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NMAA Athletic/ Activity Suspension Information

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The New Mexico Activities Association would like to provide important information regarding the suspension of athletic/ activity programs due to the closure of 15 schools.

The NMAA Board of Directors suspended all athletic and activity programs for a minimum of seven days in order to ensure fairness for NMAA member schools who could not participate in activities this week due to closure.

The NMAA staff hosted a webcast today at noon to address concerns and answer questions regarding this issue. The webcast can be accessed by logging onto the NMAA website at www.nmaafilms.tv.

The NMAA Board of Directors have declared that no school organized practices of any kind are to be held outside of the school day.

If schools are found to be practicing outside of the school day (bell to bell), the sanction would be as follows:

- Suspension of the coach involved and in all instances to include the head coach for the remainder of the school year
- \$1,000 fine
- Probation for a year

Note: Out of season coaches will also be sanctioned as per the Executive Director. The “hour a day” after school practice is also suspended.

Should the NMAA announce that the suspension has concluded by Friday, May 8th, a “tentative” plan for State Championships events is as follows:

Track & Field- *Tentative*

May 11	Class 3A-5A District Meets
May 13-14	Class A-AA State Championships
May 15-16	Class 3A-5A State Championships

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Baseball- *Tentative*

May 11	State Baseball Championships First Round- Class 3A-5A
May 11-12	State Baseball First Round and Quarterfinals- Class A-AA
May 14-16	State Baseball Championships- Class 3A-5A Quarterfinals/ Semifinals/ Finals
May 15-16	State Baseball Championships- Class A-AA Semifinals/ Finals

Tennis- *Tentative*

May 14-16	State Tennis Championships Individuals (May 14) Team (May 15-16)
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Golf- *Tentative*

May 11-12	Class A-AAA Golf State Championships (UNM Golf Course)
May 12-13	Class 4A Golf State Championships (New Mexico Tech Golf Course) Class 5A Golf State Championships (New Mexico State Golf Course)

Softball- *Tentative*

May 10	Softball Seeding/ Selection Meeting
May 14-16	State Softball Championships

Additional Information:**Rodeo:**

Because the NMAA oversees the activity of rodeo, all practices and competitions are considered suspended.

National Competitions:

Teams will be permitted to attend “national competitions” if the school administration permits the competition.

Banquets/ Awards Banquets:

Schools who are not closed by the PED are permitted to hold banquets and award ceremonies.

School Concerts:

Schools who are not closed by the PED are permitted to hold school concerts, dances, etc.

Uniform Fittings/ Information Meetings:

Schools who are not closed by the PED and are scheduled to distribute information or try on uniforms (cheerleading) are permitted to do so.

Field Trips:

Schools who are not closed by the PED are permitted to take school related field trips.

For more information pertaining to this announcement, please contact Robert Zayas, NMAA Director of Communications, at (505) 977-5386.