



NMAA SOFTBALL SPORTS SPECIFIC AGENDA
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2007
11:00 AM CONFERENCE ROOM C



- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Lunch Order
- III. Size and Make Up of Softball Committee (7)
- IV. Coaches Survey Results / Data / Comments / Report
- V. 2007-08 State Softball Format
 - A. NMAA Commission September 19 – 9:00 am
 - B. NMAA Board October 3 – 9:00 am
 - C. Consensus from Coaches Survey – Hand Out
 - D. Softball schedules are set end May 10
 - E. Single Elimination - Sixteen Teams A-AA?, 3A, 4A, 5A
 - F. One Weekend – 3 day format
 - G. Field Schedule and One or Two Complexes
 - H. Financials, gate receipts, and hosting
- VI. Future 2008-09 and 2009-10 Two Year Block
 - A. State Softball Bids – January Board Meeting
 - B. RFP's from host sites
 - C. Calendar and future conflicts with graduations / end of year.
 - D. Single or double elimination brackets
 - E. Proposal First weekend 2 out of 3, state final 8 double elimination
 - F. Complex and field specifications
 - G. NMOA By Laws – Umpire Assignments - UIC
- VII. Softball Rule Changes
 - A. Metal cleats NF rule – Title IX
 - B. Double first base for safety – state adoption by October 3
 - C. 1.5 hour time limit for sub varsity
 - D. Recruitment of softball umpires
 - E. Feedback one use of 3 man system at state – Title IX
- VIII. NMAA Handbook – Softball Rules
 - A. Game limitations (26)
 - B. Game limitations proposals
 - C. Invitational tournaments and pool play games
 - D. Pool play game rule for softball like volleyball
 - E. Out of season coaching
 - F. Start and end of season and school calendars
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment
 - A. Next Winter Meeting prior start softball practice

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Minutes

The Softball Sports Specific Committee met on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 11:00 am in the NMAA conference room. Those present were as follows: Chris Pash (AD), Gene Victor (5A), Darren Wright (4A), Gilbert Munoz (3A), John Baca (Umps), Jimmy Samaniego (A-AA teleconference), John Mason (Bloomfield – audience), and Gene Pino.(NMAA staff).

Mr. Pino opened the meeting with introductions of those present. Mr. Gary Tripp stopped in briefly to welcome the committee and asked that the committee address one item to take to the commission meeting that would be considered the heart of softball. He recommended taking baby steps with items that the committee would like to see the board approve in the future. Mr. Pino let the committee member know that the board approved to hold baseball, softball and track finals all on the same week due to high school graduations.

The following items were discussed in length:

- Size and make up of the Softball Committee: Mr. Pino stated that it was helpful to have Mr. Pash of Farmington on the committee because of his connections with the State Tournament held in Farmington. He reminded the committee that term limits has been set in order to allow others to get involved. AD Association appoints the AD and Mr. Pash is completing the term of Shaun Standard from Carlsbad and with softball rotating it is helpful to have the local AD involved as the tournament rotates with bids. With consideration of Title IX Mr. Pino would like to see both genders represented on the Softball Sports Specific committee. Future appointments will include females. Mr. Pash will leave the committee this year so that Mr. Ernie Viramontes from Las Cruces can appoint a new AD so the issue of having two members from one school would no longer be an issue.
- Coach's survey: 32 of 89 surveys were returned to Mr. Pino. The results of the survey along with the agenda for this meeting will be posted online.
- Through a vote consisting of 6 for, and 1 against, the committee decided to take to the commission the proposal of 16 team double elimination which will consist of 31 games with two games to be played on Thursday. Mr. Pino then stated that he will type up a proposal this weekend.
- Survey results, softball rules: Discussion of time limit on all games vs. time limits for C team and JV.
- Double first base rule was not voted in by the coach's survey results.
- Length and start and end of the season were discussed and will be explored at the January 28 meeting.
- Vote was taken on spokesperson to represent the committee. Gene Victor was unanimously voted into this position.

In summary, the softball sports specific committee will ask the Commission for a 16 team double elimination in Farmington over three days, and if not we would settle for a 16 team single elimination tournament to be equal to baseball in terms of teams qualifying for state. The minutes for future agendas will be posted on-line to improve communication. The next meeting will be January 28, 2007 at 11:00 am at the NMAA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

89 MEMBER SCHOOL SOFTBALL COACHES SURVEY

2007-08 NMAA SOFTBALL

RECOMMENDATIONS TO SOFTBALL SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEE

The Softball Sports Specific Committee is requesting your input regarding a number of Softball related topics.

Please review possible changes for future of Softball in New Mexico, and select the proposals you are for or against.

32 of 89 Schools Returned Surveys

ITEM	FOR	AGAINST
A. Future State Softball Tournament Format (Preference 1st = 7 pts., 2nd = 4 pts., 3rd = 3 pts., 4th = 2 pts., and 5th = 1 pt.)		
#1 Single elimination 16 team bracket over two weekends.	68	
#2 Single elimination 16 team bracket at state tournament site.	93	
#3 Double elimination 16 team bracket at the state tournament site.	130	
#4 Single elimination 16 team bracket for the first round, over two weekends and double elimination for the final 8 teams at state tournament site.	92	
#5 16 team bracket with best 2 out of 3 for first round (like baseball), and single elimination for the final round of 8.	100	
B. Regular season and softball game limits (next two year block 2008-09) Same point system.		
#1 26 regular season games as it now is.	108	
#2 20 regular season games and three tournaments (29 total).	116	
#3 Add pool play rule like volleyball for large tournaments that have pool games (less 5 innings) seed invitational brackets (4-6 games total).	80	
#4 Allow 20 games and 3 tournaments without having to worry about the number of games in each tournament for regular season invitational tournaments.	178	
C. Does New Mexico need the double first base rule?		
#1 Yes, it is needed for safety or No, it is too confusing.	13	17
D. Does New Mexico need an hour and half time limit for sub varsity softball games?		
#1 Yes, the jv and c games are too long or No, those younger players need game time?	13	19
E. Start and end of the season seem to line up with club ball and the end of the year finals and graduations. Do you think the NMAA should:		
#1 Leave season as is.	13	
#2 Start earlier for pitchers and catchers to get their arms ready.	18	
#3 Lengthen the season and play into the month of June	0	

Softball Classification: