



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 Mario Martinez, Associate Director, administrator for football, by calling him at (505) 923-3275 or (505) 977-5383.
- 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. 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, and an umpire labeled Crew A, Crew B, Crew C, etc.
 3. If two schools agree on a particular crew (referee and umpire), the remaining three officials will be selected by the Regional Commissioner in communication with his/her group leaders.
 4. While the referee and umpire will always work together, the remaining three officials may change from one game or week to the next. **Exception – if either the referee or umpire does not have certified status, they cannot officiate state championship games.
 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.