Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in Arizona Interscholastic Association. Don't forget to add jegarcia@aiaonline.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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**AIAetc. Newsletter**

**February 2018**

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**Athletic Director Information Meeting**

MEETING NOTICE!

The mandatory Athletic Director Information Meeting will be held Monday April 2, 2018 at Xavier College Preparatory in Phoenix, AZ.

**Important Dates**

**2017-18 Executive Board Meetings**

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March 19, 2018

April 16, 2018
Check in begins at 8:30am and the first session begins 9:15am. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you.

2018 AIA State Winter Championships

Congratulations to all the State tournament participants for the Winter Seasons.

We would like to acknowledge all the state champions and runner-ups for this season:

**Basketball:**
(Boys)

1A
The Gregory School
Fort Thomas High School

2A
Rancho Solano Preparatory
Alchesay High School

3A
Winslow High School
Blue Ridge High School

4A
Shadow Mountain High School
Salpointe Catholic High School

5A
Sunnyslope High School
Deer Valley High School

6A
Pinnacle High School
Mountain Pointe High School

May 21, 2018

2017-18 AD Information Meeting

Monday - April 2, 2018 @ Xavier College Prep
Registration 8:30am
Starts at 9:15am

Please Support Your Partners
(Girls)
1A
St. Michael High School
Baboquivari High School

2A
Leading Edge Academy - Gilbert
Sedona Red Rock High School

3A
Page High School
Monument Valley High School

4A
Seton Catholic Preparatory
Pueblo Magnet High School

5A
Chaparral High School
Mesquite High School

6A
Valley Vista High School
Xavier College Preparatory

Soccer:
(Boys)
3A
Yuma Catholic High School
Arizona College Prep

4A
Gila Ridge High School
Cortez High School
Congratulations to all the wrestling champions. Please see the link below for results.

2018 AIA Wrestling Results

For a completed list of all participants in both team and individual events please visit www.azpreps365.com

Good Luck to ALL our spring teams!!
AIA Champion Applications

NOMINATE A STUDENT/COACH/ADMINISTRATOR FROM YOUR SCHOOL

On an annual basis, the Arizona Interscholastic Association honors and recognizes graduating seniors, coaches & administrators who have excelled during the school year at the AIA Champions Luncheon.

The prestigious luncheon will be held on Monday May 21, 2018 - location TBD. Finalists, who will be invited to attend the luncheon, will be notified by April 16th. Winners will be announced at the luncheon on May 21, 2018.

The awards include:
1A-3A Coach of the Year
4A-6A Coach of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Directors Cup
Scholar Activity - 4A - 6A Male
Scholar Activity - 4A - 6A Female
Scholar Activity - 1A - 3A Male
Scholar Activity - 1A - 3A Female
Scholar Athlete 4A - 6A Male
Scholar Athlete 4A - 6A Female
Scholar Athlete 1A - 3A Male
Scholar Athlete 1A - 3A Female
From the list of student finalists, a male and female will be chosen for the **Student of the Year** award (All Conferences).

**Click on this link to complete the application/nomination form.**

All forms are now electronic (**only**).

The deadline to nominate is **March 30, 2018 by 4pm**.

Make sure your school is represented by your top scholars/athletes, coaches & administrators. Nominate today.

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**Native American Basketball Classic**

The AIA will host the first-ever Native American Basketball Classic showcase on March 10 at Arizona State University's Wells Fargo Arena in Tempe. The goal of the event is to celebrate Native American heritage and culture from around the state.

"We want to bring together as many Native cultures as possible in an environment that the participants and fans can share history and culture," said AIA Executive Director David Hines. "Native American schools have provided so many positives to the AIA as a whole, and that includes success in the athletic arena. It's great when we can recognize the impact these schools have had in our state."

Five games will be played - two boys, two girls and one unified contest. Matchups were determined in order to provide competition between tribal schools of different
nations in the Northern and Southern portions of the state, and across conferences.

**Lineup (with conference affiliation and regular season finish):**
12 p.m. - Girls: Monument Valley (3A, No. 12) vs. Valley (Sanders) (2A, No. 3)
2 p.m. - Boys: Page (3A, No. 9) vs. Alchesay (2A, No. 3)
4 p.m. - Unified: Hopi vs. Page
5 p.m. - Girls: San Carlos (2A, No. 7) vs. Ganado (3A, No. 1)
7 p.m. - Boys: Chinle (3A, No. 6) vs. San Carlos (2A, No. 6)

The contests will feature pregame National Anthems sung in a Native American language, and there will also be halftime entertainment highlighting the participants' cultures. The Hopi High School JROTC Color Guard will present the state and national flags for all contests.

In order to minimize the financial impact the schools, the AIA will supply hotel rooms for all participating teams. In addition, money raised from the event will assist in offsetting travel costs.

