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### **Class 5A Football Playoffs To Be Postponed**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM-** The Class 5A football playoffs will be postponed with the length of postponement to last a minimum of one week.

This morning Federal Court Judge Judith Herrera ruled that the pending lawsuit against the NMAA and its Executive Director was to be remanded back to State District Court. Judge Herrera declared that even though the complaint alleged violations of Constitutional rights, that the plaintiffs' attorneys had not properly alleged those claims in their complaint and that no Federal jurisdiction existed.

The NMAA Board of Directors and administrators met today via teleconference call, to discuss the pending lawsuit. The NMAA will seek to resolve the lawsuit in State District Court as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

The NMAA strongly believes that the enforcement of eligibility rules, which are voted upon and approved by their member schools, is crucial and essential to ensuring a level playing field for all student athletes.

The NMAA does not have a date or time for a State District Court hearing, but expects to obtain a hearing date within the next 2-3 days.

NMAA Executive Director Gary Tripp said "I would like this case to be resolved as quickly as possible so the seeding committee can convene and seed the Class 5A football bracket and proceed with the 2006 playoffs."

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