

NMAA

Commission Meeting



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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.



AGENDA

D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

Lawrence Johnson, Chairman

Bill Cleland, Dusty Young

Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Manager

Dana Pappas, Deputy Director

Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials

Sally Marquez, Executive Director

VII. *Sport Specific Action Items*

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| (A) Football: Consider adjustments to 8-man and AA qualifying | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Football: Consideration of Practice Regulations | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Baseball: Consider adjustments to A/AA championships | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Baseball: Consider adjustments to AAA championships | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (A) Wrestling: Adjustment of State Qualifying numbers | <i>Scott Owen, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Soccer: Change to allow tie games in regular season | <i>Joe Butler, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Soccer: Consider change to State Tournament dates | <i>Joe Butler, Assistant Director</i> |
| (A) Swim/Dive: Remove exception to meet limitations | <i>Larry Waters, Sport Committee Rep.</i> |

VIII. *General Discussion/ Information Items*

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| (D/I) Alumni Game before start of season only | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (D/I) Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco policy requirement | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (D/I) Changes to Governance Structure | <i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| (D/I) Football: 48 minute rule | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (D/I) Cold weather policy | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i> |
| (D/I) Softball: Number of qualifiers to State Championships | <i>Scott Owen, Assistant Director</i> |

IX. *Consider Adjournment*

Next Commission Meeting – September 10, 2014 (NMAA)

NMAA Commission Meeting
February 5, 2014
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. Leonard Velasquez (Small, Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Marc Baca (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)

Sixteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gary Schuster made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Pete MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Lawrence Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 Commission meeting as presented. Mr. Kenny Barreras made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Don Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four items during his report: (1) the updated Commission Directory placed in the binders (he asked members to notify him if there are any errors); (2) the 2014 – 2016 Classification and Alignment proposal that was voted upon and upheld by the Board of Directors; (3) reminded Commission members to RSVP for the NMAA Hall of Fame Banquet which will be held Thursday, March 13th, 12:00 p.m. at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel (2014 inductees are Art Karger, Ed

Ping, Phil Sategna and Fern Spencer); and (4) the 25/50 year State Basketball Championship Reunion Banquet, March 14th, 11:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque, honoring the 1964 and 1989 State Basketball Champions and Tournament Officials.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four items in his report: (1) NMAA Foundation Scholarship applications were due on February 3, 2014. Recipients will be announced during the week of February 10, 2014; (2) the 2014 NMAA Foundation Bowl-a-Thon held on January 26th raised approximately \$3,000 to support scholarships; (3) the 2014 NMAA Foundation Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 2nd at Tanoan Country Club; and (4) winter State Championship dates: Swimming / Diving and Wrestling Championships, February 21st and 22nd, State Basketball, March 7th-8th and 11th-15th, and State Spirit Championships, March 28th-29th. UNM will be charging \$5 for parking, no discount for car pools.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager presented the 2013-2014 Fall Sports Financial Reports.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed two items on her report: (1)

Spring Activities Events:

NMASC – February 13-15

Bowling – February 15

BPA – February 17-19

DECA – February 20-22

Science Olympiad – February 22

English Expo – February 22

FCCLA – March 6-8

Mock Trial – March 21-22

Scholastic Publications – March 22

Science Fair – April 4-5

ROTC – April 7-12

Music: April 4-5 – 1st Orchestra Contest

April 11-12 – State Choir

April 25-26 – State Band

Chess – April 24-25

Athletic Training Challenge – April 27

and (2) a reminder to submit verification of eligibility forms to the NMAA office as required by NMAA bylaws.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed two items in her report: (1) the NMOA Executive Board meeting held on January 26, 2014, where they discussed: a) varsity regional assignors not being active officials; b) evaluation process; c) revision of the NMOA Constitution; d) physicals; e) soccer mentoring, training and evaluation pilot beginning in the fall of 2014; and (2) the NASO Summit to be held July 27-29 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, NM. Officiate New Mexico Day will be held during the Summit on July 26th and the Gold Whistle Officiating Gala will be held July 29, 2014, where Mr. Land Clark will be honored, in front of a national audience. Governor Susana Martinez will speak at the Welcome Reception on July 27th. NASO is in the process of selecting scholarship recipients who will be able to attend the Summit free of charge.

General Discussion/Information Items

Selection/Seeding Criteria: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Committee for feedback concerning the criteria currently being used. 1) On the topic of Overall Record members indicated that coaches and administrators may be worried that the number of wins needed impacts the scheduling process; 2) strength of schedule, which is already a part of MaxPreps data; and 3) possibly using the team's record against its classification in the selection process.

Eligibility (2 D's = 1 F): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Committee for feedback regarding whether the NMAA should raise GPA eligibility standards to coincide with the NCAA's 2.3 GPA requirement. The idea is to ensure that upon graduation, New Mexico students will be academically eligible. Discussion ensued concerning 1) whether implementation of 2 D's = 1 F is beneficial for all students; 2) use this standard for core classes only; 3) not being able to repeat a class to increase GPA; 4) educating coaches on the NCAA guidelines – note: will have a representative at the Coaches Clinic in July, 2014; 5) whether to consider using semester grades instead of 6-9 week grades for eligibility; and 6) UNM in conjunction with Albuquerque Public Schools is gathering data on how participation in athletic/activities has an impact on student success.

Out of Season Coaching: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, stated that other states are eliminating the Out of Season Coaching rule because it keeps education-based coaches away from student-athletes. Members discussed how taking away this rule might impact schools / students.

Alternative School Student Participation: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, told the Committee that students from Alternative Schools want to participate in sports/activities in the same manner as Charter Schools.

Open Enrollment Issues: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Committee if open enrollment is a problem that they are experiencing and if it is something that they would like to discuss at the next Commission meeting in May. The members agreed that it is an issue and would like more discussion in May.

FAT Timing Report: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, told the members of the committee that approximately 50% of Class 3A-5A Schools do not have a FAT timing system. Of the schools that have the system, many do not know how to use it. There are 127 state qualifying meets, 44 of those are FAT timed. The Committee discussed: 1) the cost of a system; 2) the cost of training; 3) possibility of limiting qualifying meets; 4) scheduling all qualifying meets one month later in the season; and 5) possible NMAA assistance with the cost of training.

