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**NMAA Board of Directors Approve
New Alignment and Classification**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM- The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors voted 10 to 3 in favor of approving the alignment and classification for the next two year block (2008-2009, 2009-2010). The approved alignment can be downloaded on the NMAA website (www.nmact.org).

The approved proposal keeps the current numbers used in alignment and classification in place for another two year block with most schools remaining in the same classification and districts with a few adjustments. A special Board meeting will be called in the very near future to deal with potential problems in Class 4A in regards to an eight or nine team district.

The 2008 State Softball Tournament will have a different format as a result of today's meeting. The Board adopted a 16 team double elimination softball bracket in class 3A – 5A and an 8-team double elimination bracket in Class A/AA.

The Board of Directors approved keeping the 2008 Class A and AA baseball tournament on week #46 (May 12-17, 2008) and moving the 2008 Class 3A-5A baseball tournament to week #47 (May 19-24, 2008) to avoid facility conflicts.

The Board of Directors also approved changing the baseball practice start date to week #32 (Monday, February 4, 2008) from week #33 (Monday, February 11, 2008).

In other business:

The Board of Directors voted to approve to grant the NMAA exclusive telecast or broadcast rights to all events at the playoff level. "Telecast" and "Broadcast" rights include, but are not limited to, over the air television, cable television, radio, internet or web streaming. The "playoff level" includes any post-season event identified as a festival, district, sectional, regional or state by the Board of Directors action.

The Board of Directors tabled the adoption of a new system to seed and select the state basketball tournament. Individuals would have been selected statewide to watch games in their region, paid a stipend by the NMAA and eventually seed the tournament bracket beginning with the 2008-2009 basketball season.

For any questions regarding today's Board of Directors meeting, please contact Robert Zayas, NMAA Director of Communications, at (505) 977-5386 (cell).