

FOOTBALL  
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
January 25, 2012  
AIA OFFICE

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Tim Slade/1A Coach  
Don Conrad/2A Coach  
Jim Fairfield/3A Coach  
Nemer Hassey/4A Coach  
Dana Zupke/5A Coach (Committee Chair) Lee Haws/1A Adm.  
Nathan Slater/4A Adm.  
Mike Sivertson/5A Adm.

Members absent:

Rhett Stallworth/2A Adm.  
Jason Lobik/3A Adm.

Discussion Item:

Concerns related to AIA Recognition Process:

This additional meeting was requested as a continuation of the discussion from the December 7<sup>th</sup> agenda topic regarding the AIA Recognition program. Concerns raised again were;

- Coaches didn't see all the players in their section or division
- Coaches didn't meet to discuss players in their section or division
- Coaches didn't like online voting, would rather vote at a meeting
- There was confusion with how to log in to put in nomination
- In some sections and divisions, coaches didn't participate in the process
- Sections are too big regarding recognition, coaches want smaller geographical recognition groups (like the regions were)
- Coaches didn't know how the system worked. They were not well informed by their school athletic directors or the AIA information posted online.

Harold Slemmer address the group and reminded them that the AIA Recognition Program was an option the AIA created to meet the conference committees desire to have a recognition program in place to replace the previously chosen region level teams. Coaches are not mandated by the AIA, that direction would come from their local school administration's expectations. This recognition program is not meant to replace anything that the AZFCA has in place for recognition. There is nothing stopping the coaches from a conference's regions from meeting to create region team selections.

Chuck Schmidt, once again, brought forward the logistical plan, approved by the board for coaches, as a group, to implement the recognition program.

- Coaches will select a chair from their respective sport within each section
- The section chair will communicate his/her selection to the appropriate AIA Tournament Coordinator by the end of the first week of the regular season play as determined by the NFHS Standardized Calendar
- The sports section chair will identify a date/location for a meeting of the section coaches to review and discuss all section nominated players and coaches. The date/location for a meeting of the section coaches will be posted on AIA sport specific page by the end of the first week of the regular season play.
- The coaches meeting for all section player/coach discussion will be held after the close of nominations date for section recognition.
- Nominations for section recognition will be completed online. Each nomination should include appropriate statistics to support the nomination.
- Following this meeting, varsity head coaches will be able to log in online and submit their votes for section recognition within an announced voting time period
- Votes will be tallied electronically and the all section first and second team player selections as well as the section coach/player of the year will be posted on AIA365.com
- The three section chairs for the sport will select a division chair to oversee the division coaches' discussion of eligible player/coach nominees for division recognition. The division coaches meeting for all division player/coach discussion will be held after the close of nominations date for division recognition.
- Players/coaches selected to section recognition will be eligible for division recognition
- All division meeting(s) will be established by the division chair. This meeting will be held no later than the week after the championship in that division is concluded.
- The coaches meeting for all division player/coach discussion will be held to allow head varsity coaches to hear about nominees they have not seen and discuss nominees with other coaches
- Following this meeting, varsity head coaches will be able to log in online and submit their votes for division recognition within an announced voting time period
- Votes will be tallied electronically and the all division first and second team player selections as well as the division coach/player of the year will be posted on AIA365.com

**Consensus Recommendation:**

While there was general consensus that the recognition process for football players and coaches needed to be improved. There is agreement that football coaches need to meet to discuss the nomination of players and come to agreement on voting.

No consensus recommendation of action came forward to take to the AIA Executive Board.

Meeting adjourned