



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
February 23, 2023



**Due Date: March 10, 2023**

*Upon direction of the Board of Directors, the New Mexico Activities Association is asking member schools 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 Bylaw 6.9.2.C – Specialized Sport Training**

This proposal would add eligibility bylaws pertaining to students that enroll in an NMAA member school after participating in a specialized sports training academy/school.

**NEW Bylaw 6.9.2.C Specialized Sport Training**

Students and/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. Specialization 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 schools, non-scholastic teams/programs, 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 have been able to utilize the rule to become immediately eligible, despite the rule’s intent.

**54 Favor**

**7 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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District/Classification

**Due date is March 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

*This ballot, with both signatures affixed, must be received in the NMAA office by 4:00 p.m. Please fax completed referenda to Mindy Ioane at (505) 923-3114. **Please note that if either signature above is missing, the ballot will not be counted.** Contact Dusty Young (dusty@nmact.org) if you have any questions regarding this referendum.*