

NMAA Commission Meeting  
May 18, 2016  
9:00 AM  
NMAA Office

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Carver at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy loane and the following members were present:

Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)  
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)  
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)  
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member) via teleconference  
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Not present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)  
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Representative)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)

13 members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Schuster made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Fullerton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**NMAA Directors' Report:**

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) the success of the four winter and five spring State Championships, announcing that attendance numbers were higher than last year; 2) the NMAA Foundation recently awarded 16 scholarships to graduating seniors from 15 NMAA member schools in the amount of \$23,000. The Foundation received over 300 applications; 3) the NMAA Foundation will host its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic on June 6, 2016 at the Canyon Club in Four Hills, cost to play is \$500 for teams of four; and 4) the Foundation Fun Run will be held July 30, 2016 at Albuquerque Academy.

**NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the outcome of the three state music events held in April, with over 4000 students participating. There were more ensembles in all three event; orchestra almost doubled from last year. The results are as follows:

**State Orchestra**

MS	Taylor Middle School
Symphony	Centennial High School
A-5A String	NM School for the Arts
6A String	La Cueva High School

**State Choir**

MS	Eisenhower Middle School
A-3A	NM School for the Arts
4A	Portales High School
5A	Piedra Vista High School
6A	Eldorado and Rio Rancho High Schools

**State Band**

MS	Eisenhower Middle School
A-3A	Rehoboth Christian School
4A	Cobre and Silver High Schools
5A	Centennial High School
6A	Deming High School

Results of additional activities championships:

**Bowling**

6A	Rio Rancho High School
5A	Los Lunas High School
A-4A	Pojoaque High School

**JROTC**

6A	Santa Fe High School
5A	Piedra Vista High School

**Mock Trial**

Albuquerque Academy

**Scholastic Publications**

Highland High School

**Chess**

5A/6A	Los Alamos High School
4A	St. Michael's High School
A/3A	AIMS

**Athletic Training Challenge**

Centennial High School

State events were also held in BPA, DECA, FCCLA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, and TSA during the spring. State Rodeo will take place May 26-30 in Gallup, NM.

Todd Kurth arrived at 9:06 a.m.

**General Discussion/Information Items**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Participation at High School: Ms. Marquez asked the members for feedback regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation at the high school level and whether they would like to keep the bylaw as is. Members discussed the potential of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders being displaced by 8<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as the possibility of allowing 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate only in individual sports. Ms. Marquez will put this item on the next Board agenda for discussion.

State Playoff Forfeits: Ms. Marquez asked the members to give feedback on how they feel a forfeit should be handled during state playoffs. Following discussion, the members felt they did not have a

solid recommendation for Ms. Marquez. They also discussed tie-breaker games in volleyball and basketball – whether they should be played or go with the sport’s tiebreaker procedure. After discussion, the members recommended by a vote of 8-6 to keep it as-is.

Non-member Private School Participation: Ms. Marquez stated that it was a possibility that legislation could be introduced that would allow non-member private school students to participate in sports/activities at their home attendance zone school as is currently allowed for Charter and Home School students. Members discussed the repercussions this bill would have on current small private member schools. Ms. Marquez will present this topic during the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors meeting as a discussion item.

SB137 Non-Scholastic Athletic Certification Form: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a Community Use of School Facilities document that can be used as compliance with Section 2 of 22-13-31 NMSA 1978, regarding brain injury protocols and non-scholastic guidelines. This requirement of SB137 went into effect May 18, 2016 and is to be used as a condition of permitting non-scholastic youth athletic activity to take place on school district property. The form was approved by the Department of Health and will be available on the NMAA website.

