



# NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT

SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
October 12, 2009



**Due Date: October 30, 2009**

Upon direction of the Board of Directors, Gary Tripp, Executive Director of the New Mexico Activities Association, and his staff are asking member schools to vote on the issue(s) below. Please read through the entire referendum before selecting **one** response per item. Thank you for your participation in the governance of your organization and for your support of interscholastic activities.

## ITEM #1



**We Do Not Favor  
(7)**

Adding to NMAA Bylaw 8.2.3 which would require Spirit coaches to complete the NFHS/AACCA online safety education program **beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.**

See below for adjusted Bylaw as proposed.

Rule 8.2.3 would read:

### Coaches Education

- A. *Contractual Relationship* – All cheer/dance/drill or spirit coaches/sponsors (paid or volunteer) must have an employee and/or contractual relationship with the school district.
- B. *Coaching License* – All cheer/dance/drill or spirit coaches (paid or volunteer) must have a current NMPED Athletic Coaching License
- C. *AACCA Safety Training* – All cheer/dance/drill or spirit coaches/sponsors (paid or volunteer) must have completed the AACCA Safety Training course.

**Note: Coaches who completed this program in a classroom setting, as previously offered by the NMAA, would be grandfathered into this policy as having fulfilled this requirement.**

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ITEM #2

**ONLY MEMBER SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN SOFTBALL MAY VOTE**

**We Favor  
(44)**

Change the pitching distance in softball to 43 feet (currently 40 feet) **effective in the Spring of 2010.**

*This is one year earlier than mandated by the NFHS who presented the following rule change this year.*

**We Do Not Favor  
(11)**

*NFHS Softball Rules 1-1-2b: Changed the female fast-pitch pitching distance to 43-feet effective with the 2010-11 academic year. NOTE: Individual state associations are permitted to adopt the 43-feet distance in 2009-10, if desired.*

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ITEM #3

**We Favor  
(71)**

Adding to NMAA Bylaw 7.21.1 F that pole vault certification, earned by completing the Pole Vault Safety Certification Board Exam, is valid for a period of four years, **effective in the Spring of 2010.**

**We Do Not Favor  
(5)**

*Certification is currently valid for a period of two years.*

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**This box must be completed by all member schools...**

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Print name of Official Voter	Signature of Official Voter
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Print name of Superintendent/Head of School	Signature of Superintendent/Head of School
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School	District/Classification

**Due date is October 30, 2009 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 completed referenda to the NMAA at (505) 923-3114. **Please note that if either signature above is missing, the ballot will not be counted.***