

AIA Football Sports Advisory Committee  
March 6, 2014  
AIA Office Board Room

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Members in attendance:

Lee Haws/1A Adm. / Tim Slade/1A Coach

Don Conrad/2A Adm. / Rhett Stallworth/2A Coach

Jerry Link/3A Adm. / Jim Fairfield/3A Coach

Nathan Slater/4A Adm. Nemer Hassey/4A Coach

Mike Sivertson/5A Adm./Dana Zupke/5A Coach-Committee Chair

Members not in attendance:

Nemer Hassey/4A Coach

Visitors in Attendance:

Corey Newland (Paradise Valley Unified Dist. Athletic Director)

Marcus Williams (Chandler Unified Dist. Athletic Director)

Rich Wellbrock (Desert Edge Football Coach)

David Inness (Northwest Christian Football Coach)

2. AIA Football Sport Advisory Meeting minutes from 1/23/14 meeting reviewed/approved.

3. New Business

- A. Report from Tim Slade/Lee Haws regarding Div. VI scheduling proposal for 2014-2015 football season.

The AIA Sport Football Advisory Committee's recommendation to have the AIA Div. VI football schedule created annually went forward to the 1A Conference Committee for discussion. The 1A Conference Committee recommended to the AIA Executive Board that the Division VI regular season football schedule not be created until after one week of football practice. At the end of the first week of football practice, 1A Conference school will declare if they will field a varsity level Division VI (eight man) football team. It was also recommended that a combination of the 1A Conference Committee and the 1A representatives on the AIA Sport Football Advisory Committee work with Brian Bolitho to finalize the 2014 Division VI football schedule immediately following the first week of the fall football practice (Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> or Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>). The Division VI football scheduling committee will assist in creating the sections that Division VI football competing school will be placed into.

B. Legislative Council football related proposals on the AIA Council Agenda for 3/7/14

The AIA Executive Board brought forward AIA bylaw; article 23.2.7 (Contact Rule), which the AIA Executive Board passed as emergency legislation on April 15, 2013, for a formal vote by the AIA Legislative Council at their March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The following AIA bylaw; article 23.2.7 was approved by the AIA Legislative Council with a yes vote of 37 and 2 no votes:

23.2 SEASON OF SPORT

23.2.7 Contact Rule

Pre-Season - During the preseason, no more than 1/2 of the practice time may be contact practice.

Regular Season - During the regular season, no more than 1/3 of the practice time may be contact practice.

Definition of Contact - Padded athletes in contact with each other

C. Discussion: Required Wilson football in AIA State Football playoffs. Who has the responsibility to insure that a Wilson football is used in any AIA State Football playoff? What is the consequence for a school that does not utilize a Wilson football in an AIA State football playoff game? See link to 2013 AIA Coach/Administrator State Football Tournament Guide:

Tim Slade indicated that he was involved with a Division VI playoff football game and the opposing school was not prepared to play with the required Wilson football as defined in the 2013 AIA Football State Tournament Guide for Administrators and Coaches. Ron Halbach referred to the following statements on page 7 and

"Teams must use a Wilson ball that has the "National Federation of State High School Associations" stamp on it."

"Football Distribution To Participating Playoff Teams

Each school team in the AIA state football playoffs will receive a Wilson Collegiate Style GST F1003B football. A Wilson football is required to be utilized for all AIA state tournament football games. The AIA provide every participating team in the tournament a game ball to insure that each school can meet the sponsorship obligations that all member schools have. Your team can utilize the Wilson game ball I send you or any other Wilson game ball that has the NFHS stamp on it.

Note: AIA State Football playoff teams that have indicated that they will have a coach representative at the AIA State Football Bracket Show on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 9 a.m. at Wolfie's can pick up their complimentary Wilson football from Ron Halbach at the event. All others will be shipped to the school athletic director, of the playoff team."

It is the responsibility of the both the participating team head coach and athletic director to insure that the AIA State Tournament rules for competing teams are followed. In order to assure that the sponsorship agreement with Wilson is met by the Association, each competing team receives a complimentary Wilson GSTF1003B football. They are not required to utilize that specific ball, but they must use a Wilson football that has the NFHS stamp visibly on it.

The committee agreed that the AIA football officials that are schedule to officiate the AIA State Football playoff games should be made aware of the Wilson football requirement and help to make sure that all school head football coaches involved in the playoffs are reminded, during their pre-game warm-up, that only Wilson football are allowed fore use in

any AIA State Football playoff game. This item will be brought to the attention of Gary Whelchel, AIA Commissioner of Officials.

D. Reminder Note: Change for 2014 spring dates for spring football instruction

The committee was reminded that the AIA Executive Board made a one year adjustment to the scheduled time period of three weeks for the bylaw allowed spring football instruction due to the potential conflicts with final exam testing and graduations. All AIA member schools have four weeks to hold three weeks of spring football instruction beginning on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (43<sup>rd</sup> week) due to the rotation of the AIA Standardized Calendar and conflicts with graduations and other year ending curriculum activities at AIA member. This was a one year only determination and approval.

E. *Consensus recommendations for the AIA Executive Board.*

None

4. Adjournment