

State Championship Information and Points of Emphasis

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Important Dates

Monday, January 30th (Week 32) – First official practice date

Prior to First Contest – Roster for eligibility due on-line

Sunday, April 1st (Week 41) – Rosters and Schedules due on-line (those not in compliance are subject to fines)

Friday, April 13th (Week 42) – Team Photo due online (those not in compliance are subject to fines)

Saturday, April 28th (Week 44) – Last day for regular season games for ALL CLASSES

Sunday, April 29th (Week 45) – Seeding/Selection for ALL CLASSES (done by NMAA staff)

*Coaches input forms for seeding due by 10am on the 29th

Wednesday, May 2nd (Week 45) – Class A Quarterfinals, Class 2A First Round of 16 (single game, held at higher seed)

Friday & Saturday, May 4th & 5th (Week 45) – Class 3A-5A First Round of 16 (2 of 3 series, held at higher seed)

Wednesday-Saturday, May 9th-12th (Week 46) – Class A Semis/Finals, Class 2A-5A Quarters/Semis/Finals

Seeding & Selection Information

As a result of the Board of Director's unanimous vote at the June 3, 2010 meeting, the NMAA staff will seed & select teams for the 2011-2012 State Championships.

The NMAA staff will utilize the following criteria to seed & select as listed in NMAA bylaw 7.11.2.

1. Finish in district play and/or district tournaments.
2. Head to head
3. Performance against other teams including district champions or runner-ups from other districts, regardless of class.
4. Input from NMAA staff members.
5. Overall records.
6. Elimination – what teams from that particular class do not fit the 12 or 16 team format due to their lack of success during the current year.
7. New Mexico High School Coaches Association Poll.
8. Member school input (see attached form).
 - To be submitted by head coach prior to 10:00 AM on the day of seeding.

The NMAA staff will ask each district chairperson to submit a “*District Placement Form*” prior to 10:00 AM on the day of seeding.

CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK TO SEE THE COACHES INPUT AND DISTRICT PLACEMENT FORMS THAT WILL BE USED BY THE SEEDING COMMITTEES. THIS FORM WILL AGAIN BE SENT TO ALL COACHES VIA E-MAIL AS THE SEASON NEARS POST-SEASON PLAY.

http://www.nmact.org/pages/back_to_school_packet_2009/S_and_S_ALL.pdf

Post Season Information

Class A:

1. Class A will qualify 8 teams to the state playoffs. District champions will automatically qualify with the remaining 4 teams selected at large.
2. The higher seed will host the quarterfinal match up on Wednesday May 2nd. A single game will determine who advances to the semifinals.
3. Only the 4 winners of each quarterfinal game will advance to the centralized state tournament in Albuquerque.
4. During the semifinals and finals, a coin flip will determine which team is home/visitor with the higher seed calling the toss.
5. Semifinal games will be played on Wednesday, May 9th with the Championship game played on Thursday, May 10th at Isotopes Park. The schedule can be viewed on the NMAA website, but please note this is tentative and is subject to change.

Class 2A:

1. Class 2A will qualify 16 teams to the state playoffs. District champions will automatically qualify with the remaining 10 teams selected at large.
2. The higher seed will host the first round of 16 match up on Wednesday May 2nd. A single game will determine who advances to the quarterfinals
3. The 8 first round winners will advance to the centralized state tournament in Albuquerque.
4. During the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, a coin flip will determine which team is home/visitor with the higher seed calling the toss.
5. Quarterfinal games will be played on Wednesday May 9th with Semifinals on Thursday May 10th. The Championship game will be played on Friday May 11th at Isotopes Park. The schedule can be viewed on the NMAA website, but please note this is tentative and is subject to change.

Class 3A-5A:

1. Classes 3A-5A will qualify 16 teams to the state playoffs. District champions will automatically qualify with the remaining teams selected at large (11 in Class 3A/5A, 10 in Class 4A).
2. The higher seed will host the first round of 16 match up on Friday May 4th and Saturday May 5th. A 2 out of 3 series will determine who advances to the quarterfinals. Scheduling of first round games should follow the following protocol:
 - a. Game 1 – Friday May 6th between 3pm and 7pm
 - b. Game 2 – Saturday May 7th between 10am and 11am
 - c. Game 3 (if necessary) – Saturday May 7th, 30-45 minutes after Game 2

*Schools will work together to set their own schedule, however if an agreement on days/times cannot be made, the NMAA will set the series schedule.

