

NMAA COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, May 23, 2007
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Commission met on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Lawrence Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Kristin Derr, Administrative Assistant called roll and the following commissioners were present: Mr. Amadeo Soto (Small Area A), Ms. Cris Dimitroff (Small Area B), Mr. Louie Baisa (Small Area C), Mr. Gary Schuster (Large Area A), Mr. Bruce Carver (Large Area B), Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large Area C), Mr. Tom Manning (Large Area D), Mr. Steve Medeiros (Non-Public Schools), Mr. Ernie Viramontes proxy for Mr. Chris Pash (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association), Mr. Oscar Payen (New Mexico Officials Association), Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals), and Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council). Mr. Gary Frazier (Small Area D) and Mr. Frank Castillo (New Mexico High School Coaches Association) were absent. A quorum was declared and business before the Commission could be conducted.

Present from the NMAA were Gary Tripp, Executive Director, Mr. Mario Martinez, Associate Director, and Ms. Sally Marquez, Associate Director.

A motion was made by Mr. Schuster and seconded by Mr. Affentranger to approve the agenda (see pgs. 1-2 of Attachments). A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the February 28, 2007 meeting were presented (see pgs. 4-8 of Attachments). A motion was made by Mr. Gerheart to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Payen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. *Directors' Report* – Mr. Tripp welcomed the Commissioners and presented his Director's Report. Mr. Tripp reminded the Commissioners of the 2 year block that is in progress. Many items have been brought to the Commission within this block, and Mr. Tripp asked that the Commission take this into consideration as decisions are made.

Mr. Tripp informed the Commission that for each action item presented to the Commission, the NMAA will offer a recommendation voted upon by the NMAA Administrators.

Mr. Tripp stated that the NMAA is working on a proposal of rotation procedures for all NMAA committees. This proposal will be presented to the Board of Directors at their June meeting.

Mr. Tripp thanked and complimented the seeding/selection committees for their hard work throughout the 2006-2007 seasons.

Mr. Tripp informed the Commission that the NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on May 25th at the University of New Mexico's South Golf Course. The funds raised at the event will be given back to students of New Mexico in scholarship form. The NMAA hopes to earn \$10,000 - \$12,000 for the Foundation through this tournament.

Mr. Tripp congratulated the NMAA staff for a very successful and well run Spring Sports Competition season.

Mr. Mario Martinez presented his Director's report. He informed the Commission that Mr. Tony Sayre will no longer be a member of the Commission as he is no longer serving on the Deming School Board. A new School Boards Association representative will be assigned at a later date.

Ms. Sally Marquez presented her Director's report. Ms. Marquez informed the Commission that since an assessment has been applied to all appeals, only three appeals have come through the NMAA office. Of those three, only one appeal was upheld resulting in the \$250 assessment.

Ms. Marquez stated that she is willing to visit districts to speak about Title IX. If any school would like to arrange for her to speak, please contact the NMAA.

III. General Action Items –Confirmation of Home-School Bylaws as per state statute and bylaws committee – Ms. Marquez informed the Commission that the NMAA Bylaws committee had met to establish the proposed language to the bylaws. See pages 9-11 of attachments.

Ms. Dimitroff asked if students will still need to be enrolled at a public school. Ms. Marquez answered that no, according to the new state statute, home school students no longer need to be enrolled at a public school to be eligible to participate.

Mr. Gerheart asked if this change will affect activities. Ms. Marquez answered that the activities policy in regards to home school students will remain the same.

Ms. Dimitroff asked if the state would be distributing funding for these home school students. Ms. Marquez answered that the state will distribute .1 FTE per home school student.

Ms. Dimitroff made a motion to accept the language change to the bylaws as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items –Consider revising language on the seeding/selection procedures concerning district champions, runner-ups, and at-large selections. – Please see page 12 of the attachments for the proposed language change. Mr. Medeiros made a motion to accept this revision as presented. Mr. Payen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Sports-Specific Action Items – Basketball – Consider adopting a pilot program for basketball seeding and selection for the 2007-2008 season as per the sports specific committee – Ms. Marquez presented the application for the proposed pilot program to the Commission (see pages 13-15 of the attachments). Mr. Baisa asked if this program would be implemented in the middle of the two year block. Ms. Marquez stated that yes, this proposal is being made for the upcoming year. The NMAA's recommendation is not to

adopt this program at this time due to the fact that we are in the middle of the two year block. Mr. Affentranger made a motion to adopt the presented pilot program. Ms. Dimitroff seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion failed unanimously.

Soccer – Consider establishing time limits for sub-varsity soccer games as per NMOA. – Ms. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, informed the Commission that the rationale behind this proposal is as follows: 1) Only one crew would be required for two games, 2) Cost to the schools would be minimized, 3) More Varsity level games would be completed. At this time, Ms. Sanchez introduced Mr. Mark Merritt, NMOA soccer official, to the Commission. Mr. Merritt asked the Commission to consider this change, if only to give the officials the authority to call a half short if necessary. The NMAA recommendation at this time is to have the sports specific committee discuss this first and present another proposal, complete with verbiage, at a later date. Mr. Soto made a motion to approve this change as presented. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken at the motion failed unanimously.

Baseball – Consider Action Items from the baseball sports specific committee meeting held on Thursday, May 17, 2007. – Please reference the Addendum Agenda for the six following items.

