

**NEW MEXICO OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**  
***Process for Obtaining Officials for NMAA-Sanctioned Wrestling Events***

- 1) Schools must utilize an NMAA-approved assignor for assigning officials to all regular season wrestling matches, including duals, quads, tournaments and any other event hosted by an NMAA member school. A listing of approved assignors is found on the following page.
- 2) All officials **must be registered** with the NMAA for all levels of competition. If a school is using officials from out-of-state, they must also be registered with the NMAA as reciprocal officials. The use of non-registered officials and/or not using assignors opens member schools up to liability issues.
- 3) We were made over the past couple of years that a number of schools were not contacting an NMAA assignor to obtain officials for events they were hosting. Schools that do not use NMAA assignors are subject to sanctions by the New Mexico Activities Association. ***Athletic Directors and coaches cannot contact individual officials for assigning them to contests.*** All assignments must be completed by the Athletic Director working with an NMAA assignor.
- 4) We encourage the cross-assigning of officials between regions and, due to the limited number of officials in our state, this is often unavoidable. Even in situations wherein officials are coming from another region, an NMAA assignor must be used. Assignors will work together in the case of cross-assignments to ensure that all events in all areas of the state are covered by registered officials.
- 5) Questions about this process can be directed to Scott Owen (s.owen@nmact.org), Dana Pappas (danamarie@nmact.org) or Nate Acosta (nate@nmact.org) in the NMAA office.

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*Wrestling Officials Local Associations*

**VARSITY REGIONAL ASSIGNORS** *(to be contacted for all varsity level competition assignments)*

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**CURRENT LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS** *(to be contacted for all sub-varsity assignments)*

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**Las Cruces**

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## Wrestling Officials Information

### Registration

In order to register as an official with the NMAA, an individual must submit a registration form along with payment of \$65 for all levels or \$40 for sub-varsity only. Individuals who officiate in another state but would like to also officiate in New Mexico can pay a \$20 reciprocal fee. The registration fee covers the cost of rulebooks, testing and insurance through the National Federation.

Membership in this association is open to all persons who are seventeen (17) years of age or older for varsity contests in the sports of basketball, football, spirit, swimming and diving, track and field or wrestling **OR** sixteen (16) years of age or older for varsity contests in the sports of baseball, soccer, softball or volleyball. Members must be fifteen (15) years of age or older for high school sub-varsity/junior high contests in all sports.

### Role of Local Associations

Local associations are established in various regions throughout the state. Currently, there are approved associations for wrestling in Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, Las Vegas and Santa Fe. In order to form a local association, there must be six individuals within a given city/area who are registered with the NMAA office. A letter must be sent to the NMAA Commissioner of Officials, requesting approval for the establishment of a local group. Once approved, the local association will do the following:

- 1) Establish a process for selecting a group leader and sub-varsity match assignor (can be the same person). Most officials associations have elections for each of these positions.
- 2) Once elected, the group leader will be responsible for coordinating weekly or bi-weekly group meetings, presenting the district wrestling rules clinic to his/her group and providing end-of-season information to the NMAA office about games attended and matches called by the local group.
  - a. The local meetings are to be used for rules study and case review with the group members and are intended to be part of professional development for officials. A group meeting outline is available through the NMAA office. One of the main needs for professional development is to aid in the retention of officials. By properly educating and mentoring officials, we hope to be able to keep them in the officials' ranks. A national statistic shows that if we can keep officials with the association within the first three years, we will probably keep them for "life." Officials who quit in the first three years usually do not come back!
- 3) The assignor will be responsible for assigning officials to matches for schools in his/her area. The NMAA contracts individuals for the position of Varsity Regional Assignor.
  - a. *All officials assigned to matches at NMAA member schools are REQUIRED to be registered members of the New Mexico Officials Association. Schools must obtain approval from the NMAA office when hiring officials for invitational tournaments in order to eliminate the use of non-registered officials at NMAA sanctioned events.*

### Requirements for Individual Officials

The NMOA Constitution and By-Laws provides the requirements for officials to acquire and maintain certification in our state. Requirements include clinic attendance, meeting attendance and passing the National Federation Rules Examination. The following are the specific requirements for certification in the sport of wrestling:

**Rating Levels:** There are three classifications in wrestling: **Registered** and **State Eligible** as well as the **Sub-Varsity** level.

#### **Minimum Requirements for Each Level:**

Classification	Test Score	Clinics	Meetings	Varsity Matches
State Eligible	80	3 of 4 (2 yrs.)	6	10
Registered	70	1 each year	6	0
Sub-Varsity	70	0	3	0

### **Definitions and Conditions:**

- a. Ratings will be kept internally at the NMAA office and will be disseminated to group leaders and/or assignors at the start of the year. Membership cards will note the official's name, sport and season only. Ratings will not be listed on membership cards.
- b. Only State Eligible officials in good standing for the current year are eligible to officiate State Tournaments.

### **Officials' Uniforms**

All NMOA officials must adhere to the following uniform requirements, as established by the NMOA Executive Board:

- **Shirt:** Short-sleeved gray shirt with black pinstripes. *The shirt must have a sublimated NMOA logo on the left chest, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year* (as approved via referenda in January 2018). Shirts can be purchased at the following link through Smitty:  
<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico>
- **Pants:** Full-length black trousers.
- **Belt:** Black belt, if worn.
- **Shoes and Socks:** Black socks and black wrestling/gym shoes.
- **Accessories:** A red armband on the left wrist, a green armband on the right wrist, a two-colored disk, a black lanyard, a black whistle (preferably not a hand-whistle) and a kit to conduct the random draw.

### **Officials' Fee Schedule**

Pay for wrestling officials is as follows, as established by the NMAA Board of Directors:

#### **Fees for Duals (All Classes):**

<b>Varsity:</b>	\$55.00
<b>JV/C/9<sup>th</sup> grade:</b>	\$45.00
<b>Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>&amp; 8<sup>th</sup>):</b>	\$35.00

#### **Fees for Regular Season Tournaments (All Classes):**

\$4.00 per match for varsity regular season tournaments
\$3.00 per match for JV/C regular season tournaments
\$2.50 per match for junior high regular season tournaments

#### **Fees for Post-Season Wrestling Tournaments:**

\$4.50/match for district tournaments
\$5.00/match for state tournament

### **Officials' Assignor Fee Schedule:**

Assignors are compensated by the member schools annually at the following rates, as established by the NMAA Board of Directors:

#### **WRESTLING:**

Tournament:	\$120.00
Duals:	\$75.00 per team (high school varsity)
	\$50.00 per team (high school sub-varsity)
	\$40.00 per team (middle school)

#### **NOTE:**

**Effective July 1, 2019, all VARSITY assignors will be paid out of the NMAA office.**

**Schools are still responsible for paying HIGH SCHOOL SUB-VARSITY (JV, C-team, freshman) and MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSIGNORS' FEES at the newly established rates above.**