



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
 September 10, 2021



**Due Date: September 24, 2021**

*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.*

**Bylaw 7.15.1.M – Film Requirement Expansion**

This proposal would expand the current football film requirement so that all recordings submitted to the NMAA/NMOA HUDL account would be available not only to officials, but to coaches as well.

**Current Bylaw:**

7.15.1.M Film Requirement – Coaches are required to submit game film to the NMAA/NMOA Football Hudl account for each varsity contest. Film can be raw game footage and need not be clipped.

Coaches can use the platform to exchange film between one another if they so choose, but the intent of the account is for internal use by the NMAA/NMOA staff and officials.

**Proposed Change:**

Remove last sentence and add below verbiage:

*The NMAA/NMOA Hudl Account will serve as an open library where all varsity game film is stored and can be accessed by coaches, officials, and NMAA/NMOA staff. Sanctions for failure to submit game film will be determined by the Executive Director.*

**Rationale:** The expansion will allow for the NMAA's football film repository to serve as an open library for coaches to access game film, which satisfies the original wish of the majority of coaches when this proposal was first introduced. Over 80% of coaches are already submitting film to this open library.

***We Favor***

***We Do Not Favor***

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**Bylaw 7.12.1.E & 7.12.6 – Baseball Bat Regulations**

This proposal would adjust baseball bylaws so that BBCOR certified metal bats could be used in the sport of baseball beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

**Current Bylaws:**

**7.12.1.E. Bat Regulations:** Wood/composite wood bats **only** will be used. See 7.12.6 for specifics.

**7.12.6 Baseball Bats:** Only wood or composite wood bats may be used. This rule shall be effective for ALL levels of high school play.

**Proposed Change:**

Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year (2023 baseball season), remove NMAA Bylaw 7.12.6 and edit 7.12.1.E to read as follows:

*Bat Regulations: All legal bats as per NFHS Rules can be used.*

**Rationale:** Wood/composite wood bats have been required at the high school level since 2012. The majority of baseball coaches and athletic directors support a change to this rule that would allow for all BBCOR certified metal bats to be used starting in 2023. This would be in line with NFHS rules and all other state associations across the country. \*NOTE – NFHS Rules do allow for wood/composite wood bats to be used as well.

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**Bylaw 7.6.22 – All-Star Games**

This proposal would update bylaws pertaining to All-Star games so that games sponsored by the New Mexico High School Coaches Association could be played during the academic year.

**Current Bylaws:**

**7.6.22 All-Star Games**

- A. All-star games must be sanctioned/approved by the NMAA Commission to comply with NCAA regulations regarding scope and number, when applicable.
- B. Each contest must be sponsored or co-sponsored by the New Mexico High School Coaches Association.
- C. Only graduating seniors are eligible to participate.
- D. Games must be held after the academic completion of the respective school year.
- E. Rules/policies of games shall be submitted to the NMAA for prior approval. All rules/regulations of the NMAA must be in effect to achieve sanctioning.

**Proposal:**

Edit 7.6.22.D to read as follows:

*Games must be held after the academic completion of the respective school year unless specific games are approved by the NMAA Commission & NMAA Board of Directors on a yearly basis.*

**Rationale:** The NMHSCA and NMAA felt that this change will help to make the games more relevant and exciting in an effort to bring these events back to life. In addition, athletes will be more physically and mentally prepared to compete in an all-star game that takes place near the end of their high school season. It should also help to alleviate some of the sportsmanship issues that have come about in recent years.

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**Bylaw 7.4 – Out-of-Season Coaching (Saturday Contact)**

This proposal would amend bylaws so that out-of-season coaching could take place on Saturdays.

**Proposal:**

Add underlined verbiage and remove strikethrough text within Bylaw 7.4 (Out-Of-Season Coaching) as listed below:

*During the off-season, a Coaching Staff is allowed 7.5 hours of total contact time per week, Monday through Saturday, and only when school is in session, (~~during days when school is in session only~~) to work with student athletes grades 8-12. Sports specific and sports specific conditioning classes are to be included within this allowable timeframe. This provision applies to all school coaches, paid and volunteer. This rule prohibits coaching these individuals on any team (school or non-school sponsored) out-of-season during the school year.*

**Rationale:** The Out-of-Season coaching rule was amended during the pandemic to allow for Saturday contact. The revision was generally well received by the membership and this proposal would make this change permanent.

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**Bylaw 7.4 & 9.7.8 – Out-of-Season Coaching (Middle / Jr. High Schools)**

This proposal would amend bylaws so that out-of-season coaching could take place at the middle & junior high school levels independently from the high school.

**Proposal:**

Add underlined verbiage and remove strikethrough text within Bylaw 7.4 (Out-Of-Season Coaching) as listed below:

*During the off-season, a each school's Coaching Staff is allowed 7.5 hours of total contact time per week, (during days when school is in session only) to work with student athletes grades ~~8-12~~ 6-12. Sports specific and sports specific conditioning classes are to be included within this allowable timeframe. This provision applies to all school coaches, paid and volunteer. This rule prohibits coaching these individuals on any team (school or non-school sponsored) out-of-season during the school year.*

**Rationale:** The out-of-season coaching rule was amended during the pandemic to allow middle school Coaching Staffs their own 7.5 hours of contact time, independent from the high school. The revision was generally well received by the membership and this proposal would make this change permanent. Middle school / Junior high contact times would be separate from the high school, but 8<sup>th</sup> grade students would not be eligible to float between high school workouts and middle school / junior high workouts. Those schools / 8<sup>th</sup> graders would need to choose which level they intend to participate while out of season. \*NOTE - Bylaw 9.7.8 would be adjusted to reflect this as well.

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**Bylaw 9.4.B – Scholastic Eligibility (8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

This proposal would amend bylaws so that the scholastic eligibility clean slate rule would only be reserved for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders who have not already participated in high school athletics.

**Proposal:**

Add underlined verbiage and remove strikethrough text within Bylaw 9.4.B (Scholastic Eligibility) as listed below:

*An eighth grade Student competing in interscholastic sports at the high school level has made his/her open enrollment choice. ~~The Student may compete without reference to his/her immediate or previous scholastic record. The end of the first semester in 8th grade establishes the scholarship requirements for this Student.~~ The Student's eligibility to participate shall be determined by the semester grading period immediately preceding participation.*

**Rationale:** The clean slate rule was intended to provide freshmen making their open-enrollment choice the opportunity to compete without reference to their previous middle school grades. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have not yet advanced beyond middle school and thus are still bound to their middle school scholastic record, regardless of a high school open enrollment choice. Additionally, this rule creates a contradiction that allows ineligible 8<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to participate immediately in high school sports while remaining ineligible for middle school sports.

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