



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
 September 19, 2024



**Due Date: October 3, 2024**

*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/Adjusted Bylaw 8.1.3 – Health and Safety Requirements**

This proposal would update and consolidate health and safety policies for the activities of Bowling, JROTC, and Marching Band.

**8.1.3 Physicals/Insurance/Catastrophic Insurance Requirements - CURRENT**

Bowling and JROTC participants must maintain an annual physical that is kept on file with the local school (Please see 6.15 for specific guidelines). Bowling and JROTC participants must also have insurance coverage on file with the school as specified in 6.16.

**8.1.4 Emergency Equipment and Planning – CURRENT**

State Championship venues for Bowling and JROTC must have a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and be equipped with an accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during State Championship contests. Failure to meet either of these requirements forfeits the venue’s ability to host State Championship contests.

**8.1.3 Health and Safety Requirements - PROPOSED**

*The following health and safety requirements must be met for the activities of Bowling, JROTC, and Marching Band:*

- A.** *Participants must maintain an annual physical that is kept on file with the local school as per 6.15.*
- B.** *Participants must have insurance coverage on file with the school as per 6.16.*
- C.** *State Championship venues must have a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and be equipped with an accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during State Championship contests. Failure to meet either of these requirements forfeits the venue’s ability to host State Championship contests.*
- D.** *The activities of JROTC and Marching band must also adhere to heat illness prevention protocols as per 7.6.21 and be aware of air quality guidance as per 7.6.23.*

**Rationale:** With the addition of Marching Band as an NMAA-sanctioned State Championship activity, and due to its physical demands, it is necessary to include it in the current health and safety bylaws. Additionally, because JROTC and Marching Band are conducted outdoors, it is also necessary to ensure their compliance with heat illness prevention and air quality protocols. Finally, combining bylaws 8.1.3 and 8.1.4 creates simplicity by combining two health and safety bylaws into one.

**59 Favor**

**01 Do Not Favor**

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

**Due date is October 3, 2024, 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 loane 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.*