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Bylaw 6.18.7 – Non-School Sponsored Events - Awards

This proposal would amend amateur status bylaws for non-school sponsored events.

Current: *In non-school sponsored events, the awards a participant may receive and still retain amateur status shall be determined by the national or international governing body for that specific sport. If there is not an NMAA recognized national or international amateur governing body, the NMAA regulations must be followed.*

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Proposal: *In non-school sponsored events, the awards a participant may receive and still retain amateur status will be determined by the NCAA guidelines for that specific sport. For golf and tennis, amateur status will be determined by the national governing body.*

Rationale: The NFHS and the NCAA are working closely together to streamline rules and regulations surrounding recruitment of high school athletes and amateur status.

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Bylaw 7.8 – Invitational Tournaments (add 7.8.10)

This proposal would require that regular season event entry fees be processed only through the host school and not through a booster club or another outside agency.

***NEW 7.8.10** *Entry fees, required to participate in any tournament or event, must be processed through the host school and cannot be paid to booster clubs or outside agencies.*

Rationale: Historically, regular season event entry fees have been used to offset overhead costs with remaining funds processed through and controlled by the school. However, recently, entry fees have become a mechanism to generate funds for particular booster clubs and/or outside agencies/groups. This proposal ensures that funds generated by entry fees are processed through and controlled by the host school and not a booster club or outside agency.

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**Bylaw 7.7.9.B – Video Recording/Telecasts/Radio Broadcasting
(Regular Season Contests)**

This proposal would adjust bylaws pertaining to video recording of regular season contests.

Current: Regular Season Contests - Radio broadcasting, video recording, or telecasting a regular season contest is prohibited without the consent of the host school. *Exception: The visiting school may video record the contest as long as it is not for broadcast for public viewing. This does not prohibit use of film and tape for sports clips by media representatives.*

Proposal: Regular Season Contests - Radio broadcasting, telecasting, or video streaming a regular season contest is prohibited without the consent of the host school. *This does not prohibit use of film and tape for sports clips by media representatives. Video recording is allowed.*

Rationale: It is still very important to protect 3rd party video recording at practice sessions; however, it is very difficult to monitor 3rd party filming at a game. Spectators are capable of recording on cell phones, and many games/events can be viewed on the internet. It makes sense to change verbiage and adjust with the times.

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Bylaw 7.6.5 – Minimum Contests for Post-Season Competition Eligibility (Individual)

This proposal would adjust bylaws pertaining to the minimum number of contests an individual must participate in during the regular season in order to be eligible to compete in state.

Current: *Students participating in two sports concurrently at the interscholastic level must participate in a minimum of one quarter (1/4) of the varsity contests scheduled, but in no event less than two (2) varsity contests to be eligible for post-season competition. A player who sustains an injury that precludes participation in a minimum of two (2) contests during the regular season may participate in post-season competition provided the student has been on the team roster throughout the season. In addition, the injury must be certified in writing by a licensed medical physician and submitted to the Director as well as kept on file by the school principal. For this exception to apply, the injured player cannot have participated in any other sport (inside or outside of the school) during the regular sports season.*

Proposal: *Students must participate in a minimum of one quarter (1/4) of the varsity contests scheduled to be eligible for post-season competition. A player who sustains an injury that precludes participation in one quarter of the varsity contests during the regular season may participate in post-season competition provided the student has been on the team roster throughout the season. In addition, the injury must be certified in writing by a licensed medical physician and submitted to the Director as well as kept on file by the school principal. For this exception to apply, the injured player cannot have participated in any other sport (inside or outside of the school) during the regular sports season. Note: Sub-varsity players can be moved up for post season play without playing in a ¼ of the varsity contests.*

Rationale: Bylaw 7.6.5 was written for two sports only due to Fall academically ineligible athletes not able to compete in a ¼ of the contests after the 9 week grades were completed. Now that we use semester grades for eligibility, this bylaw should change to include all athletes.

