



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
September 19, 2025



Due Date: October 3, 2025

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

New/Adjusted Bylaw 7.25.2 – Powerlifting Judges

This proposal would require the assignment of an independent head judge to meets desiring state qualification consideration and would no longer permit head coaches from certifying varsity level meets.

**Stricken language would be removed from the current bylaw.*

7.25.2 Officials

- A. Officials working any NMAA sanctioned event must register through the Association. Schools are required to use a registered NMAA/NMOA official for regular season sanctioned events.
- B. The use of a non-registered official for meets subjects the violating school to a fine. Fines/fees are determined by the Board annually.
- C. For a meet to be considered for state qualification, a Head Judge must be assigned and present. This individual will certify/verify the results and serve in all roles as outlined by the NMAA Powerlifting Rulebook.
 - 1. ~~If two or more head coaches from the participating schools have completed the "Head Judge" requirements, they can fill this role.~~

Rationale: Head coaches were initially permitted to serve in the capacity of a head judge due to the limited pool of independent head judges. However, due to the growth of powerlifting, the expansion in the pool of independent head judges, and the importance of having an independent judge designated for any meet with state qualification implications, it is recommended that only independent head judges be assigned to meets desiring state qualification consideration.

39 Favor

4 Do Not Favor

This box must be completed by all member schools.

Print Name of Official Voter

Signature of Official Voter

Print Name of Superintendent/Head of School

Signature of Superintendent/Head of School

School

District/Classification

Due date is October 3, 2025, 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 Scott Owen (s.owen@nmact.org) if you have any questions regarding this referendum.*