

## **NMAA Commission Meeting**

February 5, 2020

9:00 AM

NMAA Office

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Affentranger at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Brandon Gurule (Small, Area A)  
Mr. Larry Chavez (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)  
Ms. LeeAnn Moores (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Al Martinez (Non-Public Schools)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals)  
Mr. David Campbell (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association)  
Mr. Daren Jones (Jr. High/Middle School Committee)  
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association)  
Mr. Frank Cordova (New Mexico School Boards Association)  
Mr. Steve Perea (Activities Council)

Present Via Teleconference:

Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)

Not Present:

Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Jason Hightower (Small, Area D)

14 members were present representing a quorum.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Chavez made a motion to approve the agenda with a modification to move the action item, Officials: Invitational Tournaments, to be heard as the last discussion item. Ms. Moores seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Mr. Roybal & Mr. Perea joined the meeting.

### **NMAA Director's Report:**

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) welcomed Mr. Brandon Gurule to the Commission, the new representative for Small Area A; 2) provided an update on the upcoming winter sports championships; 3) stated that NMAA staff has visited approximately 130 member high schools so far this year with the goal to reach all 160; and 4) provided information pertaining to the NMAA Foundation including the 2018-2019 Annual Report, the 2020 Scholarship Program, and the upcoming Bowl-A-Thon and Golf Classic fundraisers.

### **NMAA Finance Report**

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented two (2) items on her report: 1) provided financial reports for all fall championships; and 2) presented ticket sales information for all fall championships.

### **NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) reported that the majority of the state activity events for the year would be taking place over the next three months; 2) stated that the first ever Student Leadership regional meetings were held in recent weeks across New Mexico and were all very successful; and 3) provided a full update on the current work of the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council and upcoming openings for this group.

### **New Mexico Officials Association Report:**

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) provided details from the NMOA Executive Board meeting which was held in late January; 2) reported on officials' numbers for fall & winter sports; and 3) answered questions from the group regarding track officials' assignments and officials' numbers for spring sports.

### **General Discussion/Information Items**

NMAA State Championship Trophies - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the current state championship trophy used by the NMAA and possible changes due to the limited supply of sports/activities figurines/toppers. Feedback from the Commission included the possibility of removing the figurine/topper and adding the sport logo to the trophy plate and increasing the overall size of the trophy.

DragonFly - Ms. Marquez informed the Commission that the NMAA is considering a partnership with a company named DragonFly, which would serve as a data entry platform for member schools to submit schedules, rosters, eligibility forms, etc.

Bylaws Committee Work - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the discussions of the NMAA Bylaws Committee which is made up of athletic directors from around the state. Current items of discussion include future classification & alignment processes, "did not participate" eligibility bylaws, and seeding/selection.

Seeding and Selection: SOS and Wins vs. DC - Ms. Marquez stated that several sports specific committees have asked the NMAA to look at the possibility of adjusting the criteria used for seeding/selection. Changes to be considered would be adding a strength of schedule component and using a quality win component (wins versus top 5 in final MaxPreps rankings) in place of the current wins versus district champions criteria point. Ms. Marquez stated that the NMAA Staff would put together sample brackets using the proposed changes so that continued discussion can be generated.

Soccer: State Championship Schedule - Ms. Marquez discussed the current state soccer format and the possibility of adjusting the schedule so that the first round and quarterfinals would be played at home sites the week prior to the semifinals and finals. Feedback included keeping the same format due to the financial impact this change could have on schools.

Officials: Invitational Tournaments - Ms. Marquez stated that the NMAA office has recently been made aware of concerns with the process for the selection/assigning and payment of officials for regular season invitational tournaments. Feedback included allowing host schools

the opportunity to continue selecting/assigning officials for their events, but ensuring that all payments are handled in accordance with NMAA bylaws. Ms. Marquez stated that this topic would continue to be evaluated by the membership.

