

NMLAA

Board of Directors Meeting



Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012
Teleconference
1:30 PM

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NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING



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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 (December 1, 2011 & January 9, 2012)
Mindy Ioane, Admin. Assistant
Mike Phipps, Board President
Mike Phipps, Board President
- II. *Executive Session (Financial, Legal, Personnel)***
Mike Phipps, Board President
- III. *NMAA Executive Director's Report***
Gary Tripp, Executive Director
- IV. *NMAA Activities Report***
Kristin Derr, Activities Coordinator
- V. *NMOA (New Mexico Officials Association) Report***
Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials
- VI. *General Action Items***
(A) Consider allowing private schools to play up in classification for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 classification block.
Robert Zayas, Associate Director
(A) Consider adding the chairperson of the middle school committee as a representative on the NMAA Commission. (Referenda)
Gene Pino, Assistant Director
- VII. *Sports Specific Action Items***
(A) **Football:** Consider increasing Class AA playoff teams from 8 to 12 teams. *Randy Adrian, Assistant Director*
(A) **Football:** Consider decreasing Class 3A playoff teams from 12 to 8 teams. *Tom Manning, St. Michael's*

VIII. General Discussion/ Information Items

(D/I) Update on 2011-2012 Board of Directors' Goals.

-Academic Achievement Survey Results

-PED Letter to Superintendents

-NMAA Bylaw Exceptions

Gary Tripp, Executive Director

(D/I) Appointment of NMAA Budget Committee.

*Sally Marquez, Assistant
Executive Director*

(D/I) District Tournament Financial Reports & Membership Dues.

*Sally Marquez, Assistant
Executive Director*

(D/I) Interschool competitions/ scrimmages being prohibited during the off-season; currently NMAA Bylaw 7.4.4.

*Sally Marquez, Assistant
Executive Director*

(D/I) Mandating a two-week moratorium.

*Sally Marquez, Assistant
Executive Director*

(D/I) NMAA's compliance with NFHS newly implemented Track & Field Jewelry Rule.

Robert Zayas, Associate Director

(D/I) Football Coaches Survey results.

Randy Adrian, Assistant Director

IX. Consider Adjournment

Next Board of Director's Meeting – March 7, 2012 (The Pit @ 7:30 AM)



NMAA Board of Directors

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

Minutes have not been approved by the NMAA Board of Directors at this time.

Next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on March 7, 2012

**NMAA Board of Directors Meeting
December 1, 2011
9:00 AM
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:04 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small Area D)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A)
Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B - President)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large Area D)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Thirteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Addendum Agenda:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the agenda with the following change; move General Action Item: NMMI classification/boarding school to be heard following the Executive Session. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2011:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rounds made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. to discuss the following four items: (1) Clovis High School/Isler court case; (2) Atrisco Heritage High School court case; (3) Taos court cases and (4) Alignment & Classification. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Phipps called the meeting back to order at 10:15 a.m. Clovis High School/Isler, Atrisco Heritage High School, and Taos court cases and Alignment & Classification were

the items discussed during the Executive Session. Mr. Phipps stated that no action was taken and no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

General Action Item:

NMMI classification/boarding school: (Action Item), (Non-Referendum Item) General Grizzel, NMMI Superintendent, and Mr. Reggie Franklin, NMMI Athletic Director, asked the Board to consider (1) allowing all foreign students to be eligible immediately at the varsity level and (2) if those foreign students are not considered eligible, not count approximately 40 first year students in the total enrollment numbers of Alignment and Classification for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years.

General Grizzel presented 2 documents: NMMI Fall 2011 Corps Profile – September 2011 – Application Flow and Why We Exist and What We Are.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to Table the following General Action Items to allow time for more research and discussion: NMMI classification/boarding school *and* the elimination of Bylaw 6.7 (Boarding School Student) beginning in 2012-13. Ms. Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0). Items were tabled until the March 7, 2012 meeting.

Directors' Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed six items during his report: (1) commended the NMAA staff on the successful outcome of the 2011 Fall State Championships; (2) announced the results of voting for expiring terms on the Board of Directors as follows: Janel Ryan, Area A - Large Schools, and Buddy Little, Area D – Small Schools. Commission results for expiring terms are as follows: Phil Sategna, Area A – Large Schools, Dave Campbell, Area D – Small Schools, and Pete MacFarlane, Non-Public Schools; (3) discussed the need for a revised media and technology policy which he will present to the Board on June 7, 2012; (4) the Friends of Gene Pino Dinner/Dance fundraiser event on December 30, 2011 has been rescheduled to June 8, 2012; (5) asked the Board of Directors to help promote the NMAA Foundation's *History of NM High School Football* book, and (6) this afternoon, the superintendents from the 3A-5A schools participating in the NMAA State Football Championships, will discuss the potential postponement of those games.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, stated that financial reports were not finalized at this time. Mrs. Kessler-Schwaner added that ticket prices for all State Championship events are now \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Financial reports will be presented during the March 7, 2012 meeting.

Activities Report:

Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Activities Coordinator, discussed two items during her report: (1) One Act Play was held at the San Juan College in Farmington, NM on November 3-5, 2011. The results are as follows:

Sparta (small division)

1st - Las Montanas Charter School
2nd - Moreno Valley Charter School
3rd - Lordsburg High School

Athens (large division)

1st - Sandia High School
2nd - Aztec High School
3rd - Piedra Vista High School

(2) the Show Choir competition which will be held March 31, 2012 at Volcano Vista High School.

NMOA Report:

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, discussed four items on her report: (1) Officials' Numbers: the NMOA is returning to the number of officials it had prior to the economic downturn; (2) the National Association of Sports Officials Summit to be held in Albuquerque, July 27-29, 2014 at the Hyatt Downtown, and Officiate New Mexico Day, July 26, 2014; (3) Barry Mano, NASO President, to meet with NMAA staff to discuss details for the 2014 summit and will speak at the Albuquerque Basketball Officials Association meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Albuquerque High School's Lecture Hall; and (4) NMOA Executive Board meeting on January 29, 2012.

General Action Items:

Bylaw 6.7 Boarding School Student: (Action Item), (Referendum Item). NOTE: This was tabled earlier in the meeting with the NMMI classification/boarding school item.

Pre-season tournaments and/or pre-season camps/tryout camps are not allowed 21 days prior to the season beginning, effective immediately. (Action Item) (Referendum Item). Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal that would not allow pre-season tournaments and /or pre-season camps/tryout camps 21 days prior to the season beginning, effective immediately. Mr. Pool made the motion to Table this proposal until the March 7, 2012 Board of Directors meeting. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

8th Grade Participation Documentation: (Action Item), (Referendum Item). Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to require Athletic Directors to submit a form to the NMAA prior to 8th graders participating at the high school level. The rationale comes from the numerous appeals to the NMAA from parents who state that they were not aware their child was making their one free choice while participating at the high school level in the 8th grade. Mr. Pool made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Football 6-Man/8-Man 2012-2013, 2013-2014 School Years: (Action Item), (Non-referendum Item). Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to consider revising 6-Man and 8-Man football alignment and classification for the 2012-2013 and 2012-2014 school years. The new districts would be as follows:

6-Man

District 1

Clovis Christian
Dora
Lake Arthur
Roy/Mosquero
San Jon/Grady

District 2

Animas
Hondo
NMSD
Reserve
Vaughn

8-Man

District 1

Foothill
Logan
Menaul
Mountainair
Springer/Maxwell

District 2

Carrizozo
Floyd
Gateway Christian
Melrose
Tatum

Mr. Little made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Pojoaque district alignment appeal for 2012-2013, 2013, 2014 school years: (Action Item), (Non-referendum Item). Mr. Adan Delgado, Pojoaque Schools Superintendent, asked the Board to consider a proposal to move Pojoaque High School to District 2AAA for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years. Mr. Casados asked (for the record) what the rationale was for the original move. Mr. Tripp responded that the move was solely based on geographical location and to balance the districts. Mr. Benoit made the motion to Table the item to allow time to hear from the other schools in the district that Pojoaque would move into. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Addition of Middle Schools to the NMAA Website: (Action Item), (Non-referendum Item). Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, asked the Board to consider the addition of middle schools to the NMAA website for SAEA reporting at a cost of \$600 a month. Mr. Brooks made a motion to Table the proposal until after the 2012 Legislative session. Mr. Beniot seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Sport Specific Action Items:

