



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
October 20, 2014**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Doug Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)  
Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School)  
Brenda Mayberry, 3A Conference (Combs High School)  
Joe Paddock, 4A Conference (Amphitheater Unified District)  
Anna Battle, Ed.D., 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District)  
Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)  
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)  
Doug Wilson, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Marana Unified School District)  
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)  
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D., AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Chuck Schmidt, Associate Executive Director/COO  
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting  
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials  
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media  
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Dave Walters	Mike Sivertson	Isaac Cabera
Steve McDowell	Nancy Emmons	Christa Lawcock
Dan Haasch	Nate Agostini	Linda Hagberg
Michael Fowler	Greg Haagsma	Lesia Schneider
Terri Wattawa	Richard Obert	Elaine Rand
Steve Campbell	Larry & Jenny Mills	Susan Stein
Denise Birdwell	Lee Farmer	Kathy Westhouse
Mark Gorman	Lynne Meagher	Craig Crane
Scott Bordow	Walter Harris	Dean Miller
Les Willsey	Julie Grahmann	Niki Woehler
Mark Bailey	Darrel Barger	Obadiah Madsen
Tyler Killian	Brad Meyer	Amy Arnold
Daniel Gaona	Jeff Unterkofler	

**Guests:**

Marcus Williams  
Corey Newland  
Dennis Medlock  
David Inness

Geoff Brown  
Steve Hogen  
Don Logan  
Elayna Utley

Dean Ouellotte  
Deea McBride  
Jim Braden

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Wilson, in accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.3, Subparagraph 6.3.3.2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:35 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.
- ✓ 9:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- ✓ 6:10 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.

In the interest of student privacy, on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** a gender identity eligibility request.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes were **approved**:

- Executive Board - Hardship Appeals - September 2, 2014
- Executive Board Meeting - September 10, 2014
- Special Executive Board Meeting – September 24, 2014

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following consent agenda items:

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

A. Denise Birdwell	Higley District	Retired
Doug Crooks	Boulder Creek	28 years
Dan Friedman	Boulder Creek	26 years
Lee Marett	Thatcher	31 years
Dave Martin	AIA Official	27 years
Ron Tenney	Snowflake	25 years

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Cont'd

**Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate And Interstate Activities – 2014-2015 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 10.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2014-2015 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=5>.

The Master Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA for its member schools, reflects activities (events) that have been sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board. It is the responsibility of each member school to limit its participation in these sanctioned activities to the maximum number of contests set forth in the AIA Bylaws.

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

1A North Minutes – 8/27/14

**CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTESTS AND/OR PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.4, Paragraph 11.4.3, Subparagraph 11.4.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **denied** the following cancellation requests that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

Ash Fork	VAR Football Contest with Mogollon 10/2/14 (Note: <b>Mogollon does not</b> consent – homecoming game)
Rough Rock	VAR Football Contest with Hopi 10/3/14 (Note: <b>Hopi does not</b> consent)
Veritas Prep	VAR Football Contest with Valley Christian 10/2/14 (Note: <b>Valley Christian does not</b> consent)

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.4, Paragraph 11.4.3, Subparagraph 11.4.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation requests that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

Baboquivari	VAR Football Contest with Santa Cruz 10/2/14
Cesar Chavez	VAR Boys' Golf Program
Flagstaff	VAR Girls' Golf Program
Globe	JV Football Contest with Payson 10/9/14
Grand Canyon	VAR Boys' Soccer Contest with St. Johns 9/27/14
Greyhills Academy	VAR Football Contest with Joy Christian 9/26/14
Joy Christian	JV Volleyball Contest with Salome 10/9/14
Maryvale	JV Football Contest with Cesar Chavez 10/9/14)
Mingus Union	Remainder of FR Football Season
Paradise Honors	VAR Badminton Contest with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agua Fria 9/4/14</li> <li>• Greenway 9/22/14</li> </ul>
Pueblo Magnet	FR Football Program
Sedona Red Rock	JV Football Contest with Lee Williams 10/7/14)
South Mountain	JV/VAR Badminton Program JV Football Contest with Saguaro 9/4/14 JV Football Contest with Cactus Shadows 9/25/14
St. Michael	VAR Volleyball Contest with Grand Canyon 9/20/14 VAR Boys' Soccer Contest with Grand Canyon 9/20/14
Tohono O'odham	VAR Baseball Program VAR Football Contest with Gila Bend 10/10/14

***Wallace Youvella abstained from voting.***

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports:

- ✓ Financial Report for September 2014

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the AIA Employee Handbook.

