

FOOTBALL
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUGUST 31, 2011
AIA OFFICE

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Lee Haws/1A Adm.	Tim Slade/1A Coach
Rhett Stallworth/2A Adm.	Don Conrad/2A Coach
Jason Lobik/3A Adm.	Jim Fairfield/3A Coach
Nathan Slater/4A Adm.	Nemer Hassey/4A Coach
Mike Sivertson/5A Adm.	Dana Zupke/5A Coach (Committee Chair)

Discussion Agenda Items:

*Review the AIA Executive Board approved recognition program

The AIA Section Medals & Plaques Per Division Per Section document was reviewed. Committees discussion centered around the identification of positions and allotment of recognition by position. Nathan Slater provided a basic framework, by position, for the recognition. Dana Zupke recommended that long snapper be added as a separately recognized specialty recognition position. The following will be utilized by the AIA as the nomination and voting program is created that will allow all varsity coaches to nominate and vote online;

Football-All Sections/Division

<u>Offense (first and second team)</u>	<u>Defense (first and second team)</u>
5 Offensive Linemen	4 Defensive Linemen
3 Receivers/Tight Ends	4 Linebackers
2 Running Backs	3 Defensive Backs
1 Quarterbacks	
1 Utility/Flex Player (to be better defined)	1 Utility/Flex Player (to be better defined)
<hr/> Total 24	<hr/> Total 24

Special Teams

Punt Returner	Section/Div. Player of the Year (also selected at a specific position)
Kickoff Returner	Section/Div. Coach of the Year
Placekicker	
Punter	
Long Snapper	

Total 5	Total 2
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Grand Total-55

The process will require head coaches to nominate position players/head coach online with narrative of the nominated candidate's 2011 season accomplishments. All head coaches when voting will have that information available to them as they make their voting decisions for position players, player of the year and coach of the year. All division levels would have the same recognition position allotments.

Discuss synchronizing Freshmen/Junior Varsity start of practice /competition with the Varsity

The advisory group was reminded that the AIA Executive Board, at the March 21, 2011 meeting approved all varsity football teams to start competition during the 8th week (start practice on the 5th week) of the standardized calendar. This was done as an exception, due to the available dates for championship events.

Any athletic directors that wanted to move a junior varsity or freshmen level game from the end of the season to the early start was allowed to schedule the lower levels beginning the Wednesday of the 8th week. All lower level football games that were moved to be in synch with the varsity were approved by the AIA Executive Board in accordance with the AIA bylaws.

Presentation of 2011-2012 AIA State Football Tournament Brackets

All 2011-2012 AIA State Football Tournament brackets are available on AIA365.com at this link;

<http://www.aia365.com/brackets/>

Helmet rule feedback-results from week one (Gary Whelchel - AIA Commissioner of Officials)

Total number of incidents:	120
Varsity	110
Sub Varsity	10
Time out used	6
Player removed	114
Flag on the play	0

Review and discuss AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1

Nemer Hassey requested that the committee look at aligning the equipment allowed to be used during spring practice (AIA bylaw; article 23.10.1) and permissive fall practice (AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1).

Consensus vote: agreed

Item will be forwarded to the AIA Executive Board to be placed on the AIA Executive Boards agenda

Discussion of non-participating team coach videotaping of future opponent as a scouting tool

Previous film trading rules and filming rules were conference based and no longer exist. After committee discussion, committee consensus was that currently it is not an issue because coaches are working together. Contact with the future opponent well in advance should allow any issue to be worked out, including receiving permission to film at a future opponents game.

Discussed AIA Fall Hardship Appeal date (to recommend it occur one week earlier)

Nemer Hassey brought to the committee a concern that the AIA Fall Hardship Appeal date is the same week as the first week of regular season football games. This makes it difficult for football coaches to determine a player's use to a team because their eligibility status is in limbo.

Ron Halbach shared that the AIA Fall Hardship Appeal date used to be earlier, but that athletic directors requested that the date be moved later, to the present dates, to allow them adequate time to get all the hardship paperwork completed for submission.

Consensus recommendations to the AIA Executive Board

1. Aligning the equipment allowed to be used during spring practice (AIA bylaw; article 23.10.1) and permissive fall practice (AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1).

Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m.