

**AIA Baseball Sports Advisory Committee**

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**May 30, 2018**

**10 am - noon**

**AIA Office Board Room**

1. Roll Call -

Members present:

Chair – Garye LaFevers

Cory Nenaber

Joe McDonald

Frank “Shane” Folsom

Others present:

David Hines, AIA Exec. Director

Joe Paddock, AIA Asst. Exec. Director

Brian Gessner, AIA Commissioner of Officials

Ron Halbach, AIA Sports Administrator

Dean Visser, AIA Sports Administrator

Dan Nero, AIA Tournament Coordinator

2. Approval of Minutes from 2/13/18 meeting: Move to approve: Mr. Nenaber, second: Mr. Folsom. All members in favor of approval.

3. Agenda items:

• Review Az Pitch Smart Guidelines 2018-2020

- Concerns raised regarding pitch counts not recorded into MaxPreps as required.

Coach McDonald mentioned that while year 2 using Pitch Count was an improvement, some programs continue to not record their pitch counts on MaxPreps by 10 am the next school day, if at all.

Possible solutions:

\*More alerts from the AIA in Fall/Winter as baseball season approaches.

\*Coaches need to follow the AIA Bylaw and enter the pitch counts as required, and be monitored by their administrators per Mr. Hines.

\*Reminders added to the Bylaws meetings per Mr. Nenaber.

\*Mr. Hines will check on adding a video tutorial for the spring Head Baseball Coaches meeting and check on possibility of a reminder email going out to those schools who do not post by 10 am the following day.

\*Change verbiage in Bylaws regarding coaches having “documentation” of pitch count for the next four games. MaxPreps posting should count.

\*All members agreed there has been improvement in year 2, but all need to keep improving regarding the process for the safety of the student athletes.

\* The issue of non-compliance was the greatest at the freshman and junior varsity levels.

\* The responsibility for insuring that all the teams in a school’s baseball program are compliant with the MaxPreps recording protocol falls on the varsity head coach and school athletic director.

- Review 1A-6A Conference State Bracket/Tournaments
  - Concerns regarding venues

The venue concerns were mainly those of the 1A/2A/3A using quad fields in quarterfinals and semifinals, which had limited seating. Would it be possible to use HS fields or stadiums for those conferences?

Mr. Halbach mentioned the overall positive results from the 2018 state baseball tournament, there are challenges putting on 198 contests over a nearly three week period at 47 locations. With the many top facilities in Arizona, especially due to MLB spring training facilities, there are some options which can be considered. Rental contracts, school travel, daytime start times and heat, etc. can be challenges in this regard.

Mr. Nenaber informed the committee that he will present a 16 team double elimination tournament for all conferences, to be considered by the 6A Conference in August 2018.

- Review end of year All-Conference/All-Region Teams

All-Conference/All-Region Teams were discussed by the committee and all were reminded by Chairman LaFevers that each conference decides how those post season teams are selected and the conference leadership should help remind ADs and coaches of their process.

4. New Business:

AIA staff asked all committee members to alert their conference committees to update the Baseball Sports Advisory members of current openings, as well as those which may come open with coaching and administrative changes.

5. Adjournment:

With no further business, Chairman LaFevers adjourned the meeting.