

AIA Baseball Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 16, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. AIA Baseball Sport Advisory Meeting 5/28/14
*Lack of quorum-unofficial meeting
3. New Business (items carried over from 5/28/14)
 - a. Discuss the AIA State Tournament bracket size (division by division) applying the AIA Executive Board's approved thirty percent rule to each of the five basketball divisions
 - Effective the 2015-2016 school year, divisions will increase from four (4) to five (5) in basketball, baseball and softball. In addition, divisions will increase from one (1) to two (2) in boys volleyball. Second to that, the amount of teams qualifying for post season tournaments in team sports will be based on a 30% rule (plus or minus 3%) wherever possible. However, in football the number of teams qualifying for the playoffs will not exceed 16 and not fall below 12. For complete information please click on the following links:
 - <http://www.aiaonline.org/files/14678/divisions-proposal-120814.pdf>
 - <http://www.aiaonline.org/files/14681/formula-alignment-update.pdf>
 - a. Feedback from committee baseball coaches regarding 2014 AIA Recognition Program for baseball . Discuss all section and all division meetings for conclusion of 2015 season.
 - b. Discuss changing Division I/Division II final eight format.(Tabled at 2/12/14 meeting)
Summation of proposal:
Round #1 and #2 would utilize the same format presently used.
Reseed the eight teams coming out of Round #2, begin pool A and pool B play with the following:
Rd. #3 Winners (pool A-teams #'s 1,4,5,8/Pool B- teams #'s 2,3,6,7)-four games
Rd. #4 Losers Rd. #3 -four games
Rd. #4 Winners Rd. #3 -four games
Rd. #5 Losers- winners of L Rd.#4 vs. losers of W Rd. #4-four games
Rd.#6 Losers- winners of L Rd. #5 -two games
Rd. #5 Winners - winners of W Rd. #4 -two games
Rd. #7 Losers- winners of L Rd.#6 vs. losers of W Rd. #5-two games
Rd. #6 Winners - winner of W Rd. #5 vs. winner of L Rd. #7 –pool champion to determine championship game teams
Note: If winner bracket team wins first game, W team advances, rd. #6 over
If loser bracket team wins first game, second game played, W team advances, rd. #6 over
Rd. #7 Winners Championship Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner

Purpose: Creates a true single elimination championship game. Eliminates the concern that presently exists with a tournament team advancing undefeated to the championship game and not having a playback opportunity if they are defeated by the loser bracket winning team.
 - c. All regular season section champions get a first round bye. First round byes would be determined by the AIA seeding rank. The section champions would be guaranteed no less than the #8 seed.
 - d. Propose there be three umpires in the final four games at each level instead of just at the last two. (Kibler)

- e. Review AIA Division Placement appeals from February.
4. Consensus recommendations for the AIA Executive Board.
 5. Adjournment