

**Arizona Interscholastic Association
Football Sports Advisory Committee**

Date: Dec 18, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: AIA Office Board Room

Committee Agenda:

MEETING ATTENDEES:

AIA Staff:

- David Hines – AIA Executive Director; Joe Paddock – AIA Assistant Executive Director; Dan Nero - AIA Football Tournament Coordinator; Brian Gessner – AIA Commissioner of Officials; Tyler Cerimeli – AIA Officials Dept.

Committee Members:

- 1A - Dalton Mills, Bagdad & Lee Haws, Ft. Thomas; 2A - David Peters, Az. Lutheran & Don Conrad, Thatcher; 3A – Kevin Standefer, Snowflake & Dave Inness, NW Christian; 4A - Brian Walker, Tempe & Matt Mayo, Seton; 5A - Greg Davis, Paradise Valley & Kevin Belcher, Fairfax (Chairman); 6A - Nick Gehrts, Westview & Dave Huffine, Mesa.
- *Present*
- *Absent.*

Guests:

- Rich Wellbrock, AZ Football Coaches Assn; **Travis Hawkins 2A East – Pima.**

AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of April 2019 Minutes.

1. 2019 State Football Playoffs Review-

Open Division – post season very positive overall. All Conferences saw many competitive playoffs.

Some concern about some high seed sites not being safe. Regions and Conferences please alert AIA Staff about field condition concerns.

2. 2020 11 Man Football Reclassification-

Obviously high interest in how this will turn out.

3. 2020 8 Man Football-

- Schools moving down to 1A.

Concern among 1A FB Coaches of schools moving down to 1A 8 Man but over the 1A number of school students.

4. 1A Football concerns-

- Playing fields/facilities at some schools an issue.

As mentioned, Region ADs must alert AIA of concerns during regular season for those contests, as there may be hazards for players. Also, get word to AIA ahead of playoffs.

- Officials

Concern of FB Officials really knowing the rules – especially regarding use of new 25/40 second clock. All agreed this season was a learning curve regarding this. All FB Officials are required to attend preseason meetings.

1A desires change up of officials at games. All understand there is a cost of time and funds with officials going from metro area to rural, different parts of the state, etc.

- Broadcasting of State Championship game improvement.

Fox picks and televises State Championship games. Financial considerations are an issue.

- Seeding of Playoffs

1A concern of playing same team in your Region in early round of playoffs. All understand that use of power rankings may lead to early round games of teams from same region.

5. 4A/5A/6A-

- 6 quarters vs. 10 game rule

Big concern on how this will be monitored and overuse of athletes. Tracking on Hudl a possibility but who would oversee this? Many programs using the new Frosh/Soph team schedules along with Varsity. Schools with better numbers also having a JV or Junior team.

6. Other items from 6A-

- Will there be regions?

This is up to Conferences and Regions.

- Coaches want more say on who they play (out of region).

7. Other items/New Business-

Sportsmanship is a top priority. Ejections are always a concern. Mr. Gessner reported ejections were overall down in 2019. Coaches ejections were up, but athletes ejections were down.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Wed April 22, 2020

9. Adjourn