Professional Development of Coaches: Mr. Buster Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, asked members to give suggestions regarding professional development classes they would like coaches to receive during the Annual Coaches Clinic in July. Suggestions included: 1) communication with staff and parents; 2) a guest speaker (Rod

Olsen, with Coaches for Excellence); 3) education-based athletics; 4) responsibilities of a coach, including the ethical and moral side of coaching; and 5) schedule classes at a later time since there is a large number of contract coaches. Mr. Mabrey also asked for feedback concerning the possibility of offering school memberships instead of individual memberships which would include professional development courses as part of the school membership.

In-town Mileage Payment for Officials: Mr. Bruce Carver, RRPS District Athletic Director, explained to the committee that officials who live in Corrales, Rio Rancho and Placitas are placed in the Albuquerque group, therefore cannot receive mileage pay for games they officiate in Albuquerque. The issue is that many officials from outside the city have to drive a distance to officiate games in the metro area. Rio Rancho Public Schools pays \$13 mileage fee to officials. Mr. Carver asked for feedback concerning an appropriate amount that these officials should receive that would be fair to both the schools and the officials. Suggestions can be e-mailed to Dana Pappas, dana@nmact.org or Bruce Carver, bcarver@rrps.net.

Break 10:55-11:00

Increase Jr. High/Mid-School Volleyball Match Limits and Basketball Quarter Minutes: Ms. Debbie Coffman, Jr. High/Middle School Representative, asked the committee for feedback on the opportunity to give athletes more time to develop skills in the sports of volleyball and basketball. The members discussed the pros and cons of increasing volleyball match limits and basketball quarters from 6 minutes to 8 minutes.

Advisory Referenda (Centralized Football Championships): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented the results of the State Football Final Host Sites Centralized Championships Advisory Referendum. 37 schools in favor and 43 schools do not favor. A January survey sent to head football coaches resulted in 59 responses. Results were 33 - 26 in favor of centralized championships. Members discussed the cost associated with hosting the event. Ms. Marquez advised the members not to focus on the cost, but on what is best for the student athletes of New Mexico.

Higher Seed versus Past History: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the results of a survey sent to head football coaches in January. Out of 59 responses, 30 are in favor of the higher seed hosting during all rounds. It was suggested that if the higher seeded team hosted in all rounds, perhaps the vote on Centralized Championships would be different.

Football - 48 Minute Rule: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked for feedback concerning the 48 minute rule. The responses were: 1) it is hard to track and hard to enforce, 2) safety of kids playing both JV and Varsity games in one week, 3) create a rule that can be tracked such as playing time by quarters or limit the amount of games during a specified time period that an athlete can play in, and 4) concerns for the small schools that a change could potentially eliminate JV teams in some schools.

Football – Practice Regulations: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a practice regulations proposal that would be added to Section 7 of the NMAA handbook, specifically regarding concussions and player safety. The NFHS Football Rules Committee strongly recommends that each state association implement its own policy.

Small School Football for 2014-15/2015-16 block: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a document describing the proposed districts for Class 2A, 8-Man and 6-Man football that will be presented to the Board of Directors on February 19, 2014.

Sports Specific Action Items

Football: Consider adjustment to mercy rule: (Referenda) Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked the committee to consider a proposal to adjust the current NMAA Football Bylaws pertaining to the “mercy rule”. At the various 11-man football levels, coaches across the state feel that the running clock is sufficient, but that the 50 point mercy rule is not necessary and should be removed. At the 6 & 8-man levels, coaches do feel that the 50 point mercy rule is needed and that the running clock rule should be extended. The current proposal brought forth by the football sport specific committee reads as follows:

11-man: When a team is ahead at the end of the 1st quarter by 35 or more points or becomes 35 or more points ahead in the second quarter and beyond, 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.

6 & 8-man: When a team is ahead at the end of the 1st quarter by 35 or more points or becomes 35 or more points ahead in the second quarter and beyond, 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 ahead.

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to bring forth the proposal for discussion. Mr. Carver made the motion to discuss this proposal. Ms. Nelms seconded the motion. After discussion, Mr. Johnson asked for a vote concerning the 11-man proposal. The proposal passed (15-1).

Mr. Johnson then asked the Commission members to vote on the 6 & 8-man proposal. The proposal passed (15-1).

Softball Sports Specific Discussion Item: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the committee for feedback regarding a proposal to amend the current 26-game limit to include a game/tournament combination format. Other states that use this system are Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Colorado is the only other state in our section that

uses straight game-limits. The proposal will follow the UIL's structure of 18 game + 2 tournament combo with substitution clause as follows:

1. One tournament for three games
2. Three games for one tournament
3. Only able to substitute for one extra tournament – caveat with three to four scheduling options.
 - a. $18/2 = 26$
 - b. $21/1 = 25$
 - c. $15/3 = 27$
 - d. $24/0 = 24$

The rationale for this proposal is that it would create flexibility in scheduling, alleviates the need to track tournament games and maintains equitability.

Wrestling: District Dual Meets: (Referenda) Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the committee to consider a proposal that would require each district member school to compete against all other district schools in a dual meet format competition.

The results of district dual meet competition will determine:

1. District championship and runner-up teams.
2. District trophies/awards, Directors Cup points, etc.
3. Champion coach represents district on the state seeding committee for districts with two or three teams, champion and runner-up coaches represent district on seeding committee for districts with more than three teams.
4. District individual tournament would serve only as a state qualifier with no team score kept.

The rationale to this proposal is that the trend among coaches is to maximize the number of individual matches with little regard for team competition. This trend negatively affects a school's fan base by isolating its athletes to a schedule predominantly focused on individual tournaments, most, if not all, hosted by another school. This proposal will help to create a team-specific component with team and district significance. Mr.

Lawrence Johnson asked for a motion to proceed with discussion on this proposal. Mr. Haston made the motion to proceed with discussion. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A discussion ensued and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes	No	Commission Member
✓		Mr. Leonard Velasquez (Small, Area A)
✓		Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
✓		Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
✓		Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
	✓	Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
✓		Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
Abstain		Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
	✓	Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
	✓	Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
	✓	Mr. Marc Baca (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
	✓	Mr. Scott Affentranger (NASSP Rep.)