### **Action Items**

**Sports Medicine: Heat Illness Protocol (Referenda)** - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 7.6.21 Heat Illness Protocol to read as follows: The athletic trainer and the head coach of each sport and level are responsible for checking the heat index prior to the beginning of any athletic activity. Go to the NMAA website ([www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org)) and enter your zip code and the site will calculate the heat index for the current time. You may also use the site to calculate for projected high temperatures. If the heat index is above 104, athletic activities must be postponed until later in the day provided the heat index falls to 104 or less. If the heat index is 100-104, consider modifying practices to remove protective equipment and to shorten practice duration. If the heat index is 95-99, use caution, but you may practice. If the heat index is under 95, the risk of heat illness is present, but the risk is greatly reduced. Water breaks should occur every 20-30 minutes during practice. Do not restrict the intake of fluids. Immersion in cold water is the treatment of choice for management of acute heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Call EMS if you suspect heat illness. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Campbell made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Soccer: Overtime for State Finals** - Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to consider adjusting Bylaw 7.17.1.J.1 NOTE to read: In the final state championship games only, there shall be as many as two (10) minute sudden victory overtime periods. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. J. Martinez made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Football: Individual Game Limitations (Referenda Item)** - Mr. Henderson presented a proposal to consider adjusting NMAA Football Bylaw 7.15.1.D so that individuals can participate in a maximum of 11 football games during the regular season. Varsity teams would still be limited to 10 total games (sub-varsity to 9 total games.) \*for 8-man and 2A-6A Classifications only. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Baseball: Pitching Restriction (Referenda Item)** - Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider changes to NMAA Baseball Bylaw 7.12.1.D to read: at the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any three-day period. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any three-day period. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit during an at bat, but must exit the game after the batter. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Chavez made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Perea seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0). Mr. Young clarified that this would be for immediate implementation (2020 season).

**Golf: iWanamaker (Referenda Item)** - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust Bylaw 7.16.1.J to read: Players may not use cell phones or other communication devices while playing, except in the following circumstances: Calling a coach or tournament official for a medical or other emergency. Inputting scores for live scoring or other scoring applications such as iWanamaker. When inputting scores, ONE person from each group, prior to the start of the round, will be designated to input scores using their cell phone. Scores should be inputted following the completion of each hole at the next tee box before anyone in the group tees off to start the next hole. If at some point during the round the designated scorer for that group cannot

continue to score due to i.e. cell phone battery dies, etc. a new player within the group will take over and the tournament directors should be notified of the change in scorer. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Perea made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Moores seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Basketball: 3-Person Crews for Class 4A/5A (Referenda Item)** - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to revise the current NMAA Bylaws 7.13.2 to read: Officials working NMAA sanctioned events must be registered through the Association. Class 4A and 5A schools are required to use three (3) NMAA/NMOA officials for NMAA regular season sanctioned contests. Class A-3A schools are required to use at least two (2) NMAA/NMOA officials. Three (3) NMAA/NMOA officials may be used in Class A-3A, if requested by the host Athletic Director. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to amend the proposal to state that all classifications (A-5A) must use three (3) person officiating crews for all NMAA sanctioned varsity basketball contests. Mr. Gurule seconded the motion. A vote to consider the amendment for approval was taken and passed unanimously (14-0). Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the amended proposal. Ms. Moores made the motion to approve the amended proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Scholastic Eligibility: Section X (Referenda Item)** - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to add the following language to Section X of the NMAA Bylaws: if an academically ineligible student in good standing transfers from a public school in his/her attendance zone to a charter, alternative or non-member private school setting, the Student is considered academically ineligible for participation. Students may gain eligibility as per NMAA Bylaw 6.2.1. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Perea made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Student Eligibility: J-1 Visa to F-1 Visa (Referenda Item)** - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust NMAA Bylaw 6.8.2 A to include students who change their visa status. Additionally, add to Bylaw 6.8.2 B, to include students who return to a member school after completing a formal CSIET program are ineligible for 180 school/ 365 calendar days at the varsity level. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Perea made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

### **Consider Adjournment**

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Mr. Perea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gurule seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).