Baseball – Implement a seeding/selection pilot program much like that proposed for Basketball, effective for the 2007-2008 season. – Mr. Kenny Barreras stated that in light of the Commission’s decision regarding the Basketball proposal, this item should be struck from today’s agenda.

Baseball – Implement a 16 team format in baseball in all classifications for the 2008 season with a two out of three format in the 1st round held at home sites. – Mr. Carver asked why this item is being considered within the two year block. Mr. Martinez stated that emergency situations will always arise, and it is a matter of perception whether said situations are truly emergencies. Mr. Carver made a motion to implement the 16 team format in baseball as presented. Mr. Baisa seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was not unanimous. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows.

Amadeo Soto	against	Tom Manning	for
Cris Dimitroff	for	Steve Medeiros	against
Louie Baisa	for	Ernie Viramontes	for
Gary Schuster	for	Oscar Payen	for
Bruce Carver	for	Scott Affentranger	against
Lawrence Johnson	against	Don Gerheart	against

Motion carries – 7 votes for/5 votes against

Baseball – Implement a new procedure for games that are suspended for any reason in the sport of baseball. – Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Operations Manager, informed the Commission that the current policy contains many inconsistencies. The proposed policy will clean up any inconsistencies in the NMAA policies, and will also be sent to the NFHS as a proposed change in their rulebook. See pages 17-18 of the attachments for the written proposal. Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the proposal as submitted. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Baseball – Implement a more defined rule regarding 12 innings pitched by an athlete at the state baseball tournament (both in the first round and field of 8). – Mr. Young presented the proposal on page 19 of the attachments to the Commission. Mr. Schuster

made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Soto seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

At 10:55 am, the Commission took a recess, and reconvened at 11:12 am.

Baseball – Revision of baseball start date for pitchers and catchers. – The commission discussed the safety issues behind the length of the baseball season, and whether there is a reason to extend the season for pitchers and catchers.

Baseball – The continued use of Isotopes Park for state tournaments, although calendars may need to be adjusted on a yearly basis. – Mr. Kenny Barreras informed the Commission that the Baseball Sports Specific committee has stated that one of the most important issues in the sport of baseball is being able to have a flexible competition schedule to work around the availability of Isotopes Park. The committee feels very strongly that it is important for the students to have the opportunity to play at this venue.

Baseball – Consider combining Class A and AA baseball into one classification for the 2008 season based on an emergency situation. – Mr. Young presented the proposed classification to the Commission (see page 20 of the attachments). The NMAA recommendation is to approve this proposal. Mr. Baisa made a motion to approve the classification as presented. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Wrestling – Consider changing the state qualifiers in class A/AAA wrestling from 10 to 8 based on team participation. – Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, presented this item to the Commission. See page 21 of the attachments. The NMAA recommendation is to approve this proposal. Ms. Dimitroff made a motion to accept the change as presented. Mr. Payen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Swimming/Diving – Consider mandating that a diving location be available at all schools who host swimming and diving qualifying meets. – Mr. Vince Sanchez, a member of the Swimming/Diving sports specific committee presented this issue to the Commission. Mr. Tripp stated that this is hopefully a step towards increasing diving participation in New Mexico, but that it could also be a defining moment prior to eliminating diving in our state. The NMAA recommendation is to approve this proposal for the 2008-2009 season. Mr. Carver made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Baisa seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Swimming/Diving – Consider developing a method for state qualifying marks in swimming and diving based on a three year history. – Mr. Medeiros made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Swimming/Diving – Consider defining that all state qualifying meets in swimming and diving must comply with standard meet format, thus eliminating multiple attempts per event. – The NMAA recommendation is to approve this proposal on an emergency basis for the 2007-2008 season. Mr. Soto made a motion to approve the proposal for the 2007-2008 season. Mr. Payen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- V. *General Discussion/Information Items – The use of three person officiating crews in the sport of basketball at the varsity level beginning with the 2007-2008 season in all classifications.* – Mr. Oscar Payen presented pages 25-32 of the attachments to the Commission. After some

discussion, the Commission made a recommendation that this proposal be brought to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

General Discussion/Information Items – Alignment and Classification update and discussion. – Mr. Martinez presented the Commission with a handout summarizing the Alignment and Classification meeting on May 22, 2007. (See page 33 of the attachments)

General Discussion/Information Items – Ideas for schools that have difficulty scheduling varsity football games. – Discussion ensued.

General Discussion/Information Items – Spring Sports Reports –

Track and Field: 2576 athletes in classes A-5A
140 schools
144 officials and workers
6 PM end time – very successful

Golf: Only positive comments about 3 year rotation
No admission prices – all corporate funding
Cost for entire golf tournament - \$13,000!

Tennis: Starting Thursday afternoon was very successful
18 courts – all in use from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
750 athletes in classes A-5A
main issue was facility parking

Softball: See page 34 of the attachments
Thank you Chris Pash, Farmington High School,
Fuddruckers, and Farmington Community

Baseball: Great tournament!
Thank you Pete Gurule, Kenny Barreras, Joe Moulton,
Eldorado High School, La Cueva High School, Rio
Rancho High School, Sandia High School, Dusty
Young, Scott Evans, and Gene Pino!

VI. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Viramontes. It was seconded by Ms Dimitroff and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.