✓		Mr. Thomas Mabrey (NMHSCA Rep.)
✓		Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
	✓	Ms. Vicki Nelms (NMADA Rep.)
✓		Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
	✓	Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

The proposal passed (8-7).

Wrestling: District dual meet competition points: (Referenda) Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the members to consider a proposal to assign 0.5 points to “stand-alone” district dual meets. Currently single dual meets count for 1.0 point against the 32 point competition limit. This proposal would assign 0.5 points to stand-alone district dual meets to incentivize coaches to utilize the stand-alone meet to help promote district competition and rivalries as well as aid in fan appeal and school spirit. Only “stand-alone” district dual meets would use the 0.5 points. District duals held in any other format (triangular, quad) would count as currently stated in bylaw 7.24.0.D of the NMAA handbook. Mr. Lawrence Johnson asked for a motion to proceed in discussion of this item. Mr. Haston made the motion. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0). Note: Mr. Johnson stepped out of the room during discussion and vote.

Wrestling: Individual records requirement for State Qualifying: (Referenda) Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal that would require each state qualifying wrestler to have a complete individual record uploaded to the NWCA/Track Wrestling online platform for state seeding purposes. Rationale for this item is that it will expedite the state seeding process, remove gamesmanship, increase transparency and promote the sport and its participants. Any school failing to provide a complete individual record for any of its state qualifying athletes would incur a monetary fine of \$250. Mr. Martin asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

General Action Items

Jr. High/Middle School Football Start Date: Change to match the high school date: (Referenda) Ms. Debbie Coffman asked the committee to consider a proposal that would change NMAA bylaw 9.8.4A. to allow junior high/middle school football programs to start the season at the same time high school programs do. Currently the high school season starts on Monday of Week #6 of the NMAA calendar but the junior high season starts on Monday of Week #7. The rationale for this proposal is to eliminate confusion with schools and football programs. Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to proceed with discussion. Mr. Carver made the motion to proceed. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. After discussion a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes	No	Commission Member
	✓	Mr. Leonard Velasquez (Small, Area A)
	✓	Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
	✓	Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)

	✓	Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
	✓	Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
	✓	Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
Abstain		Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
	✓	Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
	✓	Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
	✓	Mr. Marc Baca (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
	✓	Mr. Scott Affentranger (NASSP Rep.)
	✓	Mr. Thomas Mabrey (NMHSCA Rep.)
	✓	Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
	✓	Ms. Vicki Nelms (NMADA Rep.)
✓		Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
✓		Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

The motion failed (13-2).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m. Mr. Schuster made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Next Commission Meeting – May 21, 2014 (NMAA)



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7.6.19 Pre-Competition Practice Requirement

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Eliminate “or physical education class” in 7.6.19C

7.6.19 Pre-Competition Practice Requirement

C. Waiver of Practice Days (part or all) - Up to five (5) days of the requirement may be waived by the Director based upon participation in an athletics or physical education class (winter and spring sports only). Exception: Individuals participating in a sport during the most immediate previous season are exempt from this requirement (winter and spring sports only).

Rationale:

Physical Education class does not prepare a student physically for the rigors of sport competition.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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9th GRADE PARTICIPATION AT MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Eliminate 9th grade participation at the middle school level in the 3A-6A classifications; A 9th grader can participate at the middle school level in A-AA, as long as there is mutual agreement between the participating schools.

Rationale:

A 9th grader is considered a high school student-athlete and should at least play at the C-team or JV level. 9th graders playing against 7th graders is a safety concern.

A-AA schools may need 9th graders to participate due to limited numbers.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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8th GRADE PARTICIPATION AT HIGH SCHOOL

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Eliminate 8th grade participation at the high school level in the 4A-6A classifications.

Rationale:

We continue to hear and see the negative effects of 8th grade participation at the high school level:

1. Safety – 14 year olds with 17-18 year olds.
2. Displacement of 9th and 10th graders on high school teams due to 8th graders playing “up”.
3. Too much too soon – unmotivated and discipline problems by senior year.
4. Undue Influence

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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7.7.2 Participant Third Ejection

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Current Bylaw:

7.7.2 NMAA Game/Contest Ejection Policy

B. Participant – First Ejection

1. One game/contest suspension – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed.
2. Complete the NFHSLearn “Sportsmanship” course, submit certificate of completion to the school Athletic Director.

Participant – Subsequent Ejections

1. Two game/contest suspension – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed.
2. Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee
3. A local sanction as determined by the local school athletic director and approved by the NMAA.

Proposal:

Participant – Second Ejection

1. Two game/contest suspension – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed.
2. Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee.
3. A local sanction as determined by the local school athletic director and approved by the NMAA, if necessary.

Participant – Third Ejection

1. Student-athlete is removed from athletic competition for the remainder of the year.
2. Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee prior to participation the following year, if applicable.

Rationale:

The NMAA has removed student-athletes from athletic competition for the remainder of the year after their third ejection. The new proposal states the consequences in writing and therefore it is not left up to the interpretation of the athletic director.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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6.20.1 Violations of Rules and Regulations

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

6.20.1 Violations of Rules and Regulations by Participants, Fans, or Students (Add Coach)

Violations of any of the rules and regulations of the Association may subject a school or any individual to sanctions, including suspension and fines. In addition, the Director has the authority, after investigation, to suspend a school or individual for violations of the Code of Ethics, Undue Influence, or other serious offenses against the goals and philosophy of the Association.

Rationale:

A coach should be penalized, just as participants, fans, and students, for violations of the rules and regulations of the NMAA.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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Middle/Jr. High Rodeo

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Sanction rodeo as an NMAA activity at the Middle and Junior High level.

Rationale:

The New Mexico High School Rodeo Association, the organization that governs New Mexico rodeo, also governs Middle and Junior High School Rodeo.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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7.11.2 and 7.11.3 Seeding and Selection

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Current Bylaw:

The remainder of the teams will be selected and seeded by the NMAA Staff using the following criteria. There is neither order nor priority in the criteria listed below:

1. Finish in district play and/or district tournaments.
2. Head to Head
3. Performance against other teams including district champions or runner-ups from other districts, regardless of class.
4. Input from NMAA staff members
5. Overall Records
6. MaxPreps Freeman Rankings
7. Member School Input
8. Elimination – which teams from that particular class do not fit the format due to a lack of success during the current year.