3. The 8 first round series winners will advance to the centralized tournament in Albuquerque.
4. During the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, a coin flip will determine which team is home/visitor with the higher seed calling the toss.
5. Quarterfinal games will be played on Thursday May 10th, semifinal games will be played on Friday May 11th, with all Championship games/finals being held on Saturday May 12th at Isotopes Park. The schedule can be viewed on the NMAA website, but please note this is tentative and is subject to change.

Passes

All coaches, players, and managers must be listed on-line in order to receive a pass for entry to the State Baseball Championships. Any coaches, players, or managers not listed on our website prior to Friday May 4th will be charged \$20 per pass in the form of an invoice to the school. Schools are limited to 18 players within the online roster, but may have up to 28 individuals in the dugout during state tournament play. This can be a mixture of unformed players, managers, coaches, trainers, etc.

Tickets

Spectator tickets (wristbands) will be issued at each High School Site for \$8 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors. These wristbands may be used for all games played on the day this is purchased. A new wristband must be purchased for each round (quarterfinals and semifinals).

For ALL games at Isotopes Park, tickets may be purchased at \$5 for Students/Seniors, and \$8 for adults. One ticket will be valid for all games in a day, however NO-REENTRY into the Stadium will be allowed. An additional ticket must be purchased at regular price for reentry.

Brackets/Results

All brackets/results will be posted on the NMAA website immediately following each contest.

Points of Emphasis (details of each below)

-New NMAA Bat Regulations

-Protests

-Universal District Tiebreakers

-Incident Reporting

-Participant, Coach/School Personnel Ejection Policy

-Out of Season Coaching During the School Year

New NMAA Bat Regulations

The NMAA Membership voted to mandate the use of wood/composite wood bats during the 2012 baseball season. As the 2011-2012 school year begins, here is some important information regarding these new bat regulations.

The NMAA Bylaws state the following in Section 7.12.7:

Only wood or composite wood bats may be used during the 2011-2012 school year. NO metal bats may be used. This rule shall be in effect for ALL levels of high school play.

- A. Wood Bats – Any single piece wood bat shall be deemed legal as long as it adheres to NFHS standards as listed in the baseball rules book. These standards state that a single piece wood bat must be no more than 36 inches in length with a barrel no more than 2 ¾ inches in diameter.
- B. Composite Wood Bats – Composite wood bats shall be deemed legal as long as they adhere to NFHS standards which states that the bat must be BBCOR certified. This certification must be permanently displayed on the bat by way of a BBCOR stamp.
- C. BBCOR Certified Metal Bats – All BBCOR metal (aluminum or composite metal) bats are illegal for use during NMAA sanctioned high school contests. These bats may, however, be used in practice.

Per these bylaws, any team traveling to New Mexico to play a high school contest at an NMAA Member School must use wood/composite wood bats. However, it has come to our attention that some border schools are losing games because many out of state schools do not want to follow these bat regulations. With that, the NMAA has decided that a host school may allow for an out of state team to use BBCOR certified metal bats. This should be determined well in advance and game officials should be contacted so that they are aware of the situation upon arrival to the contest. Should the host school allow for the out of state team to use BBCOR certified metal bats, the NMAA member school must still adhere to NMAA bylaws and thus must use wood/composite wood bats.

If an NMAA Member School is traveling outside New Mexico for a high school contest, they must follow the host state association's bylaws regarding bat regulations. Most other states follow NFHS rules regarding bats, which allow for the use of any BBCOR certified bat (metal, composite wood, etc.) or a single piece wood bat. This allows for the NMAA member school to choose what they would like to use when playing outside New Mexico.

It should also be noted that the above bylaws pertain to all levels of HIGH SCHOOL baseball only. Middle school programs must adhere to normal NFHS standards and thus BBCOR certified metal bats can be used. However, if a middle school student is participating at any high school level, this student must use a wood/composite wood bat.

Although BBCOR certified metal bats cannot be used during high school contests, they may be used during practice. The NMAA recommends that all metal bats from past years that are not BBCOR certified should not be used.

Protests

Per the NMAA Board of Directors meeting in June of 2010, protests will NOT be allowed in the sport of baseball.

Universal District Tiebreakers

Per the NMAA Board of Directors meeting in March of 2009, all districts in each sport will have universal tiebreakers put into place by the NMAA to establish district standings. Those tiebreakers for baseball can be seen in the baseball specific bylaws located in Section 7 of the NMAA Handbook (Unit 3)

Incident Reporting

If a player, coach or fan is ejected from a contest or if misbehavior and/or unsportsmanlike conduct occurs by any of these individuals, the contest official witnessing the incident is responsible for reporting it to the NMAA office.

If an official acts in an inappropriate manner or if his/her performance is adversely affecting the participants of a contest, the coach or administrator from any of the participating schools may report the incident to the NMAA office.

Incident reports must include the date and site of the contest, the level of competition and whether the contest was boys' or girls' (where applicable), as well as a detailed narrative of the events leading up to the ejection or other incident. Incident reports of any nature must be sent to the NMAA office within 24 hours of the occurrence by fax (505-923-3114), email (randy@nmact.org) or mail (6600 Palomas Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109).

Participant, Coach/ School Personnel Ejection

A. Participant Ejection

When a participant is ejected/disqualified from any contest/game for unsportsmanlike conduct, the minimum penalty shall be as follows:

1. FIRST OFFENSE

- Automatic suspension from the next contest/game at the same level and may not participate at any level until the one-game suspension has been served.
- The ejected participant must complete the NMAA's online Pursuing Victory with Honor course. The essay must be approved by the Athletic Director of the participants school prior to his/her return to competition.
- The NMAA reserves the right to levy additional sanctions in any case of extreme misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior.

2. SECOND or SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES

- Automatic suspension from the next contest/game minimally and depending upon the individual case, a more restrictive penalty may be imposed as determined by the Director, including a meeting with the Director or his designee and the coach and school administrator.
- The involved school and official are required to notify the Association, in writing, of each offense or be subject to additional sanctions.

Note: Participant ejections are cumulative throughout the year and not per sports season.

Example: If a student-athlete is ejected from a football game, and this same student-athlete is then ejected from a basketball game, this would be considered his second offense.

Participant Ejection Clarification:

- ***Student athletes may not dress out in uniform, participate in warm-up, or be directly involved with the contest in any way.***
- ***Student athletes may attend the contest, sit on the bench, or stand on the sideline if approved by the local school administration.***
- ***Student athletes may travel with the team for out of town contests if approved by the local school administration.***
- ***Any violation of this policy may result in further sanctions as deemed***

B. School Personnel Ejection

A coach/school employee who is ejected from an athletic contest/game, regardless of sport, is required to meet the following criteria:

1. FIRST OFFENSE

- Automatic suspension from the next contest/game minimally, at all levels. This penalty is the responsibility of the local school district to impose. This sanction is subject to final approval by the NMAA after such violation is reported within a reasonable timeframe but prior to the next contest.
- Complete the NMAA's online Pursuing Victory with Honor course.
- Verification of program completion must be submitted to, and be approved by the NMAA prior to returning to participation.
- The member school will be required to pay a \$100.00 sanction to the NMAA.

2. SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES

- Automatic suspension from the next contest/game minimally and depending upon the individual case a more restrictive penalty may be imposed as determined by the Director, including a meeting with the Director or his designee.
- Mandatory completion of the National Federation of High Schools' (NFHS) Fundamentals of Coaching course.
- The member school will be required to pay a \$250.00 sanction to the NMAA.

NOTE: Coaching/School Personnel ejections are cumulative throughout the school year and not per sports season. Example: If a football coach is ejected from a football game in the fall, and the same coach, who now coaches baseball, is ejected from a baseball game in the spring, this would be considered his second offense.

Failure to comply or repeated offenses may result in up to a one year suspension, a monetary fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or suspension of the school from the Association for the activity in which the coach was involved. The coach/school representative may be required to meet with the Director or his designee in Albuquerque at the NMAA Office.

Coach Ejection Clarification:

- ***Coaches must leave the playing facility of the scheduled contest 30 minutes prior to the start of the event. The coach may have absolutely no further communication with any team personnel (coaches, team members, managers, trainers, etc.) until the contest is concluded.***
- ***Coaches may travel with the team for out of town contests in the capacity of a chaperone, but must adhere to the rule stated above prior to and during the contest.***
- ***Coaches may attend contests of other teams during the sit out period providing the other game(s) is being played at a site other than that of the coach's team.***

C. Coach/Player/Participant Ejection

A coach/player/participant using tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs while participating in an athletic event will be ejected. Additional sanctions, appropriate to the violation, may be imposed by the Director. (See 2.2.2)

D. Process of Appeals for Coach or Participant Ejections

- 1) Only incidents wherein a misapplication of rules has occurred are subject to appeal. Ejections which are a result of an official's judgment are not subject to appeal.
- 2) The NMAA office must receive a **complete** game film and a letter which specifies the purpose for the appeal prior to the next contest. This information can be generated by the head coach but the request for appeal must be approved and signed off on by the school's Principal and Athletic Director. The letter must contain the following information:
 - a. Game location, time, date and level of play.
 - b. Time in game at which ejection occurred.
 - c. Incidents leading up to the ejection.
 - d. Rule that was misapplied, including NFHS rulebook citation.

Disclaimer: Please note that the appeals process will not be in place during regular season tournaments due to timing issues. For example, if a participant is ejected in a tournament game on Thursday and his/her team plays again on Friday, it would be extremely difficult for the investigative process to take place. However, if the ejection were to happen on the final day of a tournament (i.e., Saturday), it would be possible for a full review and investigation to take place.

- 3) Once the information is received from the school, the NMAA will conduct an investigation into the matter. The NMAA office will review the game film and letter from the school and will contact the officiating crew from the game to confer with them relative to the ejection.
- 4) If, after the NMAA completes the investigation, it is found that a rule is misapplied, the ejection will be overturned. The final decision to overturn an ejection rests with the NMAA Executive Director.

Schools reserve the right to submit game film to the NMAA office at any time for review by staff and by officiating evaluators. Officials are held accountable for their performance and the NMAA will review any film

provided to the office and officials will be sanctioned accordingly, if found prudent through the investigative process.

Unethical or Unprofessional Behavior Engaged in by a Coach or Other School Personnel

Coaches/other school personnel who engage in unethical or unprofessional behavior shall be subject to sanctions by the Director, in accordance with the tenets of Pursuing Victory with Honor. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, publicly disagreeing with the judgment of contest officials, entering officials' locker rooms before or after games, demeaning contest opponents, or otherwise publicly defaming or attacking the credibility of officials or opponents. An example of this behavior would be providing negative quotations in newspaper or other media outlets about officiating performance or about opponents. The sanctions for such violations would be as follows:

FIRST OFFENSE: Minimally, a one game suspension and placement of the offending coach on probationary status for that year.

SECOND OFFENSE: Disqualification of the coach from post-season competition for that year.

Out of Season Coaching During the School Year

There shall be no out-of-season coaching during the school year of current or potential athletes, including feeder-school students beginning at the 7th grade (8th grade in schools that do not allow 8th grade participation at the high school level), with the exception of an athletic class or one hour a day, Monday through Friday, for those sports programs that do not have an athletic class. This provision applies to all school coaches, paid and volunteer. This rule prohibits coaching these individuals on any team (school or non-school sponsored) out-of-season during the school year.

7.4.1 Violations for Out-of-Season Coaching During the School Year

Violation of this rule will result in the following sanctions:

First Offense: The member school will be fined \$2,500.00, which must be paid by the member school prior to its participation in any further contests in that particular sport. The coach, who is in violation, will be instructed to adhere to this rule.

Second Offense: The member school will be fined \$5,000.00, which must be paid by the member school prior to its participation in any further contests in that particular sport. The NMAA will also contact the Public Education Department Licensing Division and inform them of the offending coach's "unethical practices" in connection with his or her coaching license.

Q1: Can a coach of a high school program coach a club team during the school year?

A1: Yes, as long as the club team is made up of students who are not current or potential/feeder school athletes as identified above. For example, a boy's basketball coach may coach a girls' basketball club team, or a boys' basketball club team with students who are not current or potential/feeder athletes.

