



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
December 5, 2016**

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, December 5, 2016 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Dr. Anna Battle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Mark Goodman, 1A Conference (St. David Unified School District)  
Mark Showers, 2A Conference (Camp Verde High School)  
Jacob Holiday, 3A Conference (Monument Valley High School)  
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)  
Anna Battle, Ed.D, 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District)  
Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson Unified School District)  
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)  
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)  
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)  
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)  
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D., AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
David Hines, Assistant Executive Director  
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials  
Denise Doser, Director of Finance  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365.com  
Scott Bordow, AzCentral  
Jim Denton, Combs  
John Scrogam, Combs  
Adam Rasmussen, Gilbert Christian

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, Vice President Holiday, 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:

- ✓ 9:30 am – 10:15 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting were **approved**.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

Wayne Jones	Mtn View – Marana	28 years
Patty Egan	Cactus Shadows	25 years

**Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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**

- 3A/4A/5A/6A Multi-Region Meeting Minutes – 9/22/16
- 3A/4A/5A/6A Multi-Region Meeting Minutes – 10/10/16
- 4A Conference Committee Minutes – 10/26/16
- 1A Central & North Meeting Minutes – 10/31/16

**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 November 2016

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Sr. Lynn brought back feedback from the AIAAA regarding the AIA Fall Sports Sunday Bracket Show, the Scorebird App and selection of new Executive Director.

Sr. Lynn reported to the board that the moving of the football chains at halftime is not supported by the Athletic Directors. They recommended that it not be renewed for the 2017 football season.

The Scorebird App was well accepted and that those using the controller felt it was easy to use. The paying of \$150.00 for an additional controller was seen as excessive, especially for districts with many schools.

The holding of the bracket show on a Sunday was not supported by the larger conferences, as gathering the teams on a Sunday and lack of time to prepare for the first playoff game were two of the reasons given. The smaller conferences have their last game on Saturday, which was explanation for delaying the show until Sunday. Sending it back to the AIA for further discussion was suggested. AIA Staff stated that all conferences would need to complete games by the Friday before in order to host the bracket show on Saturday.

Sr. Lynn also stated that Arizona will have 34 Athletic Directors attending the National Athletic Directors Conference in Nashville December 10-14, 2016. Over 60 Athletic Directors have volunteered to assist at the 2017 National Athletic Directors Conference to be held in Phoenix. She also spoke about the AIAAA 2016-2017 Strategic Plan, 2017 State AIAAA Conference and the 2017 National Conference to be held in December of 2017.

Sr. Lynn announced that the AIAAA is sponsoring an open meeting for all Arizona Athletic Directors to discuss the 2017 Legislative Council agenda items. This meeting, for all conferences, will be held at Xavier College Prep, Friday, January 13, 2017 from 9:00 am to noon.

Jeannine Brandel asked about tech support through Scorebird and if they would be available at game time if needed. Brian Bolitho stated that when the school receives a Scorebird Nest there will be support contact information provided.

Ms. Brandel also stated concerns about the hardship appeal process and the consistency throughout the conferences and Executive Board. The 4A Conference was concerned that schools appealing to the Executive Board were able to bring new information forward that wasn't heard in the initial hearing.

**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 **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

San Tan Foothills	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Kingman	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Lourdes Catholic	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
Rancho Solano	JV Girls' Basketball Program
San Pasqual	JV Boys' Basketball Program
Seton Catholic	JV Girls' Soccer Program
Odyssey	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Sahuarita	JV Girls' Soccer Program
Morenci	FR Boys' Basketball Program
Casa Grande	FR Girls' Basketball Program
Estrella Foothills	FR Girls' Basketball Program
Metro Tech	FR Basketball Program
Bourgade Catholic	VAR Wrestling Program
	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
Telesis Prep	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
Palo Verde	FR Girls' Basketball Program
Notre Dame Prep	FR Girls' Basketball Program
St. Augustine	VAR Girls' Soccer Program
Walden Grove	FR Girls' Basketball Program
Duncan	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Desert Mountain	FR Girls' Basketball Program
Rough Rock	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Paradise Honors	JV Girls' Basketball Contest with: Glendale Prep – 11/15
Mesa	FR/JV/VAR Boys' Basketball Contests with: Tucson High – 12/2

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Slemmer gave an update on the Notre Dame football recruiting allegation investigation being conducted. Notre Dame Prep is still investigating the allegations and a final report will be presented to the board in January.

Dr. Slemmer provide the board with a letter that was received regarding a request to amend a bylaw that would allow Arizona high school soccer players to participate in only one none-school, club event during the high school season. A similar proposal was "soundly" defeated last year during Legislative Council.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 2**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators.

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- To improve communication between AIA staff and athletic directors and coaches.
- To provide a one day forum for training, bylaw review, fiscal in service and legislative updates.
- Opportunity for all athletic directors across the state to dialogue Arizona athletic issues in one setting.

**2.6 RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

- 2.6.6 On an annual basis, the school athletic director shall attend the AIA Athletic Director Information Meeting to be held each April. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty (16.1).
- 2.6.7 On an annual basis, each varsity sport head coach shall attend the AIA Head Coach Information Meeting to be held at the beginning of each season of sport. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty (16.1).

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 3**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 3. Certification of Staff, Section 3.1 Private, Parochial, BIA, Charter or Public Schools.

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- Obsolete bylaw
- Due to the many types of schools in our membership, staff certification can come in many forms.

**3.1 PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, OR BIA, CHARTER OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- 3.1.1 ~~All non-public member schools shall notify the AIA Executive Director by September 1 of the current school year that the entire faculty and staff have met appropriate accreditation standards as determined by the Executive Board. (Form 3.0)~~ All member schools shall meet all applicable staff certification requirements.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 11**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts, Section 11.5 Reporting Results.

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- Current language out-of-date and new technology available.
- Reporting systems now available for immediate results.
- Provides accurate rankings on a daily basis.

**11.5 REPORTING RESULTS** – It shall be the responsibility of the ~~HOME TEAM~~ athletic administrator or assistant to report the regular season game results ~~through the administrative options~~ **immediately utilizing an electronic score reporting tool as designated by the AIA Executive Board in team sports, or if not available at [www.admin.aiaonline.org](http://www.admin.aiaonline.org) within 72 2 hours from the scheduled start time completion** of a contest. In the case of a regional tournament, it shall be the responsibility of the HOST SCHOOL to report ~~via e-mail~~ all tournament results **immediately utilizing an electronic score reporting tool as designated by the AIA Executive Board in team sports, or if not available, at [www.admin.aiaonline.org](http://www.admin.aiaonline.org) within 24 2 hours of the tournament concluding.** ~~If regular season, region games or tournament results are not reported within the required time, a reminder e-mail will be sent to the school as will be done as each subsequent level is reached.~~ Failure to report an accurate result will cause the following progressive sanction(s) process per sport for each individual incident and in the time stated:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Level – **Cautionary Letter** ~~(after 120 hour period)~~
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level – **Advisement** to that program ~~(personal contact to school Athletic Director after 144 hour period)~~
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level – **Warning** to that program ~~(after 168 hour period)~~
- 4<sup>th</sup> Level – **Probation** to that program ~~(after 192 hour period)~~

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 13**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 13. Awards, Section 13.2 Overall Excellence Awards // Section 13.4 Glen Treadaway Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- Addition of the 6A Conference by the membership
- The request to emphasize Sportsmanship as a priority with the membership.

**13.2 OVERALL EXCELLENCE AWARDS** – The E. A. Row (1A Conference), Don F. Stone (2A Conference and 3A Conference) and H. A. Hendrickson (4A Conference, 5A Conference) ~~and 6A Conference) and Harold L. Slemmer (6A Conference)~~ annual rotation trophies, plaques and permanent banners are awarded to schools with overall excellence in interscholastic activities. High schools are selected to receive these awards through the total points they have accumulated by their activity and excellence in music, speech and athletics.

**13.4 GLEN TREADAWAY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP** – The Glen Treadaway Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship is presented annually to a school from each of the six conferences, which have demonstrated great sportsmanship from their teams, student bodies and fans. The Criteria and selection process to determine award recipients shall be established by the AIA Executive Board.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 20**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment for **Emergency Legislation** and to be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.1 Rules

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

The concern with the USA Baseball pitch count limit, from the baseball coaches and the administrator’s viewpoint, was that opposing coaches do not know the specific age of players and that there was not an existing tracking mechanism for tacking of pitch count by age.

All coaches know the grade level their players are in and there is an existing tracking mechanism (MaxPreps) that will allow coaches at the three levels of AIA competition (freshman, junior varsity and varsity) to track and hold accountable all coaches to comply with the proposed amendment.

**20.1 RULES**

20.1.5 No pitcher shall exceed the daily maximum number of pitches per the ~~USA Baseball~~ **Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines** pitch count limit and required rest recommendations. <  
<http://m.mlb.com/pitchsmart/pitching-guidelines/>>

YEAR	MAX PITCHES	REQUIRED REST BASED ON PITCHES THROWN				
		0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
FRESHMAN	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
SOPHOMORE	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
JUNIOR	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
SENIOR	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 31**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 31. Awards, Section 31.10 Equipment Sanitation Requirements

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- To verify protocol needed for mat cleaning procedures in Wrestling for infection prevention.
- Recommended by the Sports Medicine and Wrestling Advisory Committees.

**31.10 EQUIPMENT SANITATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 31.10.1 Wrestling mats shall be cleaned within 60 minutes prior to practice and immediately after practice and allowed to air dry with each use.
  - 31.10.1.1 10% bleach solution or equivalent.
  - 31.10.1.2 Solution should remain wet on mat for 4-10 minutes depending on the product being used.
- 31.10.2 Clean and disinfect the undersurface of large floor mats that are not permanently fixed to the floor at least weekly as well as the floor beneath the mats.
- 31.10.3 During tournaments, mats shall be cleaned and disinfected within 60 minutes of all competitions, between tournament rounds and multiple dual meet events.
- 31.10.4 Use disposable or disinfected single use towels on the mat during practice and tournaments.
- 31.10.5 Wash wall mats with disinfectant cleaner 1-2 times per week.
  - 31.10.5.1 10% bleach solution or equivalent.
  - 31.10.5.2 Solution should remain wet on surface for 4-10 minutes depending on the product being used.
- 31.10.6 Exercise equipment shall be cleaned after each practice.



**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 19**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 19. Policies and Procedures

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- Technically, the sport bylaws are more policies and procedures than bylaws.
- Over many years, the auditor has suggested the sport bylaws be moved to policies and procedures.
- Exceptions requested by the Conferences can be directed to the Executive Board instead of the Legislative Council.

**19.1 VIOLATIONS**

- 19.1.1 A member school shall abide by all rules, policies, regulations and procedures of the AIA. A violation of AIA rules, policies, regulations or procedures, subjects the member school to possible disciplinary action set forth in Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws.

**19.2 OFFICIAL RULES**

- 19.2.1 Official rules shall be those published in the current edition of the NFHS Rule books for the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, football, soccer, softball, swimming, track and field, volleyball, wrestling and spiritline.
- 19.2.2 Official rules for Badminton shall be those published in the current edition of the United States Badminton Association "Official Rules of Play".
- 19.2.3 Official rules for Golf shall be the current edition of "The Rules of Golf" as approved by the United States Golf Association.
- 19.2.4 Official rules for Tennis shall be the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis and will apply to all matches.
- 19.2.5 Official rules for Beach Volleyball shall be the current rules of the USA Beach Volleyball as approved by USA Volleyball.
- 19.2.6 Official rules for Chess shall be those of the US Chess Federation.
- 19.2.7 The SDAC shall publish the AIA Speech and Debate Tournament Rules Book. The Tournament Rules book shall be updated annually with current rules and regulations. The Tournament Rules Book will include: official rules of conduct, tournament management procedures and descriptions and rules for specific events, and awards to be presented to participants.
- 19.2.8 The TAC shall publish the AIA Theatre Festival Rules Book. The Festival Rules Books shall be updated annually with current rules and regulations. The Festival Rules Book will include: official rules of conduct, Festival management procedures, descriptions and rules for specific events, and awards to be presented to participants.

