

NMAA

Commission Meeting



Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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9:00 AM



New Mexico Activities Association Commission Updated May 2015



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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
May 20, 2015
9:00 AM**

AGENDA

A= Action Item

D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

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| I. | <i>Call Meeting to Order and Welcome</i>
<i>Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum</i>
(A) Approval of Agenda
(A) Approval of Minutes (February 4, 2015) | <i>Mindy Ioane, Admin. Assistant</i>
<i>Bruce Carver, Chairman</i>
<i>Bruce Carver, Chairman</i> |
| II. | <i>NMAA Directors' Report</i> | <i>Bill Cleland, Dusty Young</i> |
| III. | <i>NMAA Activities Report</i> | <i>Dana Pappas, Deputy Director</i> |
| IV. | <i>New Mexico Officials Association Report</i> | <i>Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials</i> |
| V. | <i>General Discussion/ Information Items</i>
(I) NMAA bylaw 6.15 - Date for physicals

(I) CHSAA Board - allow NM 8 th graders to compete

(I) Classification / alignment schedule

(D/I) Amending ejection policy for fighting/excessive contact

(D/I) 10% requirement for championships (each class)

(D/I) State first round game times

(D/I) Option for sport programs to move up in class

(D/I) Grading periods / eligibility

(D/I) Open Enrollment choice

(D/I) Golf schedules / school attendance

(D/I) Fat timing issues | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i>

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<i>Bill Cleland, Associate Director</i>

<i>Chris Kedge, Assistant Director</i> |

VI. Action Items

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| (A) Alumni game prior to start of season
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Selection / Seeding change in tie-breaker process | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Licensed school personnel present at all times during contest
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) New bylaw regarding Academically Ineligible Participant
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (A) Swimming/diving: Increase meet limits to 12
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Stacy Salinas, Sport Specific Committee</i> |
| (A) Wrestling: Middle school competition limits
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Scott Owen, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Soccer: Change to Misconduct Progression Rule
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Joe Butler, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Soccer: Change of State Tournament Dates | <i>Joe Butler, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Tennis: Change of State Tournament Dates | <i>Joe Butler, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Football: Date/Time of Championship Games | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Football: Adjust the number of 8-man state qualifiers | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Football: Adjust definition of past history
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Football: Host site determination when no past history | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Football: Adjustment regarding the mercy rule clock
<i>(Referenda)</i> | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |

VII. Consider Adjournment

Next Commission Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (NMAA)

NMAA Commission Meeting
February 4, 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 loane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Manuel Lucero (Small, Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
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)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)

Not present:

Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

15 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. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) Upcoming State Championships: Swimming & Diving and State Wrestling on February 20-21, Basketball: March 10-14 and Spirit on March 27-28; 2) NMAA website's Bylaws Corner located at the bottom of the homepage which highlights brief portions of the bylaws; 3) the NMAA PSA's that Mr. Scott Evans had emailed all AD's about can be accessed through the NMAA website and 4) explained the 3-year Average Enrollment (2012-2015) document concerning Classification and Alignment.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report: 1) Three schools that played Independent last year, will be placed into 6-man football districts (Clovis Christian, Valley Christian and Corona) next season thereby requiring a change in the alignment for the 2015-2016 school year; 2) The NMAA Foundation received 210 scholarship applications. 16 scholarships will be awarded to the selected applicants during the next week and 3) he announced the upcoming Foundation fundraising events: 7th Annual Bowl-a-thon on February 8th at TenPins & More, the Foundation Golf Classic on June 1st at the Canyon Club at Four Hills and the Annual Fun Run event which will be held on August 1st at Albuquerque Academy.

