



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
 October, 2010



Due Date: November 5, 2010

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Major NMAA Bylaw Adjustments

Recommended by the NMAA Bylaws Committee.

Please select only one response per item.

Item 1 – Bylaw 6.1.2

Transferring to Follow a Coach

93 Favor
26 Do Not Favor

Add the following wording to the current NMAA Bylaw 6.1.2, Transferring to Follow a Coach: This bylaw takes effect once a student enters the 7th grade.

Item 2 – Bylaw 6.1.3

Undue Influence of a Student

115 Favor
4 Do Not Favor

Expand on communication segment of Bylaw 6.1.3, Undue Influence of a Student with the following excerpts:

1. Any student, family or individual that contacts a coach about attending a school where he or she coaches must be informed that they need to contact the principal, admissions department or guidance department if they have an interest in transferring.
2. Any meeting with coaches regarding prospective athletes and their families must be at the request of the family, to the individual(s) responsible for admissions and must take place at the school.

*Item 3 – Bylaw 6.2.6
Grace Period*

102 Favor

16 Do Not Favor

Add the following wording to NMAA Bylaw 6.2.6, Grace Period: A school is allowed up to seven (7) school days from the end of the grading period to determine student eligibility.

*Item 5 – Bylaw 6.4.3.e.2
Eligibility of Student Whose Parents are Divorced*

101 Favor

17 Do Not Favor

Revise the wording of Bylaw 6.4.3.e.2, under Divorced Parents to read: A student who moves from parent to parent, or from legal guardian to legal guardian the first time in his/her high school career will be eligible upon verification to the NMAA office that this is the first move and certified by the administrators involved that the move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment. The legal guardianship must have been established at least one calendar year before the transfer.

*Item 6 – Bylaw 6.5.2
Transfer Student*

67 Favor

51 Do Not Favor

Revise Bylaw 6.5.2, Transfer Student as follows: If a Student leaves his/her previous school in good standing, the Student is ineligible for varsity level participation for 180 school/365 calendar days (*as opposed to the present 90 school day regulation*).

*Item 7 – Bylaw 6.5.6A
Foreign Exchange Student*

80 Favor

39 Do Not Favor

Revise Bylaw 6.5.6A, International Student Exchange Participant as follows: If the Student is participating in a formal program sanctioned through the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), they are immediately eligible for sub-varsity participation only for one school year.

*Item 8 – Bylaw 6.5.6B
Foreign Students*

79 Favor

39 Do Not Favor

Revise Bylaw 6.5.6B, Foreign Students as follows: Foreign Students moving to this country without their parents/legal

guardians are ineligible for varsity competition for a period of 180 school /365 calendar days (*as opposed to the present 90 school day regulation*).

*Item 9 – Bylaw 7.4.1
Out-of-Season Coaching During the School Year*

97 Favor

21 Do Not Favor

Revise Bylaw 7.4.1, Out-of-Season Coaching During the School Year by eliminating the stated penalties for third offense.

*Item 10 – Bylaw 7.6.4
Scrimmage Limit*

93 Favor

26 Do Not Favor

Add the following wording to NMAA Bylaw 7.6.4, Scrimmage Limit, to include: Schools will be allowed to sponsor an alumni game, approved by the administration, which will not count against their scrimmage limit.

This box must be completed by all member schools.

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School Athletics Equity Act

Please select only one response

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| 102 Favor |
| 18 Do Not Favor |

Requirment that "non-public" schools report School Athletics Equity Act (HB432) data to the New Mexico Activities Association.

(Presently HB432 requires only public schools to report data to the Public Education Department. "Non-public" schools consist of private, boarding, and BIA schools.)

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**Spirit
 General Rules/Policies**

84 Favor
26 Do Not Favor

Amend NMAA Bylaws 7.19.1G and 7.19.5C, Competition Limitation to increase the number of competitions from five (5) to (8) for the 2010-2011 school year, stating: Each varsity team is limited to eight (8) total competitions, while maintaining a minimum of two (2) for state competition. *(As suggested by the Office of Civil Rights)*

79 Favor
31 Do Not Favor

Amend NMAA Bylaws 7.19.1G and 7.19.5C, State Championship Eligibility: to change the minimum number of competitions from two (2) to three (3), and the maximum from eight (8) to ten (10) competitions for 2011-2012 school year. *(As suggested by the Office of Civil Rights)*

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