

**AIA BADMINTON SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AIA OFFICE
6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Steve Harris Chairman-Desert Mountain

Roll call members present:

Dean Visser	AIA Tournament Coordinator
Steve Harris	AD Desert Mountain
Mike Siwek	AD Independence
Sarah Schlesinger	Coach Sunnyslope

Absent:

Nancy Meyer	Coach Xavier College Prep
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Guests:

Guy Chadwick	HL Corporation
Karen Jacobson	Tournament Director

Purpose:

Through consensus, the sports advisory committee will provide advisory counsel to the AIA Executive Board related to the sport specific issues of that committee.

Discussion:

The process of how the committee makes recommendations was discussed within group. The committee will try to come to a consensus on any changes that then can be presented to the AIA Executive Board for approval. Many factors contribute to these decisions, but the committee will attempt to advocate for what's in the best interest of high school badminton.

Action Items:

Approval of August 10, 2011 minutes:

Motion-Sarah Schlesinger (Sunnyslope)

2nd-Mike Siwek (Independence)

All were in favor

Roster Regulations:

A survey was given to the badminton coaches; 41 were in favor and 9 opposed (3 undecided) of having some kind of roster regulations.

Comments were typed and given to the committee so that all coaches concerns could be heard both pro and con.

Ladder Players:

How can we place restrictions that are reasonable and would have a negligible effect on coaches while maintaining integrity?

Currently there is nothing stating that coaches even have to play by a ladder, it is more of an unwritten rule. It was decided that we would put it in writing that coaches need to play according to a ladder based on ability. We will look at tennis for proper verbiage. We will not place restrictions on doubles as it would be complicated in order to seed teams for state play. We will also require ladders or line-ups be presented on specified ladder cards prior to game play so that adjustments are not made by either team based on the other coaches ladder. The recourse will be discussed by the committee if multiple reports are made regarding one team. It is recommended that coaches keep their roster from all games to present so that consistency is obvious.

Sarah Schlesinger and Steve Harris will work on creating the proper wording and Karen Jacobson will make ladder cards for next year.

Motion to approve-Mike Siwek

Second-Sarah Schlesinger

All were in favor

Regular Season Schedule/Power Rankings:

A survey was taken among coaches; 48 in favor and 5 opposed

Comments were typed and given to the committee so that all coaches concerns could be heard pro and con.

It was overwhelming that changing the regular season from playing opponents twice to one time would fix the majority of the issues coaches had with the schedule/power rankings. However, it was acknowledged that it is a committee recommendation and we would like to see it happen for 2012-2013 school year.

The committee also discussed the importance of how to pick up the freedom games. Now that the season has been played out in the new format, it is clearer as to what will be happening with the season.

In addition, coaches were concerned about teams exceeding their 14 game allotments. This was done only in cases to help a team in need who didn't have a schedule and needed games to fill their schedule. This year it occurred primarily because of 2 schools adding badminton after the schedules had been finished. It could also have benefitted Prescott who was short games.

In order to correct the 3 games a week that so many schools experienced, we discussed a variety of options. The calendar is very tight due to AIMS and school start dates, so there was very little flexibility. However, if schedules are properly spaced out over the whole season it may not be necessary to play three games in a week. The coach's need to work with the school's Athletic Director on both obtaining the desired freedom games and balancing the regular season schedule.

The member schools do not have the time or resources to have a sectional tournament, so will continue with the same format. A change to how teams warm up for next year was decided; the goal is to have score keepers time the warm up and raise a colored flag when play must begin. Other schools will be asked to help provide score keepers so the entire burden doesn't fall on one school.

Questions to be addressed regarding Badminton rules:

It was decided that Guy Chadwick would work on putting together a high school badminton rules book. We need consistency with the rules that we so often hear are unspoken.

Rule decisions:

Varsity can be extended to an 8 person team if a coach desires in order to specialize in singles or doubles or accommodate seniors that are below #6 on the ladder.

Additionally, if a player gets injured in doubles, an alternate is allowed to substitute for the injured player provided they are listed on the end of the year roster sent to the AIA.

Other discussion:

Guy would like to collect data as far back as possible. He would like all 4A and 5A records to compile a badminton state history. Team champions as well as singles and doubles champs.

Steve Harris adjourned the meeting @ 7:35.

Next Meeting: TBD if necessary otherwise August