

NMAA

Commission Meeting



Wednesday, February 3, 2016

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9:00 AM



New Mexico Activities Association Commission

Updated January 2016



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Note: The terms of the elected representatives to the NMAA Commission shall be three years. The initial term lengths are staggered to provide continuity on the Commission. Subsequent terms are for three years for the elected position.

NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION COMMISSION MEETING



**NMAA - Hall of Pride and Honor
February 3, 2016
9:00 AM**

AGENDA

A= Action Item

D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

- I. *Call Meeting to Order and Welcome***
Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum
(A) Approval of Agenda
(A) Approval of Minutes (November 18, 2015)
- II. *NMAA Directors' Report***
- III. *NMAA Activities Report***
- IV. *New Mexico Officials Association Report***
- V. *General Discussion/ Information Items***
(D/I) State Basketball schedule
(D/I) Legislative session update
(D/I) Classification / alignment committee update
(D/I) Spirit as an activity
(D/I) Junior all-star basketball game
- VI. *Action Items***
(A) **Volleyball:** Modify bylaw 7.23 H re: pool play
(A) **Football:** Increase 8-man qualifiers to 12 from 8
(A) **Football:** Definition of past history (6-man and 2A)
(A) **Football:** 300 mile rule (Playoff game dates/times)
(A) **Tennis:** Seeding/selection for State tournament
- VII. *Consider Adjournment***

Mindy Ioane, Admin. Assistant
Bruce Carver, Chairman
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Bill Cleland, Dusty Young

Dana Pappas, Deputy Director

Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

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Buster Mabrey, NMHSCA Exec. Director

Alissa Wesbrook, Volleyball Director

Dusty Young, Associate Director

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Joe Butler, Assistant Director

Next Commission Meeting – May 18, 2016 (NMAA)

NMAA Commission Meeting
November 18, 2015
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 Ioane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Gary Schuster (Small Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.) via teleconference
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large Area A)
Mr. Greg Haston (Large Area B)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large Area C) via teleconference
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large Area D)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Not Present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small Area B)

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Mabrey made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed two (2) items during his report: 1) Results of the voting for the expiring Board of Directors position for Large Area B (Mr. T.J. Parks, Hobbs, was unopposed) and the expiring Commission positions for Large Area B (Mr. Dale Fullerton, Clovis, was unopposed), Small Area B (Mr. Dickie Roybal, Melrose, won) and Large Area D (a tie between Mr. Wilson Holland, Los Lunas, and Ms. Nickie McCarty, Taos) - per NMAA Board directive, the winner will be determined by a coin flip; and 2) thanked Mr. Wayne Ferguson, Mr. Greg Haston and Mr. Kenny Barreras for their service on the Commission.

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed implementation of a NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council that will be comprised of ten students representing NMAA member schools. Students will be selected from each of the NMAA Governance Structure areas, similar to Board of Directors representation. Ms. Pappas presented a document that explains the purpose, responsibilities and nomination process. She also presented the Student Leadership Advisory Council nomination form which will be available on the NMAA website.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed two (2) items on his report: 1) Announced results of the Fall State Championships in the sports of Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, 6-Man and 8-Man football, thanking the Rio Rancho Public School district for use of their facilities in Cross Country and Volleyball; and 2) reminded Committee members that the NMAA Foundation will be awarding 16 scholarships to NMAA member school students (applications are due on February 2, 2016).

Mr. Todd Kurth entered the meeting at 9:10 am.

NMAA Activities Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, announced results of the 2015 One Act Production competition which was held October 29-31, 2015 at Cleveland and Rio Rancho High Schools.

Athens Division:

1st - Aztec, 2nd - Sandia, 3rd - Mayfield

Sparta Division:

1st - Hope Christian, 2nd - Corrales International, 3rd - Moreno Valley

General Discussion/Information Items:

Out of Season Coaching (Jr. High/Mid School): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked for feedback regarding the Out of Season Coaching rule. Members discussed if this rule should apply to high schools only and not to middle/junior high schools and if this rule encourages specialization within sports. After discussion, the members concluded that it is in the best interest of middle schools not to apply this rule to them.

Adjust Fall/Winter start/end dates: Ms. Marquez asked the committee for feedback on a proposal to allow the first football game one week earlier or to eliminate the bye week. Mr. Young surveyed football coaches but has not heard from many of them at this time. The committee members discussed the implications of moving back the start date in the sport of football and the problems associated with eliminating a bye week for districts having an odd number of schools. They wondered if basketball could start a week later without any change being made to the football date.

Classification/alignment: Ms. Marquez announced that the NMAA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 1:00 pm. She stated that Clayton and Valley High Schools have elected to move up in classification and as a result Deming and Mora High Schools will be moving down in class. The Board of Directors has given the directive to maintain the status quo and to continue with the same guidelines as were used when the current block was determined. Schools that would like to appeal their placement can do so at the Board meeting to be held December 7, 2015 but they must give notice of their intentions by the end of the day, Tuesday, November 24th.

Action Items:

Out of season practice Q & A: Ms. Marquez asked members to consider a proposal to revise the current bylaw 7.4.1 B and the Appendices (definition of practice) to the following:

PRACTICE: A structured period of time in which a coach or other agent of the school conducts activities for members of the school's sports team only. Practice shall not include teams or athletes from other schools.

7.4.1 B

Q26: Can a team practice with another team during the season or out of season?

A26: No. See Appendices: Definition of Practice.

The rationale for this proposal is that schools are conducting "practice" with other schools during the season and out of season which is really scrimmaging.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve this proposal as presented. Mr. Barreras made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Softball: Number of state qualifying teams: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Commission to consider a proposal to reduce the number of state qualifying teams to 12 (from 16) and therefore bring all 12 teams to the metro area for the state tournament. The top four seeds would earn a bye to the double elimination bracket, the bottom eight seeds would play a single elimination game to get into the double elimination bracket. The rationale for this proposal is that there is a lack of competitiveness of the bottom four seeds, the travel cost/missed school for the bottom four seeds without guarantee of a complete game (10 and 15 run rules), centralized location for first round to reduce travel expenses and the removal of "home of higher seed" first round which would give schools an additional week for make-up games as well as additional flexibility in scheduling. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Shuster made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Consider Adjournment: Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. Mr. Schuster made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Next Commission Meeting – February 3, 2016 (NMAA)



New Mexico Activities Association

Commission Meeting – 2/3/16



VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS BYLAW 7.23 H

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Alissa Wesbrook, Assistant to the Executive Director

Current:

Bylaw 7.23 H

Pool play - Pool play (modified games/matches such as 2 games to 15) for seeding purposes during an invitational tournament is allowed and does not count toward the match limitations; however, a tournament with an "all pool play" format is not permitted.

Proposal:

Effective: 2016-2017 school year

Pool Play games must be 2 games to 25 starting at a score of 4-4 with a cap of 27 for seeding purposes during an invitational tournament and does not count toward match limitations. All tournament matches played during an invitational tournament count towards a team's match limitations. Tournament formats must count a minimum of 2 matches towards a team's match limitations.

Rationale:

This proposal mirrors the score that is being used for pool play games at the state tournament and will help to create more consistency state-wide.

Budget Impact: None

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve



New Mexico Activities Association

Commission Meeting – 2/3/16



8-MAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – QUALIFYING NUMBERS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adjusting the number of qualifiers for 8-Man State Football Playoffs. (7.15.4.C)

*8-Man: Move from 8 qualifiers to 12 qualifiers

The change would add one week to the 8-man season, thus pushing back the championship game to Week #22 (held November 26 in 2016)

Rationale: With 21 teams now participating in 8-man football, it is felt that a total of 12 teams should qualify for the postseason. This would be similar to Class 3A and 4A football which have 19 and 21 teams, respectively. Currently, the 8-man community believes at least 1-2 state tournament quality teams are being left out of the field with only 8 teams making the playoffs. The Football Sports Specific Committee is in favor of making this adjustment.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor

January Meeting - Coach Survey: 100% of the 8-man schools present for the January 20th scheduling meeting are in favor of this adjustment.

Attachments: None



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STATE FOOTBALL – DEFINITION OF PAST HISTORY FOR CLASS 2A & 6-MAN

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adjusting the definition of past history as it pertains to determining the host site for the 6-Man and 2A Football Finals. (Add note to 7.15.4.B & 7.15.4.D)

-Past history is defined by the NMAA as any final round playoff game between 2 schools dating back to 1953.

Rationale: The 2015 adjustment to the definition of past history affected the 6-Man and 2A classifications quite differently than 8-Man, 3A, 4A, 5A, & 6A. Because the semifinal rounds in 6-Man (6-team bracket) and 2A (4-team bracket) are hosted by the higher seed, it is feasible that these “earned games” have a negative impact on a school’s chance to host a championship game in future years. For example, since higher seeded Fort Sumner (#2) hosted Hagerman (#3) in the 2015 2A semifinal round, the current definition of past history would force Fort Sumner to travel to Hagerman in 2016 if the two schools met up in the finals. This is exactly what the football community wanted to avoid when proposing the adjustment last spring. The Football Sports Specific Committee is in favor of making this adjustment.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor

Attachments: None



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FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAME DATES/TIMES (1st Round-Semis)

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adjusting bylaws regarding the date/time of state football playoff games - 1st Round, Quarterfinals, & Semifinals only. (7.15.4.F)

1. If the two schools are ~~300~~ 250 or more miles apart (one way) the game will be played at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.
2. If the two schools are less than ~~300~~ 250 miles apart the following format will be used:
 - a. Mutual agreement by participating schools.
 - b. Non-agreement, the home team makes the choice of:
 - 1) Friday at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m., or
 - 2) Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
 - c. In the event there is a stadium conflict, the date and time will be decided by the NMAA with priority given to the team that must travel the farthest distance.

NOTE: The ~~300~~ 250 miles is from one city to another as indicated on the NMAA (NMOA) Officials chart utilized to determine payment for mileage.

Rationale: It is felt that the current 300 mile threshold used to determine potential dates/times for state football playoff games is too high. Travel time for trips near, but not over 300 miles is quite significant, especially during late November / early December when weather can cause these trips to become even longer. The Football Sports Specific Committee is in favor of making this adjustment.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor

November Coach Survey: 24-47 against this proposal. 66% of responses stated the rule is fine as is.

Attachments: None



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State Tennis Seeding/Selection Process

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Joe Butler, NMAA Director of Tennis

Proposal: State Tennis Tournament Seeding/Selection (NMAA 7.21.3.B.2). State Tennis Tournament Seeding and selection process for both team and individual competition will be as per NMAA 7.11 – Seeding and Selection.

Rationale: Tennis is currently the only seeded sport where the seeding is not conducted by the NMAA. As per the tennis sports specific committee vote in June 2015, and in the interest of consistency amongst sports, remove current bylaw 7.21.3.B.2 and replace with the above language. NMAA staff will become responsible for seeding and selection as per the bylaw.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve