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NMAA/NMOA TO HOST NATIONAL OFFICIALS SUMMIT

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - The New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) and New Mexico Officials Association (NMOA) will be hosting the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) Summit July 26-30 in Albuquerque at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Hotel.

The Summit is the only event of its kind addressing critical topics impacting all aspects of the sports officiating industry. This premier event is held each year in a different location throughout the country during late July or early August. The Summit focuses on topics designed specifically for leaders of state high school officiating programs, local association officers, supervisors and coordinators, assigners, conference administrators and sports officials at all levels.

There will be representatives from 82 organizations converging on the Duke City for the 2014 event, including the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League and many others. The Summit kicks off with "Officiate New Mexico Day" on Saturday, July 26 and this particular portion of the conference is open to all individuals interested in officiating. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch for each attendee. There will be an all star cast of speakers including former NFL referee Jerry Markbreit, former NFL V.P. of Officiating Mike Pereira, MLB Umpire Supervisor Larry Young, and NBA referees Billy Kennedy, Steve Javie, and Joey Crawford.

The NASO Summit will then begin its national event on Sunday, July 27 which provides two and a half days of intense and highly motivational sessions to educate and empower officials. A star studded line-up of speakers and presenters will take the stage in this annual event which brings in over 400 officials from across the country each year. The summit will conclude with the presentation of the prestigious "Gold Whistle Award" which will be given to legendary NBA referee Joey Crawford during Tuesday evening's Officiating Gala.

NMAA Deputy Director and Commissioner of Officials Dana Pappas stated: "Being able to host the NASO Summit is truly an honor. This is the largest summit for officials in the nation and will provide a fantastic opportunity for professional development and education for officials in the Land of Enchantment."

For more information on the 2014 NASO Summit, please visit their website at <http://www.sportsofficiatingsummit.com/>.

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