Football - Emergency Medical Personnel Requirement: Mr. Young asked members for feedback on whether emergency medical personnel should be required on-site or simply on call, as currently stated in NMAA bylaw 7.7.7, at all football games. Mr. Young will present this item for discussion at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

### **Action Items**

Football - Adjust Schedule Submission Deadline (7.15.1.F): (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to adjust the football schedule submission deadline within bylaw 7.15.1.F from April 15 to May 15. The rationale for this proposal is that the NMAA has given member schools until mid-May to provide varsity football schedules for many years. The change to the bylaw will simply reflect this practice. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Schuster made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Football - Postgame Protocols for Spectators: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to limit field access for spectators at the conclusion of football contests by adding the following:

*Bylaw 7.15.1.J - Postgame Protocols for Spectators*

*At the conclusion of each football game, spectators may not access the field. Exception: For State Championship contests, spectators may be allowed access to the field after the conclusion of the awards presentations should the host school allow for it.*

The rationale for this proposal is that limiting field access for spectators after football contests will be extremely helpful to the overall management of the event. This should help to limit postgame incidents between the two teams and communities. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Football - USA Football Heads Up Coach Certification: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to require that all football coaches become nationally certified through USA Football's Heads Up Program by adding:

*Bylaw 7.15.1.K - Coaches Education*

*Football coaches must complete the USA Football Heads Up Certification Course. It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure that each coach has this certification, which is current for \_ years from the date of completion.*

*NOTE - This requirement is for varsity head coaches only for the 2016 season. Beginning with the 2017 season, ALL middle school and high school coaches must be certified.*

The rationale for this proposal is that in the last few years, NMAA membership has worked hard to implement new policies and regulations within the sport of football to help minimize risk and improve player safety. It is felt that we can take this even further by partnering with USA Football and their Heads Up Football Certification Process. This is a comprehensive education and training program designed to make the sport better and safer for youth and high school football players. A partnership with USA Football will provide coaches with a national certification course that includes great information on tackling and blocking but also includes guidance in the areas of concussions, cardiac arrest, heat illness, and equipment fitting.

The course will be offered to our membership at \$10 per coach. The NMAA is working on a potential partnership with the Denver Broncos to supplement these costs in future years, but until an agreement is in place the Board approved "Opportunity Fund" would be used to pay for the course. In addition to providing the online certification, each individual will also be eligible to receive \$1 million excess coach liability insurance in addition to any other valid insurance for the calendar year the training was completed. Mr. Young explained that the agreement with the USA Football Organization is strictly limited to the certification course and they will not be providing or requiring any other services.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal for discussion purposes. Mr. Kurth made the motion to discuss the proposal. After discussion, Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the proposal with the addition of the number four (4) to the following sentence: *It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure that each coach has this certification, which is current for 4 years from the date of completion.* Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Break 10:10 -10:20

Baseball - Determining Home Team for State Quarterfinals: Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to adjust NMAA baseball bylaws (7.12.4.B.5 & 7.12.4.C.6) so that the higher seed serves as the home team during the quarterfinal round of the State Baseball Championships. *Bylaw 7.12.4.B.5 will read as follows:*

*During the quarterfinals, the higher seed will be the home team. During the semifinals and finals, a coin flip will determine home/visitor with the higher seed calling the toss. Note - in the quarterfinal matchups the higher seed may opt to be the visiting team, but must provide notice of this choice to the Tournament Director a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of the round.*

*7.12.4.C.6 will read as follows:*

*During the quarterfinals, the higher seed will be the home team. During the semifinals and finals, a coin flip will determine home/visitor with the higher seed calling the toss. Note - in the quarterfinal matchups*

*the higher seed may opt to be the visiting team, but must provide notice of this choice to the Tournament Director a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of the round.*

The rationale for this proposal is that in the quarterfinal round, the higher seed should be rewarded for a successful regular season performance. This would also eliminate the need for a coin flip to take place prior to a team’s first game once the field is narrowed to eight. The results of an April Coach survey were 30-12 in favor of this proposal. Mr. Carver asked for motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Baseball - Individual Game Limitations – Courtesy Runner: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to add verbiage to baseball bylaw 7.12.1.C (Game Limitations) regarding courtesy runners as follows:

