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AIAetc. Newsletter

January 2015

Welcome Back from the AIA!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful, safe and relaxing winter break.

We are looking forward to a great February Frenzy!!

Important Dates

2014-15 Executive Board Meetings

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F I 15 2015

2015-2018 Division Placement Appeals Schedule:

The football appeals schedule has been updated.

Tue., Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.: [Football Appeals Schedule](#)

The following sports schedules will be updated by the end of the day Tuesday:

Wed., Feb. 4, 1:30 p.m.: [Tennis Appeals Schedule](#)

Thur., Feb. 5, 9 a.m.: [Placement Appeals Schedule](#)

Fri., Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m., [Volleyball Appeals Schedule](#)

Mon., Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m., [Basketball Appeals Schedule](#)

Mon., Feb., 9, 8:30 a.m., [Winter Soccer Appeals Schedule](#)

The baseball and softball appeals meetings have been moved to Tuesday, Feb. 10. An updated schedule will be posted by Wednesday:

Tue., Feb. 10, 9:00 a.m.: Baseball Appeals Schedule

Tue., Feb. 10, 9:00 a.m.: Softball Appeals Schedule

Individual Sport Classification Process 2015-2018:

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, the AIA Executive Board approved a recommendation that Individual Sports Division and Section Assignments remain as they currently are and allow the sport advisory committees to recommend what schools should be promoted up every two years (three years for the first cycle) based on sectional and/or state tournament success of the course of the last five to six years. All member schools would still have the ability to appeal their current placement for individual sports.

The following is the timeline:

Between Jan. 20 and Feb. 13 - Sport Advisory

March 16, 2015

April 20, 2015

May 18, 2015

2014-15 AIA Observed Holidays

February 16, 2015

April 3, 2015

May 25, 2015

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Committees meet and make recommendations for teams that should be promoted up assigning them a new Division and Section.

Feb. 17 - Board approves/denies the recommendations, and new member schools are placed into a division and section.

March 5 - Deadline for schools to appeal the recommendations approved by the Board, as well as for any school wanting to appeal their current division and/or section placement.

March 16 - Board hears and approves/denies member schools appeals for individual sport division and section placement.

March 17 - Division and Section for individual sports made public for the next three-year block.

After the upcoming three-year block to get in line with surrounding states, this model would be used for both individual and team sports every two years. On the team sports side, the sport advisory committees would be able to look at the historical strength formula to see what schools can be recommended to be promoted up and relegated down. Individual sports will still be looked at for promoting up only.

New member schools for both individual and team sports would be placed in a division and section as approved by the Board.

New member schools for both individual and team sports during the middle of a scheduling block would continue to have to create their own schedule. Those schools would be assigned a division but would not be assigned a section. New member schools could qualify for post season play solely on rankings as long as they've met the minimum game requirement per sport.



Division Realignment

ATTENTION: Administrators/Coaches

For complete information on the classification process, including initial division placements, timeline, individual sports classification process, and more, please see the *Top Story* section on the homepage of www.aiaonline.org

February Frenzy - Upcoming Broadcasts

February Frenzy is right around the corner, and began with the Spiritline State Championships on Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Prescott Valley Events Center. Below is a complete list of the upcoming broadcasts.

AIA365.com and/or NFHS Network:

Sat., Jan. 24: [Spiritline State Finals](#), 8 a.m. [Results](#)
Fri., Jan. 30: [Winter Soccer Bracket Show](#), 2 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 11: [D-I Girls Soccer Semi-final](#), 5 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 11: [D-I Girls Soccer Semi-final](#), 7 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 12, [D-I Boys Soccer Semi-final](#), 5 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 12, [D-I Boys Soccer Semi-final](#), 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 13, [D-III Girls Soccer Final](#), 5 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 13, [D-III Boys Soccer Final](#), 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 13, [D-III & IV Wrestling Finals](#), 4 p.m.

Live on FOX Sports Arizona:

Sat., Feb. 14, [D-II Girls Soccer Final](#), 10 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 14, [D-II Boys Soccer Final](#), 12:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14, [D-I Girls Soccer Final](#), 4 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14, [D-I Boys Soccer Final](#), 6:30 p.m.

AIA365.com and/or NFHS Network:

Sat., Feb. 14, [D-I & II Wrestling Finals](#), 4 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 15, [Basketball State Bracket Show](#), 1 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 20, [D-II Girls Basketball 2nd Round](#), 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 20, [D-I Girls Basketball 2nd Round](#), 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 21, [D-II Boys Basketball 2nd Round](#), 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 21, [D-I Boys Basketball 2nd Round](#), 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-III Girls Basketball Semi](#), 11:45 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-III Boys Basketball Semi-final](#), 1:30

