



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
SENIOR HIGH ADVISORY REFERENDUM
 February 1, 2010



Due Date: February 19, 2010

*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 submit their preferences regarding the issue(s) below. During their June 2010 meeting, the NMAA Board of Directors will render a final decision on all issues as is their purview per the NMAA bylaws. 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.*

Seeding/Selection Committee Make-up

Please vote for **ONE** of the following proposals concerning the members of NMAA Seeding/Selection Committees.

**We Favor
PROPOSAL A**

Proposal A

Every district will select a committee member to represent their individual district. In addition, one At-Large representative will be selected by the NMAA as it is presently done. A coach of that particular sport will not be permitted to serve on the committee.

Positives:

1. *Insures representation from throughout the state.*
2. *Affords each district ownership in the process.*

Negatives:

1. *Can be very expensive for schools outside of the metro area.*
2. *Can be very time consuming to make numerous trips to Albuquerque.*
3. *Some representatives are misinformed, not prepared, or do not have a global perspective.*

**We Favor
PROPOSAL B**

Proposal B

The NMAA staff will conduct the Seeding & Selection process.

Positives:

1. *Saves member schools money and time.*
2. *NMAA staff can be more global in their decisions and are well informed.*
3. *The NMAA already receives the negative feedback. This would put all ownership on the NMAA and not outside entities.*

Negatives:

1. *Will increase the workload of the NMAA.*
2. *Will add negativity to the perception of the NMAA.*

Seeding/Selection Criteria

Please vote for ONE of the following proposals concerning the criteria considered by NMAA Seeding/Selection Committees.

**We Favor
PROPOSAL A**

Proposal A

Continue with the current process

Positives:

1. *The process has worked relatively well and it is generally understood by the public.*
2. *Changing the criteria may add confusion to the process.*

Negatives:

1. *Many feel that the criterion is too generic and does not give coaches ownership in the system.*
2. *There is a misconception that playing down a class will hurt a team's seeding.*

**We Favor
PROPOSAL B**

Proposal B

Continue with the current process with the following additions:

- a. Add the following to criterion number two (#2) in the present system; "Performance against other teams including district champions or runner-ups from other districts regardless of classification."
- b. Use the most recent New Mexico High School Coaches Association coaches poll as part of the overall criteria.

Positives:

1. *Gets rid of the misconception that playing down a class will hurt a team's seeding.*
2. *Gives the coaches ownership in the system and puts the responsibility of voting on them.*

Negatives:

1. *Coaches could vote in a manner that would manipulate the system.*
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Qualifying to State Events

Please vote for ONE of the following proposals concerning qualifying to state events.

***We Favor
PROPOSAL A***

Proposal A

The District Champion qualifies automatically to the state event and the remainder of the field would be At-Large Selections. This is the current process.

***We Favor
PROPOSAL B***

Proposal B

The District Champion and Runner-up from each district automatically qualifies to the state event and the remainder of the field would be At-Large selections.

NOTE: There could be exceptions to either process because of the number of districts in some classifications.

3A-5A Qualifying System

Only 3A-5A schools that participate in soccer may vote

SOCCER

We Favor

Qualify 12 teams to the state event as is presently the case.

We Do Not Favor

Only 3A-5A schools that participate in volleyball may vote

VOLLEYBALL

We Favor

Qualify 12 teams to the state event as is presently the case.

We Do Not Favor

Only 3A-5A schools that participate in football may vote

FOOTBALL

We Favor

Qualify 12 teams to the state event as is presently the case.

We Do Not Favor

Only 3A-5A schools that participate in basketball may vote

BASKETBALL

We Favor

Qualify 16 teams to the state event as is presently the case.

We Do Not Favor

Only 3A-5A schools that participate in baseball may vote

BASEBALL

We Favor

Qualify 16 teams to the state event as is presently the case.

We Do Not Favor

Only 3A-5A schools that participate in softball may vote

SOFTBALL

We Favor

Qualify 16 teams to the state event as is presently the case.

We Do Not Favor

1A-2A Qualifying System

Only 1A-2A schools that participate in volleyball may vote

VOLLEYBALL

We Favor

Qualify 12 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only 1A-2A schools that participate in basketball may vote

BASKETBALL

We Favor

Qualify 16 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only 2A schools that participate in baseball may vote

BASEBALL – Class 2A

We Favor

Qualify 16 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only Class 1A schools that participate in baseball may vote

BASEBALL – Class 1A

We Favor

Qualify 8 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only 1A-2A schools that participate in softball may vote

SOFTBALL

We Favor

Qualify 16 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only 2A schools that participate in football may vote

FOOTBALL – Class 2A

We Favor

Qualify 8 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only 1A schools that participate in football may vote

FOOTBALL – Class 1A

We Favor

Qualify 6 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only schools that participate in 8-man football may vote

8-MAN FOOTBALL

We Favor

Qualify 6 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only schools that participate in 6-man football may vote

6-MAN FOOTBALL

We Favor

Qualify 6 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Class B Qualifying System

Only Class B schools that participate in basketball may vote

BASKETBALL

We Favor

Qualify 8 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

Only Class B schools that participate in volleyball may vote

VOLLEYBALL

We Favor

Qualify 8 teams to the state event.

We Do Not Favor

IMPORTANT

The signature page following this page **MUST** be submitted in order for any votes to be valid. A complete referendum will be seven pages long.

Due to the unusual length of this referendum, a space has been provided for you to write the name of the voting school at the top of each page of the referenda. To ensure that all votes get credited to the correct school, please be sure to include this on each page.

Please insure that **ALL** necessary pages are submitted to the NMAA office by the deadline.

School: _____

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SENIOR HIGH ADVISORY REFERENDUM – SIGNATURE PAGE

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

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

Due date is February 19, 2010 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.***