Ms. Doser also reported that 216 people participated and 86 have registered for the fiscal in-service. She also noted that RefPay has had positive activity.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

An Activities trophy presentation schedule was presented to the Board for the 2014 Fall State Tournaments.

The Board was provided with a list of State Medals by Sport for Champions & Runner-Ups. The additional medals will provide students with a better experience while competing in tournaments.

Mr. Don Logan from the AIA Diversity Committee updated the Board on goals established by the Committee at a recent meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** adopting the following goals:

- Recruit more diverse representation on Diversity Committee
- Build a cultural foundation within each school that is unilaterally accepted.
- Increase community involvement.
- Enhance cultural education.
- Committee name/status change to represent a broader spectrum.
- Serve as sounding board to Executive Board on diversity matters.
- Collaborate with Executive Board in creating Committee mission statement.
- Create system to measure advocacy of the Committee.
- Amend AIA Bylaw Mission Statement to include diversity support.

A Neck Strengthening Training Video Intro was shown to the Board. This video is available on [www.AIA365.com](http://www.AIA365.com) for use by parents, students and coaches. The Board strongly encourages the use of the free video as an educational tool in neck strengthening. Current research suggests that neck strengthening may reduce the severity of concussions.

Mr. Schmidt updated the Board on Robotics. It was noted that a Guide to Participate will soon be finalized and schools participating will have the opportunity to apply for funding if needed. The Robotics event will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Prescott Valley Event Center.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Cont'd

Discussion was held regarding the eligibility of a home schooled student at Cibola High School. The Board determined that per Arizona statute, the student was ineligible last year at Kofa High School, but is currently eligible at Cibola High School. Kofa High School did file a violation report regarding the ineligible student.

Dr. Slemmer shared the new pre-game protocol for Officials. Officials now ask the home team to identify who their medical personnel that are on site. If there is a suspected head injury or possibility of concussion, a student can only be returned to play, by Arizona state statute, by a qualified medical professional – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Medical Doctor (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physicians Assistant (PA) or Athletic Trainer (ATC). If they do not have any medical professionals listed on site, then players removed from the game, for a possible injury that may result in a concussion, **cannot** be returned to the game.

During the month of November, and in honor of Veterans Day, schools are encouraged to recognize Veterans at school events.

Ms. Doser updated the Board on rules books and the new procedure for distributing the books from the AIA office, effective for the 2015-2016 school year. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following procedure:

*Starting Fall 2015, two (2) NFHS Rule Books will be distributed to member schools for each sport the school participates in.*

*In lieu of the separate billing through seasonal rule book invoices that has been prior practice, the price of the rules books will now be merged with the Varsity Participation Fee.*

*Member schools will be directed to the NFHS website for direct ordering and purchase of additional hard copies or e-copies of the rule books or other publications as offered by NFHS.*

Mr. Visser updated the Board on the recent change in Softball Bracket for Division III & IV.

Mr. Visser explained the rationale for a change - Girls equity, top eight seeds, double up on the fan base, different game, safety/security and television / live streaming. Sr. Lynn noted that according to the Girls' Equity Committee, this change is overdue.

The Board discussed at length the cancellation of games and the Cancellation Committee's recommendation for a proposed bylaw change. The Board reviewed a *Draft* of a bylaw reflecting schools being fined for cancelling games being excluded from post-season play. The proposal will again be reviewed in November. It was noted that homecoming games are being cancelled which is unfortunate and unfair to the school, students, parents, alumni, etc. not to mention revenue lost.

The scheduling timeline, football classification and proposed 5 divisions for sports (baseball, softball, basketball and possible other sports), were discussed. The Board asked for additional data regarding the use of participation numbers for classification and delayed the scheduling process. Tabled until the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Open Discussion – Current Issues**

Flag football and the possibility of piloting the program was discussed. More information to follow.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following legal guardian requests:

- Flagstaff High School
- Thatcher High School
- Maricopa High School

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA BYLAW 15.13**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following bylaw amendment (**Emergency Legislation**)

