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**Modify Bylaw 3.10.2 re: District Handbooks**

Remove the requirement that district handbooks be submitted to the NMAA annually. The bylaw would go from:

*Each competitive district elects a Chairperson, who publishes a handbook for the conduct and management of sports/events within that district. A copy of the current district handbook shall be on file with the NMAA by September 15th annually and revisions are to be submitted to the NMAA as changes are made.*

to:

*Each competitive district elects a Chairperson, who publishes a handbook for the conduct and management of sports/events within that district.*

**NOTE:** Proposal was passed by the Commission and Board of Directors.

**85 Favor**

**6 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 3.11.2 re: Emailing Contract Agreements**

Add electronic correspondence as a binding contract. The bylaw would go from:

*Contracts for regular season contests shall be in writing. The original contract is binding unless nullified by a subsequent contract.*

to:

*Contracts for regular season contests shall be in writing **or email correspondence**. The original contract is binding unless nullified by a subsequent contract.*

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**90 Favor**

**0 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 6.4.1 re: Open Enrollment Choice**

Allow students making a bona fide resident move into the state of New Mexico for the first time an open enrollment choice.

Remove the current Note in the bylaw which states “*Note: Open Enrollment Choice is not an option for 10th, 11th or 12th grade students, or foreign students in this country without their parents and/or legal guardians.*” and add the following items:

3. *An out-of-state student making a bona fide resident move will have an Open Enrollment Choice to enroll in a member school upon their initial enrollment in the state of New Mexico.*
4. *Open enrollment choice is not an option for foreign students in this country without their parents and/or legal guardians.*

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**81 Favor**

**9 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 6.6.2.G re: Practice Regulations**

Strike section G. from the bylaw. It currently states:

*G. Any student who is ineligible for reasons other than academics cannot practice with the team.*

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**74 Favor**

**14 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 6.7.4.C and 6.7.5.D re: Parent to Parent**

Disallow the parent to parent provision for students transferring within the same or adjoining districts by modifying the bylaws 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 **provided the following conditions are met:***

- 1. Student is making his/her first move**
- 2. The move is not within the same or adjoining district**
- 3. The move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment as certified by the administrators involved**

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**82 Favor**

**8 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 6.8.1 re: Eligibility Retention**

Require a student who achieves initial eligibility as a bona fide resident or transfer student to remain at that school for 180 school/365 calendar days in order to utilize the eligibility retention exception by modifying the bylaw as follows:

*A Student participant enrolled for 180 school/365 calendar days as a bona fide resident or transfer Student retains eligibility for subsequent years as long as the Student remains enrolled at the school and meets all other NMAA eligibility requirements.*

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**87 Favor**

**2 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 6.9.2.B re: Did not Participate**

Modify the current bylaw to allow 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade transfer students and boarding school transfer students to utilize the "did not participate" exception.

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**83 Favor**

**7 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 7.4 re: Out of Season Coaching**

Amend the out-of-season coaching bylaw to allow only 9th-12th graders and 8th graders who have made an open enrollment choice to participate in out-of-season practices. Prospective student athletes (7th and 8th grade students) would be excluded from this bylaw and thus, ineligible to participate in any out-of-season practices.

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**58 Favor**

**31 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 8.1.7 re: Home School Teams**

Re-amend the bylaw to allow home school "teams" to participate in activities but with all former restrictions in place as follows:

- F. The individual activity, based on the constitution of its national governing organization, has the purview to allow home school teams to participate.
- G. A home school student who participates on a home school team is not eligible for state awards.
- H. A home school team, although eligible to participate in state competitions, is ineligible to compete for state awards.

**NOTE:** Proposal was passed by the Commission and Board of Directors.

**67 Favor**

**20 Do Not Favor**

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**Modify Bylaw 7.15.1.F re: Schedule Submission Deadline**

Change the football schedule submission deadline from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**79 Favor**

**1 Do Not Favor**

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**Post-game Spectator Protocols**

Add to NMAA bylaws "At the conclusion of each football game, spectators may not access the field. Exception: For State Championship contests, spectators may be allowed access to the field following conclusion of the awards presentation if allowed to do so by the host school."