Proposal:

The remainder of the teams will be selected and seeded by the NMAA Staff using the following criteria. There is neither order nor priority in the criteria listed below:

1. Finish in regular season district play
2. Head to Head
3. Wins against district champions regardless of class
4. Overall Record
5. MaxPreps Freeman Rankings
6. Member School Input

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

Rationale:

The NMAA staff believes that the proposal will eliminate the “grey” in seeding and selection.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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7.11.3 D First Round Opponents

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Eliminate Bylaw 7.11.3 D which currently reads:

With the exception of 6-man, 8-man and Class A Football, teams from the same district will be guaranteed not to play each other in the first round of state. NMAA Staff must take this into consideration when seeding teams.

Rationale:

Eliminating Bylaw 7.11.3 D will allow the brackets to be more of a “true” seed.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: None



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SCHOOL CO-OP PARTICIPATION

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Remove NMAA bylaw 7.15.2 Football Co-Op and change bylaw 7.6.26 to read as follows:

Two Class A and/or AA schools can petition the Director to co-op in the sports of football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and/or softball. At least one school must show proof that they do not have enough willing participants to field their own team. The co-op team must play in the classification in which their combined grades 9-12 enrollment would place them, but in no case higher than Class AAA.

The two schools must apply jointly, via letters signed by their superintendents and/or school boards, and agree to share in all areas including costs, liability, discipline, insurance, etc. The schools must agree to remain in the co-op for a minimum of a two-year block.

Rationale:

NMAA bylaws currently have different wording for co-op arrangements depending on the sports involved. This proposal is an attempt to standardize co-op requirements for all team sports.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: Current NMAA bylaws 7.6.26 and 7.15.2



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SCHOOL CO-OP PARTICIPATION (attachment)

Current bylaw wording:

7.6.26 School Co-op Participation

Two Class B and/or A schools with a combined enrollment of 125 students or less can petition the Director to co-op in the sports of volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball. At least one school must show proof that they do not have enough willing participants to field their own team.

7.15.2 Football Co-Op

Two schools can apply to the Director to co-op in 6-Man, 8-Man, and Class A football only. The following are the necessary conditions for the co-op to be considered:

- A.** The two schools combined cannot have more than the following number of total students enrolled in grades 9 – 12:

6-Man: 75 8-Man: 125 Class A: 170

- B.** Schools within multiple high school districts would not be eligible for the co-op program unless the two schools involved meet the enrollment conditions listed above. This includes public, private and charter schools within each school district.
- C.** Both schools must apply jointly and agree to share in all areas including costs, liability, discipline, insurance, etc.
- D.** The schools must agree to remain in a co-op program for a minimum of a two-year block. In order to be considered, the application for a co-op program must be done a year prior to the two-year block.
- E.** Co-op teams are eligible for post-season play.



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FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – QUALIFYING NUMBERS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider adjustments to the state football championship qualifying numbers in 8-Man and Class AA.

Rationale: The new Classification & Alignment block for 2014-2016 has changed the number of football playing schools in some classes. Based on these changes, the NMAA and the Football Sports Specific Committee feel that adjustments should be made to the qualifying numbers in both 8-Man and AA.

- 8-Man: Moves from 11 teams to 18 teams.
 - Qualifiers would be changed from 6 to 8
 - No changes to dates/calendar (championship held week #21, Nov 21-22)
- AA: Moves from 10 teams to 7 teams
 - Qualifiers would be changed from 6 to 4
 - Championship game would be held one week earlier (week #20, Nov 14-15)

*Although changes to qualifying numbers in 6-Man and classes 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A have also been discussed, it was felt that no adjustments need to be made at this time.

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor of this Proposal

Attachments: Classification & Alignment Breakdown for Football

FOOTBALL: 7 CLASSES

6A	24 SCHOOLS
5A	24 SCHOOLS
4A	20 SCHOOLS
3A	20 SCHOOLS
2A	7 SCHOOLS
8-MAN	20 SCHOOLS
6-MAN	12 SCHOOLS

TOTAL: 127 SCHOOLS

6A FOOTBALL – 24 SCHOOLS – 5 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Cibola	Eldorado	Deming	Alamogordo	ABQ. High
Cleveland	Highland	Gadsden	Carlsbad	Atrisco Heritage
Rio Rancho	La Cueva	Las Cruces	Clovis	Rio Grande
Santa Fe	Manzano	Mayfield	Hobbs	Valley (up)
Volcano Vista	Sandia	Onate		West Mesa

5A FOOTBALL – 24 SCHOOLS – 5 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Aztec	Bernalillo	Belen	Artesia	ABQ. Academy
Farmington	Capital	Centennial	Goddard	Grants
Gallup	Del Norte	Chaparral	Lovington	Moriarty
Miyamura	Española	Los Lunas	Roswell	St. Pius
Piedra Vista (down)	Los Alamos	Santa Teresa		
		Valencia		

4A FOOTBALL – 20 SCHOOLS – 4 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4/5
Bloomfield	Pojoaque	Cobre	Hope Christian
Kirtland Central	Robertson	Hatch Valley	NMMI
Shiprock	Taos	Hot Springs	Portales
Thoreau	W. Las Vegas	Silver	Ruidoso
Wingate		Socorro	St. Michael's
Zuni			

Independent: Santa Fe Indian

3A FOOTBALL – 20 SCHOOLS – 5 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2/6	District 3	District 4	District 5
Crownpoint	Cuba	Capitan	Dexter	Clayton
Navajo Prep	Dulce	Lordsburg	Eunice	Raton
Newcomb	Estancia	Mesilla Valley	Loving	Santa Rosa
Tohatchi	Laguna Acoma	Tularosa	Texico	Tucumcari

2A FOOTBALL – 7 SCHOOLS – 2 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2
Escalante	Fort Sumner
McCurdy	Hagerman
Navajo Pine	Jal
Questa	

8-MAN FOOTBALL – 20 SCHOOLS – 4 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Jemez Valley	Foothill	Alamo Navajo	Dora
Ramah	Logan	Carrizozo	Gateway Christian
Shiprock NW	Menaul	Cloudcroft	Melrose/Clovis Christian
Tse' Yi' Gai	Mountainair	Magdalena	Tatum
	Springer/Maxwell	Mescalero Apache	

6-MAN FOOTBALL – 12 SCHOOLS – 2 DISTRICTS

District 1	District 2
Floyd/Elida	Animas
Lake Arthur	Hondo
Roy/Wagon Mound	NMSD
San Jon/Grady	Reserve
	Vaughn



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FOOTBALL PRACTICE REGULATIONS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal: Consider the implementation of new football practice regulations that would be added to Section 7 and Section 9 of the NMAA handbook.

Rationale: Concussions and player safety in the sport of football have become hot topics across the country at all levels over the past few years. The NFHS Football Rules Committee met in January and one item of discussion dealt with practice regulations. Although the committee's position was not to mandate a universal policy to be used across the country, it was strongly recommended that each state association look to implement its own policy moving forward.

Budget Impact: None

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor of this Proposal

Attachments: Proposed Practice Regulations



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Proposed Football Practice Regulations ("full contact" regulations)



The intent of the NMAA's proposed practice regulations is to limit full contact/live action and not the number of practices a team may participate in using full pads. A team may participate in "air", "bags", "wrap", and "thud" drills and simulations at any point.

For the purpose of these regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

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.

Air – players should run unopposed without bags or any opposition

Bags – activity is executed against a bag, shield, or pad to allow for a soft-contact surface, with or without the resistance of a teammate or coach standing behind the bag.

Wrap – drills run at full speed until contact, which is above the waste with the players remaining on their feet.

Thud – same as wrap but tempo is competitive with no pre-determined winner and the players are not tackling to the ground.

Shells – players are dressed in shorts, shoulder pads, and helmets

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

The NMAA proposes the following regulations regarding full contact during football practices:

Week 1 – The first two days of practice should be in shorts and helmets (no pads). During days three and four players should be in shorts, shoulder pads, and helmets ("shells"). Full pads can then be worn during days five and six – during this time full contact is allowed but should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player on each day.

***Weeks 2-3** – Full contact is allowed for a total of no more than 120 minutes per player per week. Also, on a single day, full contact should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player. In addition, one intra-squad or scrimmage would be allowed.

**NOTE* – Per NMAA Bylaws, schools are allowed ONE scrimmage. In addition, players must participate in a minimum of 10 days of practice prior to participating in a game.

Weeks 4-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.



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BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – ADJUSTMENTS TO A/AA & AAA FORMATS

☒ Action Items
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Items

Presenter: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal One: Consider adjustment to the Class A/AA State Baseball Championship format whereas the quarterfinal round would be held in Albuquerque during the same week as the semifinals and finals.

Rationale: In 2008-2009, Classes A & 2A were combined. At the request of our small schools, these classes were once again split in 2009-2010. With this split came an adjustment to the Class A format which would bring only the final four teams to Albuquerque with the quarterfinals to be held a week earlier at the site of the higher seed. The schools in this classification would now like to adjust this so that all schools qualifying for state (eight) come to Albuquerque. Although this group does not feel that a best of three series is necessary in the first round, it is felt that having the quarterfinals through finals in a three day period will help alleviate the potential issue of a team riding one pitcher into the championship game.

Budget Impact: Possible increase in travel expenses for schools based on the fact that the quarterfinal games will now be played at a neutral/centralized location instead of the site of the higher seed (eight teams traveling instead of four for that round).

NMAA Staff Recommendation: In Favor of this Proposal

*NOTE – Baseball Sports Specific Committee was also in favor of this proposed change

Proposal Two: Consider adjustment to the Class AAA State Baseball Championship format whereas the first round of sixteen would be a best of three series instead of a single game.

The format would be to play a doubleheader on the Wednesday of Week #45 and then, if necessary, the third game would be played on the following day (Thursday).

Rationale: Coaches at this level feel that teams can currently rely on one pitcher to get them in to the state semifinals. Changing the first round to a best of three series will ensure that the best overall team, and not the team with the best pitcher, will advance to the quarterfinal round. This would also put Class AAA in line with the format used in 4A-6A.

Budget Impact: Possible increase in travel expenses should the series go to a third game thus requiring a school to stay overnight. There will also be an additional increase in expenses for the host school based on additional games (officials' fees, personnel, etc.).

NMAA Staff Recommendation: No recommendation.

*NOTE – Baseball Sports Specific Committee was in favor of this proposed change



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WRESTLING QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Scott Owen, NMAA Director of Wrestling

Proposal:

Adjust state qualification numbers based on the new block to include 16 qualifiers in 6A and 5A and 12 qualifiers in 2A/4A utilizing automatic qualifiers via the district tournament and wild cards to fill remaining spots in the bracket.

Rationale:

1. Overall qualifying numbers stay comparable with previous block.
2. Brackets will be standardized across classifications to alleviate prior logistical concerns.
3. District qualifying is more equitable.
4. Wild cards fall in line with other sports utilizing automatic qualifiers and at-large selections to fill the bracket.
5. Wild cards help alleviate the “strong district” factor, helping better ensure qualified athletes are not left home.
6. Wild cards will be selected based on winning percentage.

Budget Impact:

School budgets will not be impacted. The NMAA budget will be increased slightly as two extra qualifiers will mean more attendance.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:

The NMAA Staff is in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

Old and new alignment and classification breakdown for wrestling with qualifier information.

