

CNMSOA Policy Statements

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1. Policy Statement 2023-07A: NMAA Soccer Season. The New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) calendar is from July 1st – June 30th. Boys' and Girls' soccer season is played during the fall season from July-November. Approximate timeframes and dates for CNMSOA members to keep in mind are as follows:

- 1.1. May 1st: Registration opens
- 1.2. Second week of July: Practice begins.
- 1.3. First Monday following July 4th: Annual Board Meeting (Board members only)
- 1.4. Last week of July: Scrimmages begin.
- 1.5. Last Week of July: State Clinic/Conference
- 1.6. Third Monday in July: Annual General Meeting.
- 1.7. August 15th: NFHS Test opens.
- 1.8. Third week of August: Season begins
- 1.9. Last week of August through first week of September: Metro Tournament
- 1.10. September 15th: NFHS Test closes.
- 1.11. Last week of September: District play begins.
- 1.12. Third week of October: Bracket play and quarterfinals begin.
- 1.13. First week of November: Semifinals and finals play.
- 1.14. July, August, September, and October: General meetings. Meetings are typically held on Mondays, on a bi-weekly basis, starting in July.

2. Policy Statement 2023-07B: Meetings and Clinics. The Secretary provides a meeting ledger for recording a member's meeting and clinic attendance or absence. However, it is the members' responsibility to ensure their attendance is accurate, meets CNMSOA and NMAA requirements, and inform the Secretary of any discrepancies.

2.1. Members will receive general meeting credit if they miss a meeting due to officiating an Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) soccer game or attending a CNMSOA related event. Members that miss a general meeting due to conflicts within their control do not receive meeting credit. Credit for a missed meeting will be considered on a case-by-case basis and is the responsibility of the member to inform the Secretary of missed meetings for consideration.

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2.2. When available, members that miss general meetings are afforded the opportunity to watch a Zoom or similar recording of the meeting and answer questions no later than 5pm Friday of the same week.

3. Policy Statement 2023-07C: Badges. New CNMSOA/NMAA members will be issued a badge free of charge. Members who require a replacement badge will pay \$5 for a replacement badge. Recruiting & Retention is responsible for ordering and issuing badges.

4. Policy Statement 2023-07D: CNMSOA Threatening Weather Policy. Current NMAA Lightning/Threatening Weather Policy and NFHS rules shall always govern this policy and in no way changes or supersedes them. Referees and on-site administrators shall work together to ensure the safety of the student athletes.

4.1. If after conferring with the crew and on-site administrators, a member of the referee crew believes the weather conditions to be unsafe while the others have agreed that the conditions are safe, the dissenting referee may choose not to participate in the match. If sufficient evidence is provided (for example, but not limited to, weather applications and relevant data) as to why the match should not have proceeded, the withdrawn referee shall be paid for the match. The remaining referees will be required to justify their decision, and the matter will be forwarded to the NMAA for their review of the on-site administration. Lacking sufficient evidence, the referee shall not be paid.

5. Policy Statement 2023-07E: Uniforms. Members are responsible for ensuring their uniforms are current, clean, serviceable, and present a professional appearance.

5.1. When uniforms become worn, faded, unserviceable, or obsolete members are responsible for replacing their uniform items. This includes, but is not limited to, shirts, shorts, socks, shoes, hats, and badges.

5.2. USSF uniforms are standard. When USSF transitions to a new uniform, CNMSOA members will have a year to transition to the new uniform. Example, if USSF updates their uniforms on January 2023, CNMSOA members will have until August 2024 to have the new uniform. Uniforms that are not within the allowed transition cycle will not be worn.

5.3. Hats and glasses may be worn. Hats will be black. A small or concealed logo is okay. Large or contrasting logos, patches, emblems, symbols will not be on a hat. Polarizing prescription glasses or polarizing sunglasses may be worn. Glasses will be conservative in style and color.

6. Policy Statement 2023-07F: Match Reports. Beginning in 2022, NMAA moved to Dragonfly as the assigning platform for games. It is NMAA's goal for Dragonfly to be the only platform required for match reports, but as of the 2023 season, match reports must be accomplished using the NMAA match report and CNMSOA Match Report. Match reports (and associated reports) will be completed and submitted within 24-hrs. of match completion. Members will adhere to the match report requirements outlined in the July 15, 2022, CNMSOA Soccer Match Reports memorandum.

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6.1. Lead officials who submit match reports more than three days (72 hrs.) after the match are subject to disciplinary action and fines; other officials will still be paid.

7. Policy Statement 2025-08A: Playoff & State Eligibility. Below are the NMAA minimum requirements for consideration for playoff and state eligibility. Being eligible does not constitute selection.

Rating Levels	Test & Score	Clinics	Local Meetings	Min Game Count	Board Considerations
Registered (R) Current NMAA registration (payment). Pre-season sport specific POEs and rules meeting completed annually. Minimum 70% on the NFHS exam No existing sanctions, discipline, or background check issues Post Season Eligible (PSE) Meet all MiGS requirements. Minimum score of 80% on current NFHS exam Actively working varsity contests	R: 70% Completed NLT Sep 15 PSE: 80% Completed NLT Sep 15 School ratings (if implemented/applicable) Exam scores higher than 80% Clinics, meetings or state conferences Favorable observations (if submitted) Coordinator recommendations	R/PSE: 1 per/yr In person or online.	R/PSE: 4 per/yr	PSE: Actively working Varsity at any position	PSE: Minimum of: Member attended at least 4 meetings Member has completed at least 1 online training clinic Member has refereed at least 2 travel games Member has refereed at least 25 games Additional considerations as required. Examples include, but are not limited to, breadth and scope of games; number of turnbacks; overall availability; position variability; date of NMAA registration; date of NFHS test completion.

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in current season					
Additional requirements set forth by the general membership					

7.1. Definitions/Conditions Common To All Sports: Officials Ratings will be kept internally at the NMAA office and will be disseminated to group leaders and/or regional assignors at the start of each sport season and will be updated and sent to group leaders and/or regional assignors, as needed. Membership cards will contain the officials name, sport and season only. Ratings will not be listed on the membership cards.

7.1.1. Registered Officials are Member in Good Standing (MiGS) and **prior** to working a contest in that sport season have met the following minimum requirements: **(1)** Dues (NMAA & local) are current, **(2)** Pre-season sport specific POEs and rules meeting completed, **(3)** Completion of an additional in-depth rules meeting completed annually by designated deadlines, **(4)** No existing sanctions, discipline, or background check issues, and **(5)** scored minimum of 70% on NFHS exam

7.1.2. Post Season Eligible Officials have met all Registered requirements prior to working a contest in that sport post season and met the following additional requirements: (1) Meet all MiGS requirements, (2) Minimum score of 80% on the NFHS exam, (3) Actively working varsity contests in the current season.

7.1.2.1. Additional Considerations: School ratings; Exam scores higher than 80%; Supplemental camps, clinics, meetings or state conferences; Favorable observations; Coordinator recommendations.

7.1.3. Transfer Officials: Officials transferring from other state high school associations to this association (NMOA) may be placed at a level comparable to the originating state and test scores may be transferred. This decision is made by the NMAA Commissioner of Officials.

8. Policy Statement 2026-07A: Post Season Assignments. NMAA has transitioned to a fair share process for post season game assignments. NMAA's goal is to provide equitable post-season experience for referees across all five regions; to minimize the number of post season games refereed by local referees; and maximize first time eligible referees. To this end, post season assignments are assigned by NMAA and not your local assignor. However, your assignor and Board work together to recommend the best mix of experience and development for CNMSOA members.

8.1. To be considered for post season assignments, referees must have met all MiGS and post season requirements before the selection process. As a general guideline, CNMSOA provides

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NMAA with eligible referees on the last Friday of September and NMAA begins the post season assigning process on the first Monday of October. Below are additional guidelines for CNMSOA referees:

8.1.1 Complete your NMAA registration early. Registration opens May 1st. September is not early.

8.1.2. Complete your NFHS test in a timely manner. September 14th is not timely.

8.1.3. Keep your availability and blocks current. 13 turnbacks on the season will not help you.

8.1.4. Accept assignments. CNMSOA averages 900 games a season. This includes middle school, C-Team, JV, and Varsity. Boys, Girls, and Coed. The assignor needs to spread assignments throughout the season and amongst all the referees. Wanting to only center BV games on Tuesdays at the APS Complex at 6pm severely limits your availability.

8.1.5. High School is treated as a standalone season. NMAA does not care if you're a pro ref. Or a regional. Or centered a World Cup final. NMAA cares that you've met all MiGS and PSE requirements.

9. Policy Statement 2026-07B: Racist and Bigoted Language. CNMSOA will follow the USSF guidelines for use of racist and/or bigoted language. When NMAA post guidelines for racist/bigoted language, CNMSOA will transition to NMAA guidance.