



## NMAA POST-SEASON FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' ASSIGNMENT PROCESS



The NMAA Administration is ultimately responsible for assigning officials for all football playoff games. However, the following process will be utilized for the assignment of officials to post-season contests, beginning with the 2011 football season. *This process was passed by the NMAA Board of Directors at their March 2011 meeting and was approved by the schools via referendum in the Spring of 2011.*

- 1) Varsity Regional Assignors will provide a list of eligible officials (at all positions) to the NMAA office prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
- 2) The list of eligible white hats (Referees) will be sent to coaches by the NMAA office on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Coaches will rank "acceptable" white hats in order of preference. They must list a minimum of *eight* preferred white hats, with minimally one coming from each region. This list is due back to the NMAA office no later than **October 1<sup>st</sup>** each year.
- 4) The NMAA Assistant Director in charge of football will review the preferred officials' lists of the participating schools prior to each playoff contest to see if the coaches have common referees on their lists. Referees that appear on both coaches' lists will be used for playoff games.
- 5) If there are no common referees between two coaches, the NMAA Assistant Director in charge of football will contact the coaches to see if they can agree on a white hat. If there is no agreement, the NMAA office will select the crew for that contest. The crew will be from a region outside of the two schools participating schools.
- 6) If a coach does not submit a list by the **October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline**, he/she has no input into playoff assignments.
- 7) All officials must have an "Approved" or "Certified" rating to officiate any playoff game prior to the state championship games. All officials officiating state championship games must hold a "Certified" card.
- 8) Officials may not work playoff games for schools in back-to-back weeks. Example: If Clovis Crew "A" officiates a game involving Lordsburg in the Quarterfinals, no member of that crew may officiate Lordsburg in a Semifinal game.