*Note - If a player participates in a contest as a courtesy runner only, this will not count as a game towards that player’s game limitations for the season.*

The rationale for this proposal is that a courtesy runner participates in a very limited capacity during a baseball game. If an individual is used as a courtesy runner only, he/she goes in to the game when the pitcher or catcher reaches base - this could be anywhere from 0-4 times in a typical contest. It is felt by baseball coaches that this should not count as a game similar to special teams play not counting towards a football player’s “experiences.” The results of an April Coach survey were 38-4 in favor of this proposal. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Campbell made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, the results are as follows:

For	Against	Name	Title
	✓	Mr. Jess Martinez	NMOA
✓		Mr. Cooper Henderson	NMHSADA
✓		Mr. Pete MacFarlane	Non Public School Representative
✓		Mr. Dave Campbell	Small Area D
✓		Mr. Gary Schuster	Small Area C
✓		Mr. Dickie Roybal	Small Area B
	✓	Mr. Todd Kurth	Small Area A
	✓	Ms. Debbie Coffman	Jr. High/Middle School Representative
✓		Mr. Don Gerheart	Activities Council Member
✓		Mr. Buster Mabrey	NMHSCA
✓		Ms. Nickie McCarty	Large Area D
✓		Mr. Ernie Viramontes	Large Area C
✓		Mr. Dale Fullerton	Large Area B
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver	Large Area A
<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total</b>	

Motion passed (11-3).

Baseball - Individual Game Limitations – Innings of Play: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to add verbiage to baseball bylaw 7.12.1.C (Game Limitations) as follows:

1. *If a school plays two games at different levels (i.e. JV & Varsity) back to back on the same day, at the same site, and against the same school, a student-athlete may participate in 10 innings between the two contests and only count this as one game towards his/her game limitations for the season.*

The rationale for this proposal is similar to the basketball “quarters of play” and volleyball “games” rules. It is felt that this change would not only bring consistency amongst sports, but it would also allow baseball coaches to better develop younger players by allowing them to participate in more game situations without penalizing them via their yearly game limitations. This would be especially helpful at the Class A/2A and 3A levels where participation numbers in the sport of baseball are low. The results of an April coaches survey were 31-11 in favor of this proposal. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Baseball - Use of Wood/Composite Wood Bats: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to mandate the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball. The rationale for this proposal is that NMAA membership voted to use wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball at the high school level during the 2012 season as a one year pilot. In the summer of 2012, the membership then voted to continue with these regulations for four additional years. Now that the 2016 season has been completed, these regulations must be revisited. The majority of the baseball community feels the move to wood bats has been a huge success and has made the game better in our state. Costs were a concern amongst some administrators and coaches in the early stages of this endeavor, but the use of composite wood bats has helped teams/players break fewer bats, thus lowering the need to make additional purchases during a season. The result of an April Coach survey was 34-8 in favor of this proposal. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Henderson made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Baseball - Pitching Restriction Regulations: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the members to consider the implementation of new pitching restriction regulations to bylaw 7.12.1.D. The rationale for the proposal is that the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee and the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee have been placing much focus on player safety and arm injuries within high school baseball. More information will be released by the NFHS this summer, but it is expected that our National Rules Committee may recommend that state associations utilize some form of a pitch count as part of their pitching regulations. Two state associations adopted policies for 2016 (Alabama & Colorado) and several more will be considering the same as we prepare for the 2016-2017 school year.

Due to this potential, the NMAA put together an Advisory Committee of Coaches and Administrators that was tasked to review the topic and put together a proposal for a pitch count regulation that is best for the state of New Mexico. The committee reviewed information from USA Baseball and several other state associations and felt that the proposed policy would best fit our schools and student-athletes in New Mexico.

*Proposal to Bylaw 7.12.1.D is as follows:*

1. Pitchers may throw a maximum of 10 innings in a 72-hour period, regardless of the length of game.
2. At the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any one day. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any one day. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the

maximum limit (120 in varsity, 105 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat, but must exit the game after the conclusion of that at-bat.