OLD - WRESTLING - STATE CLASS/ALIGN/QUALIFY - 2013-14

Wrestling - Class 5A (1651 and above - 20 Schools)

	District 1-5A	District 2-5A	District 3/4-5A	District 5-5A		
	Cibola	Eldorado	Carlsbad	Albuquerque		
	Cleveland	La Cueva	Gadsden	Atrisco Heritage		
	Rio Rancho	Manzano	Hobbs	Highland		
	Volcano Vista	Sandia	Las Cruces	Rio Grande		
			Mayfield	Valley		
			Onate	West Mesa	Total	%age
Qualifiers	3 = 75%	3 = 75%	4 = 66%	4 = 66%	14	14/20=70.0%

Wrestling - Class A-4A (901-1650 - 25 Schools)

	District 1-4A	District 2-4A	District 3/4-4A	District 5-4A	District 6-4A		
	Aztec	Bernalillo	Centennial	Academy	Belen		
	Farmington	Capital	Chaparral	Del Norte	Gallup		
	Kirtland Central	Espanola	Deming	Moriarty	Grants		
	Piedra Vista	Los Alamos	Santa Teresa	St. Pius	Los Lunas		
		Santa Fe	Goddard		Miyamura		
			Roswell		Valencia	Total	%age
Qualifiers	3 = 75%	4 = 80%	4 = 66%	3 = 75%	4 = 66%	18	18/25=72.0%

Wrestling - Class A-3A (0-900 - 15 Schools)

	District 1/5-3A	District 2-3A	District 3/4-3A		
	Bloomfield	Pecos	Cobre		
	Foothill	Robertson	Ruidoso		
	Newcomb	Taos	Silver		
	Shiprock	Tucumcari			
	St. Michael's	W. Las Vegas			
	Wingate	Tierra Encantada		Total	%age
Qualifiers	4 = 66%	4 = 66%	2 = 66%	10	10/15=66.6%

NEW - WRESTLING - STATE CLASS/ALIGN/QUALIFY - 2014-15

Wrestling - Class 6A (22 Schools)

District 1-6A	District 2-6A	District 3/4-6A	District 5-6A
Cibola	Eldorado	Carlsbad	Albuquerque
Cleveland	Highland	Deming	Atrisco Heritage
Rio Rancho	La Cueva	Gadsden	Rio Grande
Santa Fe	Manzano	Hobbs	Valley
Volcano Vista	Sandia	Las Cruces	West Mesa
		Mayfield	
		Onate	

Qualifiers	3 = 60%	3 = 60%	4 = 57%	3 = 60%	AQ 13	WC 3	Total 16/22 = 73%
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Wrestling - Class 5A (22 Schools)

District 1-5A	District 2-5A	District 3-5A	District 4-5A
Aztec	Bernalillo	Belen	Academy
Farmington	Capital	Centennial	Grants
Gallup	Del Norte	Chaparral	Goddard
Miyamura	Espanola	Los Lunas	Moriarty
Piedra Vista	Los Alamos	Santa Teresa	Roswell
		Valencia	St. Pius

Qualifiers	3 = 60%	3 = 60%	4 = 67%	4 = 67%	AQ 14	WC 2	Total 16/22 = 73%
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Wrestling - Class 2A-4A (16 Schools)

District 1-4A	District 2-4A	District 3/4/5-4A
Bloomfield	Pecos	Cobre
Kirtland Central	Robertson	Foothill
Newcomb	Taos	Ruidoso
Shiprock	Tucumcari	Silver
Wingate	W. Las Vegas	St. Mike's
		Tierra Encantada

Qualifiers	3 = 60%	3 = 60%	4 = 67%	AQ 10	WC 2	Total 12/16 = 75%
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SOCCER REGULAR SEASON TIE GAMES

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

Presenters: Joe Butler, NMAA Director of Soccer
Klaus Weber, Bosque HS Head Coach and Member of Soccer Sports Specific Comm.

Proposal: Currently in regular season play 80 minutes of play is followed by two 10-minute sudden victory overtime periods and then a shootout (kicks from the mark). This rule change proposal would establish ties in all regular season competition, with the exception of invitational tournament matches (settled by shootout at option of tournament host). If a game is tied after 80 minutes of play and two ten-minute sudden-victory overtime periods it will end in a tie. Our current district tie-breaker format would have to be re-written to accommodate the new format (see proposed tie-breaker attached). The state tournament would still utilize a shootout at the end of the overtime periods in order to advance teams and declare a champion.

Rationale: This is consistent with NFHS Rules (7.3.1) and established soccer practices at many levels of play throughout the world.

Budget Impact: None noted

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Recommend

Attachments: Proposed Adjustment to Soccer Rules

Proposed Adjustment to soccer rules as the result of the new rule proposal allowing ties in district competition. Changes are underlined and bolded.

7.17.1G—Length of Game. Games are (2) halves of forty (40) minutes each as per the National Federation rulebook. **Varsity regular season games, including district play, which are tied after the completion of regulation play shall be resolved in the following manner: The teams shall play two ten-minute sudden victory overtime periods. If no goals are scored during the two ten-minute sudden-victory overtime periods the game shall remain a tie. Exceptions: 1. All Junior Varsity games shall remain tied at the end of regulation time and 2. Regular season tournament games may, at the option of the tournament host, be settled by kicks from the mark (shootout) and 3. State Tournament games will be settled by kicks from the mark (shootout) as per 7.17.1L.**

7.17.1K—District Tie-breaking Procedures to Determine Placement. **For district games teams earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. In the event that two or more teams tie based on point totals at the conclusion of district play** placement is determined by a goal differential system during the season as follows:

1. Compare the results of head-to-head competition. If one team has defeated the other(s), that team has earned a higher placement.

7.17.1L—Game Tie-Breaking Procedure **(Regular Season Tournament Games at Option of Host School and all State Tournament Games)**

In regular season tournament games and state tournament games, when the score is tied at the end of regulation time...



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SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENT REFORMATTING

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☒ Non-Referenda Item

Presenters: Joe Butler, NMAA
Klaus Weber, Bosque HS Soccer Coach and Member of Soccer Committee

Proposal: Consider reformatting the state soccer tournament as follows:

- First round matches will be moved to Thursday of Week #1 of the event (NMAA week #18) and be played at the site of the higher seed. Winners of first round matches will travel to the common state site on Saturday of week #1 for quarterfinal matches
- Saturday's winners will qualify for the semi-final round on Friday of week #2 (NMAA week #19) at the common state site. Semi-finals will be played on Friday and Finals on Saturday of week #2

Rationale:

- * Presently seeds #1 through #4 have two weeks off between the end of regular season and the state quarterfinals (Thursday of week #2). Moving the quarterfinal game to week#1 will maintain continuity for those seeded teams.
- The current format requires teams to play on 3 consecutive days, with often less than 15 hours between matches. The new format would lead to a higher level of play by only requiring teams to play twice during week#2 of the event.
- An additional benefit of the new format would be that it would release losers of week #1 matches to move on to winter sports one week earlier than usual.
- Also the current format causes dilution of the referee pool due to lack of depth of quality of officials (38 different officials are assigned currently in week #2). The proposed format would allow us to select only the top-rated officials for the event for both weeks. It would also result in a cost savings to the NMAA in that fewer work days off by fewer officials will result in lesser per-diem.

