

NMAA Board of Directors

Summary December 3, 2009

The NMAA Board of Directors met in regular session today at the New Mexico Activities Association.

Robert Zayas, NMAA Assistant Director, spoke about the NMAA *Life of An Athlete* alcohol education program. Robert told the Board that he has received a great deal of feedback from the NMAA membership, coaches, parents and athletes that the *Life of An Athlete* program should be required beginning next fall. The Board voted at the Sept. 30 meeting to “strongly recommend” that the *Life of An Athlete* program be completed by every student athlete in the state. The NMAA plans to revisit this issue in the future.

The Board of Directors voted to send three proposals to the NMAA membership for referenda regarding the reduction of games for the 2010-2011 school year.

Approximately 45 minutes of discussion ensued amongst the Board of Directors regarding the consideration of game reductions, before they decided to issue the referenda; the referenda will be sent to the membership on December 4th. The deadline for the referenda will be Tuesday, December 15th.

Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented three proposals to the Board regarding game limitations for the 2010-2011 school year.

The proposals included:

Proposal #1- Current bylaws

- Local Autonomy
- No cuts mandated by NMAA
- Game limits as per current NMAA Bylaws
- Competition limits in wrestling

Proposal #2 (Include calendar adjustments)

- No game reductions in:
 - Football
 - Cross Country
 - Swimming & Diving
 - Tennis
 - Track & Field
- } Eliminate Scrimmages in these sports
- Competition limits in wrestling
 - 2 game reduction: Volleyball/ Soccer
 - 3 game reduction: basketball, baseball, softball

Proposal #3 (Include calendar adjustments)

- 10% reduction in All sports/ levels except Varsity football
- Eliminate All Football Scrimmage
- Competition limits in wrestling

Note: each proposal above includes competition periods (i.e. sports would have a practice start date and a defined competition start date).

The Board of Directors approved to adopt a policy for extraordinary loss of enrollment whereas a school could potentially be moved to a lower classification. Extraordinary loss of enrollment is defined as the school losing enrollment would have to lose enrollment (based on the 2009-2010 40 day count) to the point that they would now fall into the lower classification's numbers. They would also have to have a minimum of 25% of the lower classification's schools be larger than them in enrollment numbers. Therefore, they would not be the largest school in the lower classification and at least 25% of the classification would be larger than them.

The Board of Directors approved Shiprock Northwest moving from District 4A to District 6A in the sports of Basketball and Volleyball for the four-year block beginning in 2010.

The Board of Directors also approved Clovis Christian's appeal to be moved from 8-man football to 6-man football and from Class A Basketball and Volleyball to Class B based on their extraordinary loss of enrollment.

The Board of Directors approved a referenda for the consideration of making spirit a sport versus an activity beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

The Board of Directors approved allowing track & field coaches to serve as meet referees provided that at least three coaches from three different schools are NMAA/ NMOA certified track & field officials.

The Board of Directors approved the adoption of new state qualifying procedures for Class A-AAA for the 2010 State Championships, whereas District 1 would have 3 qualifiers per weight class, District 2 would have four, and District 3 would have three.