Wrestling Championship Qualifiers: (Action Item). Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to allow an adjustment to 3A qualifying for the 2012 State Wrestling championships. The rationale for this proposal is that an adjustment is needed

due to program drops/adds at the 3A level in order to maintain consistency across classifications. The recommendation was approved by the Wrestling Sports Specific Committee on October 5, 2011. Mr. Pool made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

General Discussion/Informational Items:

Ryan Best Letter (National FFA President): Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, congratulated Ryan Best, graduate of Elida High School and a current New Mexico State University student on being elected to serve as the National Future Farmers of America President.

Board of Directors Goals: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed implementation of "measurable" goals that will be presented during the March Board of Directors' meeting.

Public & Private Member Schools: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, spoke about some of the issues between public and private schools, adding that the Public/Private ad-hoc committee continues to work towards an equitable solution.

2014-2015 Calendar of Events: Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposed calendar for the alignment block beginning with the 2014-2015 school year which would change the start/end dates of some sports.

Summer Regulations: June for Winter and Spring Sports and July for Fall Sports OR mandatory two-week moratorium. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed the need for regulations stating that this item will continue to be discussed in future meetings.

School Athletics Equity Act & LESC: This item was discussed under the General Action Item, Addition of Middle Schools to the NMAA Website.

Seeding & Selection: Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, reviewed the success of Seeding and Selection for the 2011 Fall State Championships.

Lunch Break: Mr. Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, asked for a motion to recess for lunch. Mr. Brooks made the motion to recess at 12:23 p.m. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Dion Sandoval and Mr. Buddy Little exited the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Mr. Mike Phipps called the meeting back to order at 12:48 p.m.

Timeline for next Alignment and Classification block: Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a timeline for future Board Meetings for Alignment and Classification Block beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

NMAA Bylaws 7.4.4 (Athletic Class) and 7.4.5 (Open Gym): Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, stated that the two bylaws are being redefined and will be presented to the Commission during the February 22, 2012 meeting.

Life of An Athlete Code of Conduct Workshops – February 22 (Santa Fe), February 23 (Roswell), and February 24 (Las Cruces): Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, reviewed the information for the upcoming workshops and asked that each Board member encourage their school district to attend one of the workshops.

Potential Hall of Pride and Honor upgrades: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented proposals from D.R.B. Electric for the addition of lighting for the Hall of Pride and Honor and a proposal from Sound & Signal Systems for the purchase of a Microphone System. The Board asked Mr. Zayas to present three bids during the March meeting for both items under consideration.

MVP Information Not Reported Online: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Deputy Director, presented a letter sent to Superintendents in January 2011, stating the requirements of Bylaws 3.9.1 and 3.9.3 that must be followed by school districts.

Coach/Athletic Director Licensure: Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed potential future licensure requirements for Athletic Directors. He also discussed a proposal to require all coaches to have CPR training as requested by the Sports Medicine Committee.

Success of NMAA Facebook Page: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials, discussed the success of the NMAA Facebook page for Fall sports reporting that the page has had over 36,000 unique post views.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Delgado. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Next Board of Directors Meeting Date:

March 7, 2011 (The Pit – Pete McDavid Lounge)

NMAA Board of Directors Meeting via Teleconference
January 9, 2012
9:00 AM
NMAA Conference Room C

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:02 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small Area D)
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A)
Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B - President)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large Area D)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

The following members were not present:

Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Nine members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Little made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

General Action Items:

NMMI classification: (Action Item), General Grizzle, NMMI Superintendent, and Mr. Reggie Franklin, NMMI Athletic Director, asked the Board to consider (1) allowing all foreign students to be eligible immediately at the varsity level or (2) if those foreign students are not considered eligible, not count approximately 40 first year students in the total enrollment numbers for Alignment and Classification for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years.

