



AIA Golf Sports Advisory Committee Minutes
AIA Office
3:30
Thursday November 14, 2013

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm by Larry Boyles.

Members present:

Larry Boyles	Coach Horizon
Cindy Kirk	AD Valley Lutheran
Craig Mai	Coach Mingus Union
Jaquie Gardner	Coach Higley
Bobby Armenta	AD Globe
Pat Reed	Coach Corona del Sol
Nick Trakas	Coach Florence
Scott Amed	Coach Phoenix Christian
Red Morrow	Tucson District
Dean Visser	AIA Tournament Coordinator

Minutes from July 31, 2013 meeting:

Motion to approve: Jacquie Gardner (Higley), second by Craig Mai (Mingus). Motion passed.

Action Items:

- Sections (Boyles)

Larry Boyles (Horizon) presented a change for scheduling matches and qualifying for the State Championships. Each school would be placed in sections within their division. Scheduling would be done by a computer program for nine of the schools matches. The computerized scheduling will allow for cross-section and cross-division matches. The nine matches will be either 3-way or 4-way matches. Win-Loss Records from these nine matches will be used to establish power rankings (i.e. MaxPreps). Each section would send the Sectional Champion to the State Tournament with the rest being selected by power rankings. Individuals would still qualify by the current system with the same target scores, but requiring the individual to qualify in four of the nine matches. Each school will have 5 additional freedom matches/tournaments to schedule.

Much discussion ensued ending with a general agreement to continue to move in this direction. Division III will be used to test for the power ranking system. The AIA will have the schools put into Sections. Having sections could allow for the athletes to be recognized through Sectional Awards similar to other sports. Further discussion and possible action will take place at the next meeting. Below is the proposal as presented by Larry Boyles.

Rule Changes 2014 Fall Season

Rational:

- 1) This procedure will guarantee a consistent number of players that will qualify for the State Tournament. This will ensure better communication with the scheduled golf courses and control the cost of the event.
- 2) It will eliminate the team/slope qualifying system that is arbitrary at best.
- 3) It will guarantee that the best players will qualify for the state tournament by competing as golf was meant to be. Score verses score.
- 4) The 5 Freedom Matches/Tournaments will allow teams to play some of their less accomplished players to gain experience with out hurting their chances to qualify for the State tournament. This will in turn allow coaches have more athletes on their rosters.

Procedure:

- 1) Each Division will be assigned to 6 Sectionals according to AIA specifications.
- 2) Each Section will be computer scheduled within its own section and sections that are closest in proximity.
 - A) 1) Division I schools will also be scheduled with Division II schools.
 - 2) Each team will have 9 matches scheduled by the computer.
 - 3) The golf scheduling committee will assign the Home matches from the requests of each school.
 - 4) No school will be assigned more than 3 Home matches. All matches will be played between 3 or 4 schools.
- B) Each school will be allowed 5 freedom Matches/Tournaments. The freedom Matches/Tournaments can be filled by the golf scheduling committee according to the schools request.
- 3) Maxpreps will compile rankings according to established AIA standards.
 - a) The Maxpreps rankings will be based solely on the Win/Loss records of the 9 computer scheduled matches.

- b) The 5 freedom Matches/Tournaments will not count in the rankings.
- 4) Individuals will continue to qualify for the state tournament by meeting the established qualifying number set by the golf committee.
- 5) The 6 Sectional winners will earn an automatic qualifying spot in the State Tournament.
 - B) Maxpreps Power rankings would be used to determine the Sectional Champion.
- 6) The State tournament will be comprised of the top 14 Teams in the Maxpreps rankings in each division. If a Section winner is not ranked in the top 14 teams, they will replace the last team that is ranked. Each State Tournament will have between 70 & 85 players.
 - Girls playing on Boys teams (Mai)

Craig Mai (Mingus) brought forth a revised proposal for female golfers on coed teams to be able to qualify for the Girls State Tournaments. It was discussed whether the female golfer would have to declare at the beginning of the season whether she would play with the team at the boys state tournament or as individual at the girls state tournament. It was agreed that the girl would not have to decide at the beginning of the season in which event to play, but she could not participate in both tournaments. It was discussed whether it was fair that a school to send six individuals to the state tournaments (five as a team to the boys tournament and one as an individual to the girls tournament). It was agreed that if the school paid the fee for a girls program, that this wouldn't be an unfair advantage.

Motion to approve: Craig Mai (Mingus), second by Pat Reed (Corona del Sol). Motion passed. Below are the details and guidelines of the motion.

Girls – Fall.

- a. When a school offers a fall girls team program, girls must play on girl's team.
- b. When a school only offers only a boys team, girls may play on the boy's team.
 - Girls may play from any of the forward tees and must use the women's course rating and slope from that set of tees.
 - For team qualifying, the target score will be adjusted for the course rating, but the number of additional strokes will be the same as the boys (see below for example).
 - Girls may qualify as part of a team for the Boys Championships.
 - Girls may not qualify as individuals for the Boys Championships or place as an individual at the Boys Championships.
 - Girls may qualify as individuals for the Girls Championships, by meeting the qualifying standard for their respective Division (if the boy's team participates in Division 1, then she must meet the Girl's Division 1 standard and play in the Division 1 Championship).
 - A female golfer may not play in both the Boy's Championship and the Girl's Championship.

Qualifying Score Examples

1. Division 1 Boys Team

Boys tees: Blue (rating: 35)

Girls tees: Yellow (women's rating: 37)

Girls tees: Red (women's rating: 34)

Team Qualifying Scores: a) 4 boys scores used: $35 \times 4 + 10 = 150$
 b) 3 boys, 1 girl score (yellow tees): $35 \times 3 + 37 + 10 = 152$
 c) 3 boys, 1 girl score (red tees): $35 \times 3 + 34 + 10 = 149$

Individual Qualifying Scores: Boys: $35 + 1 = 36$
 Girls (yellow): $37 + 8 = 45$
 Girls (red): $34 + 8 = 42$

2. Division 2 Boys Team

Boys tees: Blue (rating: 35)

Girls tees: Yellow (women's rating: 37)

Girls tees: Red (women's rating: 34)

Team Qualifying Scores: a) 4 boys scores used: $35 \times 4 + 18 = 158$
 b) 3 boys, 1 girl score (yellow tees): $35 \times 3 + 37 + 18 = 160$
 c) 3 boys, 1 girl score (red tees): $35 \times 3 + 34 + 18 = 157$

Individual Qualifying Scores: Boys: $35 + 3 = 38$
 Girls (yellow): $37 + 12 = 49$
 Girls (red): $34 + 12 = 46$

- State Tournament sites for 2014-15

Dean Visser debriefed the committee on the Division I and II Boys and Girls State Championships at Aguila Golf Course. With only minor issues the tournaments went smoothly. One concern was the small number of Division II Girls at the state tournament. It is tough on the golf course to reserve it for so few players. Another concern was holding the tournaments over 8 days. One suggestion that would address both issues is to hold both the Girls Division I and II tournaments at the same time. The discussed rules changes to scheduling, sections and the number of teams qualifying for state will definitely impact this as well.

A second item discussed was a rotation of tournament sites with Tucson. Concerns included ease and availability of the tournament site for practice rounds, and the site being the home course for a team that qualifies for state. Division II State Tournaments seemed the most logical to host in Tucson. It was recommended that Tucson host the Boys and Girls Division II State Championships once every four years. In addition, on those years, host an in-season tournament at the state tournament site.

- iWanamaker live scoring debriefing and presentation

Nick Trakas (Florence) took the committee through a presentation on the iWanamaker website and its potential future capabilities. The service has the capabilities to expand beyond the State Tournament to matches and in-season tournaments, and the ability to keep individual player stats. There will be a fee required to use the service as well as tracking players, but it is too early to tell if this will be a flat fee for the school or for a fee per player. Schools will not be required to use the system. There was general agreement to the success of using the live scoring for the state tournaments with only minor issues.

- Next Meeting: Scott McNevin (JGAA) and Erin Groeneveld (AWGA) will be at AIA on January 23rd, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Any committee member is welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned by Larry Boyles at 5:30