Financials

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the 2014-2015 Fall Sports Financial Reports.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, announced the biannual Activities Council meeting was held on January 13, 2015 at the NMAA office. Ms. Pappas discussed the upcoming Activity events for the month of February which are Student Council, DECA, BPA, Bowling, Science Olympiad, English Expo, Speech & Debate and HOSA, the month of March (FCCLA, Mock Trial, Scholastic Publications and Science Fair) and the month of April (JROTC, Skills USA, Orchestra, Chess, Choir, Athletic Training, Concert Band and TSA). She reminded the Commission members that the calendar of events is available on the NMAA website. Ms. Pappas is working on getting actual student participation numbers from all NMAA sanctioned activities and told the Committee that Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Sports Information Director, will present feature stories about students/staff involved in Activities during the week of an Activities event.

NMOA Officials Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMOA Commissioner of Officials, informed Commission members that the NMOA Executive Board met on Sunday, January 25, where they discussed the need for evaluations in all sports in all regions. They also discussed the shortage of officials statewide. The revised NMOA Constitution will be in place for the 2015-2016 school year.

The NMOA is working on a recruitment video for officials that will be posted on the NMAA web site. Recruitment is a hot topic along with how to get local associations and schools actively involved in this process.

The basketball coaches' feedback on game officials has been very successful. Ms. Marquez' involvement with this process has increased the participation. Ms. Pappas mentioned that there is an extreme shortage of baseball officials. Lea County currently has only two umpires. The NMOA is encouraging Athletic Directors to work with assignors in terms of scheduling. A suggestion might be to have "Round Robins" on Saturdays similar to what was done in the Central region approximately 10 years ago.

The NMOA State Clinic will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Marriott Pyramid. The Keynote Speaker will be Joey Crawford (NBA) and the structure of the conference is going to change from lecture to panel. Ms. Pappas also told the members that the 5% pay increase that was voted upon has passed through the Board of Directors and will be put into effect during the 2015-2016 school year and further that we are exploring the possibility of having varsity regional assignors for all sports beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

General Discussion/Information Items:

Legislative session: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, informed the Commission members of issues that have been/are being discussed during this Legislative session: 1) Non-member private schools participating at their public attendance zone school in NMAA athletics and activities; 2) students who participate in athletics would receive PE credit for their participation; 3) a Joint Memorial stating that there should be a STEM State Championship. This would mean that groups such as Science Fair and Science Olympiad would become part of this Championship; and 4) additional language is being proposed to the current Concussion Law.

Jr. High/Middle School out-of season contact time: Ms. Marquez reminded the members that the 7.5 hours of contact time includes middle schools. She explained that some schools are having out of season coaching which limits a student's participation in multiple sports. Ms. Marquez asked the members for discussion/input on this subject. She will continue to research the issue and will bring information back to the Commission at a later time.

Ms. Debbie Coffman entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Contest rules/procedures for out-of-state competitions: Ms. Marquez informed the members that many states (including California and Colorado) do not allow 8th grade participation, a fact that was not known until recently. The Colorado Association's Executive Director wants the NMAA to sign an agreement that 8th graders could not participate for NM schools when they compete in Colorado. Ms. Marquez will keep the members informed on the status of this request.

Coach/adult school representative on-site to start contest: Ms. Marquez told the Commission members that there is nothing written in NMAA or NFHS bylaws that a licensed coach/administrator must be on-site in order to start a contest. Ms. Marquez asked for feedback on this topic and it was agreed that although this is an assumption made by all, something should be stated in the bylaws. The members also requested that a time frame by which the coach/administrator has to be on-site also be included in the bylaw. Ms. Marquez will write up a proposal and present it to the members in May.

Football: Date/time of Championship games: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, told the members that the Football Sports Specific Committee would like to have all Football Championships held on Saturday unless another time is mutually agreed upon by both teams. In a survey sent to football coaches, the results were 35-22 in favor of this. The Sports Specific Committee's vote was 7-1. After discussion, Commission members agreed to this proposal.

Football: Host site determination when no past history: Mr. Young told the Commission members that this proposal was being brought to the Commission by the Football Sports Specific Committee, stating that this will eliminate the coin flip and will utilize the higher seed. The result of the survey sent to the football coaches was 43-18 in favor of this proposal. The Football Sports Specific committee voted 7-1 in favor of this. Commission members are supportive of this proposal.

Football: Adjust definition of past history: Mr. Young stated that the Football Sports Specific Committee would like only games played in the semifinals and finals to be considered in past history. In the event that there is no past history, the host would then be the higher seed. Mr. Young will send out a survey to football coaches on the specifics of this proposal.

Football: Adjustment to the mercy rule clock: Mr. Young explained that the current mercy rule states that when one team is ahead by 35 points, a running clock will begin after halftime and the game ends once a team is up by 50 points or more. The Football Sports Specific Committee would like the running clock to start immediately once a team is ahead by 35 points or more.

Football: Adjusting the number of 8-man state qualifiers: Mr. Young stated that the 8-man coaches would like to increase the number of state qualifiers from 8 to 12 teams. 15 of the 18 coaches would like to see this happen, however, it would push the championship game out to the Thanksgiving weekend. The consensus of the discussion was that nothing should be changed at least until the start of the next block.

Break 10:33-10:42 a.m.

General Action Items:

Modify bylaw 6.9.3 Petition Process: (Action Item, Referendum Item): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Commission to consider a proposal to add additional wording to bylaw 6.9.3 Petition Process as follows: A student must be academically eligible prior to submission of the petition (regular or hardship). The rationale behind this proposal is that scholastic eligibility is the fundamental requirement for a student to be eligible. It precedes all other eligibility requirements. Ms. Marquez explained that the NMAA processes many petitions where student-athletes are not scholastically eligible. Athletic directors are asking that these students move through the Appeals/Hardship process even though they are not academically eligible.

Mr. Carver asked Commission members for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Community Charter School attendance zone: (Action Item, Referendum Item): Ms. Marquez asked the Commission to consider a proposal to allow Community Charter Schools to have an attendance zone radius of 10 miles. She defined a "Community Charter School" as a charter school whose location is over 15 miles from the nearest attendance zone public school. The rationale for this proposal is that the PED approved an appeal during the 2013-14 school year allowing a home school student to participate at their nearest public school, which was a Community Charter School, not their home attendance zone school. The PED indicated in their ruling that a charter schools attendance zone was the entire state. Currently there are two member charter schools that would be considered Community Charter Schools (East Mountain and Moreno Valley).

Mr. Carver asked Commission members for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (15-1).

Modify bylaw 7.4, Out of Season Coaching Q & A's: (Action Item, Referendum Item): Ms. Marquez asked the Commission to consider adding language to Bylaw 7.4, Out of Season Coaching rule. The rationale for this proposal is to clarify the Out of Season Coaching rule further in regards to community service, fundraisers, and social events. The Q & A's are as follows:

Q: *Does a coach led community service event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?*

A: Community Service projects led by a coach do not count toward the allowable 7.5 weekly hours of Out of Season coaching time as long as the project is approved by the school administration and is not mandatory. Community Service is defined as unpaid voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area.

Q: Does a coach led fundraising event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?

A: Fundraising events led by a coach do not count toward the allowable 7.5 weekly hours of Out of Season coaching time as long as the event is approved by the school administration and is not mandatory.. A fundraising event is defined as a gathering that generates publicity or raises money for a program.

Q: Can community service projects and fundraising events take place on a weekend during the off season?

A: Community service projects and fundraising events can take place on a weekend during the off season as long as the project or event is not mandatory and it is approved by the school administration.

Q: If a youth camp is used as a community service project or fundraising event, does it count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?

A: A youth camp will not count toward the 7.5 weekly hours and is permissible as long as (a) the camp is for 6th graders and younger, (b) there can only be a 1:6 ratio of high school athletes working the camp to youth campers, and (c) no instruction to the high school athletes working the camp may take place.

Q: Does a coach led social event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?

