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Dear Athletic Directors, Coaches, and Officials,

You are encouraged to pay close attention to the information contained in this rules clinic and throughout the NMAA bylaws.

As a result of New Mexico State Senate Bill 1, any player who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional. All New Mexico coaches are required to take the NFHS Concussion Management course at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com); please see your school's athletic director for additional information regarding this requirement.

The NFHS has passed two rule changes that you need to be aware of for the 2012 season.

As you know, the home team is currently required to wear white or light jerseys and socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. Beginning with the 2012 fall season, the home team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks (please pay close attention to the NFHS PowerPoint included in this rules clinic).

Also, shinguards must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) specifications. The NOCSAE seal and the appropriate height range of the player needs to appear on the shinguard. Beginning with the 2012 fall season, the NOCSAE seal and height range shall be permanently marked on the front of the shinguard.

The New Mexico State Soccer Championships will be held at the Albuquerque Public Schools Soccer complex; located just west of Volcano Vista High School on Albuquerque's west-side. The APS Soccer Complex includes four turf fields, all with lights. The fields will be resized to, 68 x 110 yards; Unit IV will include more information on the 2010 State Championship tournament.

Finally, as a result of the Board of Director's unanimous vote at the June 3, 2010 Board meeting, the NMAA staff will seed & select teams for the 2010-2011 State Championships; please see the "Seeding & Selection Unit" of this rules clinic for more detailed information

Please free to contact me with questions related to this district clinic or the sport of soccer at any time.

Thank you and good luck with your season.