Budget Impact: None noted

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Not recommended

Attachments:



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SWIMMING/DIVING MEET LIMITATIONS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Larry Waters, Swimming/Diving Sports Specific Committee member

Proposal:

Remove the exception for swimming/diving from bylaw 6.13.2 Dual Participation which states:

- A. Participating on a non-school team in the same sport during the school season is discouraged. If a Student is allowed by the school, through the permission of his/her coach or administrator, to participate in this manner, the Student's sport event limit may not be exceeded cumulatively.
- B. Game limitations in interscholastic sports are not to be exceeded.
 - 1. Pre-season scrimmage does not count toward game limits.
 - 2. All competition and/or games played (school and/or non-school, individual and/or team) from the first day of permissible legal practice to the final day of their school schedule in that sport count toward the allowable limit. Exception: Golf, Tennis, ~~Swimming and Diving~~, and Spirit.

The following note would be added:

NOTE: Since swimming/diving is classified as a "year round" sport, meet limitations would be in effect from the start of the NMAA competitive season (Monday of week #19) through the completion of the school's final regular season meet.

Rationale:

The Sport Specific Committee, and others, feel that swimmers are being worn out by the number of "big meets" especially in January and February. The hope was that this will encourage students to focus on school meets and to communicate with their coaches when the student and their parents choose to compete in outside events if allowed to do so by their school.

Budget Impact: None

Sport Specific Committee Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve



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Alumni Game

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

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

Rationale:

An alumni game, which does not count against game limitations, should take place prior to the first regular season game. This will prevent schools from using an alumni game for gamesmanship purposes.

Budget Impact: None

Attachments: None



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Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item
☐ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

Proposal:

School/School Districts must have a drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy in place for students participating in athletics and activities. All participants and parents must sign the policy prior to participating.

Rationale:

All students should be drug, alcohol, and tobacco free, in particular students participating in athletics and activities. There needs to be a penalty placed on students in athletics and activities that are not abiding by the school's policy. Schools have asked the NMAA for local autonomy in regards to a drug and alcohol policy.

The NMAA would like a requirement for students and parents to sign a drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy prior to participating, the same as having a mandatory physical and insurance.

Budget Impact: None

Attachments: None

SECTION III STRUCTURE (BYLAWS)

3.1 NMAA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

NMAA Small School Governance Structure

Classes B, A & AA

Each Area Elects a Member to the Commission and the Board of Directors on a 3-Year Rotation

Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D
Acad. Tech/Classics	Cottonwood Classical	Alamo-Navajo	Calvary West
Cimarron	Dora	Animas	Capitan
Clayton	Elida	Cliff	Carrizozo
Coronado	Estancia	Crownpoint	Cloudcroft
Cuba	Evangel Christian	Laguna-Acoma	Corona
Des Moines	Floyd	Lordsburg	Dexter
Desert Academy	Foothill	Magdalena	Eunice
Dulce	Fort Sumner	Navajo Pine	Gateway Christian
Escalante	Graceway Christian	Navajo Prep	Hagerman
Jemez Valley	Grady	Newcomb	Hondo
Maxwell	House	Pine Hill	Jal
McCurdy	Logan	Quemado	Las Cruces Catholic *
Mesa Vista	Melrose	Ramah	Lake Arthur
Monte del Sol	Menaul	Rehoboth	Loving
Mora	N.A.C.A.	Reserve	Mescalero
Moreno Valley	San Jon	Shiprock Northwest	Mesilla Valley
Mosquero	Santa Rosa	To'Hajiilee	Mountainair
NMSD	School of Dreams	Tohatchi	Tatum
Pecos	Texico	Tse'Yi'Gai	Tularosa
Peñasco	Tucumcari		Valley Christian
Questa	Vaughn		
Raton	Victory Christian	19	20
Roy			
Santa Fe Prep	22		
Santa Fe Waldorf			
Springer			
Tierra Encantada			
Wagon Mound			
Walatowa			

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Area A:	29
Area B:	22
Area C:	19
Area D:	20
Total	90

Total Schools	
Small Schools:	90
Large Schools	72
Total	162



Affiliate members = *

NMAA Large School Governance Structure

Classes AAA, AAAA & AAAAA

Each Area elects a member to the Commission on a 3-year rotation.

Each Area, excluding APS and Las Cruces as they have automatic representation, elects a member to the Board of Directors on a 3-year rotation.

Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D
Atrisco Heritage	Artesia	Alamogordo	Albuq. Academy
Albuquerque High	Carlsbad	Centennial	Belen
Aztec	Clovis	Chaparral	Bernalillo
Bloomfield	Goddard	Cobre	Capital
Bosque	Hobbs	Deming	Del Norte
Cibola	Lovington	Gadsden	East Mountain
Cleveland	NMMI	Hatch Valley	Eldorado
Farmington	Portales	Hot Springs	Española Valley
Gallup	Roswell	Las Cruces	Highland
Grants	Ruidoso	Mayfield	Hope Christian
Kirtland Central		Ocate	La Cueva
Miyamura	10	Santa Teresa	Los Alamos
Piedra Vista		Silver	Los Lunas
Rio Grande		Socorro	Manzano
Rio Rancho		14	Moriarty
Sandia Prep			Pojoaque
Shiprock			Robertson
St. Pius			Sandia
Thoreau			Santa Fe
Valley			Santa Fe Indian
Volcano Vista			St. Michael's
West Mesa			Taos
Wingate			Valencia
Zuni			West Las Vegas
24 (7)			24 (6)

Area A:	24
Area B:	10
Area C:	14
Area D:	24
Total	72

Total Schools	
Small Schools:	90
Large Schools	72
Total	162





New Mexico Activities Association

Commission Meeting



48-MINUTE COMPETITION PERIOD IN FOOTBALL

___ Action Item
x Discussion Item

___ Referenda Item
___ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter: Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal:

Discussion of current NMAA Football Bylaws regarding the amount of time that an athlete can participate in games during a five day period.

