



**AGENDA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2017
8:30 am – Executive Session
9:00 am - Meeting**

Call to Order President Jacob Holiday
Roll Call David Hines

1. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the following meetings:

- ❖ September 5, 2017 (Hardship Appeals)
- ❖ September 13, 2017

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items may be enacted by one motion and approved as consent agenda items with or without discussion. Any item may, however, be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately if a Board member so requests.

(a) AIA Lifetime Passes

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.11 AIA Passes. Paragraph 14.11.1 Lifetime Passes

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| 1. John Ewing | Phoenix UHSD | Retired |
| 2. Ed McQuade | Greenway | 42 years |
| 3. Steve Chrisman | Washington | Retired |
| 4. Terry Hinton | Thatcher | 31 years |

(b) Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- ❖ 4A Conference Committee
- ❖ Swim/Dive Sports Advisory Committee

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Rule: Article 6. Executive Board, Section 6.5 Duties of the AIA Executive Board. Paragraph 6.5.15

6.5.15 The AIA Executive Board shall establish and monitor an annual AIA Operation Budget.

- ✓ Financial Report for Sep 2017

5. MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

6. CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS

Rule: Article 11. Scheduling of Contest and Schedule Contracts. Section 11.4 Schedule Contracts – Varsity / Junior Varsity / Freshman. Paragraph 11.4.4 Cancellation or Postponement – Contest or Program. Subparagraph 11.4.4.1

11.4.4.1 A Varsity contest or program which could have a bearing on a regional or state play-off shall not be cancelled or forfeited without prior approval by the AIA Executive Board.

(a) HEREBY CONSENT:

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| 1. Miami | JV Football Program |
| 2. Immaculate Heart | JV/VAR Boys/Girls Soccer Program |
| 3. Leading Edge Academy | VAR Girls Soccer Program |
| 4. Cibique | JV Girls Volleyball Program |
| 5. Glendale | JV Football Program |
| 6. Desert Mountain | JV Girls Badminton Program |
| 7. Ash Fork | JV Girls Volleyball Contest w/ Mayer, Camp Verde, Mogollon |
| 8. Barry Goldwater | JV Football Contest w/ Lake Havasu, Desert Edge |
| 9. Buckeye | FR/JV/VAR Girls Volleyball Contest w/ Mohave |
| 10. Cortez | JV Football Contest w/ Coronado, Flagstaff |
| 11. Desert Edge | VAR Boys/Girls Cross Country Contest w/ Thunderbird, Washington |
| 12. Dobson | VAR Girls Golf Contest w/ Highland |
| 13. Kingman | JV B Football Contest w/ Laughlin |
| 14. Lourdes Catholic | VAR Boys Soccer Contest w/ Willcox |
| 15. Many Farms | VAR Football Contest w/ Chinle |
| 16. North Canyon | JV Football Contest w/ Agua Fria, Barry Goldwater |
| 17. Gilbert Christian | JV Football Contest w/ Phoenix Christian |
| 18. Rincon | FR Football Contest w/ Catalina Foothills |
| 19. River Valley | JV Football Contest w/ Lake Havasu |
| 20. Safford | JV Football Contest w/ Casteel |
| 21. Immaculate Heart | JV Volleyball Contest w/ San Manuel |
| 22. Parker | VAR Football Contest w/ Santa Cruz |
| 23. Desert Vista | VAR Boys Golf Contest w/ Skyline |
| 24. Willcox | JV Boys Soccer Contest w/ Green Fields |

(b) DO NOT CONSENT:

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| 1. Grey Hills Academy | VAR Football Contest w/ Mogollon |
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(c) CONSENTS UNKNOWN:

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| 1. St. Michael | JV Boys Soccer Contest w/ Show Low |
| 2. Hamilton | VAR Boys/Girls Swim/Dive Contest w/ Desert Mountain |
| 3. Mesquite | FR Football Contest w/ Desert Edge |
| 4. Estrella Foothills | JV Football Contest w/ Apache Junction |
| 5. Marana | VAR Boys/Girls Swim Contest w/ Catalina Foothills |
| 6. Lourdes Catholic | VAR Soccer Contest w/ Academy of Tucson |

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS (con't)

7. Lourdes Catholic

VAR Girls Volleyball Contest w/ The Gregory School (9/26/17) and Academy of Tucson (10/2/17)

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- ❖ District Online Schools
- ❖ Principals Meetings
- ❖ 520-530 Forms
- ❖ Bylaw Workshops
- ❖ Winter Head Coaches Meeting (Oct. 28th)

8. ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION - Update

- ❖ Joni Pabst

9:30 AM

9. FINE STRUCTURE PROCESS

- ❖ Telesis Preparatory

10. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – LEGAL GUARDIAN

Rule: Article 15, Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.15 Domicile Rule, Paragraph 15.5.3 Special Domicile Placements, Subparagraph 15.5.3.2 Legal Guardian

15.5.3.2 Legal Guardian - Except in the case of a foreign exchange student or an international student under 15.15, a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction may be declared eligible at the school in attendance zone in which said legal guardian is domicile by petitioning as outlined in the AIA Bylaws under Article 15, Section 15.14 Hardship. (Form 15.5.3). For purposes of this rule, a court of competent jurisdiction does not include courts outside the United States.

DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Director, as designee of the AIA Executive Board, may rule on the eligibility of a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction. (Ex. Bd. 4/15/96)

15.5.3.2.1 EXCEPTION: If a legal guardianship appointment has been in effect for at least two years prior to the student's participation in interscholastic competition, it shall not be necessary to petition the AIA Executive Board for domicile hardship eligibility.

15.5.3.2.2 The use in interscholastic competition of a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed, without compliance with the above requirements, shall constitute the use of an ineligible player.

15.5.3.2.3 Where it is determined by the Executive Board that athletic motivation and/or circumvention of AIA domicile requirements is involved in the legal guardianship, this is sufficient in and of itself for denial of the hardship request (see 15.14.2.4).

- ❖ Cactus High School
- ❖ Apache Junction

11. **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUEST**

- ❖ Mingus Union
- ❖ Sedona Red Rock

12. **VAIL ACCREDITATION**

10:00 AM

13. **REQUEST - REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS**

14.11.2.1.2 Replacement of a Complimentary Pass - A request for replacement of a complimentary pass must be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

- ❖ Greyhills Academy High School

14. **REQUEST – 4A CONFERENCE WINTER SEASON PLAY-IN GAMES**

The 4A Conference is proposing Play-in Games for the Winter Season.

15. **REQUEST – TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS**

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is requesting permission from the Executive Board to exceed in permissible tournaments to participate in the nationwide Clerc Basketball Classic. Current schedule is 15 regular season games and if approved 3 tournaments. Participation in all 3 tournaments are for schools for the Deaf.

16. **REQUEST – TO EXCEED PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF GAMES**

Bowie/San Simon request to exceed for Varsity Basketball to help fill Lourdes Catholic's schedule.

17. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

(A) SPORTSMANSHIP RULE: Article 16. Section 3.

16.3.2 Leaving Bench Area

16.3.2 Leaving Bench Area - When two or more persons (including coaches, nonplaying contestants and nonparticipating school personnel) leave their team's bench area to initiate a confrontation, or during an altercation in progress, the following shall occur without appeal

(1) **SAN MANUEL HIGH SCHOOL** – Mammoth/San Manuel School District

Reported Violation:

Three athletes left the bench area during the game, as viewed on video by Hudl/Krossover.

Schools Corrective Action:

Administration met individually with the three players who left the bench area as well as the Football Team and Spiritline to address the issue of leaving the bench area and the incident on the field. The three players were reported for violating the Bylaws and were required to miss the next contest.

Another meeting was held with the head coach and the three players to discuss the consequences of the incident. The principal/superintendent and AD attended a parent meeting to explain the incident and situation. Copies of the Bylaws were available for the parents and referenced during the meeting.

The principal/superintendent addressed the athletes, parents and coaches regarding behavior and expectations. Questions from the parents, coaches and athletes were addressed.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

(2) **MIAMI HIGH SCHOOL** – *Miami Area Unified #40*

Reported Violation:

Football players left the bench.

Schools Corrective Action:

Administration completed an investigation of the incident and filed a report with the AIA office. Administration identified the two players involved in leaving the bench area. The Sportsmanship Ejection Forms were completed and submitted. Both players sat out the next contest as required.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

(B) *Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.12*

15.12 Recruitment Rule

15.12.4.6 *A high school coach may not initiate contact with a student at a junior high/middle school or other high school, or the parents of that student, about attendance at the school. It is not a violation for a coach to have normal community contact with a student who attends a junior high/middle school of the same system, which is a feeder to the high school.*

(1) **CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

Reported Violation:

An assistant coach initiated contact with a non-enrolled student.

Schools Corrective Action:

Assistant coach was reprimanded and communicated with entire coaching staff regarding contact with players and AIA recruiting bylaws.

Prior Violation(s):

01/22/13 – Advisement – Girls' Soccer Program – For one year – 01/22/13-01/22/14

(C) Rule: Article 19. Policies and Procedures

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.*

(1) **PARADISE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

Reported Violation:

The Paradise Valley Freshman Football coach took his team off the field with about a minute to go in the first half as he felt it was unsafe for his 28 players to continue the game. There had been 5 concussions and a broken collar bone and he felt the game was getting way “out of control.” He said he could not get the official to talk to him. He was concerned about helmet to helmet hits, blindside hits, cheap shots and late hits.

