



Basketball

- Coaches can exclude 5% of the officials in each region pre-season. These exclusions are honored in the post-season as well as the regular season.
- Officials must hold a **State Eligible** rating with the New Mexico Officials Association in order to be considered for the NMAA State Basketball Championships. Officials with either a **State Eligible** or **Playoff Eligible** rating may work the First Round of the State Championships.
- Feedback is received from coaches on the Arbiter throughout the season. This information is the coaches' mechanism for providing input into the tournament officiating staff. Basketball coaches may also submit film to us throughout the season on Hudl for the purposes of evaluation.
- Evaluator input is also factored into the selection process. Officials must be evaluated by an NMAA evaluator in order to be eligible for state. This can be done either in person or via film and an official must be evaluated three times to be state eligible.
- Based upon all factors above, varsity regional assignors submit names of officials for consideration for the basketball state championships to the NMAA office.
- The NMAA Director of Basketball and Commissioner of Officials give final approval of the state basketball championship officiating crew.
- At the NMAA State Basketball Championships (quarterfinals through championships), crews may be assigned to contests in any one of three different ways:
 - 1) If two schools from the same region participate against each other, that contest can be assigned a crew from that region. For example, if two schools from the Southeast region play, they could receive a crew comprised of three officials from the Southeast region.
 - 2) If two schools from different regions participate against each other, that contest can be assigned a crew of officials from either of the participating regions. For example, if a Central school plays against a Northeast school, the crew could be comprised of officials from any of the three non-participating regions (in this example, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest).
 - 3) If two schools from different regions participate against each other, that contest can be assigned a split crew, comprised of one official from each of the participating regions, plus a site neutral official. For example, if a Northwest school plays against a Southwest school, the crew could have one Northwest official, one Southwest official and one official from any of the other three regions.
- Officials may not work for the same school in back-to-back games. For example, if an official works School A's game in the quarterfinals, he/she cannot work School A's semifinal contest.
- Officials at the state basketball championships advance to the next round based on performance at the event. Every game at the NMAA state basketball championships is evaluated by an NMAA approved evaluator. Assignments are made by the NMAA Commissioner of Officials, in collaboration with evaluators and varsity regional assignors.