



NMAA Board of Directors Summary December 4, 2008

The Board of Directors met in regular session at the New Mexico Activities Association on Thursday, December 4 at 1:30 PM.

The Board of Directors approved the writing of a letter asking Moreno Valley to develop their own track and field program to avoid Cimarron moving from a Class A to a Class AA school for the sport of track and field. Currently, Cimarron High School participates in District 4-AA in the sport of track and field where Moreno Valley Charter High School students participate with Cimarron based on the fact that they have over 150 students to choose from.

Sports Specific Action Items:

Basketball:

The Board of Directors voted to approve that the “regular season” district champion in the sport of basketball will host the first round game. If two “regular season” district basketball champions are seeded to play one another in the first round, then the higher seeded team will host the first round game.

Cross Country:

The Cross Country state qualifiers rule was revised by the Board of Directors to include “if a runner finishes in the top ten in their district race, they automatically qualify for the State Championships.”

Wrestling:

The Board approved the revision of the state qualifying procedures based on the deletions of certain wrestling schools. The revision includes the addition of a “wild card” in Class 4A in response to Chaparral delaying their participation. The same occurred in Class A-AAA. The number of wrestling qualifiers in Class 3-3A be reduced from three to two. These changes were made to create an more fair and equitable qualifying system in the sport of wrestling.

Football:

The Six Man football classification requested that an additional week be added to their season, where the Six Man football semifinals and finals would be played a week later. The Board of Directors approved this request. Game limitations for Six Man football did not change.

Discussion Item:

The Board of Directors discussed whether “school board” members throughout the state would be provided tickets for all state tournaments held during the school year. The Board of Directors agreed upon allowing each individual school and school district to decide whether they wish to purchase tickets for their school board members.

Alignment and Classification:

The Board of Directors voted to send an Alignment and Classification proposal to the NMAA membership to receive written comments and feedback. The proposal has been submitted for a four-year block and includes six classifications in volleyball and basketball and counts alternative school students in grades 8 through 11 in regards to a school's enrollment.

The Alignment and Classification proposal will be posted on the NMAA website early next week for the membership to review and make comments via e-mail or written correspondence. The NMAA would like to have both positive and negative comments on the proposed alignment, as well as solutions to potential problems, which will help with the process.

The Board of Directors discussed the proposal, created by the NMAA staff, for nearly two hours. NMAA Executive Director Gary Tripp stated that the proposal was created to be as fair and equitable to all NMAA member schools. The NMAA staff considered travel time and costs, as well as geographic locations of the schools.