A: A coach led social event does count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time and must follow the Out of Season Coaching guidelines which includes on school days only.

After discussion, Mr. Carver asked the members to vote for each item separately since they involved different issues.

Items 1-3: Mr. Carver asked for motions to accept the proposals.

1. Motion: Martin, Second: Lucero
2. Motion: Martin, Second: Ferguson
3. Motion: Martin, Second: Ferguson

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
	✓	Mr. Scott Affentranger	NMASSP
	✓	Mr. Jess Martinez	NMOA
✓		Mr. Cooper Henderson	NMHSADA
	✓	Mr. Pete MacFarlane	Non Public School Rep.
✓		Mr. Dave Campbell	Small Area D
✓		Mr. Gary Schuster	Small Area C
✓		Mr. Wayne Ferguson	Small Area B
✓		Mr. Manuel Lucero	Small Area A
✓		Ms. Debbie Coffman	Jr. High/Middle School Rep

	✓	Mr. Don Gerheart	Activities Council Member
✓		Mr. Buster Mabrey	NMHSCA
✓		Mr. Terry Martin	State School Board Assn.
	✓	Mr. Kenny Barreras	Large Area D
✓		Mr. Ernie Viramontes	Large Area C
✓		Mr. Greg Haston	Large Area B
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver	Large Area A
11	5	Total	

Items 1, 2, and 3 all pass (11-5).

Item 4:

Motion: Martin, Second: Ferguson

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
	✓	Mr. Scott Affentranger	NMASSP
	✓	Mr. Jess Martinez	NMOA
	✓	Mr. Cooper Henderson	NMHSADA
	✓	Mr. Pete MacFarlane	Non Public School Rep.
✓		Mr. Dave Campbell	Small Area D
✓		Mr. Gary Schuster	Small Area C
✓		Mr. Wayne Ferguson	Small Area B
Abstain		Mr. Manuel Lucero	Small Area A
	✓	Ms. Debbie Coffman	Jr. High/Middle School Rep
	✓	Mr. Don Gerheart	Activities Council Member
✓		Mr. Buster Mabrey	NMHSCA
✓		Mr. Terry Martin	State School Board Assn.
	✓	Mr. Kenny Barreras	Large Area D
	✓	Mr. Ernie Viramontes	Large Area C
	✓	Mr. Greg Haston	Large Area B
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver	Large Area A
6	9	Total	

Item 4 fails (6-9).

Item 5:

Motion: Gerheart, Second: Lucero

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
✓		Mr. Scott Affentranger	NMASSP
✓		Mr. Jess Martinez	NMOA

	✓	Mr. Cooper Henderson	NMHSADA
✓		Mr. Pete MacFarlane	Non Public School Rep.
	✓	Mr. Dave Campbell	Small Area D
✓		Mr. Gary Schuster	Small Area C
✓		Mr. Wayne Ferguson	Small Area B
	✓	Mr. Manuel Lucero	Small Area A
✓		Ms. Debbie Coffman	Jr. High/Middle School Rep
✓		Mr. Don Gerheart	Activities Council Member
	✓	Mr. Buster Mabrey	NMHSCA
✓		Mr. Terry Martin	State School Board Assn.
Abstain		Mr. Kenny Barreras	Large Area D
✓		Mr. Ernie Viramontes	Large Area C
	✓	Mr. Greg Haston	Large Area B
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver	Large Area A
10	5	Total	

Item 5 passes (10-5), however it was requested that the term “social event” be defined in the bylaws.

Sports Specific Action Items:

Track: FAT requirement for 4A-6A qualifying: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Commission to accept a proposal that would require schools at the 4A-6A level to use FAT timing for all state qualifying track and field meets starting in the 2015-16 school year. The rationale for this proposal is that the use of FAT timing will assure accuracy for all submitted times. The FAT system is approximately \$500-\$1,500 to hire an individual company for one meet or \$12,000 - \$20,000 to purchase.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Affentranger made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was taken and passed (16-0).

