



NMAA SEEDING & SELECTION/ QUALIFICATION SERIES FEEDBACK REQUEST



Due Date: Friday, May 21, 2010

The NMAA Administration and the Board of Directors hereby request member school feedback on the seeding & selection and qualification series processes approved at the March 10, 2010 Board of Director's meeting (see attached documents).

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Thank you for your participation in the governance of your organization and for your support of interscholastic activities.

NMAA Recommendations for the Seeding and Selection Process and Qualifying Series

Beginning with the 2010-2011 School Year

Based on extensive feedback from the entire membership the NMAA Board of Directors approved the following seeding & selection processes and qualifying series for 2010-2011 school year at the March 10, 2010 Board of Director's meeting. These matters are based upon a global perspective that takes a variety of items into account including the tough economic times that we are experiencing in addition to a number of problems we have experienced with the current format.

The approved items are as follows:

- A. The NMAA staff will be responsible for the entire Seeding and Selection process in all team sports.
- B. The seeding and selection criteria will remain the same as is presently used with the following revisions and additions:
 1. The present number two (2) under the present criteria will add the following language to the end of the statement: *regardless of classification; Performance against other teams including district champions or runner-ups from other districts regardless of classification.*
 2. The most recent coaches' poll conducted by the New Mexico High School Coaches Association prior to the Seeding and Selection meeting will be used to help in determining the actual seeds in all classifications.

Qualifying Series Recommendations

Soccer

No changes necessary. Twelve teams will still qualify to the state event in all three classifications, in both boys and girls. District champions will automatically qualify with the remainder of the field of 12 being At-Large selections by the Seeding & Selection committee.

Volleyball

No changes necessary in Classes 3A, 4A, and 5A. Twelve teams will qualify to the state event in these three classifications. District champions will automatically qualify with the remainder of the field of 12 being At-Large selections by the Seeding & Selection committee. After seeding the teams 1 thru 12 there will be a pool play format prior to the actual state tournament as is currently the case. This will be a three day tournament including pool play.

Classes A and AA will change to fall under the same format as Classes 3A-5A, whereas 12 teams will advance versus the current 16. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 12 and all 12 will come to the state event for pool play and the actual tournament.

Class B will have 8 qualifiers with the District Champions automatically qualifying, and the Seeding & Selection committee selecting 4 At-Large selections. Pool play will be used to determine the actual matchups.

Note: In volleyball and basketball if the regular season champion and the tournament champion are different, both teams automatically qualify thus reducing the number of At-Large selections.

Note: In the event that more than 12 teams automatically qualify to the state tournament in Class A and AA, an alternative bracket will be established to accommodate all automatic qualifiers.

Football

No changes necessary in Classes 3A, 4A, and 5A. Twelve teams will qualify to the state playoffs in these three classifications. District champions will automatically qualify with the remainder of the field of 12 being At-Large selections by the Seeding & Selection committee. The top 4 seeds will automatically advance to the quarterfinals with the 5 thru 12 seeds playing in the first round of 12, as per the 12-team bracket.

Class AA will be reduced from 12 qualifiers to 8, with the district champions automatically qualifying and 4 At-Large selections by the Seeding & Selection committee. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 8 and have an 8-team playoff bracket.

Class A will remain at 6 qualifiers. However with three districts, the champions will automatically qualify and the Seeding & Selection committee will select 3 At-Large teams. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 6 and have a 6-team playoff bracket. Teams from the same district can play each other in the first round within this classification.

8-Man will be reduced from eight qualifiers to six qualifiers because of fewer teams and three districts versus four. District champions will automatically qualify with 3 At-Large teams selected by the Seeding & Selection committee. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 6 and have a 6-team playoff bracket. Teams from the same district can play each other in the first round within this classification.

6-Man will increase from four qualifiers to six qualifiers due to more teams in this class. District champions will automatically qualify with 4 At-Large teams selected by the Seeding & Selection committee. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 6 and have a 6-team playoff bracket. Teams from the same district can play each other in the first round within this classification.

Basketball

No changes necessary in Classes 3A, 4A, and 5A. Sixteen teams will qualify to the state tournament with first round games being played at home sites. Eight teams will actually come to the state event. District champions will automatically advance with the remaining field of 16 selected as At-Large teams by the Seeding & Selection committee. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 16 as is currently the case.

Classes A and AA will change to make these two classes follow the same format as Classes 3A-5A. District champions will be automatic qualifiers with the remaining field of 16 selections as At-Large teams by the Seeding & Selection committee. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 16 and play at home sites in the first round. The winners of the opening round games will advance to the central location.

Class B will be 8 qualifiers. District champions will advance automatically and there will be 4 At-Large teams selected by the Seeding & Selection committee. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 8 and all 8 teams will advance to the central state event. First round games are not necessary in this classification.

Note: In volleyball and basketball if the regular season champion and the tournament champion are different, both teams automatically qualify thus reducing the number of At-Large selections.

Baseball

Baseball will retain the current qualifying format in Classes 3A-5A with 16 teams advancing to the state playoffs. District champions will automatically advance with the remaining field of 16 being At-Large selections. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 16 with the first round being held at home sites with a 2 out of 3 format in that round. The 8 winning teams will advance to the central state event with a single elimination format.

Class AA will have 16 teams advance to the state playoffs. District champions automatically qualify with the remaining field of 16 being At-Large selections. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 16 with the first round being held at home sites with a single elimination format. The 8 winning teams will advance to the central state event.

Class A will have 8 teams qualify to the state event with district champions automatically qualifying and 4 At-Large selection to complete the field of 8. Teams will be seeded 1 thru 8 and all 8 teams will advance to the central location without any home site games necessary.

Softball

Softball will remain the same in Classes 3A-5A with 16 qualifiers. The district champions automatically qualify and the remaining field of 16 will be selected by the Seeding & Selection committee. All 16 teams will advance to the central state event. The tournament will be a double elimination 16-team bracket.

Class A/AA will follow the same format as Classes 3A-5A due to more teams playing in this classification, with a 16-team double elimination format.

Cross Country

While Seeding & Selection is not done in cross country, the qualifying system for Class A/AA will change due to the fact that there will be 4 districts versus 6 as is presently the case.
