

**\*\*\*NOTE:** This process, including the coin toss, is administered by the NMAA staff. The official declaration of results is the responsibility of the Association staff.

EXAMPLE 1

Rio Rancho	4-2	(2 wins vs. Cibola, 1 win vs. Gallup, 1 win vs. West Mesa)
Cibola	4-2	(2 wins vs. Gallup, 2 wins vs. West Mesa)
Gallup	2-4	(1 win vs. Rio Rancho, 1 win vs. West Mesa: 8-5 score)
West Mesa2-4		(1 win vs. Rio Rancho, 1 win vs. Gallup: 10-7 score)

Final District Placement is as follows:

1. Rio Rancho 2. Cibola 3. Gallup 4. West Mesa

Rio Rancho earns placement over Cibola due to head to head record of 2-0

Gallup earns placement over West Mesa due to least runs given up 7 vs. 5

EXAMPLE 2

Rio Rancho	4-2	(1 win vs. Cibola: 8-3 score, 2 wins West Mesa, 1 win vs. Gallup)
Cibola	4-2	(1 win vs. Rio Rancho: 9-7 score, 1 win vs. Gallup, 2 wins vs. West Mesa)
Gallup	3-3	(2 wins vs. West Mesa, 1 win vs. Cibola)
West Mesa	1-5	(1 win vs. Rio Rancho)

Final District Placement is as follows:

1. Rio Rancho 2. Cibola 3. Gallup 4. West Mesa

Rio Rancho earns placement over Cibola due to least runs given up 3 vs. 7 (if least runs given up were tied, then run differential Rio Rancho +5 and -2 = +3 and Cibola +2 and -5 = -3), Gallup earns 3<sup>rd</sup> due to better district record than West Mesa.

**7.18.5 State Tournament Qualifying Information**

- A. In All Classes, the District Champion advances to the NMAA State Tournament. The remainder of the field of 16 teams will be filled with at-large selections.

**7.18.6 State Tournament Information**

**A. Dates**

Seeding for Classes A-AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA (Sunday prior to Tournament) – Week #45

Classes A-AAAAA –Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals– Week #46

- B. **Roster Limitation** - Teams are limited to eighteen (18) uniformed squad members on their roster.

**C. Tournament Format**

All Classes will play in a 16 team bracket

**7.18.7 School Co-op Participation**

Two Class A schools with a combined enrollment of 125 students or less can petition the Director to co-op in the sport of softball. At least one of the schools must show proof that they do not have enough willing participants to field their own team.

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**7.19 SPIRIT - COMPETITIVE**

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**7.19.1 General Rules/Policies**

- A. **Declaring Status** – Schools must declare whether they will participate in competitive spirit or sideline only spirit at the beginning of each two-year alignment/classification block. This form may be found on the NMAA website at [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org). The link for submitting this information is located in the Forms section of the NMAA website.

- a. Cheer and dance/drill squads at the same school may declare differently

- b. The decision will stand throughout the duration of the two-year block. A change may be petitioned through the NMAA and will ultimately be decided upon by the Director.

*The requirements listed herein apply to competitive squads only. Sideline only squads should refer to Section 8 for Bylaws that pertain to spirit.*

## **B. Coaches Education**

All Coaches and Sponsors must have a coaching license which is issued by the State Education Agency and be an employee or have a contractual relationship with that particular school system (this applies to both voluntary and paid individuals). All cheer/dance/drill or spirit coaches/sponsors, and athletic coaches (or those individuals who fulfill the responsibilities attached to these groups or teams in said capacity) are required to be licensed by the state and must take the NMAA Coaches Education Program prior to filling the role of coach/sponsor/advisor. Requirements of this provision may be waived by the Secretary of Education for temporary licensure.

Spirit coaches must also complete the NFHS/AACCA Spirit Safety Certification Course.

## **C. Safety**

All NFHS safety rules apply to all New Mexico spirit squads at all times. Violation of safety guidelines at anytime during the school year may result in sanctioning by the Executive Director. Violation of safety guidelines during any competition will result in a point deduction from a squad's competition score.

