



**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**April 15, 2019**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Herman House called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

**Members in Attendance:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)  
Mark Showers, 2A Conference (Camp Verde High School)  
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)  
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)  
Mark Cisterna, 5A Conference (Notre Dame Preparatory)  
Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson Unified School District)  
Michael Fowler, Ed.D, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Higley Unified School District)  
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)  
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)  
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director  
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials  
Denise Doser, Director of Finance  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator  
Ron Halbach, Sports Administrator  
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator  
David Shapiro, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

None

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President House, in accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.3, Subparagraph 6.3.3.2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:31am – 9:05am
- ✓ 10:00am – 10:20 am
- ✓ 12:00 pm – 12:45pm

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS –  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (1A, 4A, 6A, ASBA, AdvancED)**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as members for the **2019-2022** term:

- 1A** William Duarte, Principal/Athletic Director – Superior High School
- 4A** Jeannine Brandel, Athletic Director – Flagstaff High School
- ASBA** Jim Love, Governing Board Member – Flowing Wells School District

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as a member for the **2019-2021** term:

- 6A** Zack Munoz, District Athletic Director – Phoenix Union High School District

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as a member for the **2019-2020** term:

- AdvancED** Travis Udall, Superintendent – Round Valley Unified Schools

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting were **approved**.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following consent agenda items:

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

David Smithers	North	Retired
Paul Hanley	Florence	Retired
James Lotts	Parker	Retired
Valu Tuituu	Highland	28 years

**Request for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2018-2019 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 10.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2018-2019 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=5>.

The Master Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA for its member schools, reflects activities (events) that have been sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board. It is the responsibility of each member school to limit its participation in these sanctioned activities to the maximum number of contests set forth in the AIA Bylaws.

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

- 1A Conference Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2019
- Girls' Volleyball Sports Advisory Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2019
- 4A Conference Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2019

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial report:

- ✓ Financial Report for March 2019

On motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board requested the 2019-20 AIA Budget be brought back for review at the May 20, 2019 meeting.

- ✓ 2019-20 AIA Budget

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Jeannine Brandel discussed the frustration from membership regarding the Spiritline tryouts for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Hines explained that as those students are not enrolled at the school they would not be covered under the Catastrophic Insurance policy. Mr. Hines also indicated that no sport or activity allows a tryout to occur prior to the beginning of the school year for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Billy Duarte discussed the concern of the 1A conference regarding Pitch Count and schools not entering the information into MaxPreps. Billy suggested the use of an app called Game Changer, which will upload the data/pitch count directly to MaxPreps when submitted. Pitch Count will be discussed at the AD Information Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.4, Paragraph 11.4.3, Subparagraph 11.4.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity, junior varsity, freshman program(s) that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

<b><u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u></b>	<b><u>HEREBY CONSENT:</u></b>
1. Sunnyside	VAR Track contest w/ Nogales
2. Valley Vista	FR Baseball contest w/ Skyline & Tolleson
3. Mesa	FR Softball contest w/ Shadow Ridge
4. Seton Catholic	JV Boys' Volleyball Program
5. Desert View	JV Baseball Program
6. Chino Valley	JV Softball contest w/ Page
7. Washington	FR Baseball contest w/ Deer Valley
8. Westview	FR Softball contest w/ Valley Vista & Desert Vista
9. Veritas Prep	VAR Softball Program
10. Santa Rita	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
	VAR Girls' Tennis contest w/ St. Augustine
11. Desert Edge	JV Softball contest w/ Arcadia
	FR Baseball contest w/ Peoria
12. Kingman Academy	JV Softball contest w/ Chino Valley
13. Sunnyslope	VAR Beach Volleyball contest w/ Xavier
14. River Valley	JV/VAR Baseball contest w/ Yuma Catholic
	JV/VAR Softball contest w/ Winslow
15. Catalina	VAR Boys/Girls Tennis Programs
	JV Baseball contest w/ Amphitheater
16. Lake Havasu	FR/JVB Baseball contest w/ Gila Ridge, Deer Valley, Peoria, Lee Williams, & Desert Edge
17. Copper Canyon	FR Baseball Program
18. San Pasqual	VAR Baseball/Softball contest w/ Anthem Prep
	JV Boys Basketball Program
19. Mingus Union	VAR Softball contest w/ Arcadia
20. North	FR Baseball Program
21. Holbrook	VAR/JV Baseball contest w/ Joseph City
22. Wickenburg	JV Softball contest w/ Chino Valley, Kingman & Kingman Academy
23. ALA – Gilbert North	JV Baseball contest w/ Yuma Catholic
24. St. Michael	VAR Baseball Program
25. Duncan	VAR Boys/Girls Golf Program
26. Arete Prep	VAR Baseball contest w/ Duncan
27. Santa Cruz Valley	JV Baseball contest w/ Florence & Parker
28. Flowing Wells	Boys/Girls Track contest w/ Sunnyside
29. BASIS Flagstaff	VAR Boys/Girls Tennis contest w/ Northland Prep
30. Pueblo	VAR Boys/Girls Track contest w/ Nogales, Rincon & Sabino
31. Maryvale	FR Baseball Program
32. Anthem Prep	VAR Softball contest w/ Mohave Accelerated

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The AD Information Meeting and Student Leadership Summit will be held on April 22, 2019 at Xavier. The pre-registration information went out to all member schools and over 80% of schools have registered for the AD Meeting. Over 300 students registered for the Student Leadership Summit as well.

