



### Football

- 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 Football Championship contests. Officials with either a **State Eligible** or **Playoff Eligible** rating may work the first round through the semifinals.
- Feedback is received from coaches on the Arbiter throughout the season. This information is the coaches' mechanism for providing input into playoff officiating crews. Football coaches may also submit film to us throughout the season on Hudl for the purposes of evaluation.
- Games are disseminated by the NMAA office to the five regional assignors. Games are worked by officials from outside of the regions of the two participating schools (unless both schools are from the same region, then the NMAA office has the option of using an in-region crew).
- 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.
- The NMAA Director of Football and Commissioner of Officials give final approval of the state football playoff officiating crews.