NMAA
Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
NMAA
9:00 AM
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

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*Next Commission Meeting – February 13, 2013 (NMAA)*
Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:02 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mr. Jeremy Hernandez, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small Area B)
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small Area D)
Mr. Peter MacFarlane (Non-Public School Representative)
Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors 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. Lawrence Johnson (Large Area C)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large Area D)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Mr. Anthony Gutierrez (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

The following members were absent.
Mr. Marc Baca (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)

Fifteen members present, representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:
Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2012:
Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Nelms seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMAA Director’s Report:
Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed two items during her report: (1) The staff is doing well and all staff members have stepped up and are getting ready to go for state championships; and (2) 8th grade participation forms are being submitted and the process is working well.
Ms. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, will report during the NMOA Report.

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed three items during his report: (1) There are still questions about where items are on the website and explained all start of school forms are in the back to school packet; (2) Biggest questions about Max Preps are from coaches about their access code, AD’s need to create their sports teams if they are not listed, the rankings are becoming available for fall sports and Max Preps does not allow for group messaging; and (3) informed the Commission on the process for the NMAA Executive Director selection.

Financial Report:
Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Manager, discussed four items during her report: (1) The financial reports for the fall, winter and spring sports for the 2011-2012 school year; (2) The NMAA has had their audit completed and the report will be presented to the NMAA Board; (3) district tournament reports will no longer be turned into the NMAA; and (4) introduced Mr. Butler to the Commission and informed them that he will be helping her.

Activities Report:
Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, discussed two items during her report: (1) informed the Commission of the September 4th meeting with all Activities and the new direction the NMAA is going with activities and (2) the disconnect between the NMAA office and school activities representatives.

NMOA Report:
Ms. Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials, discussed four items during her report: (1) 2012 Basketball District Rules clinic will have 5 different locations; (2) Junior High and Middle School levels need to be registered through our office for liability purposes; (3) the NMAA needs help with spectator conduct from the schools; and (4) issues with bands playing during football games.

General Discussion / Informational Items
Basketball Rules Clinic dates: Ms. Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, informed the Commission about the dates of basketball rules clinic: Oct. 22nd - Albuquerque, Oct. 23rd - Roswell, Oct. 25th - Las Cruces, Oct. 30th - Gallup, Oct. 31st - Santa Fe. Officials and head coaches are required to be at those clinics; (2) During these clinics, Rudy Aragon will also be hosting meetings for the region Middle School Athletic Directors.

Increased participation in Referenda Voting: Ms. Vicki Nelms, NMADA President, discussed the fact that referenda voting quite often has low voting turnouts and maybe a fine or something should be done. Also, referendums are coming out in the summer when voting representatives may not be at school.
Legal considerations for team photo requirement: Ms. Vicki Nelms, NMADA President, discussed the issue of publishing/posting photos of student athletes online and that some school districts have policies that may not allow photos to be posted.

Bands playing during football games: Mr. Scott Affentranger, NASSP Rep., discussed how to better communicate the issue of bands playing during the entirety of football games and asked if anything needs to be done about this right now beyond the notice that Dana Sanchez sent to AD’s and officials.

Private School representative to the Board: Mr. Pete MacFarlane, Non-Public School Rep, discussed the fact that private schools have limited representation on the NMAA Board of Directors and that some of the information for the alignment and classification proposals took the private schools by surprise.

Fall Conference (October 14-16, 2012): Mr. Dusty Young, Assistant Director, informed the Commission that the Fall Conference will be October 14-16th, the annual luncheon will be on Monday, the mandatory Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, and he listed a few of the speakers who will be present.

Upcoming Commission/Board openings: Mr. Bill Cleland, Deputy Director, informed the Commission about the terms that are expiring in December: Mr Ferguson, Mr. Haston, and Mr. Carver and for the Board: Mr. Benoit, Mr. T.J. Parks and Ms. Parsons.

Alignment and Classification (2014-2015, 2015-1016): Mr. Bill Cleland, Deputy Director, informed the Commission of the four current proposals for alignment and classification and that the current plan calls for the Board to determine in December which proposal will be used. The information will be based on a three-year enrollment average and he stated that looking at possibilities based on only one years worth of data isn’t productive due to swings in enrollment numbers. Status quo has been mentioned as an option but there are different interpretations of what status quo is.

Mr. Campbell – Discussion was to reduce the number of teams selected to the playoffs, not necessarily reduce the number of classes.

Ms. Marquez - At the Fall Conference last year, AD’s were asking for a reduction in the number of classifications.

Mr. Barreras - Agreed with Ms. Marquez that schools were talking about reducing the number of classifications.

Mr. Ellis - Has a problem with the 1.5 multiplier for private schools. Informed the Commission that the 40-day counts are inflated for Deming schools when the immigrants are in for harvesting season and then gone when harvesting is done. 48 days and participation numbers are used in Colorado. Let the Board know that some tweaking needs to be done to the alignment and classification proposals.
Mr. Johnson - recommended that schools contact their Board of Directors representative and inform them of any concerns they may have with the current proposals for alignment and classification.

Mr. Mabrey - Has the board looked at competitiveness?

Mr. Kurth - asked where the 1.5 multiplier came from for private schools and if it was possible to hold off on changing the current alignment for another 2 years?

**Adjournment:** Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. MacFarlane. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (15-0)

**Next Commission Meeting will be November 20, 2012 at the NMAA.**
New Mexico Activities Association
Commission Meeting – November 20, 2012

PHYSICAL FITNESS & PARTICIPANT INSURANCE
FOR JROTC, BOWLING, AND RODEO

Action Item √ Referenda Item
Discussion Item √ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

Proposal:
Require JROTC, bowling, and rodeo participants to follow the same physical fitness and insurance regulations as listed for athletes in Sections 6.15 and 6.16 of the NMAA Handbook.

*This would be implemented for the 2013-2014 school year

Rationale:
The activities of JROTC, bowling, and rodeo all require participants to physically exert themselves in competition. Because of this, students participating in these activities should go through the same physical examination process as those students that participate in sports. Additionally, participation in each of these activities can result in injury, and therefore students should be required to be covered by accident/injury insurance.

Budget Impact:
None for the NMAA or its member schools, but could result in additional expenses to parents of students participating in JROTC, bowling, and rodeo.

NMAA Staff Recommendation:
NMAA staff is in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:
Current NMAA Bylaws 6.15 and 6.16: regarding physical fitness and participant insurance for student athletes.
November 2012 Commission Meeting:  
JROTC, bowling, and rodeo participants – Physicals/Insurance

NMAA Handbook – Section 6

6.15 PHYSICAL FITNESS
The Student must be physically fit. This fitness must be based on a physical examination of the Student occurring on or after April 1 of the previous school year and must be verified in writing by a licensed medical/osteopathic physician/physician's assistant or nurse practitioner to the extent authorized by their practice act and licensing authority. The physical is considered valid through the following school year. A Student must have a current physical on file for any participation outside of the school day (pre-season, in-season, off-season, summer). The certificate of examination must be on file in the member school office. By State Education Agency regulations, a Student’s fitness may be verified in writing by a “licensed chiropractic physician to the extent authorized by their practice act and licensing authority.”

6.16 PARTICIPANT INSURANCE
Participants must be covered by accident/injury insurance prior to participation. They may carry school-offered insurance or provide the school with documentation that they are covered by a private insurance carrier. A document signed by the student and parent verifying insurance coverage must remain on file in the athletic administrative office.

*These bylaws would now be referred to in Section 8 as part of the eligibility requirements for JROTC, bowling, and rodeo participants.