

# NMAA

## Commission Meeting



Wednesday, May 17, 2017

NMAA

9:00 AM



# New Mexico Activities Association Commission

Updated January 2017



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*Note: The terms of the elected representatives to the NMAA Commission shall be three years. The initial term lengths are staggered to provide continuity on the Commission. Subsequent terms are for three years for the elected position.*

# **NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION COMMISSION MEETING**



**NMAA - Hall of Pride and Honor  
May 17, 2017  
9:00 AM**

## **AGENDA**

**A= Action Item**

**D/I= Discussion/ Information Item**

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b><i>Call Meeting to Order and Welcome</i></b><br><i>Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum</i><br><b>(A)</b> Approval of Agenda<br><b>(A)</b> Approval of Minutes (February 1, 2017)   | <i>Jackie Martinez, Assistant Director</i><br><i>Bruce Carver, Chairman</i><br><i>Bruce Carver, Chairman</i>   |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b><i>NMAA Director's Report</i></b>   | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i>   |
| <b>III.</b> | <b><i>NMAA Activities Report</i></b>   | <i>Dana Pappas, Deputy Director</i>  |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b><i>New Mexico Officials Association Report</i></b>  | <i>Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials</i>  |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b><i>General Discussion/ Information Items</i></b><br><b>(D/I) Football:</b> Summer Camps<br><b>(D/I) Volleyball:</b> Line Judges<br><b>(D/I)</b> Sanctions for dropping out of a regular season tournament<br><b>(D/I)</b> Scholastic eligibility<br><b>(D/I)</b> NMAA Calendar<br><b>(D/I)</b> Classification / Alignment | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i><br><i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i><br><i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i><br><i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i><br><i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i><br><i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i> |
| <b>VI.</b>  | <b><i>Action Items</i></b><br><b>(A) Football:</b> Use of play clock<br><i>(Referenda)</i><br><b>(A) Football:</b> Playoff Games – 250 Mile / Mutual Agreement<br><b>(A)</b> Elimination of Orchestra as an Activity<br><b>(A)</b> Appeal Procedure<br><i>(Referenda)</i>  | <i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i><br><i>Dusty Young, Associate Director</i><br><i>Dana Pappas, Deputy Director</i><br><i>Sally Marquez, Executive Director</i>  |
| <b>VII.</b> | <b><i>Consider Adjournment</i></b>   |  |

***Next Commission Meeting – September 6, 2017 (NMAA)***

NMAA Commission Meeting  
February 1, 2017  
9:00 AM  
NMAA Office

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Carver at 9:00 am. Roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)  
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)  
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)  
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Rep.)  
Mr. Mike Huston (New Mexico Athletic Directors Association Rep.)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)  
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Not present:

Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)

15 members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Carver asked for an amendment to the agenda, which removed two NMOA items from Section VI (General Discussion/Information Items). Mr. Carver asked for approval of the amended agenda. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Commission Meeting as presented. Ms. Viramontes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**NMAA Directors' Report:**

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report: 1) he welcomed the newest commission members, Mr. Tim Host representing small area A, and Mr. Jory Mirabal representing small area C; 2) he discussed the upcoming Winter State Championships; and 3) he provided an NMAA Foundation update (Jan 29 Bowl-A-Thon & Feb 1 Scholarship Deadline).

**NMAA Financial Report:**

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, discussed one (1) item on her report: 1) she provided financial reports and attendance numbers for each of the Fall Championships held in 2016.

**NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) she stated that two activities have held state events so far this year (One Act Play in the fall, Scholastic Publications on Jan 28); 2) she discussed the February activity event schedule which included State Student Council, several CTLP events, Bowling, Mock Trial, Science Olympiad and English Expo and mentioned that all remaining activity events will be held in March/April; 3) she provided an overview of the NMAA Activities Council meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup> which included items common to all activities (weather cancellations, crisis plans and advisor training); and 4) she reported that current Student Leadership Advisory Council nominations are due on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NMAA Officials Report:**

Ms. Pappas discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) she provided a review of the January 29<sup>th</sup> NMOA Executive Board meeting which included topics pertaining to evaluations, the review of current bylaws, online registration platforms, and uniform variations; 2) she stated that a recruitment fair for officials will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017; and 3) she briefly touched on the two items pertaining to officials' mileage that were removed from the meeting agenda. Ms. Pappas concluded her report by answering questions brought to the floor regarding officials' numbers by sport.