General Grizzle presented two documents: New High School Foreign Cadets Fall 2011 Scholarship Review and 2010-2011 Sports Record for NMMI.

Pojoaque High School Redistrict Request: (Action Item), Mr. Adan Delgado, Pojoaque Superintendent, asked the Board to consider action on Pojoaque's request to change districts for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 classification block. Mr. Delgado discussed three

items in his request: Traditional Districts, statistical data concerning Private School State Championship victories, and a letter of support from District 2AAA schools.

Executive Session:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:18 a.m. to discuss the following two items: (1) NMMI's Appeal and (2) Pojoaque High School's request to change districts. Mr. Green made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Phipps called the meeting back to order at 9:44 a.m. and asked that the following information be recorded in the minutes: Mr. Green made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0). Foreign students' eligibility and Pojoaque High School's request to change districts were the items discussed during the Executive Session. Mr. Phipps stated that no action was taken and no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion regarding the NMMI appeal request. Mr. Green made the motion to keep the four-year alignment and classification block consistent for the remainder of the block (2012-2013, 2013-2014). Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, asked the board to clarify that only the following schools who had previously appealed to remain in a lower classification would be allowed to remain in their current classification for the remainder of the four-year block: Capitan, Desert Academy, Dora, NMMI, and Santa Fe high schools. The board affirmed Mr. Tripp's request.

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion regarding the request from Pojoaque High School to move from Class 3A - District 5 to Class 3A - District 2 for the 2012-2013-2014 school years. Mr. Casados made the motion to allow Pojoaque High School to move to District 2 in all sports for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0). Mr. Delgado did not participate in the vote.

Board of Directors Goals:

Mr. Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented the Board of Directors' Goals and Staff Action Plans 2011-2102.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Ryan. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Next Board of Directors Meeting Date:

March 7, 2011 (The Pit – Pete McDavid Lounge)



New Mexico Activities Association

Board of Directors' Meeting – February 29, 2012



PRIVATE SCHOOLS PLAY UP IN CLASSIFICATION

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal:

Consider allowing private schools to play up in classification for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 classification block.

Addition to NMAA Bylaws:

Private schools must petition the NMAA Board of Directors, through the NMAA Executive Director, to be permitted to play up in classification in individual sports/ programs. The school's headmaster/ superintendent must provide a written request prior to the start of the next classification scheduling block to play up in individual sports/ programs.

The school must agree to play up in classification for a two-year scheduling block. The school may determine individual sports/ programs to move up in classification. For example, a boys basketball program may play up in classification, while the girls basketball program remains in their current classification.

The Board of Directors will approve the classification placement (i.e. Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, etc.) of the petitioning school.

The school may not move up in classification in the middle of a two-year scheduling block.

The district placement of the petitioning school will be determined by the NMAA Board of Directors, with recommendations from the NMAA staff.

Rationale:

The New Mexico Activities Association staff believes that private schools should be permitted to play up in classification in individual sports/ programs, for a two year classification scheduling block (i.e. 2012-2013, 2013-2014). A majority of private schools believe this proposal has the potential to be a solution to the classification placement of private schools in our state.

Currently, NMAA member schools are permitted to play up in classification; however they must play up in all sports except for football.

Notes/ Attachments:

None.



New Mexico Activities Association

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MIDDLE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE ON NMAA COMMISSION

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Gene Pino, NMAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Consider adding the chairperson of the middle school committee as a representative on the NMAA Commission.

Rationale:

Currently middle schools do not have representation on the NMAA Commission. Over 200 middle schools are members of the New Mexico Activities Association.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

Commission Directory.