The 2019-20 AIA Meeting Dates and Conference Placement Timeline were presented to the Board. On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the meeting dates and timeline. Both will be posted on the AIA Website.

An Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee is in the process of being created. There will be two representatives from each conference.

A Bylaw Review Committee will be created to assist AIA Staff in reviewing all AIA Bylaws (Article 1 – Article 41). The committee will have its first meeting in May.

Ashley Gronewold has been hired as the new AIA Spiritline Tournament Coordinator. The Game Day competition will be removed from the Spiritline State Tournament and will be held during the 5A/6A Football State Championship Games.

## **ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Board **approved** the following

**Chino Valley** – an additional football game to help fill **Parker's** schedule.

**Globe** –additional JV/VAR boys/girls basketball game to help fill **Hayden's** schedule.

## **NEW SCHOOL SCHEDULES**

Due to the number of new member schools for the 2019-20 school year, the AIA Staff recommended the Executive Board approve schools requesting to exceed when assisting a new schools to fill their schedule.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** schools to exceed when assisting new schools to fill their schedule.

## **OUTSTANDING BLANANCE DUE – LOURDES CATHOLIC**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board requested that Lourdes Catholic be paid in full by the August board meeting or suspension of membership will be imposed for the 2019-20 school year.

**2020-22 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS CLASSIFICATIONS**

Wrestling – Divisions I – IV

- a. Division I – 6A schools
- b. Division II – 5A school **and top 10 4A schools by enrollment**
- c. Division III – 4A schools and top ~~45~~ **10** 3A schools by enrollment
- d. Division IV – Remaining 3A schools and all 2A, 1A schools

Rationale: Division III has become too large to manage section meets.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **tabled** the above request. The Board asked the AIA Staff to take the information back to the conferences for feedback.

**REQUEST - REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS**

The request for a replacement pass was withdrawn by the member school.

**REQUEST – EXCEED PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS – GLENDALE UNION DISTRICT**

Glendale Union High School District would like to request, for those schools who are already in 2 tournaments, a third tournament in boys' and girls' tennis. This request is so that GUHSD can hold a district tournament. In the past, GUHSD did not offer a district tennis tournament because each school was able to participate in the state tournament. With the change to the state tournament it is very likely that many of our schools will not be able to qualify for that state tournament. A few teams had already committed to play in two tournaments, so we are requesting a third tournament for the teams below. This would only be for 2019 and 2020 season and is only because these three teams had already committed to play in two tournaments.

- Moon Valley – Boys' Tennis
- Sunnyslope – Girls' Tennis
- Thunderbird – Boys' and Girls' Tennis

A motion was made to approve – motion failed. Request was **denied**.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE PROPOSAL – ARTICLE 20 – BADMINTON**

*20.4.1 No school shall schedule more than 16 varsity matches, including ~~two~~ **three** invitationals, each of which counts as one match*

Rationale: With the growth of badminton the present tournaments fill up quickly and do not allow for newer programs to get into tournaments. This would be similar to volleyball.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above policy and procedure proposal for Badminton.

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE – TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING & FEES**

Mr. Gessner provided data regarding game change fees, tournament sanctioning fees and tournament assigning fees. Recommendations for tournaments are as follows: The sanction fee would double if not sanctioned and the games not built at least three weeks prior to the state date of the tournament. \$5.00 per game assigning fee per game for in-season tournaments. Tournament start date to end date can only be nine calendar days. Member schools will only be permitted to sanction one in-season tournament per sport per year.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the Game Change Fee to increase to \$20 for all regular season games.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** a new sanctioning fee for tournaments and increased the assigning fee from \$3 to \$5 per game.

## **ARTICLE 14 – GENERAL PROVISIONS – 14.8 TRYOUTS**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the below language as **Emergency Legislation**.

- 14.4.2 **Tryouts/Workouts** – a student is permitted to participate in a maximum of two tryouts/workouts in any sport during that sport's season of competition. For purposes of this rule, a tryout/workout is defined as one for a professional team, a collegiate program, or for a national team. If a student participates in more than two tryouts/workouts, he/she shall be ineligible for the remainder of that sport's season of competition.

## **REQUEST – RECONSIDERATION OF VIOLATION**

### **PAYSON HIGH SCHOOL** – Payson Unified

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.2 Application of Student Eligibility Rules (15.2.3)*

#### **Reported Violation:**

Golf coach allowed three golf players to practice prior to them being cleared by the athletic department.

#### **Schools Corrective Action:**

Head golf coach has been reminded that players may not start practice until cleared by the Athletic Department. He has been given a review of the clearance of athletes' policies and procedures with the AD. A letter of direction has also been placed in his file.

