

AIA Baseball Sports Advisory Committee  
January 11, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Mark Goodman/1A Adm.	Billy Duarte/1A Coach
Garye LaFevers/2A Adm.	Bill Swift/2A Coach
Mike Briguglio/3A Adm.	Matt Denny/4A Coach
Mark Cisterna/5A Adm.-Chair	Eric Kibler/5A Coach

Absent:

Jeff Feldman/4A Adm.	Art Griffith/3A Coach
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Past Business:

1. Minutes from AIA Baseball Sport Advisory October 2, 2012 meeting reviewed/approved

2. New Business:

- a. Committee discussion and determine recommendation for a 16 team or 24 team State bracket

The AIA Baseball Advisory Committee discussed the sixteen and twenty-four team bracket formats. The committee came to a consensus to recommend to the AIA Executive Board that a twenty-four team bracket format be utilized for all four divisions of AIA State Baseball.

- b. Committee discussion and determine recommendation regarding the number of automatic qualifiers per sectional that would advance to the state tournament  
\* section information (2013-2014/2014-2015 related to baseball)

The AIA Baseball Advisory Committee discussed the number of automatic qualifiers per sectional that would advance to the state tournament. After a brief committee philosophical discussion, the committee came to a consensus to recommend to the AIA Executive Board the following:

- For AIA State Baseball, at all four divisions, the section champion will be automatically qualified for the state tournament with the remaining teams gaining entry to the bracket as at-large qualifiers.
- For determination of section champions in baseball, the won/loss record in the section (AIA computer scheduled section games) will be the determining factor.
- For AIA State Baseball, at all four divisions, the bracket will be seeded based on the AIA computation of the seeding rank.

Additional Discussion items:

- c. Chuck Schmidt addressed the committee regarding the ongoing issues of forfeitures. The issue is on the AIA Executive Board agenda for January 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, there is a scheduled MaxPreps "AIA Town Hall" meeting scheduled to be held in the AIA Board room on January 18<sup>th</sup> with forfeits as one of the topics of discussion.

Chuck indicated that canceling or forfeiting a game has AIA bylaw implications. There are multiple forfeiture scenarios that the AIA Executive Board must consider before asking MaxPreps to create a value to a forfeit that would be plugged into the seeding formula.

- d. Chuck Schmidt shared that the issue of outside of team competition events (home run derby's, slam dunk contest, three point shot competition) had been taken to the AIA Executive Board. The AIA Executive Board has determined that the outside of team competition events are a liability to the AIA membership.
- e. Chuck Schmidt discussed the division and section appeals that resulted in larger section and middle divisions.
- f. Chuck expressed that the AIA Sport Advisory committees have provided more representation to coaches as well as school administrators. The committees have provided input on multiple topics including the division appeals. The importance of advisory committees is significant but not all advisory committees' recommendations result in approval by the AIA Executive Board.
- g. Chuck expressed that the AIA Executive Board has concerns, going forward from the school division placement appeals regarding competitive equity since some schools were allowed to drop down more than one competitive level. The AIA Executive Board is also concerned about sport specific schools (a school that has a curriculum based on a specific sport emphasis). He indicated that the NCAA is concerned and involved with this school development as well.

The committee discussed the present criteria for baseball within the AIA Recognition Program. The selection of players for recognition by position, which was utilized for the 2012 baseball season, did not result in the selection for recognition of the best baseball players. Players were nominated for multiple positions splitting the votes for the best overall players. The committee came to a consensus to recommend to the AIA Executive Board the following:

- For the AIA Recognition Program, that ten position players and three pitchers be selected (total of twenty-six for the first and second team) with no repeat selection of an individual.
- For the AIA Recognition Program, that for a player to be nominated and named to the all division level recognition, the player must have been selected to their section's first team.

Consensus recommendation:

- Recommend to the AIA Executive Board that a twenty –four team bracket format be utilized for all four divisions of AIA State Baseball.
- Recommends to the AIA Executive Board that for AIA State Baseball, at all four divisions, the section champion will be automatically qualified for the state tournament with the remaining teams gaining entry to the bracket as at-large qualifiers.
- Recommends to the AIA Executive Board that for AIA State Baseball, for determination of section champions in baseball, the won/loss record in the section (AIA computer scheduled section games) will be the determining factor.
- Recommends to the AIA Executive Board that for AIA State Baseball, for AIA State Baseball, at all four divisions, the bracket will be seeded based on the AIA computation of the seeding rank.
- Recommends to the AIA Executive Board that for the AIA Recognition Program, that ten position players and three pitchers be selected (total of twenty-six for the first and second team) with no repeat selection of an individual.
- Recommends to the AIA Executive Board that for a player to be nominated and named to the all division level AIA Recognition level, the player must have been selected to their section's first team.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 16, 2013