/I) Bylaw 7.11: Seeding and Selection – Qualifying Numbers - Ms. Marquez provided details pertaining to the new qualifying numbers for the 2020-2021 school year only. 8-team formats will be utilized for Baseball (2A-5A), Basketball (A-5A), Football (6-man, 2A-6A), Soccer (A/3A-5A, Softball (A/2A-5A), and Volleyball (A-5A). 4-Team formats will be utilized for Baseball (A), and Football (8-Man).

(A) Bylaw 7.11: Seeding and Selection – District Champions & At-Large Bids - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that for 2020-2021, District Champions automatically qualify for the State Championships with the remaining teams selected At-Large using the standard criteria listed in Section 7.11.2 B of the NMAA Handbook. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Chavez made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Moores seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed. (12-2).

Yes	No	Commission Member
X		Mr. Scott Affentranger
X		Mr. Jason Hightower
	X	Mr. Jess Martinez
	X	Mr. David Campbell
X		Mr. Jory Mirabal
X		Mr. Dickie Roybal
X		Mr. Daren Jones
X		Mr. Buster Mabrey
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes
X		Ms. Mary Hahn
X		Mr. Cooper Henderson
X		Ms. LeeAnn Moores
X		Mr. Larry Chavez
X		Mr. Kamau Turner

Bylaw 7.11: Seeding and Selection – Parameters/Criteria - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that if a school is forced to cancel one or more district games due to state, country or local health department determinations, it must complete at least 51% of their district schedule to be eligible for post-season selection. This rule only applies to those schools forced to shut down due to state, country, local health department determinations. District finish will be determined using the win/loss percentage of district games played. District ties will be broken using the sport specific procedures listed in Section 7 of the NMAA Handbook. District tie-breaking games will not occur in the sport of basketball. State seeding will utilize the standard criteria listed in Section 7.11.3 of the NMAA Handbook. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Hightower seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Mr. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

The next NMAA Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020.

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NMOA/FOOTBALL: FILM REQUIREMENT

Action Item Referenda Item
 Discussion Item Non-Referenda Item

Presenters:

Dusty Giles, Jal High School Football Coach
Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials/Deputy Director
(From the NMOA Executive Board)

Proposal/Rationale:

The purpose of the proposal is to require NMAA varsity head football coaches to submit film to a film repository hosted by the NMAA office on Hudl. The purpose of the film submission is an avenue for the evaluation of officials and for the continued training and education of the NMOA football staff.

- All NMAA varsity head football coaches will have Hudl accounts provided on the NMOA Football Hudl. Coaches can use the platform to exchange film between one another if they so choose but the intent of the account is for internal use by the NMAA/NMOA staff and the officials. These accounts will be covered on the NMAA license and will not create a financial burden on the individual schools/coaches.
- Coaches will be required to submit Varsity game film to the NMOA Football Hudl account each week of the season. Film can be raw game footage and need not be clipped.
 - 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
- If a coach has questions or concerns about a specific play, the play(s) should be flagged within Hudl with an email to the NMAA office (danamarie@nmact.org), describing the concern and asking for a response. The email should include the clip number and any rules reference that pertains to the clip.

****Note that all football coaches in the state were contacted by Coach Giles and approximately 85% of the coaches were in favor of this proposal.****

Passed by NMOA Executive Board 12-0.

Budgetary Impact:

None

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

Bring back as Action Item at next Commission Meeting

Attachments:

None

POLICY SERVICES

ADVISORY

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Policy Advisory No. 209JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

Correction to Policy Advisory No. 196 JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility. With apologies, Policy Services offers the following explanation and revisions.

22-12A-10 NMSA 1978 was included by House Bill 236/a as a part of the "Attendance for Success Act" replacing 22-12-2.1 of the former "Compulsory School Attendance Law" with only minor changes. When changes are made to the language of an existing statute, Policy Services will take a careful look at the applications of that statute in practice to ascertain if new policy or change is required for implementation and compliance. A more careful analysis was required in this case than given initially. The statute changes to 22-12A-10 are shown below by strike outs for removal and underlined for added letters in the law.

22-12A-10. Interscholastic extracurricular activities; student participation.

A. A public school student shall have at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, either cumulatively or for the grading period immediately preceding participation, ~~in order to~~ be eligible to participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity. For purposes of this section, "grading period" is a period of time not less than six weeks. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to students ~~placed in~~ receiving C or D level special education services.

B. A No student shall not be absent from school for ~~school-sponsored~~ interscholastic extracurricular activities in excess of fifteen days per

semester, and no class ~~may~~ shall be missed in excess of fifteen times per semester for interscholastic extracurricular activities.

~~C. The provisions of Subsections A and B of this section apply only to interscholastic extracurricular activities.~~

~~D. C.~~ The secretary 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. The secretary shall develop a procedure for petitioning cumulative provision eligibility cases, similar to other eligibility situations.

~~E. D.~~ Student standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities shall be applied beginning with a student's academic record in ninth grade.

As you will see in the recommended policy below, the changes made include inserting the text of 22-12A-10 NMSA 1978. Though the "Attendance for Success Act" recognizes groups other than school districts sponsoring interscholastic extracurricular activities in 22-12A-2 (H), Policy Services found it difficult to reconcile some minor aspects of Section 6 NMAA rules in all respects given the purpose of the "Attendance for Success Act."

The purpose behind the "Attendance for Success Act" is to encourage student attendance and school participation, even putting limits and conditions on interscholastic activities eligibility for that purpose. The provision of the interscholastic extracurricular activity language of 22-12A-10 NMSA 1978 may favor eligibility of students by:

- Establishing the GPA as a determiner for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activity, and
- placing a foundation limit on grade point average (GPA) for both cumulative grades and grading periods preceding participation by a student.

Though a school district enforcing this statute could require a higher GPA for eligibility, removing the lower limit of GPA by not permitting an "F" in the grading period GPA calculation preceding participation by a student could be contrary to compliance with this statute. The question is: Does the statutory language "shall have at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, either cumulatively or for the grading period immediately preceding participation, to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity" per 22-12A-10 (A) establish the lower limit of eligibility by statute?" Removing the lower limit GPA could be a punitive act

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relating to attendance, something the "Attendance for Success Act," of which this statute is a part, is intended to attenuate.

The following policy is recommended for adoption by Policy Services.

This Material is written for information only and is not intended as legal advice. Please consult your attorney if legal explanations are needed.

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COVID Addendum: Cumulative Provision for Freshmen

Action Item
 Discussion Item

Referenda Item
 Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Current: Bylaw 6.2.1 c2
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** or middle school/junior high Students.)

Proposal: On an emergency and temporary basis due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2020-2021 school year only, Bylaw 6.2.1 c2 would read as follows:

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 middle school/junior high Students.)

Rationale: This will allow 9th grade students who have one F and a 2.0 at semester to be eligible to participate in sports beginning in January. Freshmen students will now have the same opportunity as 10th-12th graders to become scholastically eligible.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve