

**FOOTBALL
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
December 14, 2010
AIA OFFICE**

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Lee Haws/1A Adm.

Rhett Stallworth/2A Adm.

Jason Lobik/3A Adm.

Nathan Slater/4A Adm.

Tim Slade/1A Coach

Jeff Fox/2A Coach

Jim Fairfield/3A Coach

Nemer Hassey/4A Coach

Dana Zupke/5A Coach

Members absent:

Mike Sivertson/5A Adm.

Minutes of October 1, 2010 meeting review: committee approved 9-0

Discussion Agenda Items:

***Eight man football –School criteria to qualify to play**

Lee Haws shared concerns expressed at the November, 2010 1A Conference meeting regarding the lack of criteria that was part of the Survey for School sport Participation that was completed for October 1 deadline. Without any stated criteria, several schools that had enrollments that would have placed them in Division V eleven man football requested eight man football schedules.

Lee Haws recommended, based on discussion with other 1A athletic directors, criteria of 200 or less student enrollment for a school to be allowed to request an eight man football schedule. He indicated that, at one time, he believe the criteria was 175 student population enrollment but that it had been 200 for the last several two year block classification cycles.

Tim Slade echoed LeHaws recommendation to the committee.

Nemer Hassey indicated that set criteria should be established

Recommendation:

Committee consensus (9-0 approve) recommendation to the AIA Executive Board to set a 200 or less school student population as the criteria for a AIA member school to request a schedule to play in Div. VI eight man football.

***Power rank tie breaking procedures for sectional qualifying and state tournament seeding**

Ron Halbach shared present Conference tie breaking procedures that are in place for breaking ties to seeding AIA State team tournament. He expressed the need, for the team sport advisory committees to discuss, evaluate and recommend, to The AIA Executive Board, a tie breaking procedure that could be utilized across the entire spectrum of team sports and Divisions.

Following the discussion and evaluation of tie breaking criteria, the committee created a tie breaking procedure for the scenario of two or more school teams being tied in power rank points.

Recommendation:

Committee consensus (9-0 approve) recommendation to the AIA Executive Board the following tie breaking procedure;

1. Head to Head competition
2. Win/Loss percentage against common opponents
3. Win/Loss percentage in the assigned section
4. Win/Loss percentage in the assigned division
5. Coin flip if only for seeding position in the tournament
6. Playoff completion if breaking the tie will result in a team(s) being kept out of the tournament.

***Review of AIA Bylaws; Article 23-Football**

The committee reviewed and discussed the football specific bylaws and, by consensus, recommended the following:

Present bylaw

23.1 RULES

23.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

23.1.3 The National Federation overtime procedure will be used to resolve ties in all varsity level games in all conferences.

Recommendation: deletions/change

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Present bylaw

23.2 SEASON OF SPORT

23.2.3 Fall Season

Permissive Football Practice	no sooner than the	6th week
Mandatory Practice	no sooner than Monday of the 7th week	7th-9 th weeks

Competition no sooner than Wednesday
of the 9th week
Championship to be concluded by the 23rd week

Recommendation: deletion

~~3A Conference~~

~~Permissive Football Practice no sooner than the 5th week~~

~~Mandatory Practice no sooner than Monday 6th 8th weeks
of the 6th week~~

~~Competition no sooner than Wednesday
of the 8th week~~

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~~23.2.3.1 Check Conference Handbook for specific dates.~~

23.2.3.2 The AIA Executive Board may approve a game to be scheduled in the eighth week if scheduling difficulties exist due to circumstances beyond the control of the Conference. Those schools beginning competition the eighth week may begin permissive practice the fifth week and mandatory practice on Monday of the sixth week.

Recommendation: add change/delete

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Present bylaw

23.4 SCHEDULES

23.4.1 Each Region will develop its own schedule as provided for in the AIA Bylaws.

23.4.2 In the absence of a master schedule, a school must have a regularly organized program to qualify for the post-season tournament. *(See Article 12)*

23.4.3 Junior varsity and freshman teams may schedule their first game of the season on Thursday preceding the first permissible regular varsity football game.

23.4.4 In order to assist the 1A Conference 8-man football teams, the 2A Conference junior varsity teams may schedule games with the 1A Conference schools. The offensive team will play eight-man or eleven man football. The defensive team will adjust accordingly. 2A Conference schools electing to assist the 1A Conference may schedule one additional game.

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23.10 OUT-OF-SEASON FOOTBALL INSTRUCTION

23.10.1 A coach may instruct candidates for the high school's football squad for three consecutive weeks, commencing on the 44th week of the AIA standardized calendar and concluding in the 46th week. **The use of shields and dummies during this time is permissible.**

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NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.

23.11.2.1 Dates and Sites

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(note: see article 23.1.3)

Present bylaw

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