



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
September 21, 2020



Due Date: October 5, 2020

Upon direction of the Board of Directors, the New Mexico Activities Association is asking member schools 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.

New Bylaw 3.3.1.A – Coach Requirements: Educational Courses

This proposal would require all coaches to take two additional online educational courses per the request of the New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority.

3.3.1.A. Coaches Education Courses

Coaches must complete the *Bullying, Hazing, & Inappropriate Behaviors* and *Protecting Students from Abuse* Courses which are offered through the National Federation of State High School Associations' Coaches Education Learning Center (NFHSLearn.com). It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure that each coach has this certification, which is current for two (2) years from the date of completion. This requirement is for ALL middle school / junior high and high school coaches.

Rationale: The New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority would like to request that coaches undergo further education via two free online courses offered by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

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Basketball Bylaw 7.13.12 – Officials

This proposal would allow for Class 1A & 2A schools to use a 2-person officiating crew for all varsity basketball games. Three officials could still be used.

The new language would read:

“Officials working NMAA sanctioned events must be registered through the Association. Class 3A-5A schools are required to use three (3) NMAA/NMOA officials for NMAA regular-season sanctioned varsity contests. Two (2) officials may be used at the sub-varsity level. Class A-2A schools are required to use a minimum of two (2) NMAA/NMOA officials for NMAA regular-season sanctioned varsity contests.

Rationale:

After review of the February/March referenda results pertaining to the requirement that all schools use three-person crews instead of two for varsity basketball games, it was found that Class A voted 12-3 against the proposal. Also, 2A schools have shown concerns with the change to three-person crews due to the budgetary implications that have resulted from the coronavirus pandemic and possibility that spectators may not be allowed at contests to help offset expenses.

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Bylaw 7.22.1.M – Track & Field: Certified Officials

This proposal would revise track & field bylaws to reflect current assignment practices/procedures.

Current Bylaw:

Meet referees may be coaches who are certified track officials via the NMAA / NMOA as long as there are at least THREE coaches from three different schools at three who are NMOA certified and all three must agree to certify/verify the results of the meet.

****Proposed Revision:**

Each qualifying meet is required to have a Certified Track and Field Meet Referee, assigned by an NMAA Varsity Regional Track and Field Assignor. This individual will certify/verify the results of the meet and will serve in all roles as outlined by the NFHS Track and Field Rulebook.

Rationale: Now that the NMAA has an assignor system in track & field, this by-law is no longer necessary and defeats the purpose of having assignors. Schools can still use referees they have traditionally had at their meets, in communication with their assignor, but it is no longer efficient to have coaches serving as officials and is no longer necessary with the assignor system. In many cases, the coaches who were serving as meet referees were not following the process to register as track & field officials.

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