*Once a pitcher exceeds the inning or pitch count thresholds, that player is considered an ineligible player and the game must be forfeited by the team in violation of these regulations. The school and/or head coach will also be subject to additional sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.*

3. Coaches must post the pitch counts for all players from each game to MaxPreps, along with results, within 24 hours.

*Failure to post pitch count numbers to MaxPreps within 24 hours will result in fines and/or other sanctions assessed to the school as determined by the Executive Director.*

In addition to these requirements, the following recommendations should be considered:

**\*\*Rest Periods**

Pitches	Recommended Rest
91+	4 Calendar Days
61-90	3 Calendar Days
41-60	1 Calendar Day
0-40	0 Calendar Days

Calendar day = If a pitcher throws 85 pitches on Tuesday, that player should not pitch again until Saturday (3 recommended calendar days of rest).

Note - if a player pitches on consecutive days, the cumulative pitch count from those two days should be used to calculate the recommended rest period. Example = Pitcher A throws 27 pitches on Friday and 35 pitches on Saturday, which is 62 pitches cumulatively. The recommended rest after day two would be 3 calendar days.

**\*\*** Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to the position he is assigned once he is through pitching. Consideration should be given to the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.

**\*\***Develop a pitching philosophy that includes the instruction in proper throwing mechanics, broadening the number of players who will become pitchers on their staffs, and developing a “work up” plan so that a pitcher is not throwing the maximum allowable pitches from the first day of competition (i.e., no more than 65 pitches in weeks 1-3, no more than 85 in weeks 4-6 to allow for growth and arm strength to develop.)

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Wrestling - Require the Use of TrackWrestling Software: (Referenda Item): Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the members to consider a proposal to require TrackWrestling (TW) software for all in-state varsity individual tournaments. Per bylaw 7.24.4.C - District Tournament, coaches must enter all individual varsity matches via the Track Wrestling database for state seeding.

**Individual Varsity Records** – “Coaches are required to maintain accurate and complete individual records for their varsity athletes via TrackWrestling. District tournament rosters with all varsity win/loss records must be entered in to the TrackWrestling system by Tuesday the week of the district tournament (week #33). Failure to submit district tournament rosters with complete and accurate individual records by the deadline will result in a \$250 fine to the school.”

Manual entry of results has shown to be time-consuming and problematic for accuracy (duplicate results, discrepancies in scores, results, etc.). TrackWrestling software will import exact results for all teams and individuals negating the need for manual entry and thus reducing time and increasing accuracy. All current state qualifying events are mandated to run via TW software. – NMAA Bylaw 7.24.4.B

The budget impact of this proposal is that the TW event software must be purchased each time a school hosts an event. Typical cost for most tournaments is about \$125. However, this cost can be offset by a minimal increase in entry fee. There is other software programs available that may be purchased for a one-time fee however they do not integrate with TW and thus the results would still have to be manually input after the fact. Coaches' rationale seems to be they'd rather pay a little more for the convenience of not having to enter an entire tournament's worth of results. The results of a coach survey pertaining to this proposal are as follows: 4A) 5-4 in favor, 5A) 18-3 in favor, 6A) 13-1 in favor. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. McCarty seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Wrestling - Adjustment to 4A and 5A State Qualifying: Mr. Owen asked the members to consider a proposal to adjust 4A and 5A state qualifying numbers due to the updated classification and alignment. He presented state data from the last two years with projected 2016-2017 information and current and upcoming classifications and alignments. The rationale for this proposal is as follows:

#### Class 5A

- District 1-5A - Increase automatic qualifying spots from 3 to 4 due to the increase in teams from 5 to 6.
- Districts 3-5A and 4/5-5A - Decrease automatic qualifying spots from 4 to 3 due to the decrease in teams from 6 to 5.

