NMAA

Board of Directors’ Meeting

NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Thursday, November 30, 2017
10:00 AM
Small, Area A – Term Expires Dec. 31, 2019
Mr. Anthony Casados, Superintendent
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Mr. Jamie Widner, Superintendent
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Mr. Bill Green, Superintendent
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Ms. Lesa Dodd, Superintendent
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Ms. Raquel Reedy, Superintendent
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Mr. Kirk Carpenter, Superintendent
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Aztec, NM 87410
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Large, Area B – Term Expires Dec. 31, 2018
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T or C, NM 87901
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Ms. Dana Sanders, Superintendent
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Note: Initial term lengths are staggered as per approved procedure. Subsequent elected terms will be for three years each.
NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

NMAA - Hall of Pride and Honor
November 30, 2017
10:00 AM

NOTE: The Board will be hearing appeals prior to the regular meeting.

AGENDA

A= Action Item  D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome
   Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum  Jackie Martinez, Assistant Director
   (A) Approval of Agenda  T.J. Parks, Board President
   (A) Approval of Minutes (September 20, 2017)  T.J. Parks, Board President

II. NMAA Director’s Report  Sally Marquez, Executive Director


IV. NMAA Activities Report  Dana Pappas, Deputy Director

V. New Mexico Officials Association Report  Dana Pappas, Deputy Director

VI. Discussion/ Information Items
   (I) House Schools:  Co-ops / C & A  Sally Marquez, Executive Director

VII. Action Items
   (A) Scholastic Eligibility:  Semester grades  Sally Marquez, Executive Director
      (Referenda)  
   (A) Scholastic Eligibility:  2.0 GPA with no F’s  Sally Marquez, Executive Director
      (Referenda)  
   (A) Scholastic Eligibility:  Summer courses  Sally Marquez, Executive Director
      (Referenda)  
   (A) Baseball:  Update to pitching restriction regulations  Dusty Young, Associate Director
      (Referenda)  
   (A) Orchestra:  Elimination of the NMAA State Contest  Dana Pappas, Deputy Director
   (A) Classification & Alignment:  Proposed districts for 2018-2020  Sally Marquez, Executive Director

VIII. Executive Session  (Financial, Legal, Personnel)

IX. Consider Adjournment

Next Scheduled Board of Directors’ Meeting – December 7, 2017 (NMAA)
Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:30 am. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission Representative)
Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I)
*Representing Ms. Raquel Reedy was Ms. Yvonne Garcia

Not present:
Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)

Ten members present representing a quorum.

Mr. Parks asked that an adjustment be made to the agenda so that Executive Session could be held after the action items and before adjournment.

**Approval of the Agenda:**
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).
**NMAA Executive Director’s Report:**
Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) the Fall Regional Meetings with Athletic Directors that have been taking place in conjunction with CES; 2) a welcome and introduction of Ms. Tammy Richards, the NMAA’s newest Assistant Director and NMADA Executive Director; and 3) the NMAA staff recently attended the NFHS Section 6 Meeting in Colorado.

**NMAA Financial Report:**
Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2016-2017 Financial Reports for athletic and activity championships as well as attendance figures.


**NMAA Activities Report:**
Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed six (6) items on her report: 1) the 2017 National Student Leadership that took place in Indianapolis; 2) the NMAA is working to hold a student leadership summit in New Mexico in 2018, modeled after the NSLS; 3) the Activities Council Meeting that was held in August with all committee members in attendance; 4) the Student Leadership Handbook which was completed and launched on July 1, 2017 and can be found on the NMAA website; 5) the next Student Leadership Advisory Council meeting to be held during the Fall Conference; and 6) an update regarding Orchestra and its future as an NMAA sanctioned Activity.

**NMOA Report:**
Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed eight (8) items on her report: 1) basketball officials’ camps that were held during the summer; 2) the 2017 State Clinic that was held in June, with a change in format that was very well received 3) Baseball and Softball State Clinics will take place in January; 4) the next NMOA Executive Board meeting will be held in October; 5) the NASO Summit that took place in July; 6) the Referee Educational Forum for basketball officials that was held in August along with Ken Murphy’s football officials’ camp; 7) the first annual Coaches and Officials Basketball Symposium, will be held in October in conjunction with the NMHSCA; and 8) the NMOA will be partnering with Battlefields to Ballfields which will work as a mentoring program for military veterans to serve as officials.
General Discussion/Information Items:

Individuals representing home school teams for NMAA sanctioned activity programs were not in attendance to discuss their agenda item (Home School Teams).

Logan High School Presentation: Mr. Dennis Roch, Superintendent of Logan Schools, discussed the Ute Lake Online Learning Center and the impact that non-traditional students within this program, many of which do not meet the eligible age requirements to participate in athletics, has on their enrollment numbers for Logan High School.

Basketball Officials’ Presentation: Mr. David Osuna commended NMAA Executive Director Sally Marquez, Commissioner of Officials Dana Pappas, and Assistant to the Commissioner of Officials Nate Acosta for their efforts in improving the processes for the assigning and evaluating of basketball officials throughout the state.

Santa Fe Indian School Presentation: Mr. Roy Herrera, Superintendent of SFIS, presented a background of Santa Fe Indian School specific to their culture and traditions. Mr. Eric Brock, Athletic Director of Santa Fe Indian School, discussed his concerns in regards to the application of a multiplier for classification and alignment purposes due to limitations they are currently experiencing. Mr. Pablo Padilla discussed three (3) reasons why Santa Fe Indian School should be exempt from the Boarding School Rule and the multiplier - 1) Santa Fe Indian School does not receive private funding; 2) their students participate in cultural activities, which supersede athletics; and 3) SFIS' geographical attendance zone is specific to race.

IB Program at Sandia High School: Ms. Marquez discussed the eligibility exception granted by the Board of Directors several years ago that was given to students transferring to Sandia HS as part of their acceptance to the school’s IB Program. The Board felt that no changes need to be made at this time.

Scholastic Eligibility Committee Update: Ms. Marquez informed the Board of Directors that a committee of athletic directors was created to review current scholastic eligibility requirements. The NMAA staff researched all other state associations and based on this information and feedback from the committee, several recommendations have been made that will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of Schools in October. Membership feedback will determine if a proposal to change scholastic eligibility bylaws will be presented to the Commission/Board in the spring.

AED/EAP Requirements for State Tournament Hosts: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked for feedback in potentially requiring an EAP and AED to be in place/available at all NMAA state tournament host sites. He reported that many states across the country do already mandate this either via the association office or because of legislation. The Board of Directors supported the NMAA’s efforts in working to ensure these requirements are in place in the future.

Mr. Kirk Carpenter left the meeting.
Action Items:
Wrestling - State Seeding Date: Mr. Owen presented a proposal to amend the current seeding policy to conduct state seeding via video conference call on Monday, the week of the state tournament, and to create a withdrawal policy for any seeded wrestlers who withdraw from the state tournament after the verification of entries deadline. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Wrestling - Rules of Classification and Alignment: Mr. Owen presented a proposal to amend the current classification and alignment rules to classify wrestling as a team sport and all schools to enter a district only at the beginning of a new two-year block. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Basketball/Volleyball - District Tournaments: Ms. Marquez presented an item that no changes be made in regards to district tournaments in the sports of volleyball and basketball. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Classification and Alignment - Number of Classes by Sport: Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to finalize Section 4.1.5 (Sport Specific Classifications) of the NMAA Handbook for the 2018/2019-2019/2020 block. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented in all sports, except in the sports of wrestling and baseball. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Widner made a motion to approve five (5) classes in the sport of baseball for the 2018/2019-2019/2020 block. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Casados made a motion to approve three (3) classes in the sport of wrestling for the 2018/2019-2019/2020 block. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Classification and Alignment - State Football Qualifiers: Ms. Marquez asked the Board of Directors to consider adjustments to NMAA Football bylaws that would update the number of state tournament qualifiers to eight (8) teams in Class 2A-6A & 8-man, and four (4) qualifiers in 6-man for the 2018-2018/2019-2020 block. Mr. Parks asked for a motion. Mr. Widner made a motion to amend the current proposal as presented to ten (10) qualifiers in Classes 2A-6A & 8-man but leaving 6-man at four (4) qualifiers. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).
Ms. Marquez informed the Board of Directors that elections will be held for Large Area A, Large Area C and Small Area D after the Annual Meeting in October as those seats have terms that expire on December 31, 2017.

**Executive Session:**
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing legal, financial, and confidential personnel matters at 12:21 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Viramontes. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

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Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:02 p.m. Mr. Widner made the motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

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Consider Adjournment:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Mr. Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Next Board Meeting – November 30, 2017 (NMAA)
### 2017-2018 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - TICKET SALES

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New Mexico Activities Association
Board of Directors’ Meeting – November 30, 2017

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY – SEMESTER GRADES

x  Action Item  x  Referenda Item
___ Discussion Item  ___ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Sally Marquez – Executive Director

Proposal:

Current Academic Eligibility Bylaw 6.2.1

A.1…either cumulatively or for the six or nine week grading period immediately preceding participation.

Proposed Academic Eligibility Bylaw 6.2.1

A.1 …either cumulatively or for the semester grades immediately preceding participation.
For students not eligible at the semester, the next six or nine week grading period can be used to regain eligibility.

A.3  Delete

Rationale:

1. It is very difficult to obtain grades for classes off campus at the six or nine week marking period.

2. Using the semester grades will insure that students participating are making progress toward graduation.

3. Survey of Athletic Directors: 84% For, 16% Against

Budget Impact:  N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:  Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation:  Approve (16-0)

Attachments:  None
Proposal:

Current Academic Eligibility Bylaw 6.2.1

A.1 A Student shall have a 2.0 grade point average with no more than one (1) F, based on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent…

Proposed Academic Eligibility Bylaw 6.2.1

A.1 A student shall have a 2.0 grade point average with no F’s, based on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent…

Rationale:

1. Increase the standards of scholastic eligibility and ensuring that students are make progress toward graduation.

2. Survey of Athletic Directors: 73% For, 27% Against

Budget Impact: N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (14-2)

Attachments: None
SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY – SUMMER COURSES

x Action Item       x Referenda Item
___ Discussion Item ___ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Sally Marquez – Executive Director

Proposal:

Current Academic Eligibility Bylaw 6.2.4

A student may make up one (1) class during summer school…

Proposed Academic Eligibility Bylaw 6.2.4

A student may make up classes during summer school…

Rationale:

1. Rewarding students for gaining credits in the summer towards graduation.
2. Allowing students an opportunity to gain eligibility at the semester by using summer school grades.
3. Survey of Athletic Directors: 68% For, 32% Against

Budget Impact:  N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation: Approve (16-0)

Attachments: None
New Mexico Activities Association  
Board of Directors’ Meeting – November 30, 2017

BASEBALL PITCHING RESTRICTIONS – CONSECUTIVE DAY RULE

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

**Presenter:**  
Dusty Young, Associate Director

**Proposal:**  
Adjust the consecutive day note within the pitching restriction regulations for the sport of baseball.  
(Bylaw 7.12.1.D)

**Currently Reads:**  
Consecutive Day Note – if a player pitches on consecutive days, the cumulative pitch count from those two days must be used to calculate the required rest period. Example = Pitcher A throws 27 pitches on Friday and 35 pitches on Saturday, which is 62 pitches cumulatively – required rest after day two would be 3 calendar days.

