

**Softball Sports Specific Meeting**  
**Monday, January 28, 2008**  
**Notes**

The Softball Sports Specific Committee met on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in NMAA conference room. Those present were as follows: Gene Pino (NMAA Assistant Director), Dana Sanchez (Commissioner of Officials), Jimmy Samaniego (Jal), Gilbert Muñoz (Cobre), Gene Victor (Cibola), John Baca (Officials) and by conference phone, Chris Pash (Farmington), Kevin Worth (Piedra Vista).

Mr. Pino opened the meeting with introductions and lunch order was taken.

- Ms. Sanchez opened the meeting with a brief overview of the NMOA Executive Board Meeting on January 27, 2008. The following are items asked to be considered by the Softball Sports Specific Meeting.
  1. Consider a proposal which would prohibit umpires at the State Tournament from working games for schools from their home region. Consistent with policy currently in place for baseball and basketball.
  2. Consider utilizing a non-working umpire as the umpire-in-chief (UIC) at the State Softball Tournament.
  3. Consider implementing a set of standards for umpires at the State Softball Tournament relative to dress code and code of conduct.
  4. Consider a clarification on softball umpires uniforms.

Action Items for the Sport Specific Committee:

1. Consider a proposal to address sub-varsity time management.

*(Please see attached memo from Dana Sanchez, NMOA Executive Board)*

- Discussions concerning a possible ban of same region officials for the state tournament were asked to be considered by Ms. Sanchez and NMOE Executive Board.
- Proposal was brought up to consider (study) the idea of having 9 girls bat only in each inning in order to speed up games that could be dominated by one team. Mr. Worth will email details on this idea to Mr. Pino & Ms. Sanchez
- Review of last meeting notes.
- Introduction of new appointee, Mr. Kevin Worth (Piedra Vista). Vote was unanimous to allow Mr. Pash to continue his service through the rest of the year.
- Mr. Pino then showed the committee a Power Point presentation from NFHS that will be included in the 2008 Softball Online District Rules Clinic. Also included was a brief overview of Major Manual Changes and Important Dates.
- Mr. Pino clarified his office hours and availability.
- Next, Mr. Pino discussed double elimination for the State Tournament. Overall schools are in support of this. Committee voted 6-1 in favor of double elimination.
- Mr. Pino and the committee reviewed the State Tournament Schedule with a major consideration was ticket sales. Schedule was approved. Items also covered were the idea of looking for alternative sites in case of rain out and moving to single elimination if needed.

- Bid Packet 2009. The committee agreed the best bid processes, and the extras provided are the best means of selecting the tournament site.
- Future Rule Changes. The committee's recommendation a change that would allow member schools be allowed to play 20 games and 3 tournaments.
- 3 Officials for Playoffs. A concern that there be a training for officials before State Tournament. Mr. Pino and Mr. Baca will present this idea to Ms. Sanchez.
- Double First Base. Recommendations not do this, based on the survey.
- Official Start Date for Practice Monday, Week #32, Feb. 4. Discussion led to out of season coaching. The committee would like to have wording changed to be One week after school ends.
- New Items. Mr. Pino will not meet with the coaches before the tournament. After he receives the qualifiers he will mail the packet out the next day. Mr. Pino will also provide a packet for the coaches at the hotel.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm