

# **NMAA HANDBOOK ADDENDUM**

## **COVID-19 BYLAW AMENDMENTS/CLARIFICATIONS**

### **2022-2023 ONLY**

#### **1. Failure to Complete Season and Classification & Alignment – NMAA Bylaw 4.1.3.A**

- a. Programs unable to start or complete seasons due to state, county, or local health department or local school/school district determinations will be exempt from penalties for failure to complete seasons and/or fulfill contracts.

#### **2. Missed Games – NMAA Bylaw 7.9 (See also 3.11.4, 5.1.6 & 5.1.7)**

- a. Teams / programs shut down by state, county or local health departments relative to Covid19, will not be penalized a loss or forfeit.
- b. Games missed due to 2.a, will be considered a “no contest” but can be made up if mutually agreed upon.
- c. Teams may work to reschedule with new possible opponents should they have open dates due to scheduled opponents missing games.
- d. District games missed due to 2.a, must be rescheduled if time permits (see Rule 4 below). Teams may work to reschedule with new possible opponents if the district game(s) cannot be rescheduled.
- e. Once post-season brackets have been drawn, teams or individuals unable to play due to COVID-19 restrictions will be eliminated from the field and the team or individual they are scheduled to play will advance to the next round.
- f. Schools required to cancel games due to state, county, or local health department determinations relative to Covid-19 shall be responsible for any applicable officials’ fees.
- g. School / district decisions to forfeit games, for any reason, shall result in a loss / forfeit.
- h. School / district decisions to forfeit district games, for any reason, shall render a school ineligible for post-season play (as per NMAA Bylaw 7.6.6.B).

#### **3. Seeding & Selection Rules – NMAA Bylaw 7.11**

- a. A school forced to cancel one or more district games due to state, county, or local health department determinations, must complete at least 51% of their district schedule to be eligible for post-season selection. This rule only applies to those schools forced to shut down due to state, county, or local health department determinations.
- b. District finish will be determined using the win/loss percentage of district games played.

#### **4. Powerlifting – NMAA Section 8**

- a. Powerlifting will continue as a sanctioned activity for the 2022-2023 school year.