

## AIA Baseball Sports Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

9 am – AIA Office

### 1. Roll Call

#### Members Present:

- Garye LaFevers (Chair) - 2A Admin Tonopah Valley
- Billy Duarte- 1A Admin/Coach Superior
- Joe McDonald – 6A Coach
- Cory Nenaber - 6A Admin
- Shane Folsom – 3A Admin/Coach

#### AIA Staff:

- Dan Nero – AIA Baseball Tournament Coordinator
- Brian Gessner – AIA Commissioner of Officials

### 2. Agenda items:

- AZ Pitch Smart guidelines -  
The Committee was pleased that the opposing coach sign-off has been removed from the pitch count form by the AIA. AIA reinforced the need of coaches to provide their AD with Pitch Count results and enter into MaxPreps. Committee members asked Brian Gessner if there was a method for a coach to alert the umpire, who could then make a note of the concern, if there was a concern over an opponent's pitch count. Mr. Gessner said he would speak with the baseball official's leadership regarding this request. Again, it was stressed that the coach should contact his own athletic director if there was a concern with opponent's pitch count, per AIA guidelines.
- 6A State Tournament proposal (2019-2020)-  
The Committee discussed the proposal as present by Mr. McDonald. Overwhelming positive feedback was obtained by Coach McDonald from 6A Coaches and Administrators who returned his survey. The Committee did not have the required quorum of 6 votes to make a recommendation, however Cory Nenaber said he would take this to the 6A Conference Committee for discussion.
- Rule re: bat changes-  
The Committee discussed the 2018 changes and understood the need for constant update from the NFHS and AIA as many new products are constantly coming on the market. The Committee appreciated that the link to the list of NFHS/AIA approved bats will be placed on the Baseball Coaches page of the AIA online site.

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- Sportsmanship/Ethics-  
Chairman LaFevers was clear that the continued improvement of sportsmanship and ethics lies directly with the coaches and their programs. Mr. LaFevers believes AIA baseball has and will continue to “be a leader” and honor the game at all times and play with integrity. It was noted that the AZBCA has provided a good start in this area. Mr. Nenaber agreed and mentioned that the Positive Coaches Alliance confirms these elements as well.
- Spring Baseball meeting at Valley Vista- Coach McDonald and the committee generally agreed that the spring meeting was overall positive. Coach McDonald felt that the baseball session in the gym could have been a little shorter and a positive presentation is critical. Possible ideas for next school year could be regional meetings, webinars or remote power point presentations.

3. New business –

Mr. Nenaber mentioned the baseball brackets and if the wait times can be adjusted to keep teams playing without a wait of up to a week. He will bring this up in the 6A Conference Committee meeting along with the 6A bracket proposal for 2018-20.

4. Next meeting-

Wed May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am @ AIA was penciled in as a possible date for the next Baseball Advisory Committee meeting.

5. Adjournment-

With no additional business, Chairman LaFevers adjourned the meeting.