Q2: *If a district does not allow 8th graders to participate at the high school level, who are considered the potential/feeder school students?*

A2: *Students in the 8th grade and above are considered the potential/feeder school students.*

Q3: *If a district allows 8th graders to participate at the high school level, who are considered the potential/feeder school students?*

A3: *Students in the 7th grade and above are considered the potential/feeder school students.*

Q4: *A coach's daughter plays on his high school team. Can he coach her in club?*

A4: *Yes. However, no other current/potential/feeder school students may be on that club team.*

Q5: *Can a volunteer, non-paid individual help with stats for a particular school and then coach a club team out-of-season during the school year which includes current/potential/feeder school students of that same school?*

A5: *Yes, as long as he/she is not assisting at any practices or working in any other coaching capacity on the bench or sideline during a regular or post-season game.*

Q6: *Can a coach (paid or volunteer) travel to events with a club team which includes current/potential/feeder school students as long as he/she is not serving as their coach?*

A6: *No, because he/she still has contact with those current/potential/feeder school students in the club environment.*

Q7: *If a coach resigns after his/her season is over and coaches a club team with current/potential/feeder athletes, then re-signs a contract with that same school for the next season, is this acceptable?*

A7: *No. The school will be subject to the \$2500 fine.*

Q8: *Can a middle-school or junior high school coach serve as the coach of the feeder high school team in that same sport, with the same gender athletes, during the off- season?*

A8: *Any coach of an NMAA member mid-school or junior high school is considered a member of the coaching staff of that specific sport at the high school that his/her school feeds students into and therefore, during the off-season, is not eligible to coach athletes/potential athletes from that school and of the gender that he/she coaches in that sport during the regular season.*

7.4.2 Undue Influence of a Student by a Coach

The use of any of the following inducements constitutes undue influence resulting in ineligibility for all high school athletic participation for 180 school days/365 calendar days:

- A.** Participant living with coach, principal, teacher, or school official without legal guardianship
- B.** Any inducement to get parents or students to change residence or schools for athletic/non-athletic purposes
- C.** Offer or acceptance of money
- D.** Reduction or remission of regular tuition (other than need-based financial aid available to all applicants)
- E.** Offer or acceptance of board, room, or clothing
- F.** Offer or acceptance of money for work in excess of amount regularly paid
- G.** Transportation to school by any school official
- H.** Offer or acceptance of school privileges not normally granted to other students
- I.** Free or reduced rent for parents
- J.** Offer for payment of moving expenses for parents
- K.** Any student, family or individual that contacts a coach about the student attending a school where he or she coaches must be informed that they need to contact the principal, admissions department, or guidance department if they have an interest in transferring.
- L.** Any meeting with coaches regarding prospective athletes or their families should be at the request of the family to the individual(s) responsible for school administration and/or admissions and must take place at the school.

7.4.3 Student Transferring to Follow a Coach

A transfer/residency requirement assists in the prevention of students switching schools, discourages recruitment, and reduces the opportunity for undue influence.

Beginning with the summer prior to entering the 7th grade, if a student participates on a non-school team (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, summer program, etc.) that is affiliated with or coached by a coach associated with that same sport, at a school other than the one the Student attends or has attended, and then transfers to that school, regardless of change in bona fide residence, it will be assumed that the Student has been recruited to attend that school or transferred to that school for athletic reasons and the student will be ineligible for all high school athletic participation for 180 school / calendar days. If the Student transfers to a school that his/her coach has relocated to within the past year, regardless of change in the Student's bona fide residence, it will be assumed that the Student transferred to that school for athletic reasons and

he/she will be ineligible there for all high school athletic participation for 180 school / 365 calendar days.

Q1: If during the summer months, an athlete from one school participates on a team from another school which is coached by a member of that school's coaching staff, and then transfers to that school, would this be considered a violation of NMAA guidelines?

A1: Yes, the NMAA would rule that the athlete was in violation of the "Player Following the Coach" policy thus making that athlete ineligible for participation for 180 school days/365 calendar days.

7.4.4 Athletic Classes

- A.** During the school year, but outside a particular sport season (out-of-season), a member school may allow participation in that particular sport during an athletic period. The participation may not last longer than the allotted class time. For schools not having an athletic period/class, a block of one (1) hour time may be used each school day for sports participation. Interschool competition/scrimmages are prohibited during the off-season.
- B.** If a student-athlete is not currently participating in a sport, but is involved in an athletic class whose sport is not in season, the student-athlete may then participate for one hour a day on school days in his/her second sport. (See Q2 and A2 below)
- C.** Out-of-season and during the school year, schools with athletic classes cannot have team or individual meetings or film sessions before school, at lunch time, after school, evenings, or on weekends with student athletes enrolled in the athletic class. Contact with the student athlete enrolled in the athletic class is limited to the athletic class only.