p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-IV Girls Basketball Semi-final](#), 2:30
p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-II Girls Basketball Semi-final](#), 2:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [Unified Sports Basketball Semi](#), 3:30
p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-IV Boys Basketball Semi-final](#), 4:15
p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-II Girls Basketball Semi-final](#), 4:15 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [Unified Sports Basketball Semi](#), 4:30
p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-IV Girls Basketball Semi-final](#), 6 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-I Girls Basketball Semi-final](#), 6 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-III Girls Basketball Semi-final](#), 6:15
p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-IV Boys Basketball Semi-final](#), 7:45
p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-I Girls Basketball Semi-final](#), 7:45 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27, [D-III Boys Basketball Semi-final](#), 8 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [Unified Sports Basketball 3rd Pl](#), 9 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [Unified Sports Basketball Final](#), 10 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [D-IV Girls Basketball Final](#), 11 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [D-II Boys Basketball Semi](#), 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [D-IV Boys Basketball Final](#), 1 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [D-II Boys Basketball Semi-final](#), 1:15
p.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [D-I Boys Basketball Semi-final](#), 6 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [D-I Boys Basketball Semi-final](#), 7:45 p.m.

Live on FOX Sports Arizona:

Sat., Feb. 28, [D-III Girls Basketball Final](#), 4 or 6 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 28, [D-III Boys Basketball Final](#), 4 or 6 p.m.
Mon., March 2, [D-II Girls Basketball Final](#), 2 p.m.
Mon., March 2, [D-I Girls Basketball Final](#), 4 p.m.
Mon., March 2, [D-II Boys Basketball Final](#), 6 p.m.
Mon., March 2, [D-I Boys Basketball Final](#), 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DEADLINES!!!

ATTENTION: Administrators/Coaches

Application Deadline -

Tony Komadina Nominations

February 6, 2015

Softball & Baseball Bat Lists

ATTENTION: Administrators/Coaches

The following link is a list of the **NON-APPROVED** bats for the current Softball year:

[ASA Non-Approved List](#)

The following link is a list of the **APPROVED** bats for the current Baseball year:

[NCAA and NFHS BBCOR Approved Baseball Bats](#)

Brainbook Concussion Course Update

ATTENTION: Administrators

- The AIA is working with Barrow Neurological Institute to incorporate Closed Caption for the online Brainbook Concussion Course. We are hoping to have this completed within the next few months. Currently, the Brainbook Concussion Course is available in both English and Spanish but we are looking forward to including Closed Caption as well. In the meantime, students will still be able to complete the course because the quiz at the end of the module is based on the written content, not the videos.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Michele Staples if you have any further questions at mstaples@aiaonline.org

AIA Coaches Certification

ATTENTION: Administrators

It has come to the attention of AIA staff that there

may be some member school coaches that are not in compliance with the AIA Bylaws 17.1 and 17.1.2 (Coaching Certification). I have listed below the coaching requirements based on the bylaws mentioned above for your review. AIA staff will be contacting those schools that appear to have coaches who are not in compliance. Please keep in mind that this information can be viewed by the public on www.nfhslearn.com under "User Lookup".

Please call Ms. Staples at 602-385-3826 if you have any questions or concerns.

- Per the AIA Bylaws 17.1 and 17.1.2, any person who is hired as a coach (***paid or volunteer***) must take the following courses at www.nfhslearn.com:
 1. Fundamentals of Coaching (one time)
 2. Concussions Course (one time)

- If they are hired as a varsity head coach and do not have a valid Arizona Teaching Certificate or Arizona Coaching Certificate, they must take the following courses at www.nfhslearn.com (or equivalent):
 - (NOTE: Please refer to the Arizona Dept. of Education website for more information about the Arizona Teaching Certificate or Arizona Coaching Certificate).
 1. Fundamentals of Coaching (6-8 hours) - \$35 (one time)
 2. Concussions Course (20 minutes) - FREE (one time)
 3. First Aid Course (30 minutes) - \$35 (must remain current)
 4. CPR (must be done in person through American Red Cross or equivalent provider) (must remain current)
 5. Sport specific course or Teaching Sport Skills if sport course is not offered (Varies) - \$50 (one time)

**** NOTE: Anything beyond the above mentioned courses is at the discretion of the school and/or district.**

Once a coach has completed the five above mentioned courses then they are automatically certified as an Accredited Interscholastic Coach with the NFHS at no charge. In the past, it would have cost the coach \$10 to apply for this accreditation.

- All of the online courses are set up to stop at any time and when they log back in it will remember where they left off. There are questions at the end of each session for them to answer in order to proceed to the next session. I have listed approx. time frames for these courses but it depends on the individual. They will be able to print a certificate of completion after each course and they will need to supply a copy of their certificates to the Athletic Director.
- Also, the student athletes need to take the Brainbook Concussion course only one time during their high school participation.

Service Charge Invoice - Access to data detail for service charge line items on AIA Invoice:

ATTENTION Administrators

The school has access to view the support data for the Service Charge invoice line items via AIA Admin log in.

- Once logged in to the AIA admin site click "accounting tab"
- Under the

accounting tab - see

tournament entry, game change fees,

assigning fees tabs.

- The Fall activity compiled was, as indicated on the invoice,

through 10/31/2014. This includes all assigning and changes that took place by that point in time.

