

## **2009-10 NMAA Junior High / Middle School Unit I (Introduction)**

**The NMAA does not require and MVP account like high school to access the NMAA Junior High Middle School website and web pages. The NMAA will require an MVP account for school year 2010-11 to assist the NM PED collect Title IX Compliance data online.**

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This is the fifth year that I will be helping the NMAA Staff with the 190 member junior high and middle school interscholastic sports and activities. The upcoming school year is just a few short weeks away, and the entire state is looking forward to another great junior high and middle school year of competition and student participation. I am excited to report that the number of member junior high and middle schools has grown from 182 schools to 190. This school year we are excited to announce and post our junior high and middle school section for our 190 member schools to have additional resources to contact other member schools for scheduling and to also keep updated with the continuous improvement of our NMAA Section IX Handbook and best practices. Here are some of these highlights and new information that will be posted on this new section of the NMAA website:

- 2009-10 190 Updated Membership List and Contact Information
- NMAA Junior High / Middle School Committee List
- Section IX Junior High / Middle School NMAA Handbook
- League President and or District Chair Contact List for Junior High and Mid School Leagues throughout the state of New Mexico
- Game Contracts and Other Useful Forms are on website under "Forms"
- 2009-10 Junior High / Middle School Coaching Online Rules Clinic Verification Form

There are some changes for the upcoming school year that was voted on by the NMAA membership (Junior High / Middle School Committee), Commission, and Board of Directors. These changes are summarized below:

- **Please remind your junior high and middle school coaches and athletes that the NMAA Board did pass a new ejection policy last school year and these rules do apply to your coaches and athletes to promote "Pursuing Victory with Honor"!**
- **The membership dues for schools have been rolled back as per the NMAA Board of Directors to help schools with their budgets this year.**

For new Athletic Directors the rule changes for last school year 2008-09 are listed below:

- **Transfer paperwork (forms A, B, and C) are not required for junior high and or middle school transfers. These are only required if a student is playing up at the high school as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and they have made their open enrollment choice.**
- **The 35 point mercy rule has been revised to be the same as the high school NF rule. After 35 points the clock is a running clock instead of the old rule where the game ended,**

- to increase student participation and opportunities to play and to be consistent with the high school rule.
- Schools that play football with large numbers of student participant’s are now allowed to have 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams to promote student participation and playing time.
- Transfers during the semester must wait for the 10 day rule so that the receiving school can receive the grades and paperwork from the sending school and to avoid forfeits due to academic ineligibility.
- Please remember the rule changes from last year where game limits were increased for softball and basketball teams.
- A student may make up one core class (math, science, English, social studies) in summer school, and schools may use the semester grades to help students be eligible for sports at the end of each semester (passed 2007-08).

Should you have any questions concerning junior high or middle school rules, please do not hesitate to contact Gene Pino at (505) 923-3272 or gpino@nmact.org.

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## **Section IX NMAA Handbook for Junior High – Middle School Unit II**

Insert Section IX NMAA Handbook (Current Updated Posted Online Link to)

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## **NMAA Junior High – Middle School Membership List 190 Schools**

Insert (copy and paste) Excel Mid School List of 190 schools.

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## **NMAA List of League Presidents and or District Chairs**

Compile List from Fall Meeting

## **NMAA Sample Handbooks, Forms, and Game Contracts**

Resource forms, handbooks, and game contracts for new Athletic Directors.

## **NMAA Important Dates for Junior High and Middle Schools**

Monday, August 10	First Official Day of Practice – Fall Sports – Week # 7
September 15	Deadline for NMAA Dues
Fall Region Meetings	TBA @ Region Fall Schedule Meetings in NE – NW – Central – SE – SW Meetings TBA League Chairpersons
September 1-4	Week # 11 Junior High and Middle School Meeting in Albuquerque at NMAA Office - TBA

Monday, October 12	First Official Day of Practice – Winter Sports with Split Seasons due to Facilities – Week #16
Monday, November 2	First Official Day of Practice – Winter Sports – Week # 19
Monday, February 8	First Official Day of Practice – Spring Sports – Week # 33
February 22-26	Junior High and Middle School Committee Meeting in Albuquerque at NMAA Office – TBA Week # 35