



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
December 8, 2025



**Due Date: December 22, 2025**

Upon direction of the Board of Directors, the New Mexico Activities Association is asking member schools **that participate in the sport of 6-man and 8-man football** to vote on the issue below. Please read through the entire referendum before selecting your response. Thank you for your participation in the governance of your organization and for your support of interscholastic activities.

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**New/Adjusted Football Bylaw 7.15.6 – Playoff Weeks**

Proposal moves the 6-Man and 8-Man calendar back one week so that all classifications in football end the regular season on Week #18 of the NMAA calendar. This would also move the 6-Man and 8-Man Championship game back one week as well. The first game of the regular season will remain on Week #8.

*\*Stricken language removed. Underlined language added.*

Week 17	<del>6 Man &amp; 8 Man playoff brackets released (Saturday Evening)</del>
Week 18	<del>6 Man Quarterfinals &amp; 8 Man First Round of Twelve</del> <u>6-Man, 8-Man, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, &amp; 6A brackets released (Saturday Evening)</u>
Week 19	<del>6 Man Semifinals &amp; 8 Man Quarterfinals</del> <u>6-Man Quarterfinals</u> <u>8-Man, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, &amp; 6A First Round of Twelve</u>
Week 20	<del>6 Man Finals, &amp; 8 Man Semifinals</del> <u>6-Man Semifinals</u> <u>8-Man, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, &amp; 6A Quarterfinals</u>
Week 21	<del>8 Man Finals</del> <u>6-Man Finals</u> <u>8-Man, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, &amp; 6A Semifinals</u>
Week 22	<u>8-Man, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, &amp; 6A Finals</u>

**Rationale:** Provides member schools the ability to schedule games at the end of the season without running into an official shortage due to playoff games, which forces games to be played later on seeding and selection day. Provides 6-Man football an extra bye week and give 8-Man football a bye week in their season.

**7 Favor**

**10 Do Not Favor**

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**This box must be completed by all member schools.**

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Print Name of Official Voter

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Signature of Official Voter

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Print Name of Superintendent/Head of School

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Signature of Superintendent/Head of School

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School

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District/Classification

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**New/Adjusted Bylaws 13.1.3.B & 13.2.4 – Appeals**

Proposal would extend the appeal window from five (5) business days to ten (10) business days to hear Appeal Review Committee (ARC) and/or Board of Directors (BOD) appeals.

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**13.1.3.B Notice of Appeal and Notice of Hearing – (ARC)**

The Appeals Review Committee shall meet by teleconference or Zoom or other virtual platform to hear the appeal within ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) business days of receipt of the Request for Appeal to Appeals Review Committee and shall issue notice of the hearing including the date, time, and place or means of the hearing as soon as a quorum can be arranged

**13.2.4 Scheduling the Appeal – (BOD)**

Five members of the Board of Directors shall meet to consider the appeal no later than ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) business days after the applicable form is received by the Director.

**Rationale:** Necessary to more adequately coordinate and prepare for the multitude of appeals that occur on a regular basis and allows the NMAA to conduct hearings in good faith with the Open Meetings Act.

<b>60 Favor</b>
<b>3 Do Not Favor</b>

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