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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION ANNOUNCED REGARDING APPEAL FROM DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PHOENIX, AZ (October 8, 2013) – On September 16, 2013, the AIA Executive Board unanimously voted to place Deer Valley High School on probation for the 2013-2014 school year. The action was taken after the school knowingly violated AIA bylaws and played two ineligible players in a recent football game. The probation status prevented Deer Valley High School programs from participating in all State Tournaments.

Today, at the Executive Session, the Deer Valley Unified School District presented their corrective action as part of the appeal made to remove the administrative sanction placing all Deer Valley High School Interscholastic Activities on probation. After hearing the appeal the AIA Executive Board decided to remove probation status from all activities, with exception of football. This allows all other Interscholastic Activities the opportunity to participate in State Tournaments.

“We are pleased that Deer Valley Unified School District and Deer Valley High School have taken the matter seriously and sincerely. The Executive Board believed that the appropriate corrective action was taken and thus they decided to remove probation status for all programs with the exception of football. In our opinion district administrators demonstrated the values of accountability, cooperation and integrity by upholding the rules established by our membership,” says Chuck Schmidt, AIA Associate Executive Director.

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