Schools Corrective Action:

Athletic Director is to be contacted. Gather coaches, officials, athletic director to establish a safe plan to finish the game – minimizing the risk of harm to the players. Remain calm and under control.

Prior Violation(s):

05/15/17 – Advisement - Baseball Program for one year. 05/15/17-05/18/17.

(D) Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2.1

16.2 Ineligible Player

16.2.1 *When an ineligible player(s) participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player(s) participated.*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10.1

15.10 Transfer Rule

15.10.1 ***In State Transfers** – a student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels until after the first 50% of the maximum allowable Power Rankings regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the transfer.*

(1) **DOBSON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mesa School District*

Reported Violation:

During the JV Football game vs Central High School on 8/31/17, Dobson High School played an ineligible transfer student. There was a discrepancy between the coach’s roster and the Athletic Departments roster.

Schools Corrective Action:

Dobson High School is in the process of revising the clearance process specific to academic/district clearance vs the AIA transfer clearance protocols necessary to accurately track student-athletes to minimize any future discrepancies.

Prior Violation(s):

10/22/12 - Warning – Boys' Swim Program – For one year – 10/22/12-10/22/13

(E) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.12

15.12 Recruitment Rule

15.12.4.6 *A high school coach may not initiate contact with a student at a junior high/middle school or other high school, or the parents of that student, about attendance at the school. It is not a violation for a coach to have normal community contact with a student who attends a junior high/middle school of the same system, which is a feeder to the high school.*

(1) **SAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL** – *Safford Unified School District*

Reported Violation:

Two Freshman football players participated in football practice prior to completing their Brainbook certification. Coaches did not verify the participation status of each boy on the official clearance document.

Schools Corrective Action:

The Athletic Department will continue to utilize its two-[hase online/electronic clearance document for clearing athletes (practice and competition). Coaches were educated on the document and clearing process. Upon discovery of error, Athletic Director stopped practice and verified clearance of all athletes participating. Head coach has been reprimanded.

Prior Violation(s):

02/19/13 – Warning – Activities Program for one year – 02/19/13-02/19/14.

(F) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.7.

15.7 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE

15.7.1 *A student shall not be allowed to practice or compete in interscholastic athletics until there is on file with the principal or his/her designee a record of a preparticipation physical examination (PPE) performed by a doctor of medicine (M.D.), an osteopathic physician (D.O.), a naturopathic physician (N.D., N.M.D.), a certified registered nurse practitioner (N.P.) licensed to practice, a certified physician's assistant (PA-C) registered by the Joint Board Of Medical Examiners and the Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, or a certified chiropractic sports physician (CCSP). The physical examination for the following school year shall be given **on or after March 1**. The physical examination card on file shall be signed by one of the aforementioned medical providers and shall state that, in the opinion of the examining provider, the provider did not find any medical reason to disqualify the student from practice or competition in athletic contests. The principal or his/her designee, if deemed advisable, may require a student to be reexamined.*

(1) **MESA MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mesa School District*

Reported Violation:

On 8/9/17, the Mountain View head varsity Badminton coach allowed two freshman student athletes to try out for the team without verifying that they had been cleared by the athletics department. Neither student had submitted a physical. Coach admitted to not checking her roster on Register My Athletes prior to conducting tryouts.

Schools Corrective Action:

In-serviced coach regarding Register MY Athlete in verifying athletic eligibility. Coach was also in-serviced regarding strategies for identifying ineligible student athletes.

Prior Violation(s):

02/18/14 – Accepted Report.

(2) **MESA MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mesa School District*

Reported Violation:

The Mountain View head varsity Cheer coach allowed two student athletes to try out for the Cheer team without verifying that had completed all of their clearance paperwork. Specifically, the junior had not submitted a physical to the Athletic Department. The freshman had not submitted any clearance paperwork. This only became an issue because the coach moved tryouts up in the day without notifying the athletics department.

Schools Corrective Action:

In-serviced coach regarding Register MY Athlete in verifying athletic eligibility. Coach was also in-serviced regarding strategies for identifying ineligible student athletes.

Prior Violation(s):

02/18/14 – Accepted Report.

(G) **Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 4.3**

17.4.3 A COACH / SPONSOR SHOULD:

17.4.3.3 *Exercise patience, tolerance and diplomacy in relations with all players and co-workers, contest officials and spectators.*

(1) **NORTH CANYON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

Reported Violation:

On Friday, 9/22/17, our coaches approached the ref crew at the end of the game. Our head coach did say “he wanted to write them up”, “that he did not want them to officiate at North Canyon again”, and “he did not agree with their calls, etc.” There was an angry tone. Our assistant principal stood between the coach and ref crew. We did not show proper professionalism in sharing our concerns with the ref crew.

