



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
SENIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
REFERENDUM
February 6, 2008



Due Date:
Friday, March 14, 2008

The NMAA Board of Directors voted to send out this Referendum regarding proposed changes to the NMAA Bylaws at their meeting(s) held on December 6, 2007 and January 31, 2008. As a membership led organization, it is crucial that all member schools closely examine the proposed bylaws amendments and cast their votes on a variety of issues to provide the NMAA Staff, the Bylaws Committee and ultimately the Board of Directors, a true picture of where the total membership stands on these matters.

1. Consider adopting the following language for 2.2.1 B "Role and Purpose of the Board" to define the role of the Board of Directors and Referenda items.

NMAA 2.2.1 B Role and Purpose of the Board- Proposed Rule

1. The Board is responsible for the fair and uniform application of federal, state and local laws as well as the rules and regulations of the Association in the operation of interscholastic activities/athletics within New Mexico schools.
2. The Board adopts the philosophy and vision of the Association and annually sets the goals of the organization.
3. The Board exercises leadership primarily through the formulation and adoption of policies.
4. The Board hires, sets the duties (except as stated in NMAA 2.2.2), evaluates, and establishes the salary for the Executive Director.
5. The Board oversees and approves the fiscal operations of the NMAA including NMAA 2.4 - Article IV - Fiscal Matters, and NMAA Section 5 - Finance.
6. The Board has the authority to authorize proposals for amendments (referenda) to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Sports Regulations as stated in NMAA 2.7.
7. The Board has authority for classification, alignment, and championships (qualifying, selection, seeding, etc.) as stated in NMAA Section 4 - Classification and Alignment and NMAA Section 7 - Sports Regulations.
8. The Board has the authority to review decisions of the NMAA Appeals Review Committee as stated in NMAA 13.2.

Agree

Disagree

2. To be utilized for determination of scholastic eligibility, all summer session grades must be placed on a transcript prior to the first day of the fall semester.

Agree **Disagree**

3. Scholastic eligibility for students enrolled in on-campus courses less than 51% of the school day will be determined by semester grades only. Examples would include:

- a. A student is enrolled in a traditional class schedule, taking two on-campus courses and three BYU or concurrent enrollment courses.
- b. Any home school student.
- c. A student is enrolled in a 4x4 block schedule, taking one on-campus course and two BYU or concurrent enrollment courses.

Agree **Disagree**

4. Any student who is ineligible for reasons other than academics cannot practice with the team until clearance is rendered by the NMAA or Appeals Review Committee. Examples would include:

- a. Any senior transfer student.
- b. Transfer students not in good standing with previous school.
- c. Transfer students who have competed/practiced in a particular sport in the same season.

Agree **Disagree**

5. All requests for appeal which do not involve a decision regarding a student (i.e. school, coach administrator, etc.) will be appealed to the Board of Directors and bypass the Appeals Review Committee. All decisions in which a student is the aggrieved party, will be appealed to the Appeals Review Committee, as is currently stated in the Bylaws.

Agree **Disagree**

6. Change in the mercy rule in middle school football to be the same as that used at the high school level. (35 point running clock.)

Agree **Disagree**

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<i>Print name of Official Voter</i>	Signature of Official Voter
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<i>Print name of Superintendent/Head of School</i>	Signature of Superintendent/Head of School
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<i>School</i>	Current District/Current Classification

Due date is Friday, March 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

*This ballot, with both signatures affixed, must be received in the NMAA office by 4:00 p.m. Please fax your completed referenda to the NMAA at (505) 923-3114. **Please note that if either signature above is missing, your ballot will not be counted.***