



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
 September 25, 2015



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**Modify Bylaw 7.4.4 Student Transferring to Follow a Coach**

A section of the bylaw will be changed by removing the words “within the past year” as follows:

Current wording:

*If the Student transfers to a school that his/her coach has relocated to within the past year, regardless of change in the Student’s bona fide residence...*

to:

*If the Student transfers to a school that his/her coach has relocated to, regardless of change in the Student’s bona fide residence...*

<b>37 Favor</b>
<b>7 Do Not Favor</b>

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**Modify Bylaw 3.3 Requirements for Coaches, Sponsors and Advisors**

For liability purposes, one sentence will be added to each of the current bylaws listed below that will require appropriate school personnel to be present before and during a game/contest/event in order for their students/teams to participate.

**3.3.1 Coaching License Requirement**

Coaches must have a coaching license issued by the State Education Agency and be an employee or have a contractual relationship with that particular school/district (this applies to both voluntary and paid individuals).

**3.3.2 Activity Advisor Requirements**

Local Activity Advisors for a member organization must be an employee or have a contractual relationship with that particular school/district.

<p><b>42 Favor</b></p> <p><b>2 Do Not Favor</b></p>
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**Modify bylaw 8.1.7 Home School Student Eligibility**

Since home school teams are not accredited institutions approved by the Public Education Department, they cannot become members of the NMAA. This proposal will remove the following references to those teams from the bylaws:

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

<b>38 Favor</b>
<b>6 Do Not Favor</b>

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**Modify Bylaw 10.1 Charter School Participation Eligibility**

This proposal will modify the bylaws in Section 10 to match past NMAA rulings in regards to Charter School Student's participation. Specifically, it will state that Students at NMAA Member Charter Schools are eligible at their Charter School or in their home attendance zone school only, while Students at Non-NMAA Member Charter Schools are afforded an open enrollment choice at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

<b>40 Favor</b>
<b>4 Do Not Favor</b>

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**Limit coaching during events to Tee-to-Green**

This proposal will modify NMAA bylaws to state that during competition, communication between coach and player is only allowed from tee-to-green. Once the player and his/her golf ball are on the green, no communication may occur between the player and the coach until the player has completed the hole and then arrived at the teeing ground for the next hole.

If approved by the membership, this will take effect for the Spring 2016 golf season.

<p><b>29 Favor</b></p> <p><b>6 Do Not Favor</b></p>
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**Football Dual Participation**

NMAA bylaw 9.5.A currently contains the following notation:

*Note: If in a particular sport, a school allows an athlete to participate on school and non-school teams simultaneously, the non-school affiliated games do not count against the athlete's game limit.*

For safety reasons, this proposal would add the following wording:

*Exception: Dual participation is not allowed in the sport of football.*

<b>27 HS/10 MS Favor</b>
<b>0 HS/1 MS Do Not Favor</b>

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