



Sports Advisory Committee

Softball

Friday, May 18, 2018 10:00am

Call to Order: 10:05am

Roll Call:

Lee Haws	1A Ft Thomas
Ed Mc Quade	4A Greenway
Rich Hamilton	6A Red Mountain
Andrea James	2A Santa Cruz
Melissa Hobson	6A Sandra Day O'Connor
Red Morrow	5A Rincon
Dean Visser	AIA Staff

Approval of minutes:

Rich – 1st

Ed – 2nd

All in favor: motion passes

Discussion Items:

- State Tournament Review
 - The “if necessary” game should be played all on one night – starting at 5:00 or 5:30 pm. This would probably take place on Thursday or Friday.
 - Play in games worked well and recommend continuing in the future
 - 4A, 5A & 6A pool play:
 - – the committee recommends “cross bracketing” games G15 & G17 with G16 & G18 (see diagram at the bottom of the document)
 - Double elimination:
 - – worked well for 4A, 5A & 6A and it may be brought to the 3A conference committee.
 - Schedule and Championship sites:
 - – ASU has been great for the Championships. Dean did meet with the GCU head coach but did not receive any firm figures as to what the cost will be. The AIA will continue to use a site in Southern AZ for games that include two southern AZ teams. Pima CC was a great host and the U of A when available is a great site as well (Hillenbrand is being renovated after the 2018 SB season).
 - Safety bases – namely a double first base:
 - - The committee did not have a desire to make a recommended change at this time from what we use now to something different.
 - Bat and equipment checks:
 - – Melissa questioned the ejection of the coach for an illegal bat and had a concern about the training of coaches. Can this be done at the annual coaches meeting in February?

- – Rich feels the spring coaches meeting needs to cover all the things that a coach is held accountable for – bats, helmets, catcher’s masks and jewelry.
- Andrea mentioned an issues where an umpire would not allow a game to be played during the regular season without an onsite QMP. Dean said that he would get with the officials department to go over any miscommunication regarding this situation.
- All Section/Conference selection process:
 - – There seems to be issues with the inaccuracy of the SB stats for some teams/individuals. This really comes down to the ethics of the coach or statistician.
 - – Melissa recommends a checklist video on how to do stats.
 - – Dean mentioned the app/program called Game changer and how easy it was to take stats and then automatically upload them to MaxPreps. He is going to check into this more.
- Dropped programs at Frosh and JV levels:
 - Melissa said her frosh and JV teams only played 7 or 8 games
 - Dean recommended not having frosh but going to JV “B” teams. Melissa really liked that concept and mentioned that some freshman girls just play club instead of playing frosh/JV softball.
- Number of Softball officials:
 - Dean introduced an idea of alternating game days in the phoenix area only and maybe Tucson – for example 4A/5A T & Thur. and 3A/6A Mon, Wed & Fri.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: February 2019