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Bylaw 6.7.4.A – Legally Separated Parents

This proposal would amend bylaws pertaining to eligibility requirements for students who have parents that are legally separated.

Current: *If a Student's Parents separate (and are not divorced), and one Parent remains in the attendance zone where the Student had previously been attending school, the Student's residence is presumed to be that of the Parent who did not move.*

Proposal: *If a Student's Parents separate (and are not divorced), and one Parent remains in the attendance zone where the Student had previously been attending school, the Student's residence is that of the Parent who did not move.*

Rationale: Removing the words "presumed to be" will eliminate confusion as to the student's residence for eligibility purposes.

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Bylaw 7.7.2 – NMAA Game/Contest Ejection/Disqualification Policy

This proposal would add bylaws to the current ejection policy which address situations where “battery” occurs by participants. The suspension for this type of ejection would include more severe sanctions.

Proposal: Add to 7.7.2.C

Participant – Battery (the use of force against another resulting in harmful or offensive contact)

1. *Suspension from 15% of the sport’s game limitation – same level, may not participate at any level until all sanctions are completed. The “15% of the sport’s game limitation” will be rounded up to determine the final suspension (i.e. sub-varsity football has a game limitation of 9; 15% of 9 is 1.35 so the suspension is 2 games).*
2. *Complete the NFHSLearn “Sportsmanship” course, submit certificate of completion to the school Athletic Director.*
3. *Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director.*
4. *A local sanction as determined by the local school administration and approved by the NMAA, if necessary.*
5. *Any subsequent ejection will result in student athlete being removed from athletic competition for 180 school days / 365 calendar days.*

Rationale: Ejections for students engaging in harmful behavior should result in more stringent penalties.

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**Bylaw 7.7.3 – Unethical or Unprofessional Behavior Engaged
in by a Coach or Other School Personnel**

This proposal would amend bylaws to include social media as a means of publicly defaming or attacking the credibility of officials or opponents.

Proposal: **New verbiage added is underlined*

7.7.3 - Unethical or Unprofessional Behavior Engaged in by a Coach or Other School Personnel

Coaches/other school personnel who engage in unethical or unprofessional behavior shall be subject to sanctions by the Executive Director, in accordance with the tenets of the NMAA Sportsmanship Initiative, "Compete with Class." Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, publicly disagreeing with the judgment of contest officials, entering officials' locker rooms before or after games, demeaning contest opponents, or otherwise publicly defaming or attacking the credibility of officials or opponents. An example of this behavior would be providing negative quotations in newspaper or other media outlets, including social media platforms, about officiating performance or about opponents.

Rationale: Social media has become a prevalent platform for subscribers to receive news, information and personal opinion. Coaches and other school personnel who use social media as a platform to publicly defame or attack referees or opponents are not abiding by the tenets of Compete with Class.

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Bylaw 3.6.1 – Master Calendar of Reports (Rules Clinics)

This proposal would adjust the dates of review/attendance for NMAA Rules Clinics that are required for all head coaches.

Current: *Deadline for all head coaches to complete the district clinic in person or online at www.nmact.org depending on the sport:*

August 31st for Fall Sports, November 30th for Winter Sports, February 28th for Spring Sports

Proposal: *Deadline for all head coaches to complete the district clinic in person or online at www.nmact.org depending on the sport:*

August 15th for Fall Sports, November 15th for Winter Sports, February 15th for Spring Sports

Rationale: Changing the date will help ensure that coaches complete the mandatory NMAA Rules Clinic either online or in person prior to their first contest.

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Bylaw 3.6.1 – Master Calendar of Reports (MaxPreps Information)

This proposal would adjust the deadline dates for coaches/schools to post roster & schedule information to MaxPreps.

Current: All required information (rosters, schedules, etc.) must be posted on the NMAA website via MaxPreps by the following dates:

September 15th for Fall Sports, December 15th for Winter Sports, April 1st for Spring Sports

Proposal: All required information (rosters, schedules, etc.) must be posted on the NMAA website via MaxPreps by the following dates:

September 1st for Fall Sports, December 1st for Winter Sports, March 1st for Spring Sports

Rationale: Changing the date will help ensure that coaches have schedules and rosters posted on MaxPreps at the beginning of the season.

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Bylaw 6.14 – Parental Consent (Consent to Treat Form)

This proposal would add verbiage to current parental consent bylaws that would require an additional document be kept on file at the school that states each student can be treated by a qualified medical professional.

Proposal: **New verbiage added would read as follows:*

Prior to participation, written parental consent, allowing qualified medical professionals (QMP) to provide sports medicine services, must be on file with the school and provided on the NMAA's Consent to Treat form.

A QMP is defined as a medical/osteopathic physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or athletic trainer licensed by the state of New Mexico (or the state in which the student-athlete is located at time of injury or illness).

Rationale: Parental consent for minor athletes is generally required for sports medicine services. In the absence of a parent/legal guardian, this proposal ensures athletes have access to available medical care and/or sports medicine services. This form will also ensure that Athletic Trainers and other Qualified Medical Professionals are covered when treating student-athletes.

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Bylaw 6.15 – Physical Fitness (Physical Examination Forms)

This proposal would add verbiage to current physical fitness bylaws that would require students to use the NMAA approved pre-participation evaluation forms for their sports physical. Date of implementation would be April 1, 2020.

Proposal: *New verbiage added would read as follows:

Member schools shall utilize the physical examination forms provided by the NMAA. There shall be three parts:

Part One – Emergency Information Form – To be completed and signed by the parent or guardian and student athlete.

Part Two – Annual Pre-Participation History Form – To be completed and signed by the parent or guardian and student athlete.

Part Three – Annual Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form – To be completed and signed by the examining medical provider.

Rationale: The NMAA has employed the use of the 4th Pre-participation Evaluation (PPE) Monograph and recommended its use by its member schools for sports physical since 2014. The 4th PPE Monograph was developed by The American Academy of Pediatrics in coordination with The American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Sports Medicine, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and American Osteopathic Academy of Sports. It is considered the most comprehensive sports physical form available and endorsed and recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Requiring this form for all pre-participation evaluations ensures a more consistent and comprehensive evaluation which, in turn, raises the level of health and safety for all student participants.

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Bylaw 7.17.1.H – Soccer General Rules/Policies (Tournament Progression)

This proposal would eliminate soccer bylaws pertaining to the protocol used to record results for regular season soccer tournament matches.

Proposal: *Verbiage to be eliminated is listed below:

Tournament Progression - In regular season, non-district games, when a team advances in a tournament other than by scoring a winning goal, the record will indicate the game was a tie. An asterisk () is placed by the team advancing in the tournament to indicate its advancement.*

Rationale: Removal of this bylaw will determine a winner for soccer matches held during regular season tournaments that end by way of a shootout. This provides clarity and accuracy for overall team win/loss records and for seeding purposes.

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Bylaw 7.12.1.D.2 – Baseball General Rules/Policies (Pitching Restrictions - Reporting)

This proposal would amend baseball bylaws pertaining to pitch count reporting and the sanctions for lack of compliance.

Current: Coaches must post the pitch counts for all players from each game to MaxPreps, along with results, within 24 hours. (Coaches are responsible for players from their own team)

Note – Failure to post pitch count numbers to MaxPreps within 24 hours will result in fines and/or other sanctions assessed to the school as determined by the Executive Director.

Proposal: Coaches must post the pitch counts for all players from each game to MaxPreps, along with results, within 24 hours. (Coaches are responsible for players from their own team)

Note – Failure to post pitch count numbers to MaxPreps within 24 hours will result in the following:

1st Offense – Warning

2nd & Subsequent Offenses – Coach will be suspended for one game.

Rationale: Although we have had the pitch count regulations in place for three years, many coaches still do not post the necessary data to MaxPreps in a timely manner. The fine does not seem like enough of a sanction to keep coaches on task, thus it is felt that a stricter penalty should be issued when pitch counts are not reported.

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