**General Discussion/Information Items:**

Legislative session update: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the current legislative session. She reviewed the house and senate bills that could have an effect on the NMAA and/or member schools.

Scholastic eligibility using over 50% at schools: Ms. Marquez discussed scholastic eligibility and the possibility of using only the grades from the 50%+ classes taken at the school to determine this. The commission discussed the struggles that Athletic Directors have when trying to obtain grades for students if they are taking online or college classes.

Sanctions for dropping out of a regular season tournament: Ms. Marquez discussed the sanctions for dropping out of regular season tournaments/games. The commission discussed options for more severe penalties including fines & post-season bans.

Adjustment of appeal fees: Ms. Marquez discussed the possible adjustments of appeal fees. The commission discussed options for imposing fees at the Board level and requiring the schools take part in the appeal process regardless of their support or lack thereof.

Future Classification / Alignment: Ms. Marquez discussed the future of classification and alignment for the 2018-2020 block. The classification and alignment committee has put together a proposal using Cost/Travel and Class Time as the main priorities that would decrease classes from six to five and use a conference model instead of districts. This proposal would be presented to the Board of Directors for feedback and approval.

Mr. Carver called for a 5-minute break at 10:32

**Action Items:**

Add “Educators Rising” as a sanctioned Activity: Ms. Karen Trujillo, state director of Educators Rising, asked the Commission to consider the addition of “Educators Rising” as an official NMAA Activity. Following discussion, Mr. Mabrey made the motion to approve Educators Rising as an NMAA sanctioned activity. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Student transfers after participation in tryout period (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the commission members to consider denying eligibility for students who transfer to another school after being cut during the tryout period. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Host seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

8<sup>th</sup> grade participation – home attendance zone school (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked commission members to consider requiring that 8<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to participate at the high school level, who are not already enrolled in the institution they will be participating for, must participate at their home attendance zone public school. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Gerheart made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Consider Adjournment**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 am. Mr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).



# New Mexico Activities Association

## Commission Meeting



### FOOTBALL – SUMMER CAMPS

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item  
☐ Non-Referenda Item

**Presenter:** Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

**Discussion Item:** Football – Summer Camps

**Current NMAA Bylaws:** In Section 7.5.3 of Handbook (Summer Activity)

*F. In the sport of football, equipment such as, but not confined to football helmets, pads, etc. is prohibited in school sponsored off-season and summer programs.*

*G. In the sport of football, schools may use dummies, blocking sleds, and hand shields for conditioning and instructional purposes during the off-season and summer programs.*

*H. In the sport of football, schools are prohibited from attending full contact team camps during the off-season and summer programs.*

*I. In the sport of football, individuals may attend full contact summer position camps. They may utilize school owned football safety equipment if approved by the local school district.*

**Football Sports Specific Committee Discussion/Proposal:** Keep the same rules intact – BUT, allow for coaches to be on the field with their athletes when attending full contact “individual” camps that are hosted by non-NMAA member school third party organizations (i.e. universities, colleges, etc.)

**April Football Coach Survey:** 55-29 in favor of this proposal. (65%)

**Attachments:** None



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### FOOTBALL – USE OF PLAY CLOCK

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item  
☐ Non-Referenda Item

**Presenter:** Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

**Proposal:** Consider adding verbiage to the NMAA handbook regarding the use of an electronic 25-second clock in the sport of football.

*ADD Bylaw 7.15.1.L – Use of Play Clock*

*Per NFHS Rules, an electronic/field level 25-second clock can be used if the host school has the technology and staff available to effectively operate the system. Game officials can opt to keep this 25-second count on the field if it is determined that the clock is malfunctioning or operated inconsistently.*

**Rationale:** Several schools now have the ability to keep the 25-second count (play clock) with a field level / electronic timer. It is felt that if the host school has the technology and staff available to effectively operate this system, it should be utilized. NFHS Rules do already allow for this, but the NMAA has previously ruled that the electronic clock should only be used if both schools agree to this prior to the start of the contest.

