

**AIA BADMINTON SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AIA OFFICE
5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Steve Harris Chairman-Desert Mountain

Roll call members present:

Dean Visser	AIA Tournament Coordinator
Steve Harris	AD Desert Mountain
Sarah Schlesinger	Coach Sunnyslope
Nancy Meyer	Coach Xavier College Prep

Guests:

Guy Chadwick	AZBC
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.

Action Items:

State Individual Tournament single/doubles Bracket Changes:

The SAC would like to recommend making a change to the State Individual singles and doubles tournament in order to eliminate byes, reduce large wait times, and reward teams that place higher throughout the season.

The change is to a 64 match bracket. This will allow ALL teams to enter one singles player and one doubles team for the state individual tournament. The selection of these players will be up to the discretion of the coaches. The teams will also be allowed to have alternate players (injuries...eligibility).

The open/available spots on the brackets will be filled in by the top teams (no more than the top 16 seeded teams) beginning with the #1 seeded team, followed by #2, #3...etc choosing either an additional singles or doubles team depending on the availability of bracketed slots. This will be done at the seeding meeting, and the coaches MUST attend in order to claim their additional spot. If the coach is not in attendance at the seeding meeting, they may send requests with another coach or directly to Dean Visser at the AIA. Once all the available spots are filled, the remaining openings may go to the top

teams (in order of rank #1, #2 , #3...) . More details will be in the Badminton Tournament guide for 2013.

Motion was made by Sarah Schlesinger and seconded by Nancy Meyer. Motion passed.

Other discussion:

Section Play:

The SAC recommends having smaller sections where each team plays the other teams in their section one time as well as an additional selection of freedom games in order to fill the schedule for a total of 14 games. Teams will not play more than 14 regular season matches and two invitational tournaments (AIA Constitution and Bylaws 19.4.1). Teams cannot replace tournaments with matches. The freedom games will be the responsibility of the school's athletic director to select based upon the individual school and their philosophy, taking into consideration geography, available dates – school calendar, competitive level etc. More information will be forthcoming from the AIA regarding the scheduling process. In addition, the SAC would like to encourage more schools to host Badminton invitational tournaments. Dean will contact the Deer Valley district, Karen will contact the East valley schools and Sarah will follow up with Shadow Mountain.

Facilities:

If a school needs help making sure their facility meets acceptable playing regulations; Guy Chadwick will be available to check the facility and make any necessary recommendations.

Guy would like to try to host the State Team finals at his facility. It may be best to have a scrimmage in the fall as a test run.

Rule Book:

We need to develop an etiquette/rule book. Guy will compile a list of all needed items with explanations. Sarah will email coaches to try and get feedback in developing this model. Karen will try to locate Nancy's old 5A rule document as a starting point.

Coaches' Meeting:

In the fall prior to competition, we will try to host a badminton coaches meeting in order to hand out materials as well as make sure we are all on the same page. Also we will have an opportunity to answer questions of new coaches. At the meeting, Dean will provide ladder cards as well as score sheets for coaches.

Next meeting: August 2013

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