Track: Allow two relay teams per district to qualify for state: Mr. Kedge asked the members to consider a proposal to allow the top two relay teams at a district track meet, in all classifications, to advance to the state championships. The current bylaw 7.22.2 C only applies to classes 4A-6A.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (16-0).

Track: Allow 3200 meter run in Jr. High/Middle School (Referenda Item): Mr. Kedge asked the members to consider a proposal to change bylaw 9.8.10 C allowing Junior/Middle School athletes to participate in the 3200 meter run. Mr. Kent Hitchens, Carlsbad Assistant Coach, presented a handout to the Commission members outlining a proposal from the NMTCCCA.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Haston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
	✓	Mr. Scott Affentranger	NMASSP
✓		Mr. Jess Martinez	NMOA
✓		Mr. Cooper Henderson	NMHSADA
	✓	Mr. Pete MacFarlane	Non Public School Rep.
	✓	Mr. Dave Campbell	Small Area D
✓		Mr. Gary Schuster	Small Area C
	✓	Mr. Wayne Ferguson	Small Area B
✓		Mr. Manuel Lucero	Small Area A
	✓	Ms. Debbie Coffman	Jr. High/Middle School Rep
	✓	Mr. Don Gerheart	Activities Council Member
✓		Mr. Buster Mabrey	NMHSCA
✓		Mr. Terry Martin	State School Board Assn.
	✓	Mr. Kenny Barreras	Large Area D
	✓	Mr. Ernie Viramontes	Large Area C
✓		Mr. Greg Haston	Large Area B
	✓	Mr. Bruce Carver	Large Area A
7	9	Total	

Motion fails (7-9).

Football: Modify bylaw 7.15.1.C 48 minute competition period (Referenda Item): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked Commission members to consider a proposal to modify bylaw 7.15.1.C whereas a student shall not compete in more than 48 minutes of football competition in a five (5) day period (Monday through Saturday). The proposed NMAA rule is as follows:

Competition Period: A student shall not accumulate more than 8 football experiences within a 5-day period. A football experience is defined as follows:

- Participating in more than one play on offense during a quarter
- or
- Participating in more than one play on defense during a quarter

Per these definitions, a student could accumulate a total of 8 football experiences during any one game.

*NOTE – Special Teams plays do not count towards participation limits / football experiences

Example: Student A is on both the Junior Varsity and Varsity Football Teams. The student participates in the JV and Varsity games as follows:

Tuesday, Junior Varsity

1st Quarter – 2 plays on offense (1 football experience), 12 plays on defense (1 football experience)

2nd Quarter – 15 plays on defense (1 football experience)

3rd Quarter – 12 plays on defense (1 football experience)

4th Quarter – 1 play on offense (NOT a football experience), 11 plays on defense (1 football experience),

TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES = 5

Friday, Varsity

1st Quarter – 10 plays on offense (1 football experience)

2nd Quarter – 15 plays on offense (1 football experience)

3rd Quarter – 14 plays on offense (1 football experience)

4th Quarter – Did not play

TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES = 3

TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES FOR THE 5-DAY PERIOD = 8

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Adjourn:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).



New Mexico Activities Association

Commission Meeting



7.6.4 Scrimmage Limit

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

7.6.4

Schools will be allowed to sponsor an alumni game prior to their first regular season game (if approved by the Local School Administration) which will not count against their scrimmage limit.

Rationale:

Since the member schools voted to allow an alumni game which does not count against their scrimmage limit, many schools have been using this game for competition prior to district ball games and the state tournament. The game, in some cases, is not being used for fundraising and community support as intended.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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7.11.3 Seeding Process

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Bylaw:

****NOTE:** In the event of a tie among criteria points, the MaxPreps Freeman Rankings will be used to break the tie.

Proposal:

****NOTE:** In the event of a tie among criteria points, head to head will be used to break the tie. If there is no head to head competition, or the head to head competition is tied, then MaxPreps Freeman Rankings will be used to break the tie.

