



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
 June 6, 2017



Due Date: June 21, 2017

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

Football Bylaw 7.15.1.L – Use of Play Clock

This proposal would allow host schools to utilize an on-field clock/timer to keep track of the 25-second play clock in the sport of football.

ADD Bylaw 7.15.1.L, which would read: Per NFHS Rules, an electronic/field level 25-second clock can be used if the host school has the technology and staff available to effectively operate the system. Game officials can opt to keep this 25-second count on the field if it is determined that the clock is malfunctioning or operated inconsistently.

Rationale: Several schools now have the ability to keep the 25-second count (play clock) with a field level / electronic timer. It is felt that if the host school has the technology and staff available to effectively operate this system, it should be utilized. NFHS Rules do already allow for this, so this bylaw would reflect what is already supported at the national level. NOTE – this does not require host schools to use this technology; it simply allows it as an option.

We Favor

We Do Not Favor

This box must be completed by all member schools.

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Print Name of Superintendent/Head of School	Signature of Superintendent/Head of School
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School	District/Classification

Due date is June 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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Bylaws 13.1.2 & 13.2.2 Notice of Appeal (Appeals Committee/Board of Directors)

This proposal would require that schools be present to indicate their lack of support for appeal hearings initiated by the parent at the Appeals Committee and Board of Directors Levels. It would also add a \$500 fee for appeals heard at the Board of Directors level.

Bylaw 13.1.2 will now read: *Appeals shall be initiated by the member school by completing the "Request for Appeal" form posted online at www.nmact.org and delivering said Request to the Director within fourteen (14) calendar days of date of receipt or constructive receipt of the decision or determination being appealed. Failure to comply strictly with the timeframe or process for making an appeal shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the appeal. The Request for Appeal must additionally be signed by the Athletic Director and Superintendent/Headmaster/CEO acknowledging a minimum appeal fee of \$250. If the appeal results in the modification or overturning of the original ruling, the appeal fee will be waived. **Appeals initiated by the parent are required to have the school present at the appeal indicating that they are not in support.***

Bylaw 13.2.2 will now read: *Appeals to the Board shall be initiated by **the member school by completing the "Request for Appeal" form posted online at www.nmact.org and delivering said Request to the Director** within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of receipt or constructive receipt of the decision or determination being appealed. Failure to comply strictly with the time frame or process for making an appeal shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the appeal. **The Request for Appeal must additionally be signed by the Athletic Director and Superintendent/Headmaster/CEO acknowledging a minimum appeal fee of \$500. If the appeal results in the modification or overturning of the original ruling, the appeal fee will be waived. Appeals initiated by the parent are required to have the school present at the appeal indicating that they are not in support.***

Rationale: There has been an increase in parent appeals to both the Appeals Committee and the Board of Directors. By having the school present, it may deter some parents from going forward with the appeal, while maintaining the ownership with the school. Also, there is currently no fee being charged for an appeal to the Board of Directors.

Bylaws 13.1.2 & 13.2.2 Notice of Appeal *(continued from previous page)*

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NMAA Calendar Adjustments
Beginning in 2018-2019

This proposal would allow football contests to be played starting in Week 8 of the NMAA calendar (one week earlier than is currently allowed). State championship games in football would also be held one week earlier. In addition, the proposal would move the start date for basketball from Week 19 to Week 21 (two weeks later; moved from early November to mid-November).

Football: Competition (contests/games) may begin during Week #8 of the NMAA Calendar. This also moves state championships up one week.

Basketball: The official start date for basketball will be the Monday of Week #21 of the NMAA Calendar.

Rationale: The NMAA staff and Classification & Alignment committee have been looking at the NMAA calendar to see if adjustments can be made to help the overlap between our various sports seasons. Based on feedback from the membership, the NMAA Board of Directors has approved an adjustment to the calendar that would help with this overlap for the fall and winter sports seasons.

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