**Gatorade Arizona Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year**

**NORTHLAND PREPARATORY ACADEMY**
**STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ARIZONA CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Maya Smith of Northland Preparatory Academy as its 2017-18 Gatorade Arizona Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Smith is the first Gatorade Arizona Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Northland Preparatory Academy.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the racecourse, distinguishes Smith as Arizona's best high school girls cross country runner. Smith is now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year award.
Gatorade Arizona Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year

CAMPO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ARIZONA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Rylan Stubbs of Campo Verde High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Arizona Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Stubbs is the first Gatorade Arizona Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Campo Verde High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the racecourse, distinguishes Stubbs as Arizona's best high school Boys cross country runner. Stubbs is now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year award.

For full story: CLICK HERE

NFHS Network & The Cube

PlayOn! Sports has finalized an agreement to acquire The Cube, LLC (www.thecube.com), creating the largest single destination for fans to watch live high school sports broadcasts at www.NFHSNetwork.com. With the acquisition of The Cube and its 4,000-plus schools that broadcast high school sports events, it is anticipated that more than 100,000 events will be streamed live on the NFHS Network during the 2018-19 school year.

Cube was to be shut down by its corporate parent (Tronc, Inc.) and it offered the company for sale. Given the number of high schools that use the platform (almost 5,000), the NFHS Network thought it was a great opportunity to consolidate the market and invite these schools to join the NFHS Network. The Network is giving schools the ability to continue broadcasting using the Cube platform until April 30. Until then, viewers will still be able to watch content on the Cube site.
On May 1, the Cube platform will be shut down. The website www.thecube.com will redirect all viewers to www.NFHSNetwork.com and schools will no longer be able to broadcast to The Cube. Schools will need to download their archived content to their own storage devices.

Among the innovations that the NFHS Network will offer schools previously broadcasting on The Cube is the Pixellot broadcast platform, a system uniquely designed for automated sports event production. The Pixellot unit requires no camera operators and automatically connects to the venue scoreboard, and auto-tracking software enables the built-in cameras to follow the action.

**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.

Click on the link below to view the press release: [AZSBHC Grant Funding Recipients News Release](#)

**Finance/Accounting**

**Tournament Reminders**

**Return Unsold Tickets:**

Please include TICKET SALES PAGE or TICKET PACKING SLIP when returning the unsold tickets. This will identify which event the tickets were for.

**REMINDER: SITE DIRECTOR'S CHECKS ARE HELD UNTIL ALL UNSOLD TICKETS ARE RETURNED.**

**Deposit Slips** - Please write the event name on the deposit slip in order to match to your TIER.

**ANY INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT TIERS will be returned for correction before worker payroll can be processed. Any questions on the process, please let us know.**
**Athletic Trainer Protocol** - please be familiar with the only methods in which AT services may be paid:

ALL Athletic Trainer services must have a VALID invoice limited to one of the following formats:

1) From the AT who is **contracted** with the AIA ("cadre") or
2) From the school which paid the AT through their usual and customary method, or
3) From the 3rd party vendor which provided the AT services - where the AT is employed.

No AT/QMP payment will be made directly from the AIA TIER submission only.


**RefPay**

Please fund your school's RefPay/Arbiter balance well in advance of your regular season games and holiday/invitational tournaments.

Be ready to pay your Officials as soon as they have worked your event.

**NO CHECKS EVER TO OFFICIALS** -

- All schools enrolled in RefPay must pay AIA assigned officials 100% of the time through RefPay.
- "Even if" the school's balance is low, **do not issue checks** while waiting for funding.
- Simply inform the officials funding is in process in the event payment is delayed.
- This includes Invitational Tournaments, Play-In Games, **any** AIA assigned official.
- No exceptions = no checks.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTORS** - You are the RefPay email address of record. IF you need a password reset, email that request to Denise Doser. You are the one who receives the password reset link.

Do not attempt to change UserName or reset password or any profile items.
Contact Denise Doser should you need assistance. ddoser@aiaonline.org 602.385.3819

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**BBB**

![BBB Ethical Athlete Scholarship](image1)

**Papa Johns Pizza**

![40% online order discount](image2)

**Childhelp**

![Childhelp logo](image3)
Abuse occurs in all sports. Between 40 - 50% of athletes have experienced anything from mild harassment to severe abuse. If you or someone you know is a victim of child abuse, neglect, or bullying we want you to know that you are not alone. One of the central messages of Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe for Athletes is "It's never your fault." This critical prevention education exists to promote the safe physical, emotional, educational and spiritual development of youth athletes. The program is designed to teach students and also to aid coaches, educators, and parents in providing secure environments where children can reach their ultimate potential. The 24/7 hotline, the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD) is for surviving adults as well as student-athletes in immediate crisis. You can speak confidentially to a professional crisis counselor to share your story and be connected to resources in your area.

This month, Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe for Athletes reached over 2,700 kids in Arizona schools. To bring the free campaign to your school, team, and community, please visit https://www.childhelp.org/subs/speak-safe-athletes/

**Sprouts**

Sprouts is looking for that person who helps high schoolers achieve to new levels of success.

Nominate your #SproutsSportsParent today and recognize those that make a big difference:

[https://www.sprouts.com/sportsparent](https://www.sprouts.com/sportsparent)

**Gatorade**

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Quick Glance Calendar / Sports Timeline

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

2017-2018 Quick Glance Calendar