



**AIA BADMINTON SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AIA OFFICE
5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

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

Roll call members present:

Dean Visser	AIA Tournament Coordinator
Steve Harris	AD Mountain View Mesa
Eric Zimmerman	AD Washington
Sarah Schlesinger	Coach Sunnyslope
Nancy Meyer	Coach Xavier College Prep

Guests:

Karen Jacobson	Tournament Director
Guy Chadwick	AzBC

Approval of Minutes:

Committee member Eric Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2013 Badminton Committee meeting. Committee member Sarah Schlesinger seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Action Items:

Sarah Schlesinger made a motion to have bylaw 19.2.3 – season of competition - changed to read no sooner than the Wednesday of the 8th week. The motion was seconded by Steve Harris and was passed unanimously. The rationale for the change is to allow the schools additional time to schedule regular season matches without having to compete three times a week.

Discussion Items:

- Dates for badminton coaches meeting: August 19, 2014 @ AIA.

- **Deadline Entries for Team Rosters and Team Lineups:** Add a section for alternates on the entry just in case there are any issues at the seeding meeting. All coaches are expected to attend the meeting if they are in the top 16 power ranked teams and feel they have a seeded player. Entries will be due on Oct. 20 with the seeding meeting on Oct. 21, 2014.
- **Dates for next year's State Tournament:** Last day for regular season will be Oct. 17. The Singles/Doubles Tournament will be Thursday Oct. 23 (2:00 PM) & Saturday Oct. 25 (pending availability of Independence). The Team Tournament will begin on Oct. 27 (Rd's 1 & 2) Semis on Oct. 28 and Finals on Oct 30. The committee suggested having an additional official for the auxiliary gym.
- **Tournament Guide 2014 –** It was suggested that regular season rules be incorporated in to the tournament guide so there are clear regulations on otherwise ambiguous rules. We discussed pulling rules from tennis, the badminton rule book, historical 4A/5A handbooks and the bylaws in order to begin the process of a true rule book. The goal is to create a rough draft via email and then send it out to the coaches for input and clarification. It will be a work in progress and will be included in the tournament guide for now. In that discussion we felt the need to clarify that only 2 certified coaches are allowed on the court at a time to talk to a player, however a team can have up to 4 certified coaches that are permissible to coach players between matches. This will also apply for the State tournament.
- **The idea of having Sectional tournaments** was discussed at length and many suggestions were presented. It was mentioned that some school districts have had districts tournaments; Peoria is one that came to mind. The tournament could be used to advance to State for the top players. No recommendation came forward... some concerns against the sectional tournament were: every school has a chance to enter a player (s), with in equality of sections some quality players may be left out of the State tournament and it is unknown if schools would be able to host a tournament at their site. The committee recommended that there be no change at this time, or until they can come up with a unified plan. Ideas: two sections at one site, extra spots for at large players, and combining sections.

Number of Divisions: It was discussed when badminton could divide into two divisions. The committee looked at the number of divisions other sports now have and felt that until those sports expanded it was not going to change in badminton (examples swim & boys VB).

Next meeting: August 5, 2014

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