- The invoice may indicate assigning or game change service charges beyond Fall as the beginning of the Winter sports were being assigned and/or changed... or when *'the service took place'*.
- The cutoff date of 10/31/2014 ensures the Fall activity for all service charges is captured.
- The Winter activity cycle begins 11/01/2014.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Denise Doser - ddoser@aiaonline.org

RefPay

ATTENTION Administrators

RefPay.com access:

Every member school has access to the school's RefPay activity detail via RefPay.com

The Athletic Director is the email address of record for RefPay. This is where all communications and temporary password resets are sent.

The Username and Temporary PW will be sent to any AD upon email request to ddoser@aiaonline.org

The Username is typically the ***schoolnameAIA***. This cannot be changed. The password may be changed.

The all Security Question answers - when asked -are (and must remain) - lower case - **aia**
Please do not change or personalize the security

question answers - these are hard-coded to the master AIA account.

If the AD is new to any member school, please email to Denise Doser @ ddoser@aiaonline.org :

- New AD Name
- New AD email address
- School Name

A temporary password will be sent to that AD. All password reset requests must be made via email.

Should questions remain, please contact Denise Doser ddoser@aiaonline.org or 602.385.3819

Service Charge Grid

ATTENTION: Administrators and Coaches,

Now available in your school login is the service charge grid that shows when a charge is applied and to what sports, as well as the schedule lock out date by sport season. You will find this on your dashboard upon logging in at admin.aiaonline.org.

It is also available at the following link: [Service Charge Grid](#)

Emergency Legislation - Approved by the AIA Executive Board

ATTENTION: Administrators and Coaches,

8-1-14	15.14	Hardship
8-18-14	15.7	Physical Exam Rule
8-18-14	23/5	Football - Number of Games in Season
9-10-14	25.2.5	Soccer - Contact Rule / Heading Training

Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Grant

ATTENTION: Administrators and Coaches,

The AIA is proud to be working with the Barrow Neurological Foundation as one of the recipients of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee grants.

Please click on the link below to view the press release:

[AZSBHC Grant Funding Recipients News Release](#)

AIA Robotics State Championship- May 23, 2015

ATTENTION: Administrators and Coaches,

The AIA is excited to announce the inaugural AIA Robotics State Championship powered by FIRST on May 23, 2015 at the Prescott Valley Events Center (formerly Tim's Toyota Center).

[Robotics - Tournament Guide](#)

Please click on the link below for more details:

<http://aia365.com/articles/4644/get-ready-arizona-robotics-is-coming>

AIA Complimentary Passes

ATTENTION: Administrators,

An email was sent the week of July 22nd to all Schools and Districts regarding the procedure to request your 2014-2015 AIA Complimentary Passes. Please contact Robyn Bingham at rmbingham@aiaonline.org if you are in need of those instructions again.

If you have already entered your pass requests and have not emailed Robyn to notify her you are ready

to print, please do so. Passes cannot go to print until that email is received by Robyn. Robyn will notify you when they are approved and going to print.

SMAC Update

ATTENTION Administrators and Coaches

The AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has been working diligently over the past few months on the following items:

- [AIA Neck Strengthening Training for Coaches and Parents Video](#)
- Proposed amendment to the Soccer Bylaw 25.2 from the Soccer SAC and SMAC:
(Approved by the AIA Executive Board contingent on the SMAC's approval at their September meeting)
 - **Soccer - Season of Sport - Contact Rule/Concussions/Heading training**

Due to the severity of concussions and both number of concussions in soccer and the long-term consequences of concussions the following amendment is being proposed.

25.2 SEASON OF SPORT

25.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** - Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 14.17.2 - Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

25.2.5 Contact Rule/ Heading Training - Definition of Contact/Heading Training - Specific activities wherein the student-athlete(s) actively heads the ball consistently as a manner of technical training. Contact/Heading during the course of simulated match activities does not constitute specific heading training. (i.e. heading a ball from a cross, heading a punted ball during a simulated game, etc.)

Pre-season - During the preseason, no more than 15

minutes of practice time each day with no more than two training sessions each week may include specific heading activities.

Regular Season - During the regular season, no more than 15 minutes of practice time each day and no more than 2 practices each week may include specific heading activities.

Sanctioning Process Q & A

ATTENTION Administrators and Coaches

Please review the link below regarding sanctioning an AIA event which can be found on the scrolling marquee on the AIA website:

[Sanctioning Process Q & A](#)

If you have any questions regarding the sanctioning process please contact Ms. Michele Staples at mstaples@aiaonline.org

Anyone Can Save A Life - Emergency Action Plan

ATTENTION Administrators

An AIA member school **must have** an Emergency Action Plan in place in order to host a post season tournament. It takes only a few minutes to complete the online Anyone Can Save A Life Emergency Action Plan.

Once completed, you will receive a copy of your EAP along with the AIA office via email. A list of member schools that have completed the EAP can be found on the AIA Academy website.

[Anyone Can Save A Life - Emergency Action Plan](#)

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**2014-15 Quick Glance Calendar / Sports
Timeline**

Please click on the link below to view the AIA Quick
Glance Calendar.

[2014-15 Quick Glance Calendar](#)