

Introduction

Ron Halbach explained the difference between competition and policy parts of the AIA. The SAC is the competition part. This group's purpose is to advise the AIA executive board. Today we are interested in discussing the ability to appeal up and/or down based.

We need to determine what the appeal process will be. Oct 1 enrollments are in and the divisions will take place soon. Based on the # of schools participating in that particular sport.

1. Should there be an appeal down?
 - Showers, CV what are the reasons for appealing down?
 - Medina, Mayer - Is there any legality issues for appealing down?
 - Maynes, Salome- Doesn't like the appealing down process. Bigger schools kill competition for kids.
 - Nelson, Tolleson -5A's in the west valley will appeal down because of the lack of ability to compete with the east valley
 - Self, Seton -Schools appealing down will rarely win a state championship, but will knock someone else out of the tournament. We need to look at the appeal by sport because of the difference in the division per sport. She's against appealing down.
 - Nelson, Tolleson -Against appealing down.
 - Haagsma, VC -Appeal sensitivity with finances 1A-3A smaller schools will travel more because they are rural. That is a legit reason for appealing down. It looks as though travel issues have been illuminated.
 - Lytle, SR -Salt River appealed down a couple of years ago because of numbers due to the school set up. We shouldn't appeal down for competition, but for travel issues.
 - Halbach-After talking about the appeal process we will ask for advice on travel issues.
 - Nelson, Tolleson -Will transportation be a problem based on the new divisions?
 - Halbach-It should be better.
 - Wack, Safford - We will not know what situations will arise until after this takes effect.
 - Showers, CV - What is the criteria for the schedule makeup? If the schedule allows CV to play schools in the central part of the state that's good. However depending on scheduling criteria may increase travel.
 - Halbach - A percentage of the schedule would be computerized. Then schools would make school to school contracts. Some schools may choose to play only the minimum.
 - Lytle, SR - Is the scheduling just for your section?
 - Halbach - This has not been finalized by the executive board. Each school will have to play those schools in their section to a certain extent.
 - Nelson, Tolleson - Are we putting the cart before the horse? Not knowing what issues may come up.
 - Halbach - We need a statement of advice as to whether appealing up or down. If we wait the decision could then be influenced by politics.
 - Driggers, Benson - Are we talking about appeals based on sport by sport?
 - Le Capa, Alchesay - On both sides for appealing. Comfortable about where Alchesay is for basketball, but not competitive in other sports. Not a level playing field for her school. Its difficult for the rural schools.
 - Roe, TC - 2A north very political. They have not beaten a 3A north school yet. They are afraid of losing kids and programs.
 - Tvrdy, PR His opinion is that he likes the ability to appeal down, but only for transportation.
 - Walker, BC - Understands travel concerns, but is hesitant on appealing down for competition.
 - Thoughts from those not attending were presented by Ron Halbach.
 - Haagsma, VC - 5 divisions doesn't solve the 1A thru 3A rural situation.

- Halbach, - If we had 5 divisions there would be overlap between current conferences.
 - Lytle, SR - Doesn't understand what the committee is for then. Was told by Chuck that if the committee felt something was necessary we should recommend.
 - Halbach- Not saying that we can't recommend.
 - Medina, Mayer- It seems we came here to give advice. It seems that most are in favor of petitioning down. We should have an exception for competition.
 - Roe, TC - Agrees with Medina that most in the group that there should be some form of appealing down.
 - ? Should we establish some criteria for appealing down. Transportation, Safety, should competition have an asterisk by it.
 - Showers, CV - If criteria for scheduling allows schools better transportation great. Without criteria for scheduling not in favor of getting rid of appeal down.
 - Halbach- All divisions based on power points by division and by section. Shouldn't be an issue
2. Views on Appealing Up
 - By consensus all are in favor of allowing appeals up.
 3. Should appeal Up of Down be by individual sport or by school
 - Halbach - Boys and girls in same sport would stay together.
 - Haagsma, VC - Has a concern with one sport versus another. The success of the boys team is not directly related to the girls team. It's not the same program. Westwind may want to take boys program to a higher level. However their girls program may not survive if that were to happen.
 - Le Capa, Alchey - Schools should be left to make those decisions on their own.
 - Roe, TC -the appeal need to be made by sport. Page may want to change based on their location because in some sports they would have to travel to Phx.
 - Self, Seton- By sport
 - Walker, BC - By sport
 - Lytle, SR - By sport for competition is a good thing. 1A has schools that send their volleyball and football teams on the same bus.
 - Tvrdy, PR - Scheduling is tough with canyon state because only a boys school. Leaves a hole in the girls schedule. Likes the idea of appeal based on sport.
 - Showers, CV - By sport
 - Driggers, Benson - From the parents and community standpoint could be a problem because a school could have sports in several different divisions.
 - Halbach - Education of your fan base will be important for division makeup.
 4. Next Meeting will take place in late November or early December.
 - Look at Basketball Bylaws before the next meeting. We will need to recommend changes.
 - Haagsma, VC Where are the tie-breakers listed?
 - Halbach,- Will send those to us.
 5. Motion to Adjourn – Medina, Mayer