**NMAA Staff Recommendation:** Approve

**Football Sports Specific Committee:** In Favor

**April Football Coach Survey:** 63-21 in favor of this proposal. (75%)

**Attachments:** None





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### FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAME DATES/TIMES (1<sup>st</sup> Round-Semis)

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion Item

☐ Referenda Item  
☒ Non-Referenda Item

**Presenter:** Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director

**Proposal:** Consider adjusting bylaws regarding the date/time of state football playoff games – 1<sup>st</sup> Round, Quarterfinals, & Semifinals only. (7.15.4.F)

*1. If the two schools are 250 or more miles apart (one way) the following format will be used:*

- a. Mutual agreement by participating schools.*
- b. Non-agreement, the game will be played on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.*

*2. If the two schools are less than 250 miles apart (one way) the following format will be used:*

- a. Mutual agreement by participating schools.*
- b. Non-agreement, the home team makes the choice of:*
  - 1) Friday at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m., or*
  - 2) Saturday at 1:00 p.m.*

*c. In the event there is a stadium conflict, the date and time will be decided by the NMAA with priority given to the team that must travel the farthest distance.*

**NOTE:** The 250 miles is from one city to another as indicated on the NMAA (NMOA) Officials chart utilized to determine payment for mileage.

**Rationale:** The NMAA receives several requests from member school superintendents each year to deviate from current bylaws and allow schools to play on Friday night even if the two participating teams are 250+ miles apart.

**NMAA Staff Recommendation:** In Favor

**Football Sports Specific Committee:** In Favor

**April Football Coach Survey:** 78-6 in favor of this proposal. (93%)

**Attachments:** None



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### 13.2.2 – RIGHT OF APPEAL

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion Item

☒ Referenda Item  
☐ Non-Referenda Item

**Presenter:** Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director

#### **Current:**

##### 13.1.2 Notice of Appeal (Appeals Committee)

**Pursuant to the January 24, 2007 ruling of the Board of Directors**, appeals shall be initiated by the member school by completing the “Request for Appeal” form posted online at [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org) and delivering said Request to the Director within fourteen (14) calendar days of date of receipt or constructive receipt of the decision or determination being appealed. Failure to comply strictly with the time frame or process for making an appeal shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the appeal. The Request for Appeal must additionally be signed by the Athletic Director and Superintendent/Headmaster/CEO acknowledging a minimum appeal fee of \$250. If the appeal results in the modification or overturning of the original ruling, the appeal fee will be waived. **Fees cannot be charged to the student or the student’s family directly.** (Please note, once the process of appeal has been initiated, additional financial obligations by the school may be incurred through subsequent levels of appeal.)

#### **Proposal:**

Appeals shall be initiated by the member school by completing the “Request for Appeal” form posted online at [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org) and delivering said Request to the Director within fourteen (14) calendar days of date of receipt or constructive receipt of the decision or determination being appealed. Failure to comply strictly with the timeframe or process for making an appeal shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the appeal. The Request for Appeal must additionally be signed by the Athletic Director and Superintendent/Headmaster/CEO acknowledging a minimum appeal fee of \$250. If the appeal results in the modification or overturning of the original ruling, the appeal fee will be waived. **Appeals initiated by the parent are required to have the school present at the appeal indicating that they are not in support.**

**Current:**

## 13.2.2 Notice of Appeal (Board of Directors)

Appeals to the Board shall be initiated by a letter in writing from the aggrieved party identifying and attaching a copy of the decision or determination which is being appealed. The letter shall be sent to the Chairperson of the Board or the Director and must be postmarked, if sent via the United States mail, or delivered within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of receipt or constructive receipt of the decision or determination being appealed. Failure to comply strictly with the time frame or process for making an appeal shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the appeal.

**Proposal:**

Appeals to the Board shall be initiated by **the member school by completing the “Request for Appeal” form posted online at [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org) and delivering said Request to the Director** within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of receipt or constructive receipt of the decision or determination being appealed. Failure to comply strictly with the time frame or process for making an appeal shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the appeal. **The Request for Appeal must additionally be signed by the Athletic Director and Superintendent/Headmaster/CEO acknowledging a minimum appeal fee of \$500. If the appeal results in the modification or overturning of the original ruling, the appeal fee will be waived. Appeals initiated by the parent are required to have the school present at the appeal indicating that they are not in support.**

**Rationale:**

There has been an increase in parent appeals to both the Appeals Committee and the Board of Directors. By having the school present, it may deter some parents from going forward with the appeal, while maintaining the ownership with the school.

Currently, there is no fee being charged for an appeal to the Board of Directors. As a result, many appeals continue through the process because there are no deterrents in place to preclude them from appealing.

**Budget Impact:** Appeal Fee for Board Appeal

**NMAA Staff Recommendation:** Approve