Rationale:

The NMAA staff believes that the fairest way to break a tie in criteria points is by a head to head matchup if available.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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3.3 Requirements for Coaches, Sponsors, and Advisors

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

3.3.3 The administration of each school is responsible to the Association in all matters pertaining to the athletic/activities relations of his/her school. The administration of the school may delegate powers to a licensed coach or sponsor. A licensed administrator, coach, or sponsor must be present before and during a game/contest/event in order for their school to participate.

Rationale:

A licensed administrator, coach, or sponsor must be present with their students at all times for liability purposes.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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6.2.1 B.2 Participation by Academically Ineligible Student

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

A student-athlete who has participated in an interscholastic event during his/her period of academic ineligibility must sit out the number of games/events/contests that he/she participated in once he/she becomes academically eligible.

Example:

If a student-athlete played in five (5) baseball games while academically ineligible, once he officially becomes academically eligible again, he must sit five (5) ball games.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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INCREASE SWIM/DIVE COMPETITION LIMITS

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

Presenter:

Stacy Salinas, Swimming/diving sports specific committee

Proposal:

Amend the current competition limits for swimming/diving.

Current: 7.20.1.F - Meet Limitation - Each team or individual is limited to ten (10) meets not including the post season (i.e. district and state). If a student is allowed by the school to participate on a non-school team during the high school season, the student's combined meets may not exceed 10 (not including district and state meets).

Proposal: Change the current 10 meet limit for a team or individual to 12 meets.

Rationale:

The NMAA competitive swim/dive season extends from the first Monday in November through the 3rd Saturday in February, which is the final day of the State Meet, a total of 15 weeks. Many other high school athletes compete in more events in a smaller time period.

Budget Impact: Possible increase in costs if schools choose to participate in additional meets.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: None

Attachments: None



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WRESTLING

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETITION LIMITS

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

Presenter:

Scott Owen, NMAA Director of Wrestling

Proposal:

Amend current middle school wrestling competition limits.

Current: 9.8.12.B – Match Limitations – “The maximum number of matches for teams or individuals is twelve (12). A match of any type counts toward the limit and a tournament counts as only one match.”

Proposed: “*The maximum number of meets for teams or individuals is eight (8).*”

Rationale:

Language in the current bylaw doesn’t clearly define competition limits allowing for misinterpretation. Amended bylaw clears up this confusion by utilizing a standard meet limit. Updated meet limit also follows other middle school limits closely.

Budget Impact:

Proposal has the potential for a positive impact by reducing events from a possible twelve (12) to a maximum of eight (8).

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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CHANGE TO MISCONDUCT PROGRESSION RULE

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director

Proposal: NMAA 7.17.3.A4 (Misconduct Progression Rule). Add the following language.
“A coach or player who is issued a red card for” (D1) Violent Conduct—Fighting” shall receive a 3-match suspension, starting with the next scheduled match and including any carryover to the state soccer tournament. A second “violent conduct—fighting” red card received in the same season will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season, including carryover to the state soccer tournament. The appeals process and additional sanctions available to the NMAA Executive Director are as per the provisions of NMAA 7.7.2 (Ejection Penalties).

Rationale: To establish appropriate penalties for players and coaches who engage in fighting before, during and following a high school soccer match in New Mexico, during the period of the officials jurisdiction over the match.

Budget Impact: None Noted

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve, but include discussion about compete with class and penalties for fighting in other sports

Attachments: None



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CHANGE TO STATE SOCCER DATES

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director

Proposal: NMAA 7.17.2A (State Soccer Tournament Dates)
Restructure the state soccer tournament as follows:

Week #1 (NMAA Week 18)—1st Round (Friday) and Quarterfinal Round (Saturday)

Week #2 (NMAA Week 19)—Semi-final Round (Friday) and Championship Finals (Saturday)

All matches at host soccer site (2015 APS Soccer Complex).