7.15.1.C. Competition Period: *A student shall not compete in more than 48 minutes of football competition in a five (5) day period. (5 day period – Monday thru Saturday)*

Rationale: The Commission discussed this topic during the February meeting and asked that the NMAA staff look to see how other states handle this particular issue. Some common responses were as follows:

- Athletes may participate in one game during a five day period (one play = one game)
- Athletes must have a minimum of four nights rest between games (one play = one game)
- Athletes may participate in two games per week (one play = one game)
- Athletes may participate in “X” amount of quarters in a single season*
**there are variations to this rule on exact quarter amounts (56, 60, etc.)*

Most states consider one play counting as a game/quarter towards an athlete’s limitations. Some, however, do exclude kicking plays.

*NOTE – A January survey sent to head football coaches attained 59 responses. Results were 50-9 in favor of keeping the current competition period rule in place. The sports specific committee voted unanimously to keep the rule as is.

Budget Impact: None

Attachments: None

SOFTBALL 1ST ROUND STATISTICS

2010-2014

Seed 1 16 2 15 3 14 4 13

YEAR	CLASS	SCORE		SCORE		SCORE		SCORE	
2014	AA	16	1	22	2	16	0	18	2
	3A	15	0	15	0	18	3	12	1
	4A	15	0	15	1	10	0	12	2
	5A	13	3	8	2	8	2	10	0
	TOTAL	59	4	60	5	52	5	52	5

2013	AA	16	0	27	0	10	0	14	10
	3A	15	0	10	0	10	0	16	1
	4A	15	0	12	2	6	0	5	2
	5A	14	2	12	3	5	1	13	2
	TOTAL	60	2	61	5	31	1	48	15

2012	AA	15	0	19	2	4	14	7	5
	3A	15	0	15	2	13	0	13	2
	4A	8	6	11	1	9	0	7	4
	5A	10	0	14	1	11	3	13	1
	TOTAL	48	6	59	6	37	17	40	12

2011	AA	15	0	25	2	19	4	16	0
	3A	15	0	15	2	8	3	9	6
	4A	9	0	2	1	9	2	6	0
	5A	15	0	15	0	4	1	4	5
	TOTAL	54	0	57	5	40	10	35	11

2010	AA								
	3A	10	0	16	0	4	11	8	2
	4A	11	0	14	0	10	0	0	11
	5A	12	2	9	1	5	0	3	4
	TOTAL	33	2	39	1	19	11	11	17

TOTAL	254	14	276	22	179	44	186	60
AVG	14.1	0.8	15	1.2	9.9	2.4	10	3.3

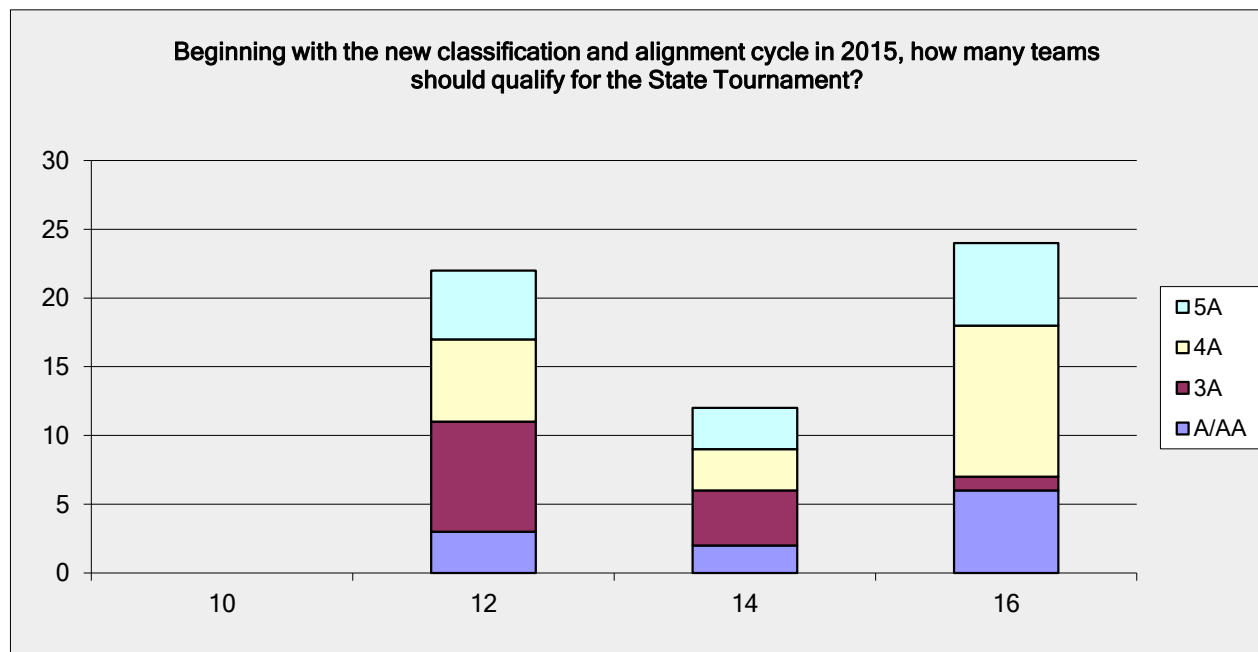
NOTES:

1. The lower seed won 5 times out of 76 tries = 7% of the time
2. No seed lower than 14 won a game
3. The 13 seed upset the 4 seed 3 times out of 19 = 16% of the time
4. The 14 seed upset the 3 seed 2 times out of 19 = 11% of the time
5. Only 2 of the 5 teams who upset the higher seed advanced past the 2nd round
6. Neither of those two teams won more than two games
7. Only two upsets in the past four years = 3% of total games

Softball State Qualifying Numbers

Beginning with the new classification and alignment cycle in 2015, how many teams should qualify for the State Tournament?

Answer Options	What is your classification?				Response Percent	Response Count
	5A	4A	3A	A/AA		
10	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
12	5	6	8	3	37.9%	22
14	3	3	4	2	20.7%	12
16	6	11	1	6	41.4%	24
<i>answered question</i>						58
<i>skipped question</i>						0



SUMMARY

Number of Teams	Total
Less than 16	34
Exactly 16	24