

NMAA

Board of Directors' Meeting



Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:00 AM



NMAA Board of Directors

July 2023



Small, Area A – Term Expires Dec. 31, 2025

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Note: Initial term lengths are staggered as per approved procedure. Subsequent elected terms will be for three years each.



NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING



NMAA - Hall of Pride and Honor
November 29, 2023, 8:00 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 (November 2, 2023)
Alissa Wesbrook, Asst. to the Exec. Dir.
Anthony Casados, Board President
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- II. Executive Session (Appeals)**
 - 1) Appeal Presentation #1
 - 2) Appeal Presentation #2
 - 3) Appeal Presentation #3
- III. Appeal Rulings**
Anthony Casados, Board President
- IV. NMAA Director's Report**
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- V. NMAA Financial Report**
(A) Approval of NMAA 990 for 2022-2023
(D/I) NMAA Finance Report
Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Mgr.
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- VI. NMAA Activities Report**
Tammy Richards, Assistant Director
- VII. New Mexico Officials Association Report**
Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials
- VIII. Discussion/ Information Items**
(D/I) Sportsmanship Update
(D/I) Basketball: Shot Clock
Gary Allison, Commission Chair
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- IX. Action Items**
 - (A) Officials Fees: Powerlifting
Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials
 - (A) Officials Fees: Wrestling, Spirit, Swimming, Track
Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials
 - (A) Tennis: State Tournament Seeding
Scott Owen, Assistant Director
 - (A) Track & Field: Coaches as Meet Officials
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (A) Marching Band as a Sanctioned Activity
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (A) Forfeiture Fee Adjustments
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (A) Eligibility: Summer School Courses
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (A) Membership Dues
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
 - (A) Classification & Alignment
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- X. Executive Session (Financial, Personnel, Pending and/or Possible Legal Matters)**
- XI. Consider Adjournment**

Next Board of Directors' Meeting – December 11, 2023 (NMAA)

NMAA Special Board of Directors' Meeting
November 2, 2023
8:00 a.m. via Teleconference

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A - President)
 Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
 Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
 Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
 Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
 Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
 Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
 Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
 Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
 Mr. Igancio Ruiz (Large School District II)
 Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
 Ms. Patti Ann Ancell, (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not Present:
 Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)

12 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Allison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico Schools Boards Association)

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023, Board Meeting. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Lackey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)

Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico Schools Boards Association)

Executive Session

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:03 a.m. to hear and discuss the appeal presentation. Mr. Moyer made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Allison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico Schools Boards Association)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:42 a.m. Mr. Allison made a motion to leave Executive Session. Ms. Ancell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (12-0). Mr. Casados stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)

Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico Schools Boards Association)

Appeal Ruling

A motion was made by Dr. Mizell to modify the decision regarding SC and BC so that the students would be ineligible for varsity participation in the sports of volleyball and basketball for 180 school/365 calendar days from the date of enrollment at AHS; they are eligible for sub-varsity participation during this period of ineligibility at the varsity level; they are also eligible for varsity participation in all sports other than volleyball and basketball. Ms. Ancell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Abstained		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico Schools Boards Association)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m. Mr. Madrid made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico Schools Boards Association)

New Mexico Activities Association

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OFFICIALS FEES: POWERLIFTING

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

Presenters:

Zac Stevenson, Commissioner of Officials
Scott Owen, Assistant Director

Proposal: Approve Powerlifting Judge levels and duties and fee structure

Certification Levels/Duties:

- a. Head Judge
 - i. Ensure all technical rules and formats are correctly applied by the Lifters, Teams, Coaches, and Platform Judges
 - ii. Hold Pre-Meet Judges and Coaches Meetings
 - iii. Ensure the safety/legality of the equipment and any personal equipment
 - 1. Note – For a meet to be considered for state qualification, a head judge must be assigned. In absence of an assigned head judge, two (2) or more head coaches who are head judge certified, may fill this role.
- b. Platform Judge
 - i. Oversee lifting activities and regulations at the assigned platform
 - ii. Determine clean lifts and only qualify lifts to score if the lift meets the technical rules outlined in the NMAA Powerlifting Rule Book

Fee Schedule:

- a. Head Judge – \$100/meet plus an additional \$25/hour for every hour over 4 up to a maximum of 8 hours (\$200 max) – 1 per meet (or 2 or more head coaches who are head judge certified)
- b. Platform Judge – \$60/meet plus an additional \$15/hour for every hour over 4 up to a maximum of 8 hours (\$120 max) – 3 per platform

Rationale: Ensure all Powerlifting meets have a certified official present. Approval of head coaches that are head judge certified will help staff certified meets and build officiating pool.