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**62 Favor**

**17 Do Not Favor**

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**USA Football Heads Up Coach Certification**

ADD Bylaw 7.15.1.K – Coaches Education as follows:

*Football coaches must complete the USA Football Heads Up Certification Course. It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure that each coach has this certification, which is current for 4 years from the date of completion.*

*NOTE: This requirement is for head varsity coaches only for the 2016 season. Beginning with the 2017 season, ALL middle school and high school coaches must be certified.*

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**78 Favor**

**1 Do Not Favor**

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**Baseball Player Game Limitations**  
(Courtesy Runner)

Add a note to NMAA bylaw 7.12.1.C as follows:

*NOTE: If a player participates in a contest as a courtesy runner only, it will not count as a game towards that player's season game limitations.*

**NOTE:** Proposal was passed by the Commission and Board of Directors.

**69 Favor**

**5 Do Not Favor**

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**Baseball Player Game Limitations**  
(Innings of Play)

Add verbiage to NMAA bylaw 7.12.1.C as follows:

*If a school plays two games at different levels (i.e. JV & Varsity) back to back on the same day, at the same site, and against the same school, a student-athlete may participate in 10 innings between the two contests and only count this as one game towards his/her game limitations for the season.*

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**71 Favor**

**4 Do Not Favor**

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**Wood / Composite Wood Baseball Bats**

Continue the use of wood/composite wood bats on a permanent basis.

NMAA membership voted to mandate the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball at the high school level during the 2012 season as a 1-year pilot. In the summer of 2012, the membership then voted to continue with these regulations for four additional years. With the completion of the 2016 season, a vote is required to continue the use of wood/composite wood bats.

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**60 Favor**

**13 Do Not Favor**

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**Pitching Restrictions**

Implement new pitching restriction regulations in the sport of baseball as follows:

*Bylaw 7.12.1.D*

1. Pitchers may throw a maximum of 10 innings in a 72-hour period, regardless of the length of game.
2. At the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any one day. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any one day. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit (120 in varsity, 105 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat, but must exit the game after the batter.

*Once a pitcher exceeds the inning or pitch count thresholds, that player is considered an ineligible player and the game must be forfeited by the team in violation of these regulations. The school and/or head coach will also be subject to additional sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.*

3. Coaches must post the pitch counts for all players from each game to MaxPreps, along with results, within 24 hours.

*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.*

In addition to these requirements, the following recommendations should be considered:

**\*\*Rest Periods**

Pitches	Recommended Rest
91+	4 Calendar Days
61-90	3 Calendar Days
41-60	1 Calendar Day
0-40	0 Calendar Days

Calendar day = If a pitcher throws 85 pitches on Tuesday, that player should not pitch again until Saturday (3 recommended calendar days of rest).

Note – if a player pitches on consecutive days, the cumulative pitch count from those two days should be used to calculate the recommended rest period. Example = Pitcher A throws 27 pitches on Friday



and 35 pitches on Saturday, which is 62 pitches cumulatively – recommended rest after day two would be 3 calendar days.

\*\* Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to the position he is assigned once he is done pitching. Consideration should be given to the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.

\*\*Develop a pitching philosophy that includes the instruction in proper throwing mechanics, broadening the number of players who will become pitchers on their staffs, and developing a “work up” plan so that a pitcher is not throwing the maximum allowable pitches from the first day of competition (i.e., no more than 65 pitches in weeks 1-3, no more than 85 in weeks 4-6 to allow for growth and arm strength to develop.).

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**61 Favor**

**13 Do Not Favor**

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**Require the Use of Track Wrestling Software**

Require the use of Track Wrestling (TW) software for all in-state varsity individual tournaments.

NOTE: Schools are currently "required to maintain accurate and complete individual records for their varsity athletes via Track Wrestling."

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**43 Favor**

**3 Do Not Favor**

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