

## Unit 4

### Important Dates

<b>Monday, August 1</b>	First Official Day of Practice
<b>Thursday, August 4</b>	First Day Full Pads are permitted
<b>October 22 (By 8:00 PM)</b>	6-Man brackets released by the NMAA
<b>October 28-29</b>	6-Man Quarterfinals
<b>October 29 (By 8:00 PM)</b>	8-Man, Class A brackets released by NMAA
<b>November 4-5</b>	6-Man Semifinals 8-Man Quarterfinals A Quarterfinals
<b>November 5 (By 8:00 PM)</b>	2A,3A,4A,5A brackets released by NMAA
<b>November 12-13</b>	6-Man Finals 8-Man Semifinals A Semifinals AA Quarterfinals 3A,4A,5A First Round
<b>November 18-19</b>	8-Man Finals A Finals AA Semifinals 3A,4A,5A Quarterfinals
<b>November 25-26</b>	AA Finals 3A,4A,5A Semifinals
<b>December 2-3</b>	3A,4A,5A Finals

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- Ticket prices for all football playoff games will be \$8.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for students (K-12) and Seniors 65+.
  - For all other information, please refer to [Section 7 of the NMAA Bylaws](#), specifically under “Football.”
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## Post-Season Football Officials' Assignment Process

1. The NMAA Administration is ultimately responsible for assigning approved and certified officials for all playoff games. The following process will be utilized for the selection of officials for playoff games:

- a) **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.**
- b) **The list of eligible white hats (Referees) will be sent to coaches by the NMAA office on August 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- c) **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.**
- d) **Prior to each playoff contest, if there are no common officials 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.**
- e) **Due to coaches picking multiple acceptable white hats, the NMAA office will have more control of game dissemination/distribution.**
- f) **If a coach does not submit a list by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, he/she has no input into playoff assignments.**

2. Any official who has received a three (3) by a particular school will not be assigned to their particular game under any circumstances.

3. If two schools agree on a particular crew (referee and umpire), the remaining three officials will be selected by the Regional Commissioner in communication with his/her group leaders.

4. While the referee and umpire will always work together, the remaining three officials may change from one game or week to the next. \*\*Exception – if either the referee or umpire does not have certified status, he/she cannot officiate any state championship games.

5. All officials need to have “approved” or “certified” status to officiate any playoff game prior to the state championship games. All officials officiating state championship games must have certified status.

6. When two schools agree on an officiating crew, that crew can be from any region, from the same community. Example: Cibola and Highland agree on a crew from Albuquerque – this is acceptable.

7. When two schools cannot agree on a crew, the NMAA will assign the officials from region outside of the two schools, as has always been the case.

**NOTE:** An official cannot officiate for a school two consecutive weeks as per new NMAA bylaws.