**15.13 ELIGIBILITY APPEAL PROCEDURES**

- 15.13.1 In the case of an alleged hardship, a member school may appeal on behalf of a student his/her ineligibility by utilizing the process provided in AIA Bylaw 15.14, **Hardship**.
- 15.13.2 In all other cases, a member school may appeal on behalf of a student his/her ineligibility by notifying the Executive Director of the appeal in writing, setting out fully and completely the basis for the appeal. The Executive Director, utilizing the authority under AIA Bylaw 7.2.3.7, shall respond in writing within a reasonable time. Should the member school disagree with the determination of the Executive Director, it may ask that the matter be considered by the Executive Board (AIA Bylaw 7.2.3.7). (**Ex. Bd. 10-20-14**)
- ~~15.13.1 Each member school principal or his/her designee(s) having reasonable cause to believe that a student is ineligible to participate in, or continue in, an interscholastic activity under the Enrollment Rule, Domicile Rule and/or Transfer Rule of the AIA Bylaws shall provide the student with notice of his/her ineligibility either in writing or by delivering said notice in person. The notice shall:~~
- ~~15.13.1.1 Specify the reason(s) for the alleged ineligibility and identify the individual eligibility rule(s) involved. (Form 15.13-A)~~
- ~~15.13.1.2 Inform the student of his/her opportunity to appeal the principal's or his/her designee's decision of ineligibility to the AIA Hardship Appeals Committee. (For basis of appeal, see Article 15, Section 15.14.)~~
- ~~15.13.1.2.1 Failure to request an appeal hearing within five school business days following the date of receipt of notice of alleged ineligibility shall be deemed a waiver of the right of a hearing and the appeal procedures which govern determinations of eligibility under the standards established by the AIA.~~
- ~~15.13.1.3 When a student requests a hearing for an eligibility appeal, the signed request must be submitted to the principal for his/her signature. (Form 15.13-B)~~
- ~~15.13.1.4 The AIA Executive Director will determine a time to hear the appeal. The principal will be notified who, in turn, shall notify the student and parents in written form of the appeal hearing date and time. The principal shall furnish a copy of this notice to the AIA.~~
- ~~15.13.1.4.1 An administrator from the student's school shall be in attendance if the student is attending the appeal hearing. Should the student, parent or legal guardian not attend the hearing, the AIA Hardship Appeals Committee may, in its discretion, rule upon the eligibility request at that time or table the matter and rule at a later date. Under this rule, failure to attend the appeal hearing by any person entitled to be present shall not prevent the conduct of the hearing if the person has been previously notified of the hearing date and time. The principal shall be notified of the decision and shall relay that decision to the student.~~

**APPROVAL – COMMITTEES**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the selection of the following committees.

✓ **2A & 5A – Sports Advisory Committees**

✓ **Spiritline Committee**

- Shannon Olson – 3A
- Karen Wadhams – 4A

**Girls Equity in Sports**

- William Beach – 3A
- Gordon McKee – 4A
- Aaron Dille – 4A
- Sunny Resch – 4A

**Ethics & Sportsmanship**

- Brian Fair – 5A

**Diversity**

- Tony Cullen – 4A

**Hardship Appeals – Alternates**

- 2A – Shawn Gatson, Bourgade Catholic
- 3A – Derek Fahleson, Estrella Foothills

**SMAC**

- Anikar Chhabra, Orthopedic Surgeon / Sports Medicine Specialist
- Michael Lavoie, Pediatric Neuropsychologist, Phoenix Children's Hospital

**Placement Appeals Committee**

- Billy Durate, Superior – 1A
- Toni Corona, Duncan – 1A
- Monica Barrett, Notre Dame – 4A
- Matt Belden, Glendale District – 4A

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following:

**Amphitheater** – an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Tanque Verde's** schedule.

**Camelback** – B/G soccer games to help fill **ASU Prep's** schedule.

**Horizon Honors** – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **American Leadership's** schedule.

**Kingman** – an additional girls' basketball & boys' soccer game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Lee Williams** – an additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **Odyssey's** schedule.

**Mesquite** – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Valley Christian's** schedule.

**Mohave** – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Westwood** – an additional FR football game to help fill **Show Low's** schedule.