Budget Impact: Depends on the number of meets a school hosts and the number of platforms at each meet. One platform would range from \$180 (minimum 4 hours) to a max of \$360 (up to 8 hours), plus a head judge of \$100 (minimum 4 hours) to a max of \$200 (up to 8 hours).

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (14-0)

Attachments:

NMAA Officials Fees Document

NMAA OFFICIALS' FEES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



Officials are paid the following fees, plus applicable travel ring fees. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

	POST-SEASON	VARSITY	JV & 9th GRADE	JUNIOR HIGH (7th/8th)
Baseball (All Classes)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$45.00
Basketball (All Classes)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$45.00
Football (All Classes)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$45.00
Soccer (All Classes)	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Softball (All Classes)	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Volleyball (All Classes)	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$40.00
	\$50.00 LJ	\$27.00/pool play	\$22.00/pool play	\$19.00/pool play

Wrestling (Duals)	N/A	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Duals - \$60/official - 1 st dual, \$25/hour after 1 st dual (max of 4 schools)				
(Tournaments)	\$6.00/match	\$5.00/match	\$4.00/match	\$3.00/match
Tournaments (5 schools or more) - \$100 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Referee, \$25/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$200 max for the day)				

Swimming & Diving (All Classes)
\$250/day - State Meet Referee(s)
\$150/day - State Meet Stroke & Turn Judges
\$100 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Referee, \$25/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$200 max for the day)
\$60 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Stroke & Turn, \$15/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$120 max for the day)
\$55.00 per meet - Referee
\$45.00 per meet - Stroke & Turn Judges

Powerlifting
\$250.00/day - State Meet Head Official
\$150.00/day - State Meet Platform Judge
\$100 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Head Judge, \$25/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$200 max for the day)
\$60 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Platform Judge, \$15/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$120 max for the day)

Track & Field (All Classes)
\$250.00/day - State Meet Referee(s)
\$150.00/day - State Meet Starter(s)
\$100 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Referee(s), \$25/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$200 max for the day)
\$60 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Starter(s), \$15/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$120 max for the day)
\$89.00 - All day meet, preliminaries and finals, track and field events for boys and girls
\$61.00 - Half day meet, finals only, both track and field events for boys and girls
\$77.00 - All day meet, preliminaries and finals, both track and field for boys OR girls
\$61.00 - All dual, triangular and quadrangular meets
\$61.00* - Track referee only - all day meets as described above
\$61.00* - Field referee only - all day meets as described above
***Must hire both track and field referees if this format is used.**
\$61.00 - Additional for pre-meet seeding, heating, etc. optional if school/referee so agree
\$101.00 - Two-day meet (afternoon or evening day one, morning day two), both track and field for boys and girls
\$72.00 ea. - Track referee and field referee - same format as above

Spirit (All Classes)
\$100 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Referee(s), \$25/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$200 max for the day)
\$80 Minimum (up to 4 hours) - Starter(s), \$20/hour for every hour over 4, up to a max of 8 hours (\$160 max for the day)
\$89.00 - All Day competition - technical official
\$77.00 - All Day competition - performance official
\$61.00 - All Day competition - single discipline performance official
\$61.00 - 1/2 Day competition - technical official
\$52.00 - 1/2 Day competition - performance official
\$42.00 - 1/2 Day competition - single discipline performance official

TRAVEL RING FEES AND HOTEL PER DIEM

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

- (1) Hotel Per diem (over 150 miles one way) is \$125 per day, per official, providing the official spends the night and communicates with the host.
- (2) Each Official working the contest will receive a set rate based on the number of miles, one-way, from the Official's home to the contest site, per the following schedule:

One-Way Miles	0-25	26-50	51-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251-300	301-350	351-400	401-450	451-500	501-550
Travel Fee	\$0	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$110	\$120	\$130

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OFFICIALS FEES: WRESTLING, SPIRIT, SWIMMING, TRACK

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenters:

Zac Stevenson, Commissioner of Officials

Proposal:

To modify the current Officials fees for events in the sports of wrestling, spirit, swimming & diving, and track & field. Updates for state championship events in these sports will take effect immediately, while regular season updates would not be implemented until the 2024-2025 school year.

Rationale:

This proposal will ensure that officials are compensated appropriately for events held in sports that are “half day or day-long” and not single games.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (15-0)

Attachments:

NMAA Officials Fees Document (see previous page)

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TENNIS: STATE TOURNAMENT SEEDING

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

Presenter:

Scott Owen, Assistant Director

Proposal:

Increase individual state seeds (singles/doubles) from top 4 to top 6.

Rationale:

1. Rewards players on the cusp of the top 4 with a seed and ensures they are not drawn into a top 4 seed in the first round.
2. Provides more balance in the bracket by further separating the best players.
3. Has the potential to improve logistics by minimizing tight matches between top players in the early rounds.

Budget Impact: N/A

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

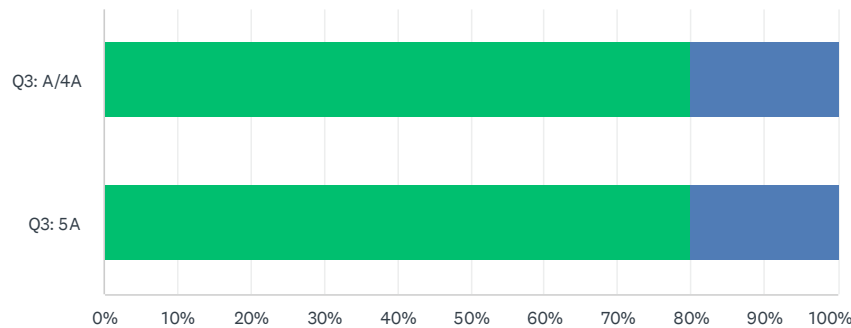
NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (15-0)

Attachment: Coaches Survey – 28 (80%) in favor, 7 (20%) not in favor

Q6 Would you be in favor of increasing individual state seeds from 4 to 6?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



Yes

No

	YES	NO	TOTAL
Q3: A/4A	80.00% 12	20.00% 3	42.86% 15
Q3: 5A	80.00% 16	20.00% 4	57.14% 20
Total Respondents	28	7	35
	COMMENTS	TOTAL	
Q3: A/4A		3	3
Q3: 5A		3	3

#	Q3: A/4A	DATE
1	Getting more kids to state to experience it would encourage kids to play better.	6/12/2023 2:27 PM
2	I think the more opportunity for players to be in the state tournament the better.	6/8/2023 7:00 AM
3	The rest of the players are randomly selected anyways, so being 5 or 6 doesn't help you especially if you get put up against a private school player.	6/7/2023 10:14 AM
#	Q3: 5A	DATE
1	If the draw is 16 players than it should only be 4 seeds. If you go to 6 seeds then very few chances for a non-seeded player to win a round.	6/7/2023 12:20 PM
2	I think that there are some individuals that are just outside the top 4 that should at least get a shot at getting to the semis. The past couple years there have been some good doubles teams and singles players that might have gotten to the semis or even finals if they had not gotten a rough draw and met up with the state champ in the quarters or earlier.	6/7/2023 10:38 AM
3	I'm in favor of seeding the entire draw, as we potentially avoid the first round trap matches and reward the top seeds with easier 1R opponents - they've earned it.	6/7/2023 9:55 AM

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TRACK & FIELD: COACHES AS MEET OFFICIALS

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

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Allow track and field coaches who are also NMOA certified, to serve as meet officials. There must be three coaches, from three different schools to certify/verify results.

Addition to Bylaw 7.22.3 M.

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

Rationale:

1. Ensure all track and field meets have a certified official present.
2. Help eliminate the shortage of officials, especially during the Class A-3A State meet and District 4A-5A meets.

Budget Impact: N/A

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (15-0)*

**Also recommended that school districts look at how they may be able to compensate coaches for working as officials in these situations.*

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MARCHING BAND AS A SANCTIONED ACTIVITY

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

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approving Marching Band as an NMAA Sanctioned Activity.

Rationale:

The NMAA currently sanctions concert band and choir. Marching band has always been a logical choice to sanction; however, previous band directors were not in favor of conforming to the NMAA Classification system for schools. The thought has changed as the partnership between the NMMEA and the NMAA has grown.

Budget Impact: There should be no change in budget as schools participating currently have a marching band.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (15-0)

Attachments:

NMMEA Proposal



State Marching Band Contest Proposal

Objective

The Board of Directors of the New Mexico Music Educators Association (NMMEA) is suggesting the launch of a collaborative State Marching Band Contest, co-sponsored by NMAA and NMMEA.

Rationale

While New Mexico has a state concert band contest, NM does not currently have a state sanctioned marching band contest. A state marching band contest is an event a majority of states offer. A state marching band contest would not only provide an exciting event for participants and spectators but also promote a sense of camaraderie and collaboration among students and educators across the state. Additionally, such an event will provide a positive and educational competitive experience for directors and students while also elevating student achievement and growth in school band programs.

This fall, NMMEA surveyed all high school band directors. Over 60% are in favor of participating in a state sanctioned marching contest and all were overwhelmingly in support of partnering with NMAA. Partnering with NMAA enhances the validity, support, and notoriety of a state contest in the eyes of directors and administrators.

Logistics

Location

Partner with a centrally located high school in the Albuquerque and surrounding metro area to host the event. As a marching contest requires a considerable workforce, it would be paramount that the partner school have a well-organized band booster program to provide concessions as well as volunteers to assist with running the operations of the contest such as ticketing, band guides, judge runners, etc.



Timing

Ideally, the contest would be held in late October. NMMEA would communicate with other contest stakeholders to ensure a date that is beneficial to a well-attended event.

Administrative Workload

As this contest would occur during the fall and require a large workforce, NMMEA understands that NMAA would not have adequate human resources to run such an event, therefore NMMEA would handle all the administration and logistics of the contest.

- NMMEA has a Marching Band Contest Advisory Committee in place to guide planning and procedures.
- NMMEA would ask for NMAA assistance in securing a venue.
- NMMEA would take care of contest planning and be the point of contact for partnering site host.
- NMAA would provide official State Champion trophies and or banners and if need be cost would come from contest revenue.

Costs/Revenue

After expenses of the contest are paid, any remaining revenue from admission and registration fees would be split between NMMEA and the site host's music program in an agreeable percentage.

Specifics

Adjudication/Scoring

- NMMEA will develop and provide a rubric and score breakdown that will be educationally balanced and reward high achievement in music.
- NMMEA will compile a list of adjudicators who are educational leaders in the marching band activity, bringing a much-needed current perspective to New Mexico bands.
- At the initial introduction of a contest, no qualifier will be needed to attend; however, subsequent years, contest committee will reconsider a qualifier.



Classification

- Following NMAA's classification, bands would compete by school size.
- Results would be recognized in each classification as an NMAA State Championship.
- All participating students would be required to meet NMAA eligibility.

Long Term Benefits

Our state is currently facing a challenging situation. Due to many unfortunate scheduling conflicts this season (due to lack of communication and awareness between contest coordinators), students are missing out on valuable performance opportunities, which, in turn, is limiting the amount of public exposure programs are receiving.

- Measurable growth in band programs across the state.
- Visible growth in quality of band programs throughout NM.
- Alignment of educational goals of programs throughout the state using similar rubrics and scoring methods.
- Enhanced communication with various alternative contest stakeholders.

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FORFEITURE FEE ADJUSTMENTS

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

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal: Standardize forfeiture fees for all high school contests and update them for basketball and football.

**Stricken language is removed. Underlined language is added.*

5.1.6 Forfeits at Senior High School Level

B. When schools do not have a forfeiture fee in their contract for a regular season event and cannot resolve the failure of one school to fulfill the contract, the Board has established minimum forfeiture fees as follows:

1. **Minimum forfeiture fees:** If not already in the contract, this applies to both regular season games and tournaments. ~~Other costs of conducting the contest, as well as lost revenues may be taken into consideration by the Director in assessing the fee owed by the school for failing to meet the obligations of the written or unwritten agreement.~~

	<u>Football</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Other Sports</u>
A, 6-Man, 8-Man	\$1000 <u>1500</u>	\$1000	\$500
2A	\$1000 <u>2000</u>	\$1000 <u>1500</u>	\$500
3A	\$1500 <u>2500</u>	\$1500 <u>2000</u>	\$750
4A	\$2000 <u>3000</u>	\$2000 <u>3000</u>	\$1,000
5A	\$3000 <u>4000</u>	\$3000 <u>4000</u>	\$1,500
<u>6A</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>		

NOTE – This information would also be updated in Section 3.11.4 of the NMAA Handbook

Rationale: Necessary to include 6A football forfeiture fee which was previously absent from the schedule which also necessitated the amendment of the current basketball fees. Also, due to the difficulty in assessing actual losses on a game-by-game basis, removing Director consideration for additional fees and applying a standard forfeiture fee is more appropriate.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (15-0)

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ELIGIBILITY: SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

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

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal: Allow students to use summer school courses to replace spring semester courses if they earn a passing grade in at least the regular level of the same course.

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6.2.4 Make-Up Class in Summer School

A Student may make up classes during summer school by earning a passing grade in ~~that exact class~~ at least the regular 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.

Rationale: Provides additional latitude for students to gain eligibility if they fail an AP or Honors course by allowing them to replace the failed course with a passing grade in the regular level of the same course during summer school.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (15-0)

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal: Increase NMAA Membership Dues beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

<u>Current</u>		<u>Potential Increase</u>
5A	\$7293	\$7800
4A	\$6859	\$7300
3A	\$5456	\$6000
2A	\$2794	\$3300
A	\$2519	\$3000
MS	\$253	\$500

Rationale: The NMAA has not raised membership dues in over 11 years. This increase will help offset rising expenses for the organization, thus helping to balance the budget in future years.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve