

NMAA Board of Director's Summary October 1, 2008

The NMAA Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, October 1 at the NMAA offices.

The NMAA Board of Directors passed an approval for collecting late payments from member schools. The NMAA will notify the Superintendent or Headmaster of each member school via certified mail by June 15 of the current fiscal year of their outstanding financial responsibilities. If late payments for invoices or sports financial reports are not received by the NMAA by the last business day of the current fiscal year ending June 30, the member school will be suspended as a member school for the following school year or until all financial responsibilities are satisfied. The Executive Director may impose a fine up to \$2500. This policy shall go into effect for the 2009-2010 school year.

The NMAA Board of Directors approved sending out to referenda to change the language for "Transfers for Athletic Purposes" bylaw 6.1.2 and 6.3.3.

Currently NMAA bylaw 6.1.2 reads "*A transfer/ residency requirement assists in the prevention of students switching schools in conjunction with the change of athletic season for athletic purposes; impairs recruitment, and reduces the opportunity for undue influence.*" In addition, NMAA bylaw 6.3.3 reads "*The NMAA prohibits the transfer of students for athletic or activity purposes.*"

The membership will vote to remove bylaw 6.3.3 and to modify the language to NMAA bylaw 6.1.2 to read "*A transfer/ residency requirement assists in the prevention of students switching schools; impairs recruitment, and reduces the opportunity for undue influence.*"

The NMAA Board of Directors tabled the sending of a referendum to consider allowing home school students to participate in all sports starting with the 2009-2010 school year.

The NMAA Board of Directors approved sending out to referenda to require member schools to verify the eligibility for "activity" students prior to a State Competition.

The NMAA Board of Directors voted not to modify the current bylaws pertaining to inclement weather for the regular season (See bylaw 7.10). Currently, games, which are interrupted after half of the game has expired, are considered complete. The Board did however approve modifying the inclement weather rules for post season contests for the Fall 2008 seasons to read the game official has the ability to determine if the game can be continued. This issue will be addressed at the December 10, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

The NMAA Board of Directors also tabled moving Cimarron High School to district 4-AA for the sport of track and field where Moreno Valley Charter High School students

participate with Cimarron based on the fact that they potentially have 200 students to choose from.

The NMAA Board of Directors did not approve consider seeding Class A and AA basketball 1-16 as is done in Class 3A-5A basketball.

The NMAA Board of Directors approved the revision of the Class A/AA Baseball Championship first round format to be one game instead of two out of three for the 2009 State Championships.

The NMAA Board of Directors approved increasing the Class A/AA Softball Championship to twelve teams based on the creation of five districts versus four due to new teams and the geographic makeup of the schools involved for the 2009 State Championships.

The NMAA Board of Directors approved the running of the 1600 m relay with a three turn stagger at the Class A/AA State Championships as is done in the Class 3A-5A State Championships.

The NMAA Board of Directors approved revising the State Cross Country Championships qualifying system so that the top three individual qualifiers from non-qualifying teams would advance to the State Cross Country Championships.

The NMAA Board of Directors will meet again on December 10, 2008.