#### **Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Payson High School **Golf Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **denied** the requested for reconsideration.

## **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

### **COCONINO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Flagstaff Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1.1)*

#### **Reported Violation:**

Student participated in a state qualifier track meet who should not be participating until the second 50% of the season.

#### **Schools Corrective Action:**

Review roster with coaches, review rules with our new registrar, confirm eligibility on our registration website, review 550 form online to confirm all is correct.

#### **Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Coconino High School **Girls' Track Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

### **FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Florence Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1.1)*

#### **Reported Violation:**

Student participated in a softball contest without sitting 50% of the season. We use RMA to register athletes. Based on our original schedule I went into the athletes profile and indicated the date of 3/22/2019 as 1<sup>st</sup> game eligible. RMA sent notification to the coach of the date. Later, due to a conflict we had to move games and I failed to adjust the eligibility date of the athlete.

#### **Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. Athlete sat the game on 3/26/2019 as part of her 50%. We will no longer use RMA to determine eligibility of transfer students. This was completely may fault as the AD. AD will hold an in-service for all head coaches regarding eligibility of transfer students and reemphasize the policy.

#### **Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Florence High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

### **WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tolleson Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1.1)*

#### **Reported Violation:**

Student participated in first 4 games of the baseball season.

#### **Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests Forfeited. Will speak directly to lower level coaches directly as well as notate in RegisterMyAthlete all transfers and their eligibility status.

#### **Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Westview High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Dysart Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.4 Nonschool Participation (14.4.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Student participated in a softball tournament outside of the school during the softball season.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests Forfeited. The explanation of non-school participation was communicated numerous times with the softball parents and players before and during the season. Parent had student play anyway. Implementing a signature from parent understanding of the bylaw (copy of bylaw) might help prevent any future violations.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

**SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** – *Private*

*Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule (16.3.4)*

**Reported Violation:**

An SCA parent entered the path of the official to argue a call. He was removed from the basketball game. SCA has attached our response to this parent.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Parent was removed from the rest of that game and forced to miss the next game. Allowed to attend the final after agreeing to SCA's outlined conditions.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Scottsdale Christian Academy **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

**BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.2 Ineligible Player // Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule (16.2.1) (16.3.1.1.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Student was ejected during a morning game of a softball tournament. She played in the team's next game that same day against Basha High School. Head coach was not in attendance at the tournament, assistants were present. School administration was not notified of the head coach's absence.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. Head coach directed to inform the school administration of any absence, and to receive approval. Assistant coaches to be informed of the rules and procedures in case of the head coach absence and protocol to contact school administration when an incident occurs.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Boulder Creek High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**LEE WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL** – *Kingman Unified*

*Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.4 Coach's/ Sponsor's Code of Ethics (17.4.2.1)*

*Rule: Article 2. Membership. Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators (2.6.2.3)*

**Reported Violation:**

Coach used his arm to push away an opposing player when the player attempted to grab the ball from him.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The incident was reported to administration. We met with the coach to inform him of the seriousness. He wrote a letter of apology to the school, coach and player. I spoke with the players mother.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lee Williams High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

**CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL** – *Catalina Foothills*

*Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualifications // Section 17.2 Coaching During Practice / Competition (17.2.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

The softball program had a pitching coach work with our girls on a Saturday practice at the high school. He was not an approved coach per district policies and is not authorized to work with our athletes through interscholastic practices until approved.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

We will continue to reeducate our coaches on the district policies for approval of personnel. We will also implement a new formalized communication system with our HR office and Athletic Department indicating when coaches have been approved. This will then be communicated to each of our head coaches.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina Foothills High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**MOUNTAIN VIEW - MARANA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Marana Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 21.1 Rules (21.1.5)*

**Reported Violation:**

During a varsity baseball game the coaches failed to accurately monitor the sophomore pitchers pitch count. The sophomore threw between 109-119 pitches depending on whose book you look at. Either way, it is a violation of the 95 pitch max for sophomores.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The players that usually keep pitch count were absent from the game and the players put in charge of keeping the count did not keep an accurate count. The coach will keep pitch count himself moving forward. I have reviewed the entire baseball bylaw with the coach and given him a written reprimand.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mountain View Marana High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

**EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Vail Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 21.1 Rules (21.1.5)*

**Reported Violation:**

After our head coach was ejected during our tournament game against Cactus, one of our assistant coaches mistakenly put in a pitcher who still needed another day of rest after throwing 99 pitches on Monday. He threw 14 pitches after entering the game against Cactus.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

After each game, head coach will discuss the number of pitches each pitcher threw during the game with the other coaches. Based upon the information discussed, coaches will identify the number of days rest each pitcher needs and their subsequent availability. Head coach will post a list of available and unavailable pitchers before each game and share with all coaching staff.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Empire High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/19-4/15/20.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION**

**FUTURE DATES**

May 17, 2019	AIA Champions Luncheon – State Farm Stadium
May 20, 2019	Executive Board Meeting
May 27, 2019	Holiday – AIA Office Closed

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines  
Executive Director