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Updated January 2012



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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

Board of Directors' Meeting – February 29, 2012



CLASS 2A FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TEAMS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Randy Adrian (NMAA Assistant Director)

Proposal:

Expanding the number of playoff teams in Class 2A football from 8 to 12 teams.

Rationale:

Beginning with the 2012 football season the number of Class 2A schools participating in football has expanded from 18 teams to 24 teams. In 2011 all other classifications (3A/22 schools; 4A/26 schools and 5A/21 schools) with participation numbers above 20 schools have a 12 team playoff bracket. This is consistent with what we are currently doing.

Notes:

The sports specific committee in their December 2011 meeting voted to expand class AA football playoffs to 12 teams.

Attachments:

None.



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☒ Action Item
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☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:

Randy Adrian (NMAA Assistant Director)

Proposal:

Beginning with the 2012 football season, reducing the number of playoff teams in Class AAA football from twelve (12) to eight (8) teams.

Rationale:

Beginning with the 2012 football season the number of Class 3A schools participating in football has been reduced from 22 to 18 schools. Class 2A, for the past two years, has been taking eight (8) schools to the playoffs (they had 19 teams). The 2A schools voted two years ago to reduce the number of playoff teams to eight. They felt the playoffs were too “watered” down by allowing 12 of 19 schools into the playoff field.

Notes:

The sports specific committee in their December 2011 meeting voted to decrease the number of class 3A football teams to eight. The staff would recommend leaving the number at 12 at least for the next two year block. Changes should occur with the new re-alignment and classification in 2014.

Attachments:

None.

3. Currently, a Student shall have a 2.0 grade point average with no more than one (1) F, based on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent, either cumulatively or for the six or nine week grading period immediately preceding participation. What option do you favor in regards to this bylaw?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Keep regulation the same	<div></div>	65.3%	62
Change to 2.5 GPA with no more than one (1) F	<div></div>	8.4%	8
Keep 2.0 GPA with no F's	<div></div>	26.3%	25
answered question			95
skipped question			0

New Initial-Eligibility Standards for NCAA Division I College-Bound Student-Athletes

The initial-eligibility standards for NCAA Division I college-bound student-athletes are changing. College-bound student-athletes first entering a Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2015, will need to meet new academic rules in order to receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice or compete during their first year.

First, here are three terms you need to know:

Full Qualifier: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice and compete in the first year of enrollment at the Division I college or university.

Academic Redshirt: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship) in the first year of enrollment and may practice in the first regular academic term (semester or quarter) but may NOT compete in the first year of enrollment. After the first term is complete, the college-bound student-athlete must be academically successful at his/her college or university to continue to practice for the rest of the year.

Nonqualifier: A college-bound student-athlete cannot receive athletics aid (scholarship), cannot practice and cannot compete in the first year of enrollment.

Here are the *new* requirements:

Full Qualifier must:

1. Complete 16 core courses (same distribution as in the past – click [here](#) to view);
 - Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
 - Seven of the 10 core courses must be English, math or science.
2. Have a minimum core-course GPA of 2.300;
 - Grades earned in the 10 required courses required before the senior year are “locked in” for purposes of GPA calculation.
 - A repeat of one of the “locked in” courses will not be used to improve the GPA if taken after the seventh semester begins.
3. Meet the competition sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score (this is a new scale with increased GPA/test score requirements); and
4. Graduate from high school.

Academic Redshirt must:

1. Complete 16 core courses (same distribution as in the past – click [here](#) to view);
2. Have a minimum core-course GPA of 2.000;
3. Meet the academic redshirt sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score; and
4. Graduate from high school.

Nonqualifer is a college-bound student-athlete who fails to meet the standards for a qualifier or for an academic redshirt.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE NEW RULES AND SLIDING SCALES.

Examples:

Q: *A college-bound student-athlete completes 15 core courses with a 2.500 core-course GPA and an 820 SAT score (critical reading and math). What is the college-bound student-athlete's NCAA initial-eligibility status?*

A: The college-bound student-athlete is a nonqualifier because only 15 core courses were completed, not the required 16 core courses.

Q: *A college-bound student-athlete completes 16 core courses in the required framework with a 2.500 core-course GPA and a 68 sum ACT. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?*

A: The college-bound student-athlete is an academic redshirt. Under the new competition scale, a 68 sum ACT score requires a 2.950 core-course GPA.

Q: *A college-bound student-athlete completes nine core courses prior to the seventh semester of high school. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?*

A: The college-bound student-athlete cannot be certified as a qualifier because only nine of the 10 required courses were completed before the seventh semester. He/she would be permitted to practice and receive aid (scholarship), provided he/she presents 16 core courses and meets the necessary core-course GPA and test-score requirement at the time of graduation.



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January 9, 2012

Dear Superintendents:

We understand from talking with educators around New Mexico, and by our own personal observations, that there are quality students participating in extra-curricular activities throughout our great state. From fine arts, to athletics, our students continue to shine in both state and national competitions.

The NMAA and the PED would like to remind you of State Statute 22-12-2.1 Interscholastic extracurricular activities; student participation.

Section 22-12-2.1 - Interscholastic extracurricular activities; student participation.

22-12-2.1. Interscholastic extracurricular activities; student participation.

- A. A student shall have a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, either cumulatively or for the grading period immediately preceding participation, in order to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity. For purposes of this section, "grading period" is a period of time not less than six weeks. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to special education students placed in class C and class D programs.
- B. No student shall be absent from school for school-sponsored interscholastic extracurricular activities in excess of fifteen days per semester, and no class may be missed in excess of fifteen times per semester.
- C. The provisions of Subsections A and B of this section apply only to interscholastic extracurricular activities.
- D. The state superintendent [secretary] may issue a waiver relating to the number of absences for participation in any state or national competition. The state superintendent shall develop a procedure for petitioning cumulative provision eligibility cases, similar to other eligibility situations.
- E. Student standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities shall be applied beginning with a student's academic record in grade nine.

Letter B of the statute refers to attendance. We ask that all administrators follow the required process and petition the PED when a student will be absent from school for school-sponsored interscholastic extracurricular activities in excess of 15 days per semester. This waiver request form is available by going to the Waiver Forms section of the PED website or at <http://tinyurl.com/83mczpw>.

We all understand that it is every administrator's responsibility to ensure students maximize their time in classes. On behalf of the PED and the NMAA, we thank you for the positive influence you have upon the students of New Mexico.

Warm Regards,

Hanna Skandera
Secretary-Designate of Education

Sincerely,

Gary Tripp
NMAA Executive Director

Scheduling/Attendance Exceptions Specifically Mentioned In NMAA Bylaws

3.7.1 Athletics and Activities in Regular Season

A. One-day events must be scheduled on Saturday or other non-school days (all day) or start on or after 3:00 p.m. on school days.

Exception: Golf, due to the unavailability of courses on Saturdays.

B. Multiple day events must include Saturday or other non-school days.

NOTE: The Director has the authority to set aside this rule when necessary or upon request, when conditions and unusual circumstances warrant the exception.

6.2.1 C Attendance Requirements

Pursuant to New Mexico State Statute 22-12-2.1, the Local School District is required to enforce that no student shall be absent from school for school-sponsored interscholastic extracurricular activities in excess of fifteen days per semester, and no class may be missed in excess of fifteen times per semester. Exception - Absences due to participation in post-season and national competitions.

7.6.24 Post-Season and Playoff Scheduling

A. Except for golf and A/AA baseball, district tournaments must include Saturday or other non-school day as one of the days, unless approved in advance by the Executive and/or Associate Directors.

B. 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.

7.8.1 Meets and tournaments within the state involving only in-state schools do not need approval of the Director.... Question: Does this, combined with 3.7.1 B, mean that a school could host a multi-day event beginning on Wednesday morning, so long as it extends into Saturday?

7.16.1 E (golf) Invitational Tournament Restriction – Invitational tournaments are limited to eighteen (18) holes. Practice rounds may be played provided no time is missed from school for travel or for play of the practice rounds.