#### Class 4A

- Reduce 4A state qualifiers from 12 to 10 - Disproportionate number of qualifiers compared to 5A/6A based on number of district tournament participants. 4A had on average of about 16% fewer district participants. Proposal would reduce the number of A/4A state qualifiers to a number more proportional to 5A/6A.

*Note - Only four out of 14 weight classes in A/4A were able to completely fill all 12 state qualifying spots. Four weight classes had 10 or fewer state qualified athletes.*

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Schuster made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Swim/Dive - Small School Team Champion: Mr. Dave Caldwell, representative of the Swimming/Diving Sports Specific Committee, asked the members to consider a proposal to continue a combined A-6A State Championship structure but award a championship trophy to the A-4A high point team. The rationale for this proposal is that the swimming/diving schools like the fact that students from around NM, in all classes, compete against each other in individual events to determine a single state champion. However, because small 1A-4A schools do not have the depth that large schools do, they are never in contention for a top 3 finish in the team competition. Since girls swimming began in 1970, there has not been a champion from the 1A-4A ranks. The last boys champion from those lower classifications was NMMI in 1966. By awarding a small school championship, it is felt that it would add excitement at the small school level and would help smaller schools in their recruitment of swimming/diving athletes. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the



proposal as presented. Mr. Kurth seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Health/Safety Audit: Mr. Evans and Mr. Owen presented a proposal that would require all member high schools to complete a Student-athlete health and safety self-audit on an annual basis. The rationale for this proposal is to assist member schools with an annual review of all existing standards and expectations as well as some specific resources for student-athlete health and safety. Given the high rate of turnover for the athletic director position and the ever increasing attention to health and safety, this exercise would provide guidance for leadership on an annual basis. Mr. Owen presented a Student-Athlete Health and Safety Audit checklist and informational notes for the checklist. An October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline was discussed, but may be changed in the future. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Fullerton made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Bylaw 3.10.2 - District Handbooks: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal to eliminate sentence two in bylaw 3.10.2 which requires district handbooks to be submitted annually to the NMAA. The rationale for this proposal is that handbooks have not been submitted to the NMAA for several years. Districts are in charge of ensuring their policies and procedures are in accordance with NMAA bylaws. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Bylaw 3.11.2 - Contract Agreements (emailing): (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal to add electronic correspondence as a binding contract to Bylaw 3.11.2 to read as follows: Contracts for regular season contests shall be in writing or email correspondence. The original contract/email is binding unless nullified by a subsequent contract/email.

The rationale for this proposal is that email can be legally utilized as a binding agreement and it is convenient to use. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Roybal made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Bylaw 6.4.1 - Open Enrollment Choice: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal that would allow students making a bona fide resident move into the state of New Mexico for the first time an open enrollment choice. The current bylaw is as follows:

*A. An incoming ninth grade student, or an eighth grade student who participates at the high school level, will have made his/her Open Enrollment Choice. The Open Enrollment Choice can be to attend a school within the attendance zone of his/her primary residence or attend a school outside the attendance zone of his/her primary residence, to include a private school, with an approved transfer.*

*Note: Open Enrollment Choice is not an option for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, or foreign students in this country without their parents and/or legal guardians.*

- 1. An incoming ninth grade student, upon his/her initial enrollment in ninth grade, will have an Open Enrollment Choice to enroll in a member public, private, tribal, independent, parochial, charter, alternative, or home school.*
- 2. An eighth grade student who participates in high school athletics, at any level of competition, will make his/her Open Enrollment Choice at the eighth grade level.*

Proposed – New bylaw would strike the note and add the following sections:

**NEW \*3.** *An out-of-state student making a bona fide residence move will have an Open Enrollment Choice to enroll in a member public, private, tribal, independent, parochial, charter, alternative, or home school upon their initial enrollment in the state of New Mexico.*

**NEW \*4.** *Open enrollment choice is not an option for foreign students in this country without their parents and/or legal guardians.*

