



## NMAA POST-SEASON FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' ASSIGNMENT PROCESS



The NMAA Administration is ultimately responsible for assigning approved and certified officials for all playoff games. However, the following process will be utilized for the assignment of officials to post-season contests this year:

- A. If the two schools can agree on a particular officiating crew, they will be assigned to that particular game if they are the first to request them.
- B. Request for officiating crews by schools will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- C. The request deadline is 12:00 noon on Monday of the week of the playoff game.
- D. Request must be made through Randy Adrian, Assistant Director, administrator for football, by calling him at (505) 923-3275 or (505) 967-7942.
- E. If the two schools cannot agree, or a request is not submitted by the deadline, the NMAA will assign the officiating crew.
- F. All playoff crews will consist of five (5) officials regardless of classification.
- G. Schools may agree on particular officials to call their playoff games. Please note that the availability of officials is subject to NMOA Constitutional By-Laws relative to playoff eligibility. The following describes how this procedure will operate:
  1. Any official who has received a three (3) by a particular school will not be assigned to their particular game under any circumstances.
  2. Each of the five regions will designate crews made up of a referee only labeled Crew A, Crew B, Crew C, etc. **\*\*\*NOTE: This is a change from previous years, as crews used to be comprised of a referee and an umpire.**
  3. If two schools agree on a particular crew/referee, the remaining four officials will be selected by the Varsity Regional Assignor in communication with his/her group leaders.
  4. **NEW MATERIAL:** If two schools agree on a referee, the remaining four officials on a crew may change from one game or one week to the next. For example, if a school has a certain referee in the quarterfinals, the rest of the crew may be different in the championship game. The remaining four officials are assigned by the Varsity Regional Assignor.
  5. All officials need to have "approved" or "certified" status to officiate any playoff game prior to the state championship games. All officials officiating state championship games must have certified status.
  6. When two schools agree on an officiating crew, that crew can be from any region, even from the same community. Example: Cibola and Highland agree on a crew from Albuquerque – this is acceptable.
  7. When two schools cannot agree on a crew, the NMAA will assign the officials from a region outside of the two schools, as has always been the case.
  8. Officials may not work playoff games for schools in back-to-back weeks. Example: If Clovis Crew "A" officiates a game involving Lordsburg in the Quarterfinals, no member of that crew may officiate Lordsburg in a Semifinal game.