



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
 February 24, 2026



Due Date: March 10, 2026

Upon direction of the Board of Directors, the New Mexico Activities Association is asking member schools **that participate in the sport of tennis** 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.

Pilot Tennis Policy – Coaching During Play

Pilot expanded coaching opportunities during team and individual play throughout the 2026 season, including state championships under bylaws 7.21.3.C.7 and 7.21.3.E.3.

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Coaching: Coaching during play is permitted. The designated high school coach(es) may communicate with his/her players between points and during change of sides through the fence only. Coaching shall not disrupt the normal flow of play and shall only occur at the fence during changeovers. In the case of split sets, a 10-minute break may be awarded at the request of either player. Coaching may occur off-court during this time.

Rationale: The purpose of the pilot is to provide additional instructional opportunities for coaches without interrupting the flow of competition. After conducting a limited pilot during the 2025 season, the NMAA received positive yet limited feedback on the use of the pilot. This expanded pilot aims to increase the scope of the pilot to all events in 2026 including the state championships to gather more feedback from member schools and help the NMAA determine if the pilot should become policy.

37 Favor
5 Do Not Favor

This box must be completed by all member schools.

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Print Name of Official Voter	Signature of Official Voter
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Print Name of Superintendent/Head of School	Signature of Superintendent/Head of School
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School	District/Classification

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



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Scrimmage Fees – 7.6.4

Permit schools to compensate officials for services provided in scrimmage style events, not to exceed one-half of a regular game fee, and allow schools to also charge general admission during scrimmages.

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7.6.4 Scrimmage Limit and Fees

During the season, a team or individual is allowed one (1) scrimmage day per sport, which must be held prior to the team or individual's first game/match/contest in that sport. The pre-season scrimmage must be against NMAA or NFHS member schools only and does not count toward game limitations. Admission to all scrimmages ~~must be free of charge to the general public~~ may be charged. Schools will be allowed to sponsor an alumni game prior to their first regular season game (if approved by the Local School Administration) which will not count against their scrimmage limit. Schools are permitted to compensate officials for services provided in scrimmage style events, not to exceed one-half of a regular game fee. Schools may also help offset travel costs for officials if applicable.

Rationale: Policy provides consistency among schools, fairly compensates officials for services provided, and minimizes price competition. If schools opt to compensate officials, they can help offset costs by also charging general admission. Neither amendment is required and officials may continue to volunteer.

50 Favor
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