

BASEBALL  
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
January 11, 2012  
AIA OFFICE

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Mark Goodman/1A Adm.	Billy Duarte/1A Coach
Garye La Fevers/2A Adm.	Bill Swift/2A Coach
Mike Briguglio/3A Adm.	Art Griffith/3A Coach
Mark Cisterna/5A Adm.	Matt Denny/4A Coach
Mark Cisterna/5A Adm.	Eric Kibler/5A Coach

Members absent:

Jeff Feldman/4A Adm.

- \* Discussion to change AIA State Tournament Roster limit that is currently allows 22 players on the AIA State Baseball Tournament roster (per AIA bylaw 20.11.1.5) to 25 players. (Eric Kibler)

Eric Kibler initiated the discussion, pointing out that increasing the AIA State Baseball roster would allow a school to increase the coach's options for pitching . He also felt that many programs have junior varsity program players that would benefit by being rewarded with a tournament roster placement and the experience of being with the varsity team during the state baseball tournament.

There was discussion relative to many small schools not having the uniforms necessary to increase their roster.

A committee consensus determining vote was called for and seconded.

The AIA Baseball Advisory committee came to a consensus agreement to put this bylaw change forth to the AIA Executive Board to be placed on the AIA Legislative Assembly agenda.

Note: The AIA Legislative Assembly passed (32 yes, 2 no) the following emergency legislative change to AIA bylaw; article 20.11.1.5 so that it currently reads as follows;

**20.11.1.5 No more than 25 players shall suit up, participate, or be listed on the roster of a school team for a regional or post-season tournament. (Leg. Council 3-2-12)**

- **Request for section tournaments for all divisions in all sports. (Mike Briguglio)**

Mike discussed meeting with the AIA Executive to discuss his views on creating section tournaments for all team sports where state tournament qualifying is determined by power rank. He indicated that he had researched the cost of creating section tournament and had presented that to the AIA Executive Board. Mark Goodman indicated that extending the season to accommodate a section tournament without decreasing the number of games in a season would pose a problem in many communities. He indicated concern for the accuracy of the numbers (costs) presented by Mike. Mark Cisterna explained that the AIA Executive Board has not taken action to add section tournaments to additional sports (still limited to wrestling and basketball). Mike asked the other members of the committee for their thought.

Eric Kibler indicated that he would like the AIA Executive Board to do a feasibility study to evaluate the costs and positive/negative aspects of increasing the team sports that have section tournaments. A playoff for the section champion and runner-up recognition is more available to schools than the state champions/state runner-up recognition. Mark Goodman expressed concern related to section tournaments increasing out of school time as well as school costs relative to travel/related cost of team travel.

A committee consensus determining vote to ask the AIA Executive Board to do a feasibility study regarding adding sectional tournaments was called for and seconded.

The AIA Baseball Advisory committee came to a consensus agreement to make that request.

- **Discussion related to implementation of AIA sectional/divisional recognition program**

The committee discussed issues that other sports had with the online AIA sectional/divisional recognition program. The major issue that girls volleyball and football had was lack of contact with section and division level coaches at a section and division level coaches meeting to discuss players and all sectional/divisional qualifications.

It was determine that four committee members will take charge of organizing a coach in each section to hold and lead the discussion on nominated players for sectional honors. Following the section coaches meeting, the coaches in the section will vote online for their individual selections from the lists of nominated players.

Following the determination of first and second all section teams, the four committee individuals will lead the all division selection discussion at the site of the Arizona Baseball Coaches Association end of the season meeting. The committee representatives and their division of responsibility are as follows;

Eric Kibler	Division I
Matt Denny	Division II
Mike Briguglio	Division III

The committee discussed their desire to have specific, uniform statistical categories required with each player's online nomination. Garye Lafevers provided a list of statistical categories that the committee want available on the online nomination process for each position. The committee was advised that this would require computer programming but that the request would go forward to determine if it could occur.

Note: Since all computer programming for the AIA current is done by an outside computer programming source, the requested statistics could not be implemented for this current season's baseball recognition. As a bridge for this season, the recent business partnership between the AIA and MaxPreps can be utilized by baseball coaches to have access to specific, uniform statistical information on the section and division nominated players. The following information has been sent (via Constant Contact e-mail) to all AIA member school baseball coaches, athletic directors and school athletic director secretaries;

#### Baseball, Softball & Boys Volleyball Coaches:

The AIA has partnered with MaxPreps.com to bring more efficiency and new opportunities for Arizona coaches. MaxPreps is now providing all statistics used to power AIA state records, section awards, division awards and more. For Baseball, as recommended by the Baseball Sport Advisory Committee, any player being nominated for section and division recognition must have the appropriate stats entered on MaxPreps to be eligible. If you are not already registered, you can start by following the steps below.

Here's what to do on the [AIA School Login Page](#):

- 1) Login using your email & password.
- 2) Select your "MaxPreps" ID and your access code will display on the page.

If you don't know your login or password, please see your Athletic Director. They can obtain this by going to their contacts list in the school login page and clicking edit next to your name.

Now that you have your access code, go to [MaxPreps.com](#):

- 1) Click on "Coach Login" in the upper right hand corner.
- 2) Enter your email address in Step 1.
- 3) Register your email address or enter your personal password if you have already registered.
- 4) Enter your access code into Step 3.

You are done! The link to your team's administration page is now listed under "Coach Logins" of MaxPreps.com. Follow the link to access the admin and update your team's information. You can click the 'Roster' link to add your players and the 'Stats' link to enter results.

If you would like to recognize any of your student-athletes for a section or division award, you must enter your stats and roster into MaxPreps. Your roster must also be uploaded to the AIA School Login Page. Coming this Fall, we will be automatically synced with MaxPreps so you only have to enter it into one site but for now you will have to enter your roster into both sites.

#### Entering your roster on AIA

1) Upon logging in, select "Rosters." You don't need to upload a photo if you don't have one. Select your sport and follow the instructions on the following link to complete inputting your roster: [Varsity Rosters - How to Input.](#)

Thank You,  
Brian Bolitho  
Director of Business Media

Next meeting will be May 14, 2012 at the AIA office (9:00 a.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM