

AIA Baseball Sports Advisory Committee
January 24, 2019
10 am - noon
AIA Office Board Room

1. Roll Call

Committee members present: Chairman Garye LaFevers 2A Admin; Reed Porter 1A Coach; Terry Antonio 2A Coach; Shane Folsom 3A Admin; Greg Rice 4A Coach; Barry Cromer 4A Admin; Jared Aker 5A Coach; JR Langston 6A Coach; Cory Nenaber 6A Admin.

AIA Staff: Dan Nero, Brian Gessner.

2. Approve agenda minutes from May 30, 2018

Minutes from 5-30-18 – Move to approve by Mr. LaFevers; seconded by Mr. Nenaber. Approved unanimously.

3. Agenda items:

- **Review Az Pitch Smart Guidelines 2018-2020**
Pitch Counts and GameChanger:

All agreed this continues to be a work in progress. Mr. Nenaber feels the process is getting better. Mr. Aker felt about 20% of schools entered all three levels all year. Mr. Antonio logs in on his phone and gets it done. Mr. Aker wondered if a 3rd ump could be assigned to take care of Pitch Count, but all agreed the added expense would be a challenge. Mr. Nero would explore the production of a video to put online the method of entering pitch counts on MaxPreps. Mr. Langston did inquire about entering rosters on MaxPreps as Frosh, JV or JVB?

- **Review 1A-6A Conference State Bracket/Tournaments**

Mr Nenaber reviewed the process of the 16 team double elimination state tournament being approved for the 2020 season. This adds 6 games to the current state bracket. There was discussion of the loser's bracket games being at high seeds and challenges with hosting those extra state games.

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

Mr. LaFevers reminded all that these post season awards are left up to the Conferences and Regions. The AZ Baseball Coaches Assn. has their own awards.

- **Officials – Brian Gessner**

Mr. Gessner let the committee know that Communication is the #1 key with umpires and coaches. He as Commissioner will hold umpires to a high standard. He reminded coaches to alert their ADs if there is an issue and the AD could contact him. Issues will be addressed.

The topic of faceguards being added to helmets after-market. Mr. Gessner felt this would void the NOCSAE certification of the helmet by being altered and that the faceguards are not NFHS approved.

Mr. LaFevers asked Mr. Gessner to remind umpires that there is no time limit on lower levels. Some umpires feel there is a time limit.

4. New Business:

Mr. LaFevers questioned if the AZ MaxPreps ratings could be changed to a “forward looking version.” This might minimize big swings in ratings once teams play and ratings are revised.

All were reminded to let Baseball Coaches know of the AIA Coaches Meeting on Feb 2 at Mesa High at noon, and the Universal AZ Baseball Coaches meeting on the west side of Phoenix on Feb 2 at 4 pm.

The date for next Baseball Sports Advisory Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, May 29th, at 10 am in the AIA Board Room.

5. Adjournment

Chairman LaFevers adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.