**Change to:**  
*If a player pitches on consecutive days and accumulates more than 60 pitches total during those two days, the cumulative pitch count must be used to calculate the required rest period. If a player pitches on two consecutive days and is eligible to pitch a third consecutive day, the maximum number of pitches allowed on day three will be 60. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit this maximum limit during an at bat, but must exit the game after the batter.*

**Rationale:**  
New pitch count regulations were implemented by the NFHS for the 2017 high school baseball season. Although the policy adopted by the NMAA was fairly well received, one area of concern was common, especially with smaller schools. This dealt with the consecutive day note within the regulations and how that impacted short relievers during tournament play. Coaches asked the sports specific committee to look at ways to change this rule so that a true short reliever could pitch three days in row, while still looking out for the health and safety of the student-athlete. The above proposal was put together to address this situation and is supported by the majority of coaches, along with the NMAA Baseball SSC. Note that this is for the high school pitching restrictions only.

**Budget Impact:**  N/A

**NMAA Staff Recommendation:**  Approve

**Baseball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation:**  Approve

**NMAA Commission Recommendation:**  Approve (16-0)

**Fall 2017 Coach Survey:**  In favor (38-15, 72%)

**Attachments:**  Current Pitching Regulations
Pitching Regulations for High School Baseball

Bylaw 7.12.1.D

1. At the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any one day. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any one day. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit (120 in varsity, 105 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat, but must exit the game after the batter.

Note – Once a player exceeds the maximum daily pitch count threshold, that player is considered ineligible to pitch, and if used as pitcher once ineligible, the game must be forfeited by the team in violation of these regulations. The school and/or head coach will also be subject to additional sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

2. Coaches must post the pitch counts for all players from each game to MaxPreps, along with results, within 24 hours.

Failure to post pitch count numbers to MaxPreps within 24 hours will result in fines and/or other sanctions assessed to the school as determined by the Executive Director.

In addition to these maximum daily pitch counts, the following “days of rest” requirements must be followed:

**Rest Periods (varsity & sub-varsity)**

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Calendar day = If a pitcher throws 85 pitches on Tuesday, that player cannot pitch again until Saturday (3 required calendar days of rest).

Consecutive Day Note – if a player pitches on consecutive days, the cumulative pitch count from those two days must be used to calculate the required rest period. Example = Pitcher A throws 27 pitches on Friday and 35 pitches on Saturday, which is 62 pitches cumulatively – required rest after day two would be 3 calendar days.

Other Recommendations

** Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to the position he is assigned once he is done pitching. Consideration should be given to the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.

** Develop a pitching philosophy that includes the instruction in proper throwing mechanics, broadening the number of players who will become pitchers on their staffs, and developing a “work up” plan so that a pitcher is not throwing the maximum allowable pitches from the first day of competition (i.e., no more than 65 pitches in weeks 1-3, no more than 85 in weeks 4-6 to allow for growth and arm strength to develop.)

^NOTE – There are separate pitching regulations for middle school athletes participating at the mid school level. Please visit Section 9 of the NMAA Handbook if you would like to review these regulations as well.
ELIMINATION OF THE NMAA STATE ORCHESTRA CONTEST

x  Action Item  Referenda Item
___ Discussion Item  Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Dana Pappas, Deputy Director

Proposal:
Proposal to eliminate Orchestra as a sanctioned NMAA state event.

Rationale:
The NMAA has hosted the State Orchestra Contest for the past four years. During this time, the event has met the requirement of 10% of the member schools participating on one occasion. In a survey of member schools sent out at the start of the school year, only nine schools said they would be participating in the event. Reasons for a lack of support of this event are: orchestra is generally not a competitive event, the schools do not have orchestra programs, orchestra directors do not believe they have competitive enough orchestras to enter the event, the competition does not match the curriculum of the orchestra classes/programs and the timing of the event is difficult. During three of the four years of the event, the state concert band contest has helped to “float” the event financially and the orchestra contest is not self-sustaining.

Budget Impact:  N/A

NMAA Staff Recommendation:  Approve

NMAA Commission Recommendation:  Approve (16-0)

Attachments:  None