

BASEBALL
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
May 14, 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
Jeff Feldman/4A Adm.	Matt Denny/4A Coach
Mark Cisterna/5A Adm.	Eric Kibler/5A Coach

Agenda Items:

Discussion/feedback regarding section and division coaches meetings for discussion of nominated players for AIA Baseball Recognition selection process.

Items expressed:

- *There was concern expressed that nomination and voting process confuses some coaches.
- *Statistic accrued in the state tournament playoffs were not available for section voting.
- *Nomination information expectations were consistent from nominating coaches.
- *Concern that some schools dominated section/division selection.
- *Thought expressed that only first team all section should be available as nominee for all division selection.
- *Some sections did a straw vote at the meeting after discussion to get a sense of how coaches in the section intended to vote. (note:concern was expressed that some coaches did not vote online as they said they would during the straw vote at the meeting)
- *Coaches expressed they would like voting to reopen if a player is voted onto the section or division team at more than one position (a player should only be named once to an all section or division team)
- *Nomination and voting should all take place at the section coaches meeting. (consensus vote)
 - committee wanted to wait to make any recommendation on state selection process after the conclusion of the final two state championships and all division meetings at Mesa High School on May 19th.

Discussion related to restricting all division recognition nominees to first team all section selections.

- *Committee discussed this in part during the first agenda item discussion
- * committee wanted to wait to make any recommendation on state selection process after the conclusion of the final two state championships and all division meetings at Mesa High School on May 19th.

Update related to regular season scheduling issues

*Concerns were expressed regarding teams having to play competition, due to close geographical location, that were not competitive games (for either team).

*Administrative Committee members expressed that this concern was a common concern discussed by other sport advisory groups as well.

* AIA Scheduling Committee continues to meet but have not finalized a recommendation to the AIA Executive Board. Committee thoughts are being discussed at region and conference meeting levels. A recommendation to the AIA Executive Board is expected to come forward during September.

*Mike Briguglio recommended that the state tournament be expanded one more round to include more school teams.

Discussion regarding statistics used for end of season recognition (should it be limited to just regular season games or entire season statistics).

This was a mixed review. Some committee members expressed that the statistics submitted and used for AIA Recognition should just be from regular season games, not those accumulated in invitationals. Not all schools have same access to equalizing invitationals.

Others thought the statistics should represent the entire season of a players work.

Discuss the possibility of adding an AIA State Baseball format that would include best two out of three for the championship games at the Division I and Division II level.

Since the initiation of the double elimination tournament for the two highest level championships (initially 5A Division I and 5A Division II Conference championships), which were proposed by a selected group of baseball coaches/administrators at the time, there has always been an understanding and agreement that due to several factors, the championship had to be determined by one final game.

- Extending the championship series would run the games into preparation for and finals testing at the conclusion of the school year.
- Extending the championship series would run the games into graduation dates at majority of schools.
- The media presentation of the championships, either by streaming live video or broadcasting on radio, due to media programming, must allow the championship to be a one and done competition.
- Moving the tournament earlier would cut at least one week off of the regular season of play.

Consensus Recommendation:

Nomination and voting for the AIA Recognition of all section baseball players should all take place at the section coaches meeting.

Adjournment