The rationale for this proposal is to create more consistency in open enrollment choice. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Bylaw 6.6.2.G - Practice Regulations: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal to strike section G. from bylaw 6.6.2 which disallows practice for reasons other than academic ineligibility that currently reads as follows:

*6.6.2 – conditions of Eligibility for Transfer Students*

*G. Any student who is ineligible for reasons other than academics cannot practice with the team.*

The rationale for this proposal is that this bylaw is rarely followed or known to exist. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Bylaw 6.7.4 and 6.7.5 – Parent to Parent: (Referendum Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal to disallow the parent to parent provision for students transferring within the same or adjoining districts. The current bylaws are as follows:

*6.7.4.C – Legally Separated Parents*

*6.7.5.D – Divorced Parents*

*“A student who moves from parent to parent, or from legal guardian to legal guardian the first time in his/her high school career, will be eligible upon verification to the office that this is the first move and certified by the administrators involved that the move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment.”*

The proposed bylaw is as follows:

*“A student who moves from parent to parent, or from legal guardian to legal guardian the first time in his/her high school career, will be eligible **provided the following conditions are met:**” ~~upon verification to the office that this is the first move and certified by the administrators involved that the move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment.”~~*

- 1. Student is making his/her first move**
- 2. The move is not within the same or adjoining district**
- 3. The move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment as certified by the administrators involved**

The rationale for this proposal is that this update closes the loophole by which students gain immediate eligibility in close proximity transfers. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Campbell made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Bylaw 6.8.1 - Eligibility Retention: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal that would require a student who achieves initial eligibility as a bona fide resident or transfer student to remain at that residence for 180 school/365 calendar days in order to utilize the eligibility retention exception. The current bylaw is as follows:

*6.8.1 Eligibility Retention*

*After a Student participant achieves initial eligibility as a bona fide resident or transfer Student, he/she retains eligibility for subsequent years as long as the Student remains enrolled at the school and meets all other NMAA eligibility requirements.*

The proposed bylaw is as follows:

*6.8.1 Eligibility Retention*

*After a Student participant A Student participant enrolled for 180 school/365 calendar days achieves initial eligibility as a bona fide resident or transfer Student he/she retains eligibility for subsequent years as long as the Student remains enrolled at the school and meets all other NMAA eligibility requirements.*

The rationale for this proposal is to ensure at least a one year stay at the place of residence before a student would be permitted to use the exception. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Gerheart made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Bylaw 6.9.2.B - Did Not Participate: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal to allow 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade transfer students and boarding school transfer students to utilize the "did not participate" exception.

*6.9.2 B. Did Not Participate*

*A transfer student who did not participate in a particular sport at his/her former school during the previous school year may petition the Executive Director for immediate eligibility at the varsity level. Please adhere to the following:*

- 1. ~~8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade transfer students are not eligible for this exception.~~*
- 2. The student must have been in good standing and academically eligible for participation at their former school prior to their transfer.*
- 3. This exception can be used only once. ~~during the 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade years.~~*
- 4. ~~This exception cannot be used for a student transferring from a boarding school.~~*

*\*Sections 1 and 4 would be removed and section 3 shortened to exclude "during the 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade years." Additionally, sections 2 and 3 would become 1 and 2.*

The rationale for this proposal is to create consistency between all transfers and allow all students/parents the option to choose when to use this exception regardless of grade or institution. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Ms. McCarty made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Bylaw 7.4 - Out of Season Coaching: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal to amend the out-of-season coaching bylaw to allow only 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have made an open enrollment choice to participate in out-of-season practices. Prospective student athletes (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students) would be excluded from this bylaw and would therefore be ineligible to participate in out-of-season practices.

**7.4 OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR - Current**

A Coaching Staff is allowed 7.5 hours of total contact time per week (during days when school is in session only) to work with prospective student athletes during the off-season. Sports specific and sports specific conditioning classes are to be included within this allowable timeframe. This provision applies to all school coaches, paid and volunteer. This rule prohibits coaching these individuals on any team (school or non-school sponsored) out-of-season during the school year.

**7.4 OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR - Proposed**

**During the off-season**, a Coaching Staff is allowed 7.5 hours of total contact time per week (during days when school is in session only) to work with ~~prospective~~ student athletes **grades 9-12 in addition to any 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have already made an open enrollment choice.** ~~during the off-season.~~ Sports specific and sports specific conditioning classes are to be included within this allowable timeframe. This provision applies to all school coaches, paid and volunteer. This rule prohibits coaching these individuals on any team (school or non-school sponsored) out-of-season during the school year.

The rationale for this proposal is that this would encourage multi-sport participation at the middle school level and reduce specialization. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martinez made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (12-2).

Bylaw 7.6.25 - Post Season Playoff Scheduling: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal that would require football and basketball to conclude their final pre-state competition game by Friday the week of seeding and selection. The proposed bylaw is as follows:

**7.6.25 Post-Season and Playoff Scheduling**

- A. ~~Except for golf, and A/AA baseball, district tournaments~~ **Excluding golf, district post-season tournaments and events** must include **Friday and/or** Saturday ~~or other non-school day as one of the days,~~ unless approved in advance by the Executive and/or Associate Directors.
- B. **Basketball and Football must conclude any pre-state competition by Friday the week of seeding and selection.**
- C. With the exception of Golf and Tennis, day before or pre-state tournament practices at the site of the state tournament are not permitted in any sport, unless specified by NMAA officials.

The rationale for the proposal is to provide ample time for criteria (MaxPreps rankings, district tournament finishes, coaches input, etc.) to be collected/analyzed prior to seeding/selection. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Gerheart made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. The members discussed various time frames to this proposal. After a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

For	Against	Name	Title
✓		Mr. Jess Martinez	NMOA
	✓	Mr. Cooper Henderson	NMHSADA
	✓	Mr. Pete MacFarlane	Non Public School Representative
	✓	Mr. Dave Campbell	Small Area D
✓		Mr. Gary Schuster	Small Area C
	✓	Mr. Dickie Roybal	Small Area B
	✓	Mr. Todd Kurth	Small Area A
	✓	Ms. Debbie Coffman	Jr. High/Middle School Representative
✓		Mr. Don Gerheart	Activities Council Member
✓		Mr. Buster Mabrey	NMHSCA
	✓	Ms. Nickie McCarty	Large Area D
	✓	Mr. Ernie Viramontes	Large Area C
	✓	Mr. Dale Fullerton	Large Area B
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver	Large Area A
<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>	

Motion failed (5-9).

Bylaw 8.1.7 - Home school teams: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the members to consider a proposal to re-amend bylaw 8.1.7 (Home School Student Eligibility) to allow home school “teams” to participate in activities but with these former restrictions in place (see below bold):

8.1.7 Home School Student Eligibility - Current

- A.** As per New Mexico State Legislation, home school students are permitted to participate in NMAA activities **ONLY** at the public school in the attendance zone in which they live.
- B.** A home school student who participates on a public school team in the attendance zone in which they reside is eligible to compete for individual awards under the name of that public school.
- C.** A home school student’s participation on a public school team in the attendance zone in which they reside counts towards the final placement of that team in regards to any state awards.
- D.** Additional participation guidelines such as practice requirements, entry fees, etc. shall be determined by the individual activity.
- E.** Home school students are subject to any and all requirements set forth by the activity.

**Proposal – Strike “only” in section A and add the following three sections:**

- F.** The individual activity, based on the constitution of its national governing organization, has the purview to allow home school teams to participate.
- G.** A home school student who participates on a home school team is not eligible for state awards.
- H.** A home school team, although eligible to participate in state competitions, is ineligible to compete for state awards.

The reason for this proposal is that the PED overturned a ruling based on the removal of these three items. This action would restore the previous language in bylaw 8.1.7 which gave home school teams the ability to participate in NMAA sanctioned state events. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

**Consider Adjournment**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 am. Mr. Fullerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).