**DUNCAN HIGH SCHOOL – REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 30.5.3.1**

*Rule: Article 30. Volleyball, Section 30.5 Number of Games in Season*

**30.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

30.5.3 *No player shall participate in more than ~~20 matches per season, excluding post-season tournaments~~ six (6) sets/night (for regular season matches only).*

30.5.3.1 *EXCEPTION: Division IV/V schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 8 sets/night (for regular season matches only), ~~an unlimited number of matches during the season of sport.~~*

This is the second year of the two-year scheduling block. Last year, Duncan scheduled varsity volleyball matches with Academy of Tucson & St. Gregory on the same Saturday to limit out-of-school time and save in travel expenses from having to commute to Tucson on two separate occasions. Under the previous bylaw, there was not a concern with the number of matches played per night. This year, the same games are scheduled at Duncan on October 25, 2014. However, the new bylaw took effect this year and Duncan would like the opportunity to fulfill their scheduling obligation for these matches only.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Duncan's request for an exception to AIA Bylaw 30.5.3.1.

**VERIFICATION OF FACULTY – PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, BIA, COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND SPECIAL FUNCTION SCHOOLS**

In accordance with Article 3, Section 3.1, Paragraph 3.3.3; Section 3.2, Paragraph 3.2.1; and Section 3.3, Paragraph 3.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **accepted** verifications of faculty from the following schools:

- Canyon State Academy
- Thunderbird Adventist Academy

On 9/10/14, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the **Canyon State Academy** and the **Thunderbird Adventist Academy Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/10/14-9/10/15 for failing to submit Form 3.0.

In accordance with the due process provisions of Article 16, Section 16.4, Paragraph 16.4.5 of the AIA Bylaws, Canyon State Academy and the Thunderbird Adventist Academy submitted an appeal for reconsideration of the Advisement sanction against their Activities Program.

Following reconsideration, the Executive Board **denied** rescinding the Advisement sanctions.

**PROPOSAL – GREATHEARTS SCHOOLS**

GreatHearts combined schools:

- The following schools will be paired together to create the designated temporary teams:
  - Veritas Prep / Scottsdale Prep (GreatHearts East)
  - Chandler Prep / Arete Prep (GreatHearts South)
  - Glendale Prep / Anthem Prep (GreatHearts North)
- This proposal will include all sports as a whole.
- For financial and scheduling purposes, we would need to know the following information:
  - Which school from the two that are paired together would be the primary school?
    - That is the school responsible for funding RefPay to pay the officials and for AIA service charges as it relates to game changes, home school officials fee, etc.
    - Both schools would still be able to make/accept schedule requests and enter results on behalf of the program.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **denied** GreatHearts proposal.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

*The following representatives entered the meeting for a school report and left upon completion of their presentation:*

*Steve McDowell, District Athletic Director  
Dan Haasch, Athletic Director*

**GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
Article 17. Coaches & Coaching, Section 17.1.3

**Reported Violation:**

A varsity football coach received remuneration from source other than the District. Football booster club paid football coaches to run an out-of-season clinic for GHS football players.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Coach was given letter of direction and copy was placed in his personnel file.  
Control of all GHS football accounts was removed from head football coach.  
All football booster club transactions must be run through a faculty representative.  
All GHS coaches received in-service on bylaw 17.1.3.  
All GHS club organizations received in-service on bylaw 17.1.3.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Gilbert High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

*The following representatives entered the meeting for a school report and left upon completion of their presentation:*

*Dr. A. Denise Birdwell, Superintendent  
Dr. Terri Wattawa, Principal  
Dr. Michael Fowler, District Athletic Director  
Steve Campbell, Head Football Coach*

**WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section, 15.5 Domicile Rule

**Reported Violation:**

Two (2) ineligible football players. Transfer students.

1<sup>st</sup> student – Transferred from WFHS to Hamilton and returned to WFHS. Student lived with mother during the time parents were separated, but didn't file legal separation through the courts. There was not a corresponding change of domicile and this student should have been flagged and ruled ineligible for the 2014-15 school year.

2<sup>nd</sup> student – Transferred from WFHS to Chandler and back to WFHS. It is the student's 2<sup>nd</sup> enrollment and new domicile is outside of the attendance boundary of Williams Field. WFHS A.D. filed 520 Form with AIA; however, 530 Form was not filed. Student should have been flagged and ruled ineligible for the 2014-15 school year.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The procedures outlined by the District A.D. were not followed in these cases. Moving forward, an investigation has been initiated to determine why the WFHS A.D. failed to follow district procedures and expectations. Will continue to revisit expectations and re-train staff working directly with student athletic eligibility determinations. Investigation conducted by Higley District. District took appropriate personnel action.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Williams Field High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15 and **rescinded the forfeitures.**

