



Due Date: October 10, 2018

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 Sports Regulation – Team Huddles

This proposal would add a regulation that prohibits team huddles in certain areas of the playing surface. It is already implemented in the sport of basketball and would now carry over to other sports sanctioned by the NMAA.

NEW REGULATION: Neither team (home or visitor) can huddle on or near the center of the field/court/diamond/mat before, during or after contests. This mandate is within the parameters of Compete with Class in order to deescalate the perception of intimidation, disrespect and unsporting behavior. Teams will still be allowed to huddle on their side of the field/court/diamond/mat.

This does include after the contest, even after the officials have left the confines of the field/court/diamond/mat.

Rationale: As stated in the verbiage of the proposed regulation, this would be implemented in an effort to deescalate the perception of intimidation, disrespect, and unsporting behavior during athletic events.

| 75 | Favor | |
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| 9 | Do Not Favor | |

This box must be completed by all member schools.

| Print Name of Official Voter | Signature of Official Voter |
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| Print Name of Superintendent/Head of School | Signature of Superintendent/Head of School |
| School | District/Classification |

Due date is October 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

This ballot, with both signatures affixed, must be received in the NMAA office by 4:00 p.m. Please fax completed referenda to Mindy Ioane at (505) 923-3114. **Please note that if either signature above is missing, the ballot will not be counted.** Contact Dusty Young (dusty@nmact.org) if you have any questions regarding this referendum.