



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
June 2011



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**NMAA Bylaw Adjustment**

*Revision of wording to Bylaw 7.10; Games/Events Interrupted as Follows:*

- 7.10.1** The game officials are the only authoritative body that may interrupt a game or event. In sports where no officials oversee the event, the host school administrator shall determine the rules regarding interrupted games.
- 7.10.2** In the event that a game must be interrupted because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play (i.e. lightning, darkness, power outage, etc.) the head official/ referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played; based upon the NFHS definition of a regulation game.
- If less than one-half of the game has been played, and it is a district game/ post season game, the game must be rescheduled from the point of interruption/ suspension of play.
- If less than one-half of the game has been played, and it is a non-district game, the participating schools must mutually agree to reschedule the game from the point of interruption/ suspension of play or the game will be considered a non-game.
- Note:** If one complete half or more of the game has been played in a post-season game, it will be left up to the discretion of the tournament director and or the NMAA Executive Director to determine if the game is played to its entirety.
- 7.10.3** If the contest is to be finished at a later date, both schools share equally in the expense of the visiting school.
- 7.10.4** Only participants eligible at the interruption are eligible when the contest is resumed.
- 7.10.5** Officials receive one additional round-trip mileage when working the remainder of the game/event at a later date, but receive only one officiating fee. If the same crew cannot be used to complete the game, both the original officiating crew and the crew assigned to complete the game will receive officiating fees. Both crews would receive mileage reimbursement.

7.10.6 In the event of lightning, refer to the NFHS Lightning disturbance policy.

**76 Favor**  
**3 Do Not Favor**

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*Revision of NMAA Lightning Policy by referring to the NFHS Lightning Disturbance policy from the NFHS rule book as follows:*

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

**Proactive Planning**

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
  - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
  - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
  - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Guidelines for Lightning Safety" contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

<b>79 Favor</b>
<b>0 Do Not Favor</b>

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*Revision of NMAA Forfeiture Fees Bylaws 5.1.7 B.1. and 3.11.4 B.1.*

Consider revision of NMAA Forfeiture Fees as follows:

**Minimum forfeiture fees:** If not already in the contract, this applies to both regular season games and tournaments. Other costs of conducting the contest, as well as lost revenues may be taken into consideration by the Director in assessing the fee owed by the school for failing to meet the obligations of the written or unwritten agreement.

<p align="center"><b>50 Favor</b></p> <p align="center"><b>30 Do Not Favor</b></p>		<u>Football/Basketball</u>	<u>Other Sports</u>
	A/B; 6-Man, 8-Man	\$1000	\$500
	AA	\$1500	\$750
	AAA	\$2000	\$1000
	AAAA	\$3000	\$1500
	AAAAA	\$3000	\$1500

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**NMAA Bylaw Adjustment**  
*Wood/Composite Wood Bats*

***Baseball Schools Only – Please cast your vote below***

**48 Favor**  
**16 Do Not Favor**

Consider mandating the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Note:** *This would be a one year trial to be reviewed at the conclusion of the 2012 baseball season.*

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