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**BARRY GOLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Practice*

**Reported Violation:**

Members of the girls' volleyball program were seen at AZ Sky Kingdom Courts on Sunday, September 14, 2014. The assistant coach was present at the facility. Players paid a \$5 fee to use the facility for the private coaching clinic.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Athletic Director met with head coach informing her of the AIA bylaws. Coach stated that she did not know that this was considered a practice, as this situation involved some of the players getting together at the facility. Coach met with her coaching staff and informed them that no practices would be held on Sundays and no practices would be held at any location other than Barry Goldwater on approved dates and times. Both head coach and assistant coach were suspended for two (2) games.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Barry Goldwater High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**RANCHO SOLANO PREP** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Practice, Section 15.3 Enrollment Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Due to facility constraints and the large number of fall athletes participating in volleyball, the middle school and high school volleyball teams often are required to share court time. On a couple occasions, one of the middle school teams participated in drills alongside the high school team. A.D. instructed coach that scrimmaging between the teams was prohibited, however allowed drills with the two teams to occur. The cause of the violation was due to a misunderstanding of the allowable contact between middle and high school teams at the same school, which was the responsibility of the A.D. to fully understand.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Practice times of middle and high school teams have been adjusted to limit future contact between teams. All coaches have been briefed on the rules in question. A.D. met with superiors to receive discipline internally for failing to determine appropriate understanding of AIA bylaws. The A.D. and associate A.D. will be required to again attend the A.D. workshop next fall. They will also be required to meet once a week to work through current AIA bylaws for greater understanding and accountability. They will meet regularly with head coaches and continue to in-service.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Rancho Solano Prep **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**BISBEE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.3 Maximum Teams Per Sport / Student Grade Level For Team Participation*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' volleyball player. A senior was used as the 6<sup>th</sup> player in a JV contest.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Benson won the contest. The volleyball coach will again be given a copy of all bylaws related to coaching and her sport. The coach will be asked to contact the A.D. in future situations. She will also receive a verbal warning for failure to adhere to the bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bisbee High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**KINGMAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section, 15.2 Application of Student Eligibility Rules*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' volleyball player. Student participated in practice without proper clearance from the athletic office. A valid physical was on file, but other necessary paperwork had not yet been submitted. Student was cleared after all paperwork was submitted. Student was properly cleared before the beginning of the season – no contests were involved.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Practice only. Coach and office staff were in-serviced regarding proper clearance procedures.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman Academy High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**ALCHESAY HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section, 15.2 Application of Student Eligibility Rules*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' volleyball player. Student competed in two (2) varsity games prior to receiving a clearance card pending the 520 form.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Alchesay lost both matches. New head coach and assistant coaches will be retrained in clearance procedures. Communication between A.D., coaches and players will be improved.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Alchesay High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**KOFA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section, 15.2 Application of Student Eligibility Rules

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible student athlete. During the 2013-14 school year, a home schooled student participated in FR/JV girls' basketball & track. She was living in the attendance zone of another school. However, she was cleared to participate in athletics at Kofa under the assumption that because her father was employed at Kofa, she could establish eligibility.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The previous A.D. and secretary that cleared the student are no longer at Kofa. Since the arrival of the new A.D., several processes and procedures have been implemented to verify and track students – especially eligibility status.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kofa High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

*Toni Badone left meeting and abstained from voting.*

**MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.7 Physical Exam Rule & 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible spiritline student. Student was allowed to tryout and practice for five days before it was discovered that she did not turn in the required forms to the athletic department.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Practice only. All Fall coaches were called immediately by the A.D. to ensure they were using the cleared list to take attendance with their program. All sports came back positive. All Mountain Ridge coaches will be retrained on September 17<sup>th</sup> as to how to properly take attendance from the cleared list distributed by the athletic office. A.D. sat down with coach and personally retrained them on correct procedures for ensuring student eligibility.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mountain Ridge High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.9 Maximum Participation Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible football player. After playing in four varsity football games, it was discovered student had initially enrolled in high school in August 2010 at Moon Valley High School.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited - the games in question were losses by Central. During clearance of student athletes, all seniors will be screened for the date of initial enrollment in any high school.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Central High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**NORTH POINTE PREP** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible football player. Student competed in a varsity football game prior to completing transfer paperwork.

**School's Corrective Action:**

North Pointe Prep lost the game. Administration and coaches have been in-serviced on student transfer eligibility. Timelines have been coordinated between registrar's office and athletic office to ensure all paperwork is completed prior to AIA deadlines.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North Pointe Prep **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**MOUNTAIN VIEW MARANA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule

**Reported Violation:**

The AIA Executive Board, following an investigation of Mountain View High School, made a ruling on September 24, 2014. The Board ruled Mountain View to be in violation of recruitment of one student and having a prior contact violation with two students.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Students did not participate in any football contests while at Mountain View. Non-coach and non-volunteers will not be on the sideline. In-service coaches regarding recruitment. Implement the "Coaching Greatness" program at Mountain View and MUSD.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mountain View Marana **Football Program** on **Probation** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

*Doug Wilson & Joe Paddock left meeting and abstained from voting.*

**SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 17. Coaches & Coaching, Section 17.4 Coach's / Sponsor's Code of Ethics

**Reported Violation:**

Boys' varsity golf coach used inappropriate language to a student from opposing school (Cactus Shadows) during a varsity golf match.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Coach will be suspended for one match, will meet at least weekly with the A.D. and will be monitored throughout the season.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Saint Mary's Catholic High School **Boys' Golf Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (SANDERS)** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 22. Cross Country, Section 22.2 Season of Sport

**Reported Violation:**

The cross country team competed in an event before the schedule start date.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Scrimmage – no scores were taken. After receiving notice of violation, cross country coach was informed of AIA bylaws regarding start of season times.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Valley Sanders High School **Cross Country Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

*The following representative entered the meeting for a school report and left upon completion of his presentation:*

*Jim Braden, District Athletic Director*

**DYSART HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 23. Football, Section 23.1 Rules

**Reported Violation:**

The head FR football coach removed his team from the field at approximately 5:30 left in the fourth quarter of the contest. At that time Dysart was losing 0-44. There had been several injuries to the players who had started the game. The running clock rule had not been engaged according to the coach. The head coach decided, that due to having only 12 players remaining to participate, the score of the game and his concern for the health and safety of the remaining players, that he would leave the field. The coach had been flagged twice and ejected for continuing to insist to the referee that he begin the running clock. The coach felt that he was in compliance with Article 11.3.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Dysart accepts responsibility for the violation.

Contest forfeited. Head FR coach will be in-serviced with head coach present on AIA Bylaw 23.1.2. All bylaws will continue to be included to pre-season coaches. Head FR coach will be suspended for the next two games and removed as the FR head coach. Apology will be sent to the Youngker Athletic Director.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Dysart High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/20/14-10/20/15.

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

*The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:*

- Mountain View** Patricia Cadigan, Principal, Todd Garelick, Athletic Director & Parent
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**Tucson:** Robert DeBerry, Athletic Director  
Kevin Amidan, Assistant Principal
- Mountain View** Patricia Cadigan, Principal, Todd Garelick, Athletic Director, Aunt & Uncle  
**Tucson:** Robert DeBerry, Athletic Director  
Kevin Amidan, Assistant Principal
- Maricopa** Mark Cisterna, Athletic Director & Parent
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Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Mt. View Marana	Granted
Mt. View Marana	Granted
Mt. View Marana	Granted
Maricopa	Granted
Maricopa	Granted

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following correspondence:

- Article – Shakur Daniel: The next product of Canada’s basketball blueprint (USA Today 9/10/14)
- Article - Elite 1 Academy for Academics & Athletics
- Letter – Jacob Holiday – re: Flagstaff Student Section
- Email – Dr. Javier Abrego – re: Thanking Thunderbird Academy
- Article – Bad advice ruins future Wildcat’s senior season
- Article – High school cancels football season over bullying (Parlin, NJ)
- Email – Bill Gahn – Thanking Chuck Schmidt & Gary Whelchel – Barry Goldwater

**FUTURE DATES**

October 22, 2014	Superintendents' Advisory Committee Meeting
October 27-28, 2014	Winter Hardship Appeals
November 11, 2014	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
November 17, 2014	Executive Board Meeting
November 27-28, 2014	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 8, 2014	Executive Board Meeting
December 24-26, 2014	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 31-Jan. 2, 2015	Holiday – AIA Office Closed

**NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the AIA Constitution, the next regular meeting of the AIA Executive Board will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014. The meeting will be held at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona at 8:30 a.m.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, November 6, 2014.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director