**19.3 REMOVAL OF TEAM**

- 19.3.1 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field, prior to completion of the contest.

**19.4 SEASON OF SPORT**

- 19.4.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.
- 19.4.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.
- 19.4.3 **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.

**19.5 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

- 19.5.1 **AIA Responsibility and Authority** – Final responsibility, mechanics and procedures for all tournaments shall be vested in the AIA Executive Board.

**19.6 EXCEPTIONS**

- 19.6.1 A conference committee may request exceptions to sport Policies and Procedures. Those requests must be presented to the AIA Executive Board for approval, provided there is no contradiction to the NFHS Rules Book for that sport.

**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 ward of court request:

- a) Peoria High School

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- Kofa** – an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Yuma's** schedule.
- Lee Williams** – an additional boys' and girls' JV soccer game to help fill **Lake Havasu's** schedule.
- Winslow** – an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Hopi's** schedule.
- Red Mesa** – an additional boys' and girls' basketball game to help fill **Monument Valley's** schedule.
- Benjamin Franklin** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Gilbert Christian's** schedule.
- Casteel** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Gilbert Christian's** schedule.
- Casteel** – an additional boys' JV soccer game to help fill **Odyssey's** schedule.

**REQUEST – 2A METRO SOUTH REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

The 2A Metro South Region would like to host a regional basketball tournament.

- No bearing on AIA rankings for state tournament.
- Three day tournament and everyone gets one or two days off before the AIA "play-in" games.
- Top four from boys' and girls' have the option to play. If any team passes then the next team in line gets the chance.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the above request for the 2A Metro South Region to host a regional basketball tournament.

**EXCEPTION – ARTICLE 14 GENERAL PROVISIONS. SECTION 14.3 MAXIMUM TEAMS PER SPORT / STUDENT GRADE LEVEL FOR TEAM PARTICIPATION**

**14.3 MAXIMUM TEAMS PER SPORT / STUDENT GRADE LEVEL FOR TEAM PARTICIPATION**

14.3.2 *A member school may have multiple junior, junior varsity and freshman teams per sport.*

14.3.2.1 *A junior team shall be limited to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.*

14.3.2.2 *A junior varsity team shall be limited to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, with the exception of the 1A Conference.*

14.3.2.2.1 *EXCEPTION: Open cross country races at cross country invitational meets.*

14.3.2.3 *A freshman team shall be limited to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, except for the 1A Conference and 2A Conference which may also play 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.*

(A) Gilbert Christian High School is requesting that two 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the girls' basketball program be permitted to play on the junior varsity team for the 2016-17 season.

(B) Walden Grove High School is requesting that a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student be permitted to participate on the junior varsity wrestling team. She is a first time wrestler and is very raw in the sport.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **denied** the above requests from Gilbert Christian High School and Walden Grove high School to allow 12<sup>th</sup> graders to participate on the junior varsity teams.

**EXCEPTION – ARTICLE 21. BASKETBALL. SECTION 21.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

**21.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

21.5.1 *No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.*

21.5.2 *No Conference school shall schedule more than 19 junior varsity or freshman games per team.*

21.5.3 *No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.*

21.5.3.1 *EXCEPTION: 2A/1A, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of quarters/night during the season.*

(1) Pusch Ridge Christian Academy is requesting an exception to Article 21.5.2 for the boys' and girls' basketball programs to be able to play 8 quarters instead of 6 quarters per contest for the 2016-2017 season.

(2) Tanque Verde High School is requesting an exception to Article 21.5.2 for the girls' basketball program to have an unlimited opportunity to play.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the board **approved** the above exception request for Pusch Ridge Christian Academy and Tanque Verde High School to play 8 quarters per night.