- D. **Classes** - teams must compete at the classification level that the school declares for boys basketball participation.

There are six classes in cheer during the competition season: A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, Co-Ed  
Co-Ed division is defined as any squad having two (2) male participants on a varsity squad. Squads with one (1) male participant may choose to compete as Co-Ed or in their respective classification.

A squad may not change classification during the competition season.

There are four classes in dance/drill during the competition season: A-2A, 3A, 4A, 5A.

- E. **Practice Date** – Practice may occur year round.
- F. **Competition Season** – Competition may begin on Monday of Week #19. The season is over at the conclusion of the State Competition, or March 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes later.
- G. **Competition Limitation** – Each varsity team is limited to five (5) total competitions. Each individual may participate with only one (1) team, school or club, at each competition.
- H. **Practice Requirement** – Each individual must complete a minimum of ten (10) practices on mats or an approved performing surface per NFHS Safety Rules prior to participating in stunts or tumbling in any environment. Practices are counted from the first day of the fall season or the student's first day of participation.
- H. **NMAA District Clinic** – The head coach from each declared competitive spirit must attend the NMAA district clinic held during the NMHSCA Coaches Clinic during the summer prior to each season. Failure to attend will result in a \$100 fine to the school which will be assessed on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **7.19.2 Judges**

- A.** Officials working any NMAA sanctioned event must be registered through the Association. Schools are required to use two (2) NMAA/NMOA performance judges, and one (1) NMAA/NMOA technical judge for regular season sanctioned competitions.
- B.** Schools are subject to a fine for using non-registered officials for competitions.

### **7.19.3 School Facilitated Competitions**

- A.** Schools may host competitions and apply for sanctioning through the NMAA. Competitions must be sanctioned in order to be considered as one of the two (2) required for a squad to be eligible for State Competition.
- B.** To be considered for approval, all competitions must satisfy the following conditions:
  - a. A minimum of four (4) varsity cheer and/or dance/drill teams must attend the competition
  - b. A minimum of one (1) certified technical judge must adjudicate the competition
  - c. A minimum of three (3) certified performance judges must adjudicate the competition
  - d. A sanctioning request form must be submitted to and approved by the NMAA prior to Monday of Week #17. This form may be found on the NMAA website at [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org). The link for submitting this information is located in the Forms section of the NMAA website. Once approved, the Competition host will be notified by the NMAA.

### **7.19.4 State Championships Entry Procedures**

Entries must be correctly submitted prior to Friday of Week #32 at 12:00 p.m.

### **7.19.5 State Championships**

- A. Mandatory Meeting** - A mandatory meeting will be held the Thursday of Week #39 which must be attended by a licensed member of the coaching staff. Failure to attend without proper communication to the Event Director will result in sanctions at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- B. Date** - State championships are held on the Saturday of Week #39.
- C. State Championship Eligibility** - Teams must compete in at least two (2) sanctioned competitions prior to State in order to be eligible for State Competition.
- D. Format**
  - 1. Each squad will perform two routines.
  - 2. Three (3) performance judges for each discipline (Cheer & Dance/Drill) and two (2) technical judges will be hired from out of state.
- E. Roster Limitation:**
  - 1. Each all girl cheer squad is limited to twenty (20) performers, two (2) alternates, (2) team managers, and three (3) coaches.

2. Each co-ed cheer squad is limited to twenty-four (24) performers, two (2) alternates, (2) team managers, and three (3) coaches.
3. There is no limit on the number of performers on a dance/drill squad. However, each dance/drill squad is limited to two (2) alternates, (2) team managers, and three (3) coaches.
4. Each individual listed on a squad's roster must meet the requirements as listed below:
  - a. Performers – eligible per NMAA Bylaws and included on the squad roster on the NMAA website
  - b. Alternates – eligible per NMAA Bylaws and included on the squad roster on the NMAA website
  - c. Managers – eligible per NMAA Bylaws and included on the squad roster on the NMAA website
  - d. Coaches (head and assistant) – State licensed, school recognized and listed on the NMAA website as the coach of the appropriate squad

**7.19.6 Classes**

- A.** There are six classes in cheer during the competition season: A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, Co-ed
1. Co-Ed division is defined as any squad of any classification having two (2) male participants on a varsity squad. Squads with one (1) male participant may choose to compete as Co-Ed or in their respective classification.
  2. There are four classes in dance/drill during the competition season: A-2A, 3A, 4A, 5A

Note: A squad may not change classifications during the competition season.

**AAAAA SPIRIT– 21 SCHOOLS – 5 DISTRICTS (1651-Above)**

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Cibola	Eldorado	Alamogordo	Carlsbad	ABQ. High
Cleveland	La Cueva	Gadsden	Clovis	Highland
Rio Rancho	Manzano	Las Cruces	Hobbs	Rio Grande
Volcano Vista	Sandia	Mayfield		Valley
		Oñate		West Mesa

**AAAA SPIRIT– 27 SCHOOLS – 6 DISTRICTS (901-1650)**

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
Aztec	Bernalillo	Chaparral	Artesia	ABQ. Academy	Belen
Bloomfield	Capital	Deming	Goddard	Atrisco Heritage	Gallup
Farmington	Española	Santa Teresa	Roswell	Del Norte	Grants
Kirtland Central	Los Alamos			Moriarty	Los Lunas
Piedra Vista	Santa Fe			St. Pius	Miyamura
					Valencia

**AAA SPIRIT– 23 SCHOOLS – 5 DISTRICTS (401-900)**

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Crownpoint	Raton	Cobre	Lovington	Hope Christian
Shiprock	Robertson	Hatch Valley	Portales	Pojoaque
Thoreau	Taos	Hot Springs	Ruidoso	St. Michael's
Tohatchi	West Las Vegas	Silver		Sandia Prep
Wingate		Socorro		Santa Fe Indian
Zuni				

**AA SPIRIT– 42 SCHOOLS – 8 DISTRICTS (126-400)**

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Navajo Pine	Coronado	McCurdy	Acad. for Tech. and Classics
Newcomb	Dulce	Mesa Vista	Acad. for Trades and Tech.
Ramah	Escalante	Penasco	Monte del Sol
Rehoboth	Navajo Prep	Questa	Mora
Shiprock Northwest			Pecos
Tse' Yi' Gai			Santa Fe Prep
			South Valley Academy
District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8
Capitan	Clayton	Dexter	Bosque School
Cloudcroft	Santa Rosa	Eunice	Cuba
Lordsburg	Texico	Hagerman	East Mountain
Mesilla Valley	Tucumcari	Loving	Estancia
Tularosa		NMMI	Jemez Valley
			Laguna Acoma
			Magdalena

**A SPIRIT– 48 SCHOOLS – 8 DISTRICTS (0-125)**

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Cimarron	Bataan Military	Dora	Clovis Christian
Des Moines	Desert Academy	Elida	Grady
Maxwell	Evangel Christian	Floyd	House
Moreno Valley	NMSD	Fort Sumner	Logan
Mosquero	Santa Fe Waldorf	Melrose	San Jon
Roy	Victory Christian		
Springer	Walatowa		
Wagon Mound			
District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8
Animas	Alamo Navajo	Carrizozo	Gateway Christian
Cliff	Foothill	Corona	Jal
Las Cruces Catholic	Gallup Catholic	Hondo	King's Gate Acad.
Quemado	Menaul	Mountainair	Lake Arthur
Reserve	Pine Hill	Vaughn	Mescalero
	Temple Baptist		Tatum
	To'Hajiilee		Valley Christian

*NOTE: This alignment has been printed solely for the purpose of officials selection. There will be no district competitions or qualifying standards other than those outlined in the Spirit sports specific bylaws (NMAA 7.19)*