

Basketball
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
November 2, 2011
AIA OFFICE

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Byron Maynes/1A Adm.
Roland Medina/1A Adm.
Lonnie Tvrdy/2A Adm.
James Driggers/2A Adm.
Mary Wack/3A Adm.
Jamie Roe/3A Adm.
Joe Paddock/4A Adm.
Mike Fowler/4A Adm.
Reynaldo Peru/5A Adm.

Shawn Lytle/1A Coach
Curry Donaldson/1A Coach
Nate Agostini/2A Coach
Greg Haagsma/2A Coach
Mark Showers/Interim Chair

Karen Self/4A Coach
Howard Mueller/4A Coach
Randy Walker/5A Coach

Members absent:

TBD/5A Adm.

Todd Nelson/5A Coach
TBD/3A Coach

Visitors present:

Heidi Behnke (Desert Edge H.S.)
Art Hall (ABCA)

Agenda Items:

Selection of AIA Basketball Committee Chair

At the April 26th meeting, Mark Showers (Camp Verde Athletic Director/Girls Basketball Coach) was selected to be the chair person of the committee. Camp Verde is now in the 3A Conference. The committee reaffirmed that Mark Showers would remain in the position of committee chair since the 3A Conference selected him as their representative girls coach.

Six quarter rule discussion

An interpretation was asked for by a committee member for how the Six Quarter rule is to be treated at an invitational tournament. At some of the small school invitationals, school teams play more than once per day.

Ron Halbach indicated that since an invitational tournament counts as one game for the season per the bylaws, if a team player need to play an additional game, it will be treated as though the team had gone into overtime and there will not be an issue regarding compliance with AIA bylaw; article 21.5.3 .

The committee discussion turned to the competitive advantage some schools are getting by virtue of being granted exemptions to AIA bylaw; article 21.5.3. Greg Haagsma indicated that boys and girls teams are not necessarily equal, but that the AIA Executive Board has granted exemptions to schools not individual programs. An exemption has the potential of giving a player ten additional games which translates to an opportunity for a player to improve faster. James Driggers recommended that exemptions should be division wide. Committee concluded that this wasn't fair since there was so much interdivisional play. Mike Fowler commented that the six quarter exemption could become a small school recruiting selling point. Curry Donaldson indicated the primary problem has been that the exemptions have been granted by the Board without known or stated criteria.

Mark Showers brought the discussion to a close.

The AIA Basketball Advisory arrived at consensus agreement on the following;

1. Division IV needs a blanket exemption to allow all players at that level to play unlimited quarters due to number of players that are available at many of the schools.
2. Any school that appealed up cannot request an exemption from AIA bylaw; article 21.5.3.
3. Schools must bring request to the AIA Executive Board based on individual boys or girls program needs.

Discuss expansion of the state boys and girls basketball tournament from four divisions to five.

At the August 16th AIA Basketball Advisory meeting, Shawn Lytle and Randy Walker brought forth proposals to expand the AIA sectional and state basketball tournaments.

Several of the 1A school representatives indicated concern that the 1A Conference schools can't compete with the larger schools when they are required to play schools one division larger than they are on a consistent basis.

The committee was reminded that the reduction of the tournament levels was a result of the AIA Board evaluation of available, suitable venues, consistent loss of venue in early rounds due to lack of fan interest and overall feedback from member schools that the reduction was not fairly.

The opinion expressed by the small school representatives was that the reduction (seven tournaments levels to four) was too drastic. Seven tournament levels to five would have been easier to take.

Sectional/State brackets (handout distribution)

The AIA sectional and state basketball brackets are posted on the AIA365.com website under the Scores/Results dropdown.

Consensus Recommendations

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