

AIA Basketball Sports Advisory Committee

April 12, 2012

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

Byron Maynes/1A Adm.	Lonnie Tvrdy/2A Adm.
James Driggers/2A Adm.	Joe Paddock/4A Adm.
Howard Mueller/4A Coach	Steve McDowell/5A Adm.
Todd Nelson/5A Coach	

Past Business:

1. Minutes from AIA Basketball Sport Advisory March 6, 2012 meeting reviewed/approved

New Business:

1. Update on the power rank formula.

Brian Bolitho presented the AIA Executive Board approved (recommendation from the Power Rankings Committee) modification to the variable that are presently in place for this spring. The modifications are as follows:

Rather than multiplying the number of points given by a schools opponent by the number of games the particular school plays, it will be multiplied by the normal number of games played in a regular season. Power Rankings Committee and MaxPreps.com will reconvene after the spring sports season to look at the formula for other potential modifications for the fall of 2012.

Brian indicated that the Power Rankings Committee, with the addition of several individuals from MaxPreps, will be meeting to continue the evaluation of the present system and look at additional modifications to improve the power rank formula.

2. Competitive Equity Committee proposal

Dr. Slemmer addressed the Basketball Advisory Committee to inform and open discussion regarding a possible Transfer Rule amendment. He indicated that the AIA Executive Board wanted feedback from conference committees and sport advisory committees on the Competitive Equity committee proposal.

The proposal at present is as follows:

*If a student transfers after their freshman year, even with a change of domicile, within a 50-mile radius of their previous school, the athlete is **ineligible** for one year.*

Dr. Slemmer indicated that other states have created bylaws along this same line to deal with their state concerns related to the increase of transfers and concerns related to recruitment of players by multiple potential influences. He indicated that the 50-mile radius was the current proposal but the feedback could alter that radius.

He indicated that the AIA Executive Board will discuss the possible need to call a fall session of the AIA Legislative Assembly at the May 21 AIA Executive Board meeting.

Dr. Slemmer also addressed the possibility of a future Legislative Council meeting to vote on a final proposal for the next 2-year scheduling block related to the division alignment process by sport. The proposal includes the following:

- * Each school enters their enrollment as of Oct. 1, 2012
- * Each school selects the varsity sports they will participate in for the 2013-2015 school years
- * The computer then divides schools into divisions equally
- * The computer then moves Expanded Geographical Enrollment (EGE) schools up one division
 - * Exception is 8-man football as there is only one 8-man football division
- * The computer then moves an equal number of non-EGE schools down one division to make the divisions equal numbers
- * The divisions are then released for schools to review
- * Schools then have the opportunity to appeal up or appeal down a division
 - * Non-EGE schools may appeal down if they meet two of the three:
 - * School is located over 25 miles outside of a metro high school
 - * School has over 50% of its students on a Free & Reduced lunch plan
 - * School within a particular sport has been in the bottom eight for final season power rankings in their respective division and/or conference the past three seasons
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- * The Sports Advisory Committee then views the appeals and approves or denies
- * The AIA Executive Board can then hear appeals of denials made by the Sports Advisory Committee
- * The Divisions are finalized
- * Sections are then generated and released to the schools
- * Schools can appeal section placement
- * The AIA Executive Board hears the appeals and finalizes the sections
- * The Divisions and Section are now finalized
- * The Computer Scheduling Program is then initiated to generate schedules based on the program outline

Dr. Slemmer indicated that he was planning to meet with the Competitive Equity Committee regarding possibly amending their proposal in relation to charter schools.

Shawn Lytle expressed concern with the effect of the realignment proposal on Division III and IV in basketball. He wondered if, as schools get moved up, would the school(s) get replaced for the sake of balancing divisions? Dr. Slemmer indicated the creation of caps on the number of schools in a division has been discussed. He also indicated that, as he has discussed this and the potential transfer rule legislation with conference committees, much of what is being said is speculation, not fact.

Dr. Slemmer expressed that, if a special legislative meeting is held, it is important for voting representatives vote based on creating equity, not on how it will effect their particular school.

Karen Self expressed her concern that private school will be penalized by the alignment proposal and that open enrollment needs AIA legislative controls if private schools will be forced to play up one division level.

Dr. Slemmer indicated that there is no support, from outside of the association, for changing the state statutes that regulate open enrollment. He indicated that the classification of schools by sport into divisions is an open door to many possibilities. The proposal gives schools the ability to appeal up and down, allowing schools the ability to present their unique qualities and competition related evidence. He indicated the flexibility of the proposal is a big plus.

Mark Showers expressed that the integrity of small schools must be protected and that possibly that means other division might need to grow.

A committee member expressed the need to separate boys and girls in the petitioning process. Dr. Slemmer cautioned that this could cause a scheduling nightmare.

Last, but not least, Dr. Slemmer expressed that the goal is to make it so we (the schools) can all compete at a level of equity that all schools can feel good about.

3. Presentation and discussion of the results of the AIA Basketball Sport Advisory survey.

Michele Staples and Brian Bolitho presented the survey. Michele explained that, depending on a response, the survey led you to related questions to respond to. Brian expressed that some of the results indicate objectives that are contradictory to each other.

Randy Walker passed out a tournament proposal concept based on the top 48 power ranked teams placed into four groups (sections) but not geographically based.

Shawn Lytle spoke to a proposal that would include a twelve team sectional and sixteen team state tournament.

Mark Showers expressed that any proposal must strike a balance between economy (tournament income for the Association) and what is good for a school and community.

4. Consensus items for the AIA Executive Board's consideration.

None.

Committee members asked that the survey results be posted on the AIA365.com basketball specific page.

Mark Showers called for a committee meeting to be held prior to the last AIA Executive Board meeting in May (which is scheduled for May 21). This was done to allow all member school coaches and administrators to view the results and allow basketball committee member to discuss the results with the school coaches and administrators that they represent and bring back the feedback along with any potential proposal that the survey results might support.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned