

NMAA

Board of Directors' Meeting



Wednesday, February 17, 2021

9:00 AM



NMAA Board of Directors

January 2021



Small, Area A – Term Expires Dec. 31, 2022

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Note: Initial term lengths are staggered as per approved procedure. Subsequent elected terms will be for three years each.



NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING



Zoom Meeting

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February 17, 2021 - 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 (February 3, 2021)
Alissa Wesbrook, Asst. to the Exec. Dir.
T.J. Parks, Board President
T.J. Parks, Board President
- II. **Executive Session** (Financial, Personnel, Legal Matters)
- III. **NMAA Director's Report**
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- IV. **NMAA Activities Report**
Dana Pappas, Comm. of Officials
- V. **New Mexico Officials Association Report**
Dana Pappas, Comm. of Officials
- VI. **Discussion/ Information Items**
(D/I) 2020-2021 School Year: COVID-19 Update & Forum
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) Student Eligibility: Fifth Year Allowance
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(D/I) Classification & Alignment for 2022-2024
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
- VII. **Action Items**
(A) Student Eligibility: Participation after Graduation for 2021
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(A) Student Eligibility: Transfers Due to COVID-19
Sally Marquez, Executive Director
(A) Football: Practice Regulations
Dusty Young, Associate Director
- VIII. **Consider Adjournment**

Next Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors' Meeting – June 2, 2021 (NMAA)

NMAA Special Board of Directors' Meeting
February 3, 2021
8:00 a.m.
Zoom

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 8:03 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

13 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Trujillo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Casados made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

NMAA Handbook Addendum for COVID-19 - Action Items:

Football: Out of Season Equipment Allowance - Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal that on an emergency and temporary basis for the 2020-2021 school year and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider providing an exception to NMAA Bylaws 7.5.3 F (Summer Activity) and 7.15.1 B.4 and 9.8.4.A.4 (Football Practice Regulations) so that football helmets and shoulder pads can be used during offseason workouts. This exception would ONLY apply for the period beginning February 1, 2021, through the first official day of practice for the 2021 Spring Semester football season. All athletes must first participate in a minimum of two (2) days of practice with helmets only prior to working out in shells (helmets and shoulder pads); shells can be worn beginning day three of practice at the earliest. Full contact/ live action drills are prohibited during these offseason workouts. In addition, all NMAA/COVID-19 Return to Play Guidelines must be followed. If a school opts to use helmets and shoulder pads during this time, the initial 4-day acclimation period (2-days in helmets, 2-days in helmets and shoulder pads) required prior to moving into full pads during Week 1 of official practice will be waived. Note that this acclimation period would still apply for athletes who did not participate in the off-season workouts or did not fulfill 2 days in helmets and 2 days in shells. The NMAA will provide full information regarding practice regulations for the official season in its Football Guidelines which will outline modifications due to COVID-19. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)

Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Sports Calendar: Fall Start Dates and Deadlines - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented a proposal that on an emergency and temporary basis for the 2020-2021 school year and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider adjustments to the sports calendar in regards to fall sports start dates and deadlines. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Elder made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Contest Limitations: Fall & Winter Sports - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that on an emergency and temporary basis for the 2020-2021 school year and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider an adjustment to the contest limitations for Fall and Winter sports as listed in the 2020-2021 NMAA Modified Master Table of Athletic Events. The changes reflect the condensed seasons proposed within the new sports calendar based on a February 22nd return to athletics. Mr. Parks recommended that any motion also allow Ms. Marquez, as Executive Director, the flexibility to make necessary changes to the calendar and contest limitations based on possible updates from the Governor's Office, Department of Health, and/or Public Education Department. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal and recommendation as presented. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the proposal and recommendation. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)

Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Discussion/ Information Items:

Football: State Championships - Ms. Marquez discussed the possible format for the 2021 Spring State Football Championships in an effort to provide as many participation opportunities for kids to participate.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Dr. Trujillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021

New Mexico Activities Association

Board of Directors' Meeting – February 17, 2021



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: PARTICIPATION AFTER GRADUATION FOR 2021

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

Provide additional stipulations for the Participation after Graduation Covid-19 bylaw addendum, approved by the Board of Directors during the December 2, 2020 regular Board meeting.

Underlined verbiage is new.

9. Participation after Graduation – NMAA Bylaw 6.11

- a. A Student that earns or is eligible for his/her GED or high school diploma or its equivalent during the 2020-2021 school year, shall be eligible to participate during the Spring 2021 semester provided, he/she continues to reside at home for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year with the same parents/guardians he/she was living with immediately preceding graduation.

Rationale:

This stipulation is necessary to better ensure the intent of the initial proposal and to clarify that students who have graduated must still live at home with their parents/guardians.

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

New Mexico Activities Association

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: TRANSFERS DUE TO COVID-19

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

Proposal:

On an emergency and temporary basis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, disallow athletic eligibility to any student who transfers without establishing a bona fide residence in a non-adjointing district.

Proposed Bylaw Language:

- *Beginning February 17, 2021, Students who transfer schools without a bona fide move to a non-adjointing school district, will be ineligible for all levels of athletic participation for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.*

Rationale:

The pandemic along with the State's hybrid-learning requirement for NMAA-sanctioned activities, have created conditions which may lead to students transferring to schools/districts that offer in-person learning and subsequently the opportunity for NMAA-sanctioned activities.

Without a provision to restrict these kinds of transfers, NMAA-member schools opting to remain in remote learning risk a potential mass exodus of students to schools/districts offering in-person learning, the implications of which, could lead to school funding issues for the 2021-2022 school year as well as widespread displacement of students already enrolled in schools offering in-person learning.

As a result, the NMAA proposes limiting all transfers for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year unless the student establishes a bona fide residence in a non-adjointing district.

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

New Mexico Activities Association

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COVID HANDBOOK ADDENDUM – FOOTBALL: PRACTICE REGULATIONS

☒ Action Item ☐ Referenda Item
☐ Discussion Item ☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Dusty Young, Associate Director

Proposal:

On an emergency and temporary basis for the spring semester of the 2020-2021 school year only and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider adjusting NMAA Bylaws 7.15.1.B & 9.8.4.A (Football Practice Regulations) to reflect the new calendar for the 2021 spring semester football season.

Rationale:

The new regulations will outline the practice requirements for the shortened 2021 spring semester football season.

Attachments:

New Practice Regulations for Spring 2021 Football Season

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve



Football Practice Regulations – NMAA Handbook Addendum for COVID-19

- A. Minimum Practices before Participation** - Each team or individual must have at least eight (8) days of before competing in a game. The first regular season game may be played beginning March 4th, 2021.

The first four (4) days of practice for each participant shall be a time of conditioning without wearing full pads. The first two days of practice should be in helmets (no pads). During days three and four participants should be in shoulder pads and helmets ("shells"). Full pads can then be worn during the remaining days.

**NOTE* - If a school opted to use helmets and shoulder pads during offseason workouts held before February 22nd, the initial 4-day acclimation period (2-days in helmets, 2-days in helmets and shoulder pads) required prior to moving in to full pads during Week 1 of official practice will be waived. Note that this acclimation period would still apply for athletes who did not participate in offseason workouts or did not fulfill 2 days in helmets and 2 days in shells.

B. Full Pads / Full Contact Regulations by Week

Week 1 – Unless a school opted to use helmets and shoulder pads during offseason workouts held before February 22nd, the first two days of practice should be in helmets (no pads). During days three and four, players should be in shoulder pads and helmets ("shells"). Full pads can then be worn during the remaining days. While in full pads, full contact is allowed but should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player on each day. If offseason workouts took place and full pads are used beginning February 22nd, full contact is allowed for a total of no more than 120 minutes per player for the week. Also, on a single day, full contact should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player. Scrimmages are not allowed.

Week 2-End of Season – Full contact is allowed for a total of no more than 90 minutes per player per week. Also, on a single day, full contact should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player.

Important Definitions

Full Contact – football drills or live game simulations where "live action" occurs.

Live Action – contact at game speed where players execute full tackles at a competitive pace taking players to the ground.

Shells – players are dressed in shoulder pads and helmets

**NOTE* – It is assumed that when players are in "shells", no live action will occur