**REQUEST TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS**

Peoria Unified District is requesting permission from the Executive Board to exceed in permissible tournaments in wrestling to host a district tournament on Thursday, January 26. The following are the Peoria schools participating:

- Cactus High School
- Centennial High School
- Ironwood High School
- Liberty High School
- Peoria High School
- Raymond Kellis High School
- Sunrise Mountain High School

On a motion duly made seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request for the Peoria Unified District schools to participate in a district wrestling tournament.

**REQUEST – 4A CONFERENCE DOUBLE-ELIMINATION STATE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The 4A Conference is requesting the AIA Executive Board approve a 16 team double elimination state tournament that follows the same format as the 5A and 6A Conferences for the 2017 baseball and softball season.

A survey was conducted of 4A baseball coaches using email contact information provided by the AIA member Schools webpage. Of the 34 coaches that responded, 32 were in favor of the double elimination tournament that follows the 5A and 6A conference format. Of the 2 that were not in favor, one responded with concerns about travel and the other felt there is a disparity with the conference alignment and no format would benefit his school's circumstances.

Many of the current 4A teams are formally D I and D II teams, familiar with and support the double elimination format. Schools with these enrollment sizes typically have the depth necessary, particularly with pitching, that would allow for teams to adequately compete without danger to player health while providing a better opportunity to determine a true state champion.

Double elimination would:

- Allow teams with better overall talent and depth to advance and determine a true champion
- Allow for strong final 8 teams that meet up early, an opportunity to still advance.
- 4A schools typically have the enrollment and roster size to support a double elimination format (most are former D I and D II schools).

Based on the information proved, the Executive Board **tabled** this agenda item until further information could be gathered by the 4A Conference and AIA Staff.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** – Deer Valley Unified School District

*Rule: Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts. Section 11.2 Scheduling on Contests*

**Reported Violation:**

Our cheer team submitted a registration form for the AIA State Qualifier when we had to withdraw from the competition

**School's Corrective Action:**

With the amount of injuries and where our team was skill-wise, we decided it was best not to compete this year.

**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 **Advisement** for one year 12/5/16-12/5/17.

**KOFA HIGH SCHOOL** – Yuma Union High School District

*Rule: Article 15. General Provisions. Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Student participated fully in wrestling practice without having current AIA physical and clearance packet on file in the athletic office.

**School's Corrective Action:**

- Have created/updated a Google doc that each of the head coaches for their specific sport can visit to see which players have cleared and on the exact day they have cleared. Also on this document for each sport they will be able to see clearance notes such as transfer, 520 and 530 information, and injury status from the Athletic Trainer, and uniform status from the equipment manager.
- Starting in the spring season, Kofa will be instituting the Register My Athlete online clearance process for our athletes and their parents.
- Letter of director was given to the head coach to be placed in his file for two years and documentation as given to the coach to be read and understood regarding the following:
  - ⊖ GBEA: Staff ethics which states that all employees make the well-being of students the fundamental value of all decision making and actions as well as obeys local, state and national laws.
  - ⊖ GCQF: Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members which prohibits employees from engaging in unprofessional conduct.
  - ⊖ AIA Rules & Regulations Section 15.7.1 – Regarding clearance and practice procedures that need to be accomplished before an athlete is allowed to participate in a practice or competition of a member schools.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kofa High School **Wrestling Program** on **Warning** for one year 12/5/16-12/5/17.

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

**Cactus Shadows**

James Swetter – Athletic Director, Parents & Student  
**Pinnacle** – Jay Thomas – Athletic Director

**Camelback**

Steve Kuipers – Athletic Director & Student

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>
Cactus Shadows	Denied
Camelback	Granted

**FUTURE DATES**

Dec. 21, 2016 – Jan. 3, 2017	AIA Office Closed – Holiday Observed
January 16, 2017	AIA Office Closed – Holiday Observed
January 17, 2017	Executive Board Meeting (Tuesday)
	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Deadline
January 23-24, 2017	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Hearings
January 26, 2017	Legislative Council Agenda Deadline
February 21, 2017	Executive Board Meeting (Tuesday)

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director