Rationale:

1. National Survey of States (March 2015) with 42 states reporting.

Q. What is the greatest number of consecutive days that a team would be required to play in your state tournament? A. 18 states=0; 18 states = 2; 6 states = 3.

Q. Over how many weeks is your state tournament played? A. 12 states =1; 16 states =2; 12 states =3; 2 states =4+

2. Physical exertion. Currently our soccer athletes play on three consecutive days during week 2 of the event. Often the schedule requires them to turn around and play a match within 15 hours of the previous match completion. The following is a comparison of high school sports and the number of miles run during an average contest. Sources: Newswire; Gizmodo; USA Basketball

Baseball—100 Yards (not including entering and leaving field)

Basketball—Forwards 3.5 miles to Guards 4.5 Miles,

Cross Country—3.1 miles

Football—1.0 miles (cornerbacks and receivers)

Tennis—1.5 miles (3-set singles match)

Soccer—Forward 5—5.5miles; Defenders 5.5—6 miles; Mid-fielders 6—7 miles

3. Eliminating Bye week dead periods. Presently our top 4 seeded teams in each class receive a bye in the first round. They therefore often have up to 14 days between games. This format would have them scheduled to play a match on the Saturday of week 1, eliminating the dead week.

4. Improved officiating. We presently utilize a very large number of officials during week #2 of our state tournament. They are often also fatigued on championship Saturday. Under the new format we could still utilize a full complement of officials from around the state on the first weekend and base

Week 2 invitees on performance evaluations made during week 1.

5. Loss of school time. Presently schools advancing to the finals often miss all or a part of Friday in week 1 and up to 2 days of school in week 2 (Thursday and Friday). Under the new system they would miss no more than 2 days of school time (both Fridays).

6. Releasing players to winter sports. With two full rounds of competition occurring in Week 1 it would end the season for twice as many teams a week early, and therefore make more student-athletes available to participate in winter sports a week earlier than presently is the case.

Budget Impact: Unknown

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Neutral

Attachments: None



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SPLIT STATE TENNIS INTO TWO WEEKENDS

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

Presenter: Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director

Proposal: To separate the state tennis tournament team and individual competitions into two weeks, as follows:

Week 45: State Team Championships (Fri-Sat)

Week 46: State Individual Championships (Fri-Sat)

Rationale: It is estimated that the average high school tennis player runs an average of 1.25 miles in a 3-set tennis match. Presently players competing in both team and individual state competition over the current 4-consecutive day format may engage in a total of 10 matches. In addition to the physical exertion required we are also witnessing numerous joint injuries (shoulders, elbows, knees, ankles, etc.) during the event. Separating the event into two weekends would reduce the physical toll the present format takes on the players.

It is logical to play the team format the first weekend since the entire team is preparing and competing. After the team competition is over then only the individuals who have qualified for the individual state tournament through their district tournament will continue to prepare for either singles or doubles in week 46.

Budget Impact: Potential additional travel costs to schools.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Neutral

Attachments: None



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STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director
Football Sports Specific Committee Representative

Proposal: Consider adjusting NMAA bylaws regarding the date and time of State Football Championship Games. (7.15.4.F).

-Championship games must be played on Saturday, unless there is mutual agreement between the schools to play on Friday night

Rationale: Many schools travel long distances to play games during state football. It is felt that this travel can cause problems for their respective communities to attend road games when they are played on Friday night. Because of the importance of a championship game to the school and community, the Football Sports Specific Committee proposes that these final rounds be held on Saturdays only, unless the two schools agree to play on Friday night. This will provide a better opportunity for parents, fans, and other community members to see these games in person.