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High School Track and Field Rules Changes Focus on Jewelry Violations and Pole Vault Requirements

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Becky Oakes

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (July 5, 2011) — The penalty for wearing jewelry during high school track and field competition will shift from the team to the individual competitor beginning next season.

In its June 8-10 meeting in Indianapolis, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Committee addressed the jewelry rule and clarified two rules in the pole vault among its nine major changes. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The revised jewelry rule states that “for the first violation, the competitor shall be required to remove the jewelry before further competition and be issued a warning that a subsequent violation shall result in a disqualification from the event.”

“The rule still prohibits the wearing of jewelry, but the members of the rules committee and results of the questionnaire strongly support the penalty applying only to the competitor involved as opposed to the entire team,” said Becky Oakes, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Track and Field Rules Committee.

In Rule 7-5-2, requirements for pole vault competitors were changed. The rule eliminates the limit of only two layers of tape on the grip end but still requires any tape placed on the pole to be of uniform thickness on the grip end.

In addition, Rule 7-5-25 clarifies who may touch or catch the pole and under what circumstances touching the pole is not allowed. The rule reads, “No person shall be allowed to touch the vaulting pole except an assigned official, assigned pole catcher or the competitor, when circumstances warrant, but never to prevent the pole from dislodging the bar.”

“The competitor or designated official can catch the pole, but the touch or catch by the competitor that prevents the crossbar from being dislodged is still a foul,” Oakes said.

The committee also made updates to Rule 9-1-1 regarding the method of measuring a cross country course that reflect trends in the sport. The cross country course shall be measured along the shortest possible route that a runner may take, as opposed to measuring down the middle of the course.

Another change now makes it legal for competitors to wear visible undergarments that have a contrasting stitching to the color of the single, solid color of the undergarment. The stitching must function in the construction of the undergarment and not as a design.

Other rules changes approved by the committee include:

- Rule 3-4-2: The referee retains clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualifications, that are responsive to actions occurring while the referee had jurisdiction. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents after the referee’s jurisdiction has ended or in the event that a contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.
- Rule 5-7-3: The starting command for individual races – or opening relay legs of 800 meters or more outdoors and 600 meters or more indoors – shall be to instruct all competitors to take a position three meters behind the starting line or dashed arc behind the line. With “On your marks,” the competitors step to the starting line.
- Rule 7-4-10: The games committee may assign competitors to flights of no less than five for preliminary competition or may conduct the event in continuing flights. In continuing flights, the first five competitors, as determined by the games committee, constitute a flight. As a contestant clears the bar, passes a turn at the height or is eliminated, the next competitor in order will be moved up so that the number of competitors in the active flight remains constant. When the field is down to eight or fewer competitors, it is recommended that participants are called as listed on the event sheet.



1. School:

Response
Count

77

answered question

77

skipped question

1

2. Class:

Response
Percent Response
Count

A. 6 MAN



10.4%

8

B. 8 MAN



10.4%

8

C. 1A



9.1%

7

D. 2A



18.2%

14

E. 3A



14.3%

11

F. 4A



23.4%

18

G. 5A



15.6%

12

answered question

77

skipped question

1

3. Name:

Response
Count

77

answered question

77

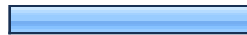
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1

4. Please mark below the items with which you would agree. You may mark more than one.

Response
Percent Response
Count

A. The "district champion" should host a first round playoff game, regardless of their seed.



35.9%

28

B. The "higher seed" should host all first round playoff games.



39.7%

31

C. The higher seed should host all games through-out the playoffs.



29.5%

23

D. I would favor all state championship games being held at the same site, on the same weekend, creating a championship event much like basketball, volleyball, etc... state events. (6-man/Class A on one weekend; 2A - 5A on a different weekend).



61.5%

48

E. Leave the football playoffs alone. I like them the way they are.



16.7%

13

answered question

78

skipped question

0