

AIA Football Sports Advisory Committee
May 14, 2015
AIA Office Board Room

Call to order: 9:00 a.m. - Tim Slade -Committee Chair

1. Roll Call

Members in attendance:

Tim Slade/1A Coach/ Lee Haws/1A Adm.
David Inness/2A Coach/Don Conrad/2A Adm.
Jim Fairfield/3A Coach/Peter Jelovic/ 3A Adm.
Nemer Hassey/4A Coach/ Mark Cisterna/4A Adm.
Preston Jones/5A Coach/ Corey Newland/5A Adm.
Tim Slade -Committee Chair

Visitors in Attendance:

Rich Wellbrock (Desert Edge Football Coach)
Max Ragsdale (Campo Verde Football Coach)

2. AIA Football Sport Advisory Meeting minutes from 3/6/14 meeting reviewed/approved.

3. New Business

1. D. Discuss NFHS football rule changes for 2014 season as they pertain to player safety.

Gary Whelchel addressed the committee with the following NFHS Football rule changes for 2015

- Sparring definition revised (2-20-1c
- Correcting a down number added (5-1-1b new)
- Free Kick formations revised)6-1-3: 6-1-4 new; 6-1 penalty)
- Excessive contact added to unnecessary roughness (9-4-3g)
- Roughing the passer penalty clarified (9-4 penalty)
- Dead ball penalty enforcement modified (10-2-5)

2. A. Discuss AIA seeding formula powered by MaxPreps as it relates to forfeitures.

- Specifically, it seems that forfeits are counted significantly different than a win/loss in the formula.

Cancelled games (by either mutual school agreement or sudden cancellation due to extenuating local school issues, forfeited games due to ineligible player competition participation reported violation are treated, in the AIA seeding formula powered by MaxPreps, as no game. The non-game declaration is done because a value cannot be given for a game that is not played or that does not count as a win for the victorious team if they end up forfeiting the played contest due to the violation.

3. B. AIA State Playoffs

- Clarification of high seed rounds all division levels

High seed site rounds Division I/II/III/IV/V/VI

- Rd. #1, #2 all divisions

Neutral site location rounds Division I/II/III/IV/V/VI

- Rd. #3, #4

- Clarification of neutral site determination all division levels

Division IV/V/VI Round #3 Neutral site location

- Due to need to advance plan and contract for high school site, Rd. #3 will be in Maricopa County, preferably at synthetic turf fields so that, even in rain conditions, games can be played as scheduled.
- Double headers usually scheduled to reduce Association costs

Division I/II/III Round #3 Neutral site location

- Options for sites are created following the results of Rd. #1 games. After Rd. #2, games are placed at site, as often as possible, at a site with these variables at play:
 - Site availability and field conditions
 - Site seating/parking capacity for anticipated spectator attendance
 - Insurance requirements/Indemnity Clause stipulations of possible sites
 - location accessible to both school
 - location closer to higher seed team if there is significant travel distance separating the two competing school
 - single contest at site with 7:00 p.m. kick off

Division IV/V/VI Round #4 Championship Neutral site location

- Due to need to advance plan and contract for high school site, Rd. #4 will be in Maricopa County, preferably at synthetic turf fields so that, even in rain conditions, games can be played as scheduled.
- Double headers usually scheduled to reduce Association costs

Division I/II/III Round #4 Championship Neutral site location

- Due to need to advance plan and contract for stadium site, Rd. #4 will be in Maricopa County or Pima County -Site availability
- Division II/III
 - Pima County/University of Arizona
Dependent on teams and stadium availability
 - ASU not available in 2015/probably not 2016
Dependent on site negotiations still taking place
- Division I
 - University of Phoenix

4. C. AIA Sport Medicine Committee discussion regarding onside kicks/targeting (SMAC agenda item on May 29th)

SMAC May 29th meeting was postponed. When the SMAC committee met on June 25th, they did not include this topic of discussion on their agenda.

5. D. Open Committee discussion regarding concerns on team/division placement process/results

Concerns raised regarding:

- Lack of consistency between football advisory recommendation denials and AIA Executive Board approvals
- No one from football advisory committee on the all sports school appeals committee
- Concern with the distribution of teams in each division
- Thought expressed that eight man football be treated under different scrutiny , more emphasis on limit of size of school allowed in Div. VI
- Thought expressed regarding:
 - Six divisions of eleven man football
 - Cleaner/more defined appeal requirements to eliminate appeals made for teams to win, not just be competitive
 - Re-shuffle enrollment to create six divisions of eleven man football for next two years of football scheduling

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

- *AIA Executive Board should look at school graduates number*
- *Division I/II/III/IV/V State Tournament Bracket/Qualifying*
 - *Division I Head Football Coaches proposal to the AIA Executive Board approved*
 - *Seventeen teams/Sixteen team bracket*
 - *Future discussion on naming Div. I sections instead of numbering sections*
 - *Division II/III/IV/V - Sixteen team bracket*
 - *Division VI - Twelve team bracket*

5. Adjournment