

AIA Football Sports Advisory Committee
August 24, 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

David Inness/2A Coach/Don Conrad/2A Adm.

Peter Jelovic/ 3A Adm.

Mark Cisterna/4A Adm.

Preston Jones/5A Coach/ Corey Newland/5A Adm.

Tim Slade -Committee Chair

Unable to connect to Gotomeeting:

Lee Haws/1A Adm.

Nemer Hassey/4A Coach

Kevin Standerfer/3A Coach

Visitors in Attendance:

Rich Wellbrock (Desert Edge Football Coach)

2. AIA Football Sport Advisory Meeting minutes from 5/14/15 meeting reviewed/approved.

3. New Business

A. Gary Whelchel-AIA Commisioner of Officials

NFHS football rule issues observed by football officials

Gary Whelchel addressed the committee with the following NFHS Football rule changes issue observed from zero week games

- Free Kick reviewed
- Use of electronic equipment on the sideline
- Use of video on the sideline
- Use of Ipad filming in the end zone coaches and taking the video into the coaches box for use on the sideline
- Multiple uniform issues
 - Use of camouflage or pink with prior approval for use instead of home white jersey
 - NFHS home/visitor required uniform jersey color (white required at home)
- Scrimmages- Varsity only is allowed per AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1
 - Multiple request for officials for junior varsity/freshman scrimmages versus an opposing school
 - Requests to utilize scoreboard clock, allow spiritline to cheer
 - Prohibited per AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1.3.2

- B. Discuss AzFCA/Arizona Shriners proposal for an Arizona Shrine Bowl All-Star football game
- AIA bylaw; article 14.7, 14.7.1, 14.7.2

Rich Wellbrock , representing the AzFca, brought forward a proposal for an end of season Arizona high school player all-star game that would be co-sponsored by the AzFCA and the Shriner organizations. The game is being proposed for the conclusion of the 2016 season. He discussed the opportunity of exposure to college scouts for players still on the bubble for a possible scholarship offer. He indicated the best players from Arizona already go to All-Star football game such as Nike or Under Armour December All-Star games.

He indicated that it is well known that the issue of a during the fall semester all-star game is the concern related to the delay of a participant to be available to go out for a winter sport at their high school. He indicated that the reason for putting this issue on the table for discussion now was to get feedback from both administrators and head football coaches in order to determine support (or lack of it) for presentation to the AIA Executive Board.

- C. Discuss the future possibility of the Sollenberger Classic Post Season Football Game being a game that would host the Division II AIA Championship Team versus the Division III AIA Championship Team

Dr. Slemmer addressed the desire by the AIA to keep the spirit of the Sollenberger Football Classic alive by proposing the event become post AIA championship game event that would stage the AIA Division II and Division III championship teams (and possibly the AIA Division IV and Division V championship teams) against each other on the Saturday following the division level championship games.

- Sponsorship, event costs and ticketed spectator interest for the pre-season Sollenberger Football Classic are huge issues for the Association.
- The proposed event matchups would allow the Association to keep the event costs under control with the belief that ticketed spectator interest would be higher the first Saturday in December with Arizona division champions playing each other.
- Division champion schools would have the option to decline the invitation. If a division champion school decline the offer to play in the event, the runner-up would receive the invitation.

The AIA Football Advisory Committee voted by consensus to send their recommendation for approval for this proposed post season Sollenberger Football Classic event to the AIA Executive Board with the 2015 post season date of December 5th, 2015 as the targeted initial event date.

- D. AIA Executive Board approved post season participation by the 2016 Division I Football Champion to have the option to participate in the Paragon Marketing Group Football Champion Bowl game
- approved to allow the individual school / district invited to determine attending
 - AIA received feedback from Division I football athletic directors and head coaches,

- Feedback from those schools that replied was that the schools want the opportunity, if invited, to play another states nationally ranked football champion in a nationally televised high school bowl game.

E. AIA Legislative Council Meeting on Friday, September 25th

- Several proposals are on the AIA Legislative Council agenda that, if passed by the AIA Legislative Council would possibly take effect for the 2016-2017. Several items that could be effected, id approved:
 - Conference/region athletic competition model
 - A Sixth Conference
 - Elimination of appeal by sport/proposal would make all appeals to go up/down at the conference level an entire sport program appeal
- Until decisions are made at the 9/25 AIA Legislative Council meeting, discussing the role of the AIA Football Advisory Committee (and all other sport specific advisory committees) is on hold
- Discussion related to potential items on the yet to be a published AIA Legislative Council agenda is welcomed
 - Note: N. Hassey agenda request to discuss seven football championship levels is on hold pending decisions are made at the 9/25 AIA Legislative Council meeting.

F. Discuss an AIA football bylaw; article change to 23.5.3 (N. Hassey)

- 23.5.3 No player shall participate in more than ten football games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.
- Change to a quarter system per week, allowing a player to play five quarters per week

AIA Football Advisory Committee members were asked to get documented feedback from the conference groups (athletic directors or head football coaches) they represent. Feedback will be utilized to determine if a legislative bylaw proposal will be created for the March 4th, 2016 Legislative Council meeting voting.

G. Discuss different rank determination system that is easier for administrators/coaches/spectators to calculate. (N. Hassey)

Dr. Slemmer addressed the validity of the AIA seeding formula, powered by MaxPreps, as viewed by the final four and final eight team that advance on the AIA brackets in AIA team sport state championship tournaments. The AIA Football Advisory Committee agreed that the present system for seeding the AIA State Football Tournament brackets is working and did not recommend seeking a different formula for seeding state tournaments.

4. Consensus recommendations to send to the AIA Executive Board

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5. Adjournment