

Basketball Sports Specific Committee
Wednesday, July 29, 2009
Notes

The Basketball Sports Specific Committee met on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel. Those present were as follows: Matt Martinez, Pojoaque; Sam Olney, Magdalena; Danny Lujan, NMOA; George Maya, Mayfield; Michael Brown, ABQ Academy; Ron Geyer, St. Michael's; Joseph Garcia, Socorro; Terry Adler, Mesilla Valley; Brad Fouts, Jal; Curt Stephens, Tatum; Amadeo Soto, Springer.

A. Seeding for A/AA and Class B

Mrs. Marquez stated that there will be seeding for A/AA and Class B starting in 2010-11, beginning with the next four year block. Currently for Class 3A-5A, the district champion and district tournament champion will have an automatic bid to the tournament with the rest being at large bids. For Class A/AA there will be a first round of state, matchups are predetermined and then the committee will seed 8 into a bracket. There is concern regarding gamesmanship when it comes to seeding and selection. The NMAA is looking to make the seeding process better. She reiterated that the districts pick who serves on the committee from each district. Those who make up the committee cannot be current coaches however they can be athletic directors or ex-coaches. The NMAA does not have a choice in who is on the committee. An idea that has come up regarding seeding and selection committee is that the committee would be made up of a few people from the NMAA and others to whom they would choose in order to eliminate gamesmanship that occurs. Some comments to this issue included looking at power rankings which other states such as Colorado and Arizona use for seeding purposes. Other comments included the NMAA hiring people to go and watch games throughout the state. Mrs. Marquez stated that has been a possibility in the past; however it was turned down by the Board. The committee recommended that seeding for A/AA should be 1-16, similar to what they do in 3A-5A for the 2009-2010 season. Mrs. Marquez will take this to the Commission and Board of Directors in September on behalf of the committee.

B. 2010 State Tournament

Mrs. Marquez stated that the state tournament will take place at the Pit. UNM will be renovating up until the time UNM's season starts and continue once the tournament has completed. Santa Ana Star Center and another high school will still be used.

C. Coaches Ejection Policy

Mr. Mike Brown stated that he is part of the Metro Albuquerque Basketball Association and at the previous meeting there was discussion regarding coaches' ejection policy. Coaches feel that it is unfair that they are subjected to a fine and writing an essay while the officials get by without having to do anything. Mrs. Marquez added that getting rid of the \$100 fine was brought up to the Board by Mr. Gary Tripp and it was not approved. Mr. Lujan, NMOA representative, stated that the officials do write up a report regarding

the ejection which is turned into the NMAA. They do review tape and talk with the official and can reverse the decision it was a misapplication of a rule. Ideas of having the official write a narrative of what they could have done better in the situation was heavily discussed.

D. Basketball Rules Clinic

Mrs. Marquez stated that there will not be a Basketball Rule Clinic Online. The NMAA is implementing mandatory clinics that will be held for both coaches and officials to attend at the end of October. These will take place in Las Cruces, Farmington, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Gallup and Roswell. The dates will be posted online.

E. NFHS Rules Changes

Mrs. Marquez noted the rules changes from the National Federation in regards to instant replay. It is a state option and New Mexico will not implement it. The equipment would cost too much and there would need to be training on how to use the equipment which could be very costly. Shot clock is another discussion that other State Associations have been pushing to pass. The vote last year was 7 for and 6 against the passing of having a shot clock in high school sports. In order for this item to pass, the vote needed to be two more than the six against it (8-6). The opinions were that it is becoming too much like NCAA and not high school sports.

F. Seeding of State Tournament Officials

Picking of officials for the state tournament was discussed. Fairness of rotating officials for more opportunity for all to officiate a state game was mentioned; however the majority of the committee wanted the best officials at the state tournament and not on a rotating basis.

G. Roster Limit for State Championship

The process of having a limit of 12 players at the state tournament was discussed. This item is brought up every two years. The committee wanted to see an increase in this number for the state tournament. The problem with adding more athletes to sit on the bench during the state tournament would cause coaches to then remove other members such as a trainer, asst. coach, or manager due to the limited space there is in the Pit. Increasing could potentially be very costly for schools because bringing more players means an increase in costs for meals and hotels. The committee voted to keep the limit to 12.