



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
February 20, 2018



Due Date: March 6, 2018

Upon direction of the Board of Directors, the New Mexico Activities Association is asking member schools **that participate in the sport of football** to vote on the issue below. Please read through the entire referendum before selecting your response. Thank you for your participation in the governance of your organization and for your support of interscholastic activities.

Football Bylaw 7.15.1.B.3 – Days of Practice Prior to Scrimmage

This proposal would adjust the number of practice days required before a school/athlete can participate in a scrimmage in the sport of football. The new requirement would be eight days instead of ten.

*NEW VERBIAGE FOR BYLAW 7.15.1.B.3: Minimum Practices before Participation - Each team or individual must have at least **eight (8) days of practice before competing in a scrimmage and ten (10) days of practice before competing in a game.** The first regular season game may be played beginning Week #8.*

**Note – The bolded verbiage would also apply to mid school / jr high football bylaw 9.8.4.A.3.*

Rationale: With the recent change to the NMAA calendar for football which allows regular season games to start one week earlier (Week #8 instead of Week #9), the football sports specific committee felt holding a scrimmage 1-2 days earlier would help with the transition of moving in to the regular season. The group also agreed that eight days of practice prior to a scrimmage was sufficient and would not be a major change from the current 10-day requirement.

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We Do Not Favor

This box must be completed by all member schools.

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_____ Print Name of Superintendent/Head of School	_____ Signature of Superintendent/Head of School
_____ School	_____ District/Classification

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Middle School / Junior High Football Bylaw 9.8.4.A.1 – Start Date

This proposal would adjust the football start date for middle school & junior high programs that participate in the 6-Man or 8-Man classification. The new start date would be week #6 instead of week #7.

9.8.4 Football

A. Practice Regulations

1. *Start Date- Practice may begin on Monday of week #7.*

ADD: Exception: Schools within the 6-Man & 8-Man Classifications may begin practice on the Monday of week #6, thus allowing their first regular season game to be played during week #8. (All 11-man football playing schools cannot participate in a contest until week #9).

Rationale: With the recent change to the NMAA calendar for football which allows regular season games to start one week earlier (Week #8 instead of Week #9) at the high school level, 6/8-Man schools have encountered an issue with scheduling for their mid school / jr. high programs. Typically, these schools schedule a mid school / jr. high game on the same day as their high school games (played back to back). Starting the high school season in Week #8 and the mid school season in Week #9 causes schools to lose an opportunity to schedule one of their allotted games at the mid school / jr. high level.

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