

AIA Basketball Sports Advisory Committee

March 6, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

AIA Office Board Room

1. Roll Call

Present:

Shawn Lytle/1A Coach	Roland Medina/1A Adm.
Curry Donaldson/1A Coach	
Lonnie Tvrdy/2A Adm.	Greg Haagsma/2A Coach
James Driggers/2A Adm.	Nate Agostini/2A Coach-
Mary Wack/3A Adm.	Mark Showers/3A Coach-Chair
Jamie Roe/3A Adm.	Troy Powell/3A Coach
Joe Paddock/4A Adm.	Karen Self/4A Coach
Michael Fowler/4A Adm.	Howard Mueller/4A Coach
Reynaldo Peru/5A Adm.	Randy Walker/5A Coach

Absent:

Byron Maynes/1A Adm.	Todd Nelson/5A Coach
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2. Review of AIA Sport Advisory Meeting minutes from 8/16/11

3. New Business

- a. Report on basketball related proposed AIA legislative action from AIA Legislative Assembly

Legislative Assembly Item 26. BASKETBALL – NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON
AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD (*BASKETBALL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE*) –
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaws: Article 21 Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season,
Paragraph 21.5.3.1
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Rationale for Proposed Amendment

Many Division IV schools have a limited number of players available due to enrollment. All schools, at this level, should have the same equitable number of quarters of play for their players so they can maintain their varsity and junior varsity programs. Eligible players can drop suddenly due to interest, grades or injury. Exception would help limit cancellations and forfeitures of games due to lack of adequate players available.

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21.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

21.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.

21.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: Division IV, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of games during the season.

Proposal Passed

The six quarter rule was discussed briefly. Two specific items were discussed. First of all, the quarters are easier to track for the participating schools because it is clear at a game to the coaches if a player goes over the limit. The only concern expressed was that not all school use a scorebook person who keeps the quarters tracked accurately. It was brought up that it is the responsibility of the home team athletic director to have scorebook and score clock person individuals who can meet the responsibilities of the game duty.

Legislative Assembly Item 27. BASKETBALL – NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD (*BASKETBALL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE*) – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaws: Article 21 Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season, Paragraph 21.5.3.2
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Rationale for Proposed Amendment

Exemptions have the potential for increasing the number of competitive opportunities for a player and could be used as an enticement/recruiting tool by a school to attract players. A school's coach could purposely limit the size of a team to request an exemption from the six quarter rule from the AIA Executive Board with the intent and purpose of attracting players with guaranteed increased playing opportunities at multiple levels.

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21.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

21.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.

21.5.3.2 Any school that petitioned up a division or more for competition cannot request an exemption from AIA Bylaw 21.5.3.

Proposal Failed

Concern was raised that petitioning for an exemption from the six quarter rule could be used by some schools as a recruiting tool because a freshman or sophomore could be enticed with the promise to play in both a lower level game and a varsity game. It was also discussed that some schools that petition up did so to reduce travel but can be effected by low turnout for team

tryouts, unexpected injuries and loss of players due to grades. The six quarter rule allows Division II and Division III school to meet their scheduling obligations for lower level teams.

There was discussion and and general agreement that the AIA Executive Board must use scrutiny of the entire program and separate the boys and girls programs when granting exemptions from this rule.

b. 2011-2012 Power rank tabulation through the AIA Basketball Sectional Tournaments.(Joe Paddock)

The committee discussed the issues surrounding the tabulation of power rank through the conclusion of the basketball sectional tournaments. Concern was raised that bubble teams that were not in the tournament needed to keep practicing for a week, not knowing if they would get onto the state bracket to compete again. Some coaches felt it benefited some teams in the sectional and some bubble teams for the power rank to continue. Scottsdale Christian and Fort Thomas were prime examples of school teams that improved their power rank and state tournament seeding due to the continuation of the power rank though out the sectional tournament. It was brought up that some teams that were in a strong sectional, with the tabulation continuing, were punished due the weight of the power rank coming out of sectional play and their overall seeding rank lowered.

It was brought up that computerized schedules did not benefit all levels competitively equally. A committee member indicated Division III level schools did not benefit from the schedules as much as Division II schools did. Chuck Schmidt indicated that the AIA Computerized Scheduling Committee is reconvening to look at scheduling parameters and that the Competitive Equity Committee is involved in looking at the topic as well.

Chuck discussed with the committee that the AIA Executive Board would be hearing a proposal, from the Competitive Equity Committee, that involves moving up schools with expanded geographical attendance zones. Karen Self brought up, that with open enrollment; all urban schools have the ability to pull from the whole county. Nate Agostini indicated he hoped that concentrating play in a school's section and division is something the AIA Scheduling Committee will seriously look at.

c. Media interaction at the AIA 2011-2012 State Basketball Tournament (Karen Self)

Karen Self brought up concern that the media crush after her state championship game did not allow her the opportunity to be involved in the celebration of the success with her team. She wondered if there were a way the media could be kept off the court until after the trophy presentations and net cutting ceremony to allow both the team members and coaches time to celebrate the moment.

Ron Halbach shared that keeping reporters and photographers off the court following any game is a no win situation for the AIA because the reporters and photographers

want to meet their deadlines, get the first interview while the storyline is fresh and get that celebration photo. Chuck Schmidt indicated that if the Basketball Committee wanted to create a proposal to control the media, they had the option to bring that forward.

No proposal came forth at this time.

d. Review of the 2011-2012 AIA Basketball Sectional Tournaments (Mark Showers)

Positives: Comments included that the Sectionals, for the most part, were well attended and fun for fans.

Negatives: Concern that playing three days in a row for Division IV was difficult. Concern was also expressed that, in some sections, the schools didn't play enough schools in their section to get a clear representation of what teams should be in the sectional tournament.

e. Review of the 2011-2012 AIA Basketball State Tournaments (Mark Showers)

Positives: Teams loved Grand Canyon University as a site.

Negatives: Committee comments: 1) Television was more enjoyable than streamed games viewing. 2) I-17 creates an issue for travel to Tim's Toyota (caused delay of games for Div. IV semifinals). 3) At NAU, the scoreboard wasn't able to be seen, from the playing court, at the south end. 4) State Tournament programs not available for all rounds.

f. AIA State Basketball sectional field versus the AIA State Basketball state field (Joe Paddock). Discussion revolves the desire by some administrators and coaches to increase the sectional field and decrease the state field.

Multiple recommendations came forward from committee members including;

- Sectional tournament with 12 teams instead of 8, state bracket reduced to 16
- Make first round loss in the sectional tournament an elimination from the state tournament
- 12 teams in the sectional with only two guaranteed automatic qualifying to the state bracket
- Coaches want expanded sectionals and smaller state tournament with fewer automatic qualifiers

Joe Paddock asked if the basketball committee could develop a survey to send to school basketball coaches and administrators. The present computerized schedule creates concerns for the accuracy of power rank. The committee felt that they and the AIA Executive Board need input from the member schools regarding the direction to proceed with in basketball. Lonnie Tvrdy indicated that there seems to be a desire to make changes in the sectional and state format for next year's tournament.

The AIA Basketball Committee came to consensus that they wanted to survey school administrators and coaches regarding sectionals, power rank tabulation and size of both sectional and state tournament field. Several members, headed by Joe Paddock, will create the survey questions and bring them forward to send out via the AIA Survey process.

4. Consensus recommendations to go forward to the AIA Executive Board

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The AIA Basketball Committee will meet again on Thursday, April 12th to see and discuss the results of the survey.

5. Adjournment