



**AGENDA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 20, 2024  
8:30 am – Executive Session  
9:00 am – Meeting**

Call to Order ..... President Jennifer Burks

Roll Call ..... David Hines

**1. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**2. MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- AIA Champions Gala
- Spring State Tournaments
- Neutral Site Hosts – Thank you!

**4. FUTURE DATES**

May 23, 2024	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting
May 27, 2024	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
June 24-27, 2024	Summer Break – AIA Office Closed

Beginning May 27, 2024, thru July 12, 2024, the AIA Office will be on summer hours as follows:

Monday – Thursday | 7:00am – 3:00pm

Closed Fridays

Regular Office Hours will resume on Monday, July 15, 2024.

**ACTION ITEMS:****5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items may be enacted by one motion and approved as consent agenda items with or without discussion. Any item may, however, be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately if a Board member so requests:

**(a) Approval of Minutes**

- Executive Board Meeting – April 15, 2024

**(b) AIA Lifetime Passes**

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 11 AIA Passes. Paragraph 1 Lifetime Passes*

1. Robert Edwards Jr.	San Tan Foothills	27 years
2. Jeffrey Goldstein	Maryvale	30 years
3. Steve Cihomsky	Tempe	26 years
4. Justin Jobe	Campo Verde	25 years
5. DeeDee Baumgarner	Yuma	25 years
6. Virginia Maes	Superior	40 years
7. Jose G Corona	Cortez	31 years
8. Michelle Corona	Cortez	30 years

**(c) Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2023-24 Master Calendar**

*Rule: Article 10. Sanction Procedures. Section 10.1 Sanctioned Events*

Sanction requests, 2023-24 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://aiaonline.org/calendar/tournaments>

**(d) Additional Game Requests**

- Winslow** – VAR boys' fall soccer game to help fill **Holbrook's** schedule.
- Winslow** – VAR girls' fall soccer game to help fill **Snowflake's** schedule.
- Yuma** – JV/FrSo girls' volleyball game to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- Cactus Shadows** – VAR/FrSo football game to help fill **Central's** schedule.
- Valley Christian** – VAR/JV girls' volleyball game to help fill **Window Rock's** schedule.
- Centennial** – JV/FrSo football game to help fill **Liberty's** schedule.
- Flowing Wells** – VAR/JV/FrSo girls' volleyball game to help fill **Pusch Ridge's** schedule.

**(e) Cancellation Requests – Contest and/or Programs**

*Rule: Article 11. Scheduling of Contest and Schedule Contracts. Section 4 Schedule Contracts – Varsity / Junior Varsity / Freshman. Paragraph 4 Cancellation or Postponement – Contest or Program. Subparagraph 1  
11.4.4.1 A Varsity contest or program which could have a bearing on a regional or state play-off shall not be cancelled or forfeited without prior approval by the AIA Executive Board.*

**SCHOOL REQUESTING:      CANCELLED PROGRAM:**

1. Sedona Red Rock      Baseball

**SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 2**

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**CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 159 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)**

**SCHOOL REQUESTING:      SCHOOL DOES NOT CONSENT:**

1. Fountain Hills      Globe – Softball

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Rule: Article 6. Executive Board, Section 5 Duties of the AIA Executive Board. Paragraph 15*

6.5.15 *The AIA Executive Board shall establish and monitor an annual AIA Operation Budget.*

- ✓ Financial Report for April 2024

**7. LEGAL DEFENSE RECOVERY FUND****8. ELECTION OF 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS**

*Rule: Article 6 Executive Board, Section 4 Officers of the AIA Executive Board, Paragraph 1*

6.4.1 *There shall be a President, Vice President and an Executive Director, who shall also serve as the Treasurer. These officers, except the Executive Director, shall be elected at the first meeting of the AIA Executive Board following the annual selection of the new AIA Executive Board members.*

**9. PROPOSED AMENDEMNT – BYLAWS – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES****EMERGENCY LEGISLATION****15.10 TRANSFER RULE**

15.10.2 *For individual sports, the student will be ineligible for 50% of scheduled opportunities, including invitationals/tournaments for that school. ~~School schedules must be completed by the start of the season of competition and entered on the AIA website.~~*

**10. PROPOSED AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURE – SWIM****29.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS****29.8.1.6 Boys/Girls Participants**

*The top ~~32~~ 40 automatic or provisional qualifiers per individual event will advance to the post-season meet.  
The top ~~24~~ 30 automatic or provisional relay qualifiers will advance to the post-season.*

Rationale:

- Increases competitive opportunity for teams
- Reduces prelim competition timeline to allow for usage of 1 tank, reducing the number of required officials, timers, equipment, staffing and aligning competition format across all divisions
- Aligns prelim competition to allow coaches at all divisions to coach boys & girls during competition
- Allows for further opportunity for spectators to attend to see relay-only athletes on Saturday
- Provides relay-only athletes the opportunity to compete in a heightened environment
- Reduces potential multiple-day travel for relay-only athletes & teams
- Allows individual event participants to focus on individual event competition on day 1
- Removes some of the “wobble room” within the timeline during prelims, which reduces some of the concern of competition running “too fast”
- The adjustment to qualifying numbers aligns numbers to be similar to the % in team sports qualifying for play-in games

**11. PROPOSED AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURE – BASEBALL****21.1 RULES**

21.1.3.3 Suspension – A game under suspension is a game that has been delayed due to weather or field conditions that will be completed **at a later time** ~~prior to teams and umpires leaving the field.~~

NOTE: A regular season varsity contest may not result in a tie, even if it went 5 innings. It must be played to a concluding contest win for one of the competing teams following the “**suspended**” game protocol.

**21.1.3.4 Suspended Game Protocol**

21.1.3.4.1 **Games suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption and played until satisfying a regulation game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest. Pitch count guidelines shall be in effect and apply at the time when the game is resumed. Suspended games shall be replayed on the first available agreed upon date for both teams.** ~~Games suspended in “mid-inning” revert back to the last completed inning, and the game is restarted from that point (IF TIED).~~

21.1.3.4.2 **A game that has gone beyond 4 ½ or 5 innings and after suspension leaves the contest in a tie, shall be resumed at point of interruption, and played until satisfying a completed game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest. Pitch count guidelines shall be in effect and apply at the time when the game is resumed.** ~~Suspended games shall be replayed on the first available agreed upon date for both teams.~~

**12. PROPOSED AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURE – SOFTBALL****28.1 RULES**

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**13. BASKETBALL – 2A SHOT CLOCK****14. FLAG FOOTBALL RULEBOOK UPDATE**

**15. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**(A)** Rule: Article 32. Volleyball. Section 5 Number of Games in Season

**32.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

*32.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) sets/night (for regular season matches only).*

**(1) SAINT MARY’S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** – *Catholic Diocese of Phoenix*

**Reported Violation:**

A player from St. Mary's played 2 sets of the JV volleyball match and then played all 5 sets of the varsity volleyball match. The 7 sets played is a violation of bylaw 32.5.3.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

AIA Bylaw 32.5.3 was reviewed with all men's volleyball staff. A new procedure was put into place to plan accordingly when/if our numbers for JV are low so we are prepared for a potential 5 game varsity match. Additional training on proper bookkeeping and set verification will also be put into place. The match will be forfeited.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**15. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d**

**(B) Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules**

**21.1 RULES**

21.1.5 No pitcher shall exceed the daily maximum number of pitches per the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines limit and required rest recommendations (***Emergency Legislation 12/5/16***) Coaches, at all team levels are required to follow the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines protocol.

YEAR	MAX PITCHES	REQUIRED REST BASED ON PITCHES THROWN				
		0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
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JUNIOR	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
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**(1) MARYVALE HIGH SCHOOL – Phoenix Union High School District**

**Reported Violation:**

Student pitched 73 pitches against North HS on Tuesday, March 26. He was allowed by the Head Coach to enter the game against North HS on Friday, March 29 and pitch again with only three days’ rest.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The Head Coach admitted the error and was counseled and retrained by the AD about accurate record keeping.

**Prior Violation(s):**

2/20/2024 – Warning – Boys Wrestling. Article 15.6 – Age Limit. Article 15.7 – Physical.

**(1) THE ODYSSEY INSTITUTE –**

**Reported Violation:**

Head coach used a pitcher that was not eligible to pitch due to limited rest between last game the player pitched. Coach miscounted the rest days.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. After Park HS brought this to our attention the next day we conducted an investigation within our Athletic Department, and confirmed the pitcher needed one additional day of rest before pitching again. As part of our response, the coaching staff will be engaged in a comprehensive review of the AIA bylaws and pitch count rules to reinforce our commitment to compliance.

**Prior Violation(s):**

2/20/2024 – Warning – Boys’ Basketball. Article 19.3 Removal of Team.

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**(1) GILA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – Yuma High School District**

**Reported Violation:**

Kofa's game changer had a different pitch count number than Gila Ridge's count. Kofa had Gila Ridge pitcher ending the game with 119 pitches thrown. Gila Ridge had student at 108 pitches thrown (taken out after facing one batter in the bottom of the 7th inning).

Due to the home team's pitch count being the official count, Gila Ridge is submitting this violation. This was for the varsity baseball game on April 15th, 2024 (Gila Ridge High School at Kofa High School).

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Gila Ridge will now have a paid student worker keep track of the pitch count when Gila Ridge is at home, instead of a student manager sitting in the dugout. Additionally, Gila Ridge will ensure the baseball team is using game changer to track each pitch/play as it happens.

**Prior Violation(s):**

12/11/2023 – Warning – Athletics Program. Article 15.3 - Enrollment.

**15. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d**

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**(1) BABOQUIVARI HIGH SCHOOL – *Indian Oasis Baboquivari Unified***

**Reported Violation:**

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. This violation will result in a conversation with the coach, a review of the policies, procedures, and rules of baseball. It will also require a review of violations and consequences. It will be expected that the coach will review the above with the players. All will be knowledgeable and accountable moving forward.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.



15. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

(E) Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2 Ineligible Player

16.2 **INELIGIBLE RULES**

16.2 No pitcher shall exceed the daily maximum number of pitches per the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines limit and required rest recommendations (***Emergency Legislation 12/5/16***) Coaches, at all team levels are required to follow the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines protocol.

(1) **TREVOR BROWNE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Phoenix Union High School District*

**Reported Violation:**

Trevor Browne played an ineligible player in the varsity softball game played at Maryvale HS Monday April 22nd. This player had been ejected in the previous varsity softball game against Maryvale hosted by Trevor Browne Friday April 19th. The player did not sit out the one game suspension for 1st ejection per AIA regulations.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Coach was in-serviced concerning the violation and regulations.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

15. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

(F) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 3 Enrollment Rule

**15.3 ENROLLMENT RULE**

**15.3.1** *Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition, team practices and tryouts. For purposes of this rule, a student's school of enrollment is defined as the school where the student's permanent grades/records are maintained and from which the student will be eligible to graduate.*

(1) **HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL** – *Gilbert Public Schools*

**Reported Violation:**

During an exhibition heat at a dual vs. Cesar Chavez it was noticed when the race started, the starter saw a kid running in a mask, that was not our student but was in a HHS Track T Shirt. Coaches were able to hold the kid at the finish line. When questioned, the kid admitted that his friend (a HHS track athlete) let him run in his heat for him. We also found out that the kid running was not an HHS athlete, or a HHS student.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Racer was trespassed from the campus the night of the track meet. HHS athlete was suspended for the duration of the season.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**15. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd****(G) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 1 Student Eligibility Requirements****15.1 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

15.1.1 *All participants in interscholastic activities must be in compliance with all student eligibility rules. The student eligibility rules are enumerated and presented in detail in Article 15 of the AIA Bylaws.*

15.1.1.1 *Failure to meet all eligibility requirements by all participants while participating in an interscholastic event may result in forfeiture or disqualification by the offending school and/or such other disciplinary action as the AIA Executive Board may impose. The disciplinary actions authorized in the event of a violation of the AIA rules and regulations are: Advisement, Warning, Probation, Disqualification and Forfeiture. (See Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws.) The AIA Executive Board shall consider possible violations of the AIA rules and regulations at its regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting. A special meeting to hear a violation report may be called by the President of the AIA Executive Board at any time deemed necessary. The President shall call a special meeting when so directed by a majority of the AIA Executive Board. At the discretion of the AIA Executive Board, said special meeting may be held by telephone conference call.*

**(1) ARIZONA COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL – Chandler Unified School District****Reported Violation:**

Female athlete ran in the 4x400 relay. The team needed someone to run and she was at the meet. She was not listed as an alternate but was listed as an alternate for the 4x800 relay.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

ACP Athletics department will review bylaws specifically about entries into meets and eligibility of athletes. Head coach is also not returning to ACP or CUSD in the fall.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**15. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd****(H)** Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice**(I)** Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Nonschool Participation**(J)** Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 3 Enrollment Rule**14.2 PRACTICE**

14.2.2 AIA member schools may only practice with or scrimmage against their own school team during the interscholastic season of that sport as set forth in the appropriate Article of the Sport Policy

**14.4 NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

14.4.1 A student who is a member or becomes a member of a school team shall not practice, have practiced or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. This rule applies to the following team sports: football, flag football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track relay and swimming relay teams. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin on the competition date as set in the policies and procedures of each sport and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.

**15.3 ENROLLMENT RULE**

15.3.1 Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition, team practices and tryouts. For purposes of this rule, a student's school of enrollment is defined as the school where the student's permanent grades/records are maintained and from which the student will be eligible to graduate.

**(1) WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL – Higley Unified****Reported Violation:**

Members of the boys' volleyball team leading up to the state tournament engaged in a scrimmage that included individuals not enrolled at the member school.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. Coaches professional development will include a more in depth explanation of the pertinent bylaws and education on who may participate in practices during the season of sport.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**15. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**

**(J)** Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility of School Administrators

**2.5 RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

2.5.6 *On an annual basis, the school athletic director shall attend the AIA Athletic Director Information Meeting to be held each April. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty as defined in Article 16, Section 1.*

**Reported Violation:**

The following school's athletic directors failed to attend the annual Athletic Directors Information meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- (1) **BABOQUIVARI HIGH SCHOOL**
- (2) **BASIS FLAGSTAFF HIGH SCHOOL**
- (3) **THE GREGORY SCHOOL**
- (4) **WICKENBURG HIGH SCHOOL**
- (5) **CASA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL**
- (6) **CAMPO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL**

**16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION**