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AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CATALINA MAGNET & WINDOW ROCK

PHOENIX, AZ (May 5, 2009) – The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) Executive Board held a special meeting on May 4 to address issues related to Catalina Magnet High School and Window Rock High School.

Catalina Magnet submitted a request to rescind their forfeits for playing an ineligible player as a result of failing to submit a 520 Form prior to the start of the season. The AIA Executive Board, after discussing the issue, voted to approve the rescinded forfeits and thus Catalina Magnet would not forfeit any of its regular season baseball wins. While they were not able to participate in the Region Tournament, Catalina Magnet will be able to participate in the state tournament provided they qualify as an at-large team.

The board also approved Window Rock High School to participate in the state tournament in baseball and softball, provided they qualify through Region Tournament play and/or via an atlarge berth. Window Rock High School, a week prior, had instructed the AIA that they were withdrawing from region and state tournament play due to concerns raised by the swine flu. Window Rock then rescinded that decision to withdraw and sought approval by the AIA Executive Board to be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

Window Rock and Monument Valley will play in a 3A North Region softball tournament game on Wednesday, May 6, to determine that regions third automatic qualifier. At the conclusion of that game, the 3A State Softball bracket will be posted online. The 3A State Baseball bracket has been posted online.

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