Schools Corrective Action:

Met with assistant coaches and documented that they will not be talking with or toward the ref crew at any possible time. We demoted an assistant coach from the field and he will be in the press box from now on. We will hold our team and coaches further away from where the refs leave the field.

Prior Violation(s):

12/8/14 – Advisement – Football Program for one year – 12/08/14-12/08/15.

(H) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Recruitment Rule Section 12.

15.12.4 Interpretations:

15.12.4.12.5 Offer or acceptance of a residence with any school connected person.

(1) **CHINO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – Chino Valley School District

Reported Violation:

Three coaches did not follow proper contact procedures with regard to possible transfer students. Phone calls were placed and received during this process. Discussions took place regarding the athletic programs influencing the students to enroll at the high school.

Schools Corrective Action

Coach not permitted to have contact with Chino Valley students pending decision of the AIA Executive Board. If violation is upheld, coach will be terminated and prohibited contact with Chino Valley students.

The other two coaches have received a letter of direction regarding the AIA bylaw violations. The Athletic Department will continue to conduct in-service sessions with coaches in regards to the AIA bylaws.

Prior Violation(s):

09/16/13 – Warning – Football Program for one year – 09/16/13-09/16/14.

(I) Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Sportsmanship Rule Section 3

16.3.1 Ejection from a contest:

16.3.1.1.3 A similar infraction of Article 16, Section 16.3, Paragraph 16.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws by the same player during the same season will result in cessation of the season for the player concerned.

(1) **Scottsdale Christian Academy**

Reported Violation:

A Scottsdale Christian Academy athlete was ejected from the State Baseball Tournament at the end of the 2017 Spring Season. In June of the same year, there was a change in athletic administration, both Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director. The ejected student was unintentionally allowed to play in the football opening game on August 18, 2017.

On Oct. 4, 2017, the new Athletic Director was made aware of the details of the ejection. The Athletic Department then called the Varsity Baseball coach to get confirmation that the ejection to place and when it occurred. Having found that we were in violation the following steps were taken: Head Football Coach, High School Principal, and Athletic Director met to discuss violation, ejected athlete will be withheld from the next game on Friday, October 6, 2017. Violation was reported to AIA on October 5, 2017.

Schools Corrective Action

Coaches will be instructed at each pre-season meeting that any ejection should be reported to both the Athletic Director and the High School Principal. In addition, the new Athletic Administration keeps a file of the ejection reports. Both items will ensure that any change in administration will not result in missing information on ejected players.

Prior Violation(s):

09/16/13 – Warning – Football Program for one year – 08/19/13-08/19/14.

(J) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Recruitment Rule Section 12.

15.12.5 Interpretations:

15.12.4.12.4 Offer or acceptance of free transportation by any school connected person.

(1) **SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa School District

Reported Violation:

Skyline Boys Basketball Coach provided transportation to and from school for three Skyline athletes participating in basketball during the 2016-17 season (one of the three athletes was the Coach's step-son who also plays basketball). At no point did the coach feel he was doing anything wrong. The coach was unaware of the AIA Recruiting Bylaw.

Schools Corrective Action

The Skyline Athletic Director showed the Coach the AIA Recruiting Bylaw (then read by the coach). The coach understands and accepts the reported recruiting violation. The head coach and athletic director agree to forfeit all Skyline Boys Basketball games from the 2016-17 season in which one or both players participated.

Prior Violation(s):

05/18/15 – Warning – Activities Program for one year – 05/18/15-05/18/16.

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Transfer Rule Section 10.

15.10.1 In State Transfers:

15.10.1.1 For individual sports, the student will be ineligible for 50% of allowable competitions for that school on the AIA calendar.

(2) **SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa School District

Reported Violation:

Transfer student participated prior to gaining eligibility. School was unaware of participation while student was enrolled in out of state school.

Schools Corrective Action

Athletic Director will conduct a more thorough background check of each transferred student. Athletic Director will meet with parent(s) of each transferred student, along with head coach of sport, to complete a 520 Form together so accurate and complete information can be gathered.

Prior Violation(s):

05/18/15 – Warning – Activities Program for one year – 05/18/15-05/18/16.

18. HARDSHIP APPEALS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SCHOOL/APPEAL</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>SENDING SCHOOL</u> Required to Attend - AIA Bylaw 15.14.7
11:00 a.m.	Vista Grande		Santa Cruz Valley

19. FUTURE DATES

October 23-24, 2017	Winter Sports Hardship Appeals
November 13, 2017	Executive Board Meeting