



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
HIGH SCHOOL REFERENDUM
June 6, 2025



Due Date: June 20, 2025

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.

Bylaw 3.7.1 – School Day Event Start Times

This proposal would update language to permit single day events held on school days to start prior to 3:00 p.m. with superintendent/headmaster approval.

3.7.1 Athletics and Activities in Regular Season

- A. One-day events scheduled on Saturday or other non-school days may start at any time.
- B. One-day events scheduled on a school day must start at 3:00 p.m. or later unless approved by the Director and Superintendent/Headmaster from each participating school.

Exception: Due to the limited availability of courses, golf events may start at any time.

- C. Multiple day events must include Saturday or other non-school days.

Note: The Director has the authority to set aside this rule when necessary or upon request, when conditions and unusual circumstances warrant the exception.

Rationale: The NMAA has seen an increase in requests to start regular season contests held on school days prior to 3:00 p.m. Standard practice in recent years has been to allow start times prior to 3:00 p.m. if the superintendent/headmaster of each participating school approves the deviation and officials can be assigned by the NMAA office. This update aligns bylaws with current practices.

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We Do Not Favor

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Wrestling Bylaw 7.24.1.F.5 – Boys' Weight Classes

This proposal would increase boys' wrestling weight classes from 13 weight classes to 14 weight classes beginning with the 2025-2026 season.

Proposed: 7.24.1.F.5 – Boys' Weight Classes

There will be fourteen (14) weight classes utilized for boys' wrestling:

106	113	120	126	132	138	144
150	157	165	175	190	215	285

Current: 7.24.1.F.5 – Boys' Weight Classes

There will be thirteen (13) weight classes utilized for boys' wrestling:

107	114	121	127	133	139	145
152	160	172	189	215	285	

Rationale: During the 2021-2022 SY, the first year in which the NFHS realigned weight classes and provided weight class options for state associations to choose from, boys' weight classes were reduced from 14 weights to 13. The rationale for the reduction at the time was to field more weight classes, reduce forfeits during dual meets, and increase competitiveness of the state event.

Unfortunately, in the three seasons in which the NMAA has used the 13-weight class option, there has been no marked change in dual meet forfeits or percentage of weight classes fielded, even though boys' wrestling has seen an overall increase in participation numbers. Additionally, it has created logistical issues during interstate competition, with most states opting to utilize the new 14-weight class option.

While it could be argued the state event has seen an increase in competitiveness, overall, the reduction does not appear to have had its intended effect and increasing weights will alleviate logistical issues during interstate competition and afford teams, with the ability to do so, the option to provide an additional varsity opportunity.

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Wrestling Bylaw 7.24.1.F.4 – Girls' Weight Classes

This proposal would increase girls' wrestling weight classes from 12 weight classes to 14 weight classes beginning with the 2025-2026 season.

Proposed: 7.24.1.F.4 – Girls' Weight Classes

There will be fourteen (14) weight classes utilized for girls' wrestling:

100	105	110	115	120	125	130
135	140	145	155	170	190	235

Current: 7.24.1.F.4 – Girls' Weight Classes

There will be twelve (12) weight classes utilized for girls' wrestling:

100	107	114	120	126	132
138	145	152	165	185	235

Rationale: When girls' wrestling was initially sanctioned, twelve (12) weight classes were initially assigned to girls' wrestling due to limited participation numbers. However, due to the continual growth in girls wrestling, especially at the lighter to middle weight classes, an increase in weight classes is appropriate.

The NFHS' 14-weight class option aligns more closely with our surrounding states and provides additional weight classes where we're seeing the most growth and participation. The 14-weight class option would also align with the proposed weight class changes for boys' wrestling.

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