Budget Impact: Potential increase in expenses for visiting schools should they decide a hotel stay is necessary on Friday evening.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: None

December Coach Survey: 35 in favor, 26 against

Attachments: None



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8-Man FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – QUALIFYING NUMBERS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director
8-Man Football Representative

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

*8-Man: Moves 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 27-28 in 2015)

Rationale: With 18 teams (plus one independent) 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 20 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. The Football Sports Specific Committee is in favor of making this adjustment.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: None

January Coach Survey: Over 75% of the 8-man schools are in favor of this adjustment

Attachments: None



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STATE FOOTBALL – DEFINITION OF PAST HISTORY

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director
Football Sports Specific Committee Representative

Proposal: Consider adjusting the definition of past history as it pertains to determining the host site for certain football playoff games. (7.15.4 Q & A)

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

Rationale: Currently, NMAA bylaws define past history as any playoff game played between 2 schools dating back to 1953, regardless of round (1st Round, Quarters, Semis, Finals). It is felt that this definition puts some schools at a disadvantage if they have long term success and receive a high seed year after year. In this scenario, a school is consistently hosting a 1st Round/Quarterfinal game and it is thus very likely that they will be playing on the road in the semis/finals in future years. Because successful teams can essentially be punished for long term success, the Football Sports Specific Committee proposes that only semifinal and final games be looked at when determining “past history” between two schools.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor

Attachments: None



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STATE FOOTBALL HOST SITE WHEN NO PAST HISTORY

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director
Football Sports Specific Committee Representative

Proposal: Consider adjusting NMAA bylaws regarding host sites for state football playoff games when schools have no past history. (7.15.4)

Class 8-Man, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A

-In the semifinal and final rounds, the home site is determined by past history. If the two schools do not have past history, the higher seed will host.

Class 6-Man, 2A

-In the final rounds, the home site is determined by past history. If the two schools do not have past history, the higher seed will host.

Rationale: Currently, NMAA bylaws state that a coin flip will determine the host site should teams match-up that have no playoff history. The Football Sports Specific Committee feels that utilizing the higher seed as the host in this scenario will prove more efficient for the membership.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor

December Coach Survey: 43 in favor, 18 against

Attachments: None



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FOOTBALL MERCY RULE

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director
Football Sports Specific Committee Representative

Proposal: Consider adjusting NMAA bylaws regarding the football mercy rule. (7.15.1.I)

Class 8-Man, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A (updated slightly - just starting the running clock earlier)

-When a team is ahead by 35 or more points or becomes 35 or more points ahead, the clock will not stop during out of bounds, incomplete passes or first downs. The clock only stops for timeouts or scores. If the point differential becomes less than 35 points, regular timing resumes. A game is ended at halftime or during the second half if a team is 50 or more points behind.

Class 6-Man (no change from current rule)

-When a team is ahead at halftime by 35 or more points or becomes 35 or more points ahead in the second half, the clock will not stop during out of bounds, incomplete passes or first downs. The clock only stops for timeouts or scores. If the point differential becomes less than 35 points, regular timing resumes. A game is ended at halftime or during the second half if a team is 50 or more points behind

Rationale: Currently, the mercy rule states that a running clock will be used when one team is up by 35 or more points at halftime or beyond. In addition, a game is terminated when one team is up by 50 or more points at halftime or beyond. It is felt that this can be detrimental to the game for several reasons. First, terminating the game early does not allow for teams to play substitutes who may not get in to the game otherwise. Second, it can lead to logistical issues for host schools that have special ceremonies/festivities planned for halftime. Because of this, the Football Sports Specific Committee proposes that the 35 point running clock rule begin in the first half. The rationale is that starting the running clock earlier will make it very difficult for a team to reach 50 points by halftime, thus extended the game without eliminating the 50 point threshold for termination. This new rule change would apply to all football classifications other than 6-man. The Football SSC and 6-Man coaches feel that no change is needed in their division at this time.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: None

December Coach Survey: 33-28 in favor of removing the 50 point termination part of the current rule.

Attachments: None