Q1: Can the one hour block of time be used in different increments to total 5 hours during the school week? For example, can I practice 2 hours on Monday and 3 hours on Tuesday?

A1: No. Rule 7.4.4 states one (1) hour each school day. These hours may not be used cumulatively.

Q2: Can a football player who is enrolled in a football athletic class during the off-season participate for one hour a day with the baseball coach after school?

Q3: If a baseball player is not enrolled in a baseball athletic class, is that player eligible to work with a member of the staff for one-hour per day during the off season and outside of the school day?

A3: Yes, all athletes are afforded the opportunity to work with a member of a specific sport's coaching staff for one hour per day during the off season.

Q4: If a student is enrolled in an athletic class for an out of season sport, does that student still have the one-hour per school day practice option with the coaching staff of that particular sport?

A4: No, participation in a sport specific athletic class during the off season takes the place of the allowable one hour per school day out of season practice.

Q5: If a student's school is on an A/B block schedule where classes do not meet daily (ex. Mon., Wed., Fri.) and one of the student's classes is a sports specific athletic course, is that student afforded the opportunity to participate in a one-hour per school day out of season practice with the coaching staff on the days that the class does not meet?

A5: Yes, a student is allowed to practice with the coaching staff for one hour per school day during the off-season. If enrolled in a sport specific athletic class that does not meet daily, the student may practice with the coaching staff for a maximum of one hour per school day on the days that the class does not meet.

Q6: If school is not in session on a particular day (snow day, teacher conference, spring break, etc.), is a student still afforded the one hour per school day out of season practice option with the coaching staff?

A6: No, school must be, or have been in session on a particular day for the one hour out of season practice with the coaching staff to be allowed.

Q7: If a school is on a 4 x 4 block schedule where classes meet for 90 minute periods, does participation in a sports specific athletic class during the off season violate the Out of Season Coaching Bylaw?

A7: No, if the sports specific athletic class exceeds one hour in length, practice with the coaching staff for the entire timeframe of the class is allowed.

7.4.5 Open Gymnasium or Facility

During the School year, out-of-season coaching in a particular sport by a coach of that sport is prohibited, with the exception of one-hour per day or one sport specific athletic class, but not both, each school day (see exception 7.4.4B above). For purposes of this rule, an “open gym” does not count toward the one-hour period. An “open gym” means any school gymnasium or other facility which is expressly made available to the general student population without any coaching, training or instruction other than in the safe use of the facilities, and no person is restricted from observing the activity.

Q1: *An athlete is enrolled in an athletic class during the school day. Can he/she participate in an after-school sports specific program for that sport?*

A1: *No, during the off-season (with the exception of summer) each*

Q2: *If an athlete is enrolled in an athletic class, may he/she participate in a weightlifting/conditioning program after school?*

A2: *Yes, as long as there is no instruction by an adult, the weightlifting/condition program is open to the general student*

Q3: *If a student is enrolled in a sports specific athletic class, can they also participate in open gym for that sport?*

A3: *Yes they may as long as the regulations defined in Q & A 4 thru 7 below are specifically adhered to.*

Q4: *Can Open Gym/Field be held on weekends?*

A4: *No, open gym/field must be advertised and made available to the general student population and as with the “Out of Season Coaching” regulation, can only take place on a day when school is in session, Monday thru Friday.*

Q5: *How would a school go about advertising the availability of open gym/field to the general student population?*

A5: *Open gym/field should consistently be advertised to the entire student population via school announcements, newsletters, website, etc.*

Q6: *What are the allowable parameters of open gym/field?*

A6: *Open gym/field is designed as a recreational outlet for a school’s general student population. It is not appropriate for an adult/coach to provide instruction on skill development, conduct drills, officiate contests, organize teams, allow team practice gear to be worn or be on the court/field participating with the students.*

Q7: *Can participation in open gym/field be mandated?*

A7: *No it can not! Open gym/field is intended to be utilized for social recreation. Mandating and/or expecting prospective student athletes to participate in open gym/field as a component of potential school team participation is a violation of NMAA Bylaws.*

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