

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

1. Roll Call

Present:

Shawn Lytle/1A Adm.	Tom Danehy/1A Coach
Lonnie Tvrdy/2A Adm.	Nate Agostini/2A Coach
Jamie Roe/3A Adm.	Greg Haagsma/2A Coach-Chair
Nathan Richardson/3A Adm.	Mark Showers/3A Coach
Michael Fowler/4A Adm.	Karen Self/4A Coach
Steve McDowell/5A Adm.	Tyler Dumas/5A Coach
Renaldo Peru/5A Adm.-Chair	Randy Walker/5A Coach

Absent:

Curry Donaldson/1A Adm.	Roland Medina/1A Coach
David Thursby/2A Adm.	Troy Powell/3A Coach
Roberto Thompson/4A Adm.	Howard Mueller/4A Coach

Past Business:

1. Minutes from AIA Baseball Sport Advisory September 5, 2012 meeting reviewed/approved

2. New Business:

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

The committee reviewed the number of teams in each division.

Regarding super sectionals, several members expressed concern related to uneven competitiveness when comparing sections within a division. As in the previous 2012 basketball survey, it was expressed that unless there is an aspect of elimination in the super sectional, some coaches might not be concerned about playing at an optimum level. In addition, the idea of only advancing the winner of the super sectional as an automatic qualifier was brought up.

Following the discussion, the committee voted on whether to recommend a 16 team or twenty-four team state bracket to the AIA Executive Board.

The AIA Basketball 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 super sectional that would advance to the state tournament

The committee reviewed the following sectional information related to each division level:

Division I	4 sections
Division II	6 sections
Division III	6 sections
Division IV	6 sections

After committee discussion, the AIA Basketball Committee came to a consensus determination to create an eight team super sectional by bringing together the top four teams from two sections. The determination of the top four teams in a section will be based on the won/loss record in their section (the computer assigned section games will represent the section games). The committee also discussed the tie breaking criteria that they want to recommend to the AIA Executive Board. The recommendation for the tie breaker criteria for the section representatives to the super sectional will be:

- Head to head competition if there is a two way tie
- AIA seeding calculation if there is a three or more team tie

The committee discussed their desire to reward only the super sectional champion and super sectional runner-up with automatic qualifying to the state tournament bracket. By consensus, the committee decided to recommend that the super sectional champions automatically advance to the AIA State Basketball Tournament as a #1, #2 or #3 seed in six section divisions state tournaments and as a #1 or #2 in a four section division state tournament. By consensus, the committee decided to recommend that the super sectional runner-up teams automatically advance to the AIA State Basketball Tournament as a #4, #5 or #6 seed in six section divisions and as a #3 or #4 in a four section divisions. The rank in the AIA seeding calculation will determine the automatic qualifiers rank order for the predetermined slots on the AIA State Tournament bracket.

c. Forfeits and the AIA Seeding tabulation

Shawn Lytle expressed concern regarding forfeits not being tabulated in the AIA seeding formula. He expressed that by forfeits not being tabulated that the lack of forfeited games counting for or against a team's rank has a ripple effect on the state tournament seeding. After discussion, the committee came to a consensus to recommend to the AIA Executive Board that a season game forfeit should be calculated as a loss for the forfeiting team and as a win for the team that wins by forfeit.

3. Consensus recommendations to go forward to the AIA Executive Board:

The AIA Basketball Advisory Committee recommends the following items to the AIA Executive Board:

- A twenty –four team bracket format be utilized for all four divisions of AIA State Basketball.
- In the AIA basketball super sectionals, the top four teams from the section, based on won/loss record in the section, from the AIA assigned section games, will represent the section. (Note: this is based on an eight team super sectional)
- The tie breaker criteria for the section representatives to the super sectional will be:

- Head to head competition if there is a two way tie
 - AIA seeding calculation if there is a three or more team tie
- The super sectional champions automatically advance to the AIA State Basketball Tournament as a #1, #2 or #3 seed in six section divisions and as a #1 or #2 in a four section division. (note : The rank in the AIA seeding calculation will determine the automatic qualifiers rank order for the predetermined slots on the AIA State Tournament bracket.)
- By consensus, the committee decided to recommend that the super sectional runner-up teams automatically advance to the AIA State Basketball Tournament as a #4, #5 or #6 seed in a six section division and as a #3 or #4 in a four section division. (note : The rank in the AIA seeding calculation will determine the automatic qualifiers rank order for the predetermined slots on the AIA State Tournament bracket.)
- Recommends to the AIA Executive Board that a season game forfeit should be calculated as a loss for the forfeiting team and as a win for the team that wins by forfeit.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 5, 2013