

NMAA

Board of Directors' Meeting



Thursday, December 1, 2022

10:00 AM



NMAA Board of Directors

July 2022



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

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

VIII. Action Items

(A) Baseball: Class A State Qualifiers	<i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i>
(A) Baseball: Home/Visitor for State	<i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i>
(A) Baseball: Sub-Varsity Time Limit	<i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i>
(A) Scholastic Eligibility & Minimum Contests for State	<i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i>
(A) Foreign Exchange Student Residence Policies	<i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i>
(A) Participant Ejections & Impact on Game Limitations	<i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i>
(A) Post-Secondary School Participation	<i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i>
(A) NMOA: Travel Rings	<i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i>
(A) NMOA: Per Diem	<i>Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials</i>
(A) NMOA: Softball Game Fees	<i>Zac Stevenson, Comm. of Officials</i>

IX. Executive Session *(Financial, Personnel, Pending and/or Possible Legal Matters)*

X. Consider Adjournment

Next Board of Directors' Meeting – February 15, 2022 (NMAA)

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
September 7, 2022
10:30 a.m.
Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Travis Dempsey, NMAA Board of Directors Acting President, at 11:02 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C - Acting President)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo, (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not Present:

Dr. Kim Mizzell (Large Area A)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)

10 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Dempsey asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jaramillo made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. White seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Dempsey asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022, Board Meeting. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Romero seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

NMAA Director's Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) stated fall sports have begun and are going well; and 2) reported that she has begun her term as NFHS Board President.

NMAA Financial Report:

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

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Tammy Richards, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the NMAA Activities Report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) stated that State One Act Play would be held in the Fall with all other state activity events taking place in the Spring; 2) provided information regarding the annual Activities Council Meeting which was held in early September; and 3) reported that the NMAA has continued its partnership with Western New Mexico University which provides scholarships to students participating in each NMAA activity. Mr. Ramos asked for clarification regarding eligibility for students participating within activities and also stated that the membership should emphasize the importance of these programs and place more focus on funding them.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Mr. Zac Stevenson, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the NMOA Report. He discussed six (6) items on his report: 1) provided an update on current officials numbers which have increased for Fall sports but are still down slightly compared to pre-pandemic years; 2) reported that Dragonfly trainings have been ongoing since the summer months and the NMAA will continue to provide individual support as needed; 3) 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; 4) stated that the NMOA State Clinic took place in July and was a success; 5) reported on the work of the NMOA Board and its efforts to remove barriers and lessen administrative requirements for officials; and 6) provided information regarding the new statewide officials' curriculum that has been created for schools to offer sports officiating as an elective for its students

Discussion Items

NMOA Mileage Rings - Mr. Stevenson provided information regarding a new mileage system that the NMOA would like to propose in the future with the change helping to improve the process of paying officials while also providing more equitable fees to everyone within the contest crew. Feedback included concerns with the increase in expenses, especially for districts that have multiple schools or smaller schools, and the need for Superintendents to receive this change as soon as possible so they can be sure to include it in their budgets.

2023-2024 Calendar - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, provided information regarding the calendar for the 2023-2024 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.

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. She also reported that the NFHS has a contract through ASCAP, which will cover all schools if a member of the NMAA, but that this agreement will expire within the next few months.

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. Currently First Aid is required for renewal of licenses. Feedback was that this may be a good idea but there were concerns with cost, how this is done, if this should be all coaches or just head coaches, and if this should be individual school district discretion.

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, bring more meaning to middle school sports, and ensure the association can provide additional support to these programs. Mr. Young added sanctioning brought more middle schools into the association and more students participating in other states around the corner where these events have been implemented. Feedback included concerns pertaining to student eligibility and losing sight of the true importance of development of skills at the middle school level.

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. The NMAA is currently looking for venues that can accommodate these numbers.

Parent Appeals - Ms. Marquez discussed parent appeals and possible adjustments to NMAA policies to clean up this process and hopefully decrease the amount currently being heard by the Appeals Committee and Board of Directors. Feedback included possible changes that would require more school involvement, charging filing fees to parents for appeals, adding more specified language as to what information can be disclosed at each level, and providing more education to parents regarding student eligibility.

Sportsmanship / Compete with Class - Ms. Marquez discussed sportsmanship and referenced some of the serious incidents that have taken place both on the field and in the stands over the last year. She stated that the Oklahoma Association has updated sportsmanship bylaws because of similar concerns and the new policies could lead to postseason bans for schools/programs that have multiple incidents take place during the same season/school year. Feedback included continued discussion regarding this matter.

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. Ms. Marquez added this will be brought to the Bylaws Committee for further review.

Action Items

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. Dempsey asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Dr. Romero made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

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. Dempsey asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. White made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

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. Dempsey asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Executive Session

Mr. Dempsey asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:53 p.m. to discuss financial, personnel, and pending/possible legal matters. Mr. Strickland made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey, Acting President (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large Schools District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. Dempsey asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:53 p.m. Mr. Dempsey stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. White made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey, Acting President (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large Schools District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Dempsey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m. Mr. Moyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

The next Board Meeting will be scheduled for December 1, 2022

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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

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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

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

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

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (12-1)

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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

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

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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

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

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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

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

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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

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

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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

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

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NMOA: TRAVEL RINGS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

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. New structure as follows:

\$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 the proposed model 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 for 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 proposal adds 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.

Estimated increase: \$1100 - \$3600

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

Attachments:

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

\$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: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

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 so that they are comparable to those of baseball officials and consistent with the fee structures used in other states.

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

Proposed Fees:

	<u>VARSITY</u>	<u>JV & 9th GRADE</u>	<u>JUNIOR HIGH (7th/8th)</u>
Softball (All Classes)	\$65.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
Baseball (All Classes)	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$40.00

Rationale:

Upon input from the NMOA over the last year, there was a feeling that softball umpires should make a comparable fee as baseball officials, given the similarity of the sports and equivalent expenses for equipment and travel.

Budgetary Impact:

Schools that have softball programs would be impacted by \$20 per home varsity contest if two officials were used. If a school hosts half of their maximum varsity game allowance, the total budgetary impact with two officials would be \$260.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (13-0)

Attachments:

None