



**NEW MEXICO OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BALLOT**  
**REVISION OF NMOA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
 June 29, 2009



***Due Date: July 10, 2009***

Upon direction of the New Mexico Officials Association Executive Board, we are asking that you vote on the proposals below that have been recommended by the NMOA Constitution Review Committee, upon the direction of the NMOA Executive Board at their January 2009 meeting.

If passed, these changes would go into effect immediately.

***ALL OFFICIALS VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING:***

**ITEM #1:**

**Duties of Group Leaders/Local Group President:**

**SUGGESTED NEW MATERIAL:** The process for the selection of group leaders and local assignors, inclusive of the method of selection and terms of office, is to be determined by each local association and should be contained within the local association's by-laws. If no local association by-laws exist, the NMAA office will appoint someone to fill the position.

**I Favor - 124**

**I Do Not Favor – 21**

**No Vote - 0**

**ITEM #2:**

**Amendments to the Advancement and Certification Requirements:**

**CURRENT:** Amendments to the Advancement and Certification Requirements may be proposed by the Executive Board or upon written signed request of twenty-five percent of the membership and must be ratified by a simple majority of those registered in the specific sport affected. Amendments shall be made by mail or email ballot and returned ballots, if hard copy mailed, must be postmarked on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the issue.

**SUGGESTED CHANGE:** Amendments to the Advancement and Certification Requirements may be proposed by the Executive Board or upon written signed request of twenty-five percent of the membership and must be ratified by a simple majority of those voting in the specific sport affected. Amendments shall be made by mail or email ballot and returned ballots, if hard copy mailed, must be postmarked on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the issue

**I Favor - 134**

**I Do Not Favor – 10**

**No Vote - 1**

**ITEM #3:**

**EDITORIAL CHANGE:** Throughout the NMOA Constitution, it states that all ballots for amendments will be sent via hard copy mail. In each of the following sections, the wording has been changed to include email as well: Right of Appeal, Amendments to the Constitution, Amendments to the By-Laws and Amendments to the Advancement and Certification Requirements. In all such cases, the wording will read as follows:

Amendments shall be made by mail **or email** ballot and returned ballots, **if hard copy mailed**, must be postmarked on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the issue. **Emailed ballots must be date/time stamped by midnight on the due date.**

**I Favor - 141**

**I Do Not Favor – 3**

**No Vote - 1**

**ITEM #4:**

**EDITORIAL CHANGE:** Swimming added to Standing Committees due to addition of swimming as an NMOA sanctioned sport. The “note” was stricken because there is now a 5-5 split in election years.

**H. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following standing committees are provided for; duties are outlined in the bylaws.

	<b>Committees</b>	<b>Year Elected</b>
1.	Baseball	Even
2.	Basketball	Even
3.	Football	Odd
4.	Soccer	Even
5.	Softball	Odd
6.	Supervisory	Odd
7.	Swimming & Diving	Even
8.	Track & Field/Tennis	Even
9.	Volleyball	Odd
10.	Wrestling	Odd

~~Note:—The 5-4 split in election years is due to the President and Vice-President both being elected in even numbered years.~~

**I Favor - 134**

**I Do Not Favor – 2**

**No Vote - 9**

**ITEM #5:**

**EDITORIAL CHANGE:** Language added within context of membership requirements to reflect that 15-year-olds can officiate sub-varsity games, as approved by the NMOA Executive Board. Additionally, an entire section was added to the membership requirements (#8 below) to address the Sub-Varsity/Junior High registration category.

**A. MEMBERSHIP**

- Membership in this association is open to all persons who are high school graduates and/or eighteen years of age or older for varsity contests **or fifteen years of age or older for high school sub-varsity/junior high contests** wishing to affiliate themselves with an organized athletic officials' group serving the state of New Mexico, and is mandatory for the officials (Certified, Approved, Registered, or Apprentice) who have been certified by the New Mexico Activities Association.
- Individuals may also choose to register as **High School Sub-Varsity/Junior High** officials. Membership in this category entitles an individual to register at a reduced rate as well. Officials registered in this category are entitled to full membership privileges but may only call high school sub-varsity contests or junior high/middle school contests. Officials in this category are not eligible for varsity competition. Per the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Activities Association, any individual calling at sub-varsity levels must be registered with the NMAA/NMOA office.

**I Favor – 115**

**I Do Not Favor – 27**

**No Vote - 3**

**ITEM #6:**

**EDITORIAL CHANGE:** The deadlines for registration have been revised by the NMOA Executive Board and have been changed within the Constitution to reflect those changes.

- Football - February 1
- Soccer and Volleyball – May 1
- Basketball – June 1
- Swimming and Wrestling – September 1 (of same year)
- Baseball and Softball – October 1
- Tennis and Track – February 1 (of same year)

**I Favor - 135**

**I Do Not Favor – 9**

**No Vote - 1**

**ITEM #7:**

**EDITORIAL CHANGE:** The information about officials' contracts has been changed due to the use of The Arbiter for scheduling. In addition, the information about "change forms" has been stricken, as they are no longer used by the NMAA office.

1. Active members shall not officiate unless a written contract has been entered into **or the official has been assigned via The Arbiter** prior to the contest as specified by each sport's contract practices. ~~Changes must be recorded using the "change form" and are to be executed by the Commissioner or assignor for each sport and submitted to the NMAA at a later date. Emergency changes could be verbal between assignor/commissioner and the official, with a change form to follow.~~

**I Favor - 131**

**I Do Not Favor – 10**

**No Vote - 4**