



AGENDA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2024
8:30 am – Executive Session
9:00 am – Meeting

Call to Order President Jennifer Burks

Roll Call David Hines

1. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

2. MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Basketball State Championships
- Transfers / Individual Sports

4. FUTURE DATES

March 28, 2024	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting
March 29, 2024	AIA Holiday – Office Closed
April 1, 2024	Student Leadership / AD Summit – Xavier College Prep
April 8, 2024	NIL Work Group
April 11, 2024	5A Conference Committee Meeting
April 15, 2024	AIA Executive Board Meeting
April 17, 2024	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
April 18, 2024	Beach VB Pairs Selection Meeting
April 22, 2024	4A Conference Committee Meeting
	6A Conference Committee Meeting
April 24, 2024	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
April 25, 2024	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:**5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items may be enacted by one motion and approved as consent agenda items with or without discussion. Any item may, however, be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately if a Board member so requests:

(a) Approval of Minutes

- Executive Board Meeting – February 20, 2024
- Legislative Council Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2024

(b) AIA Lifetime Passes

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 11 AIA Passes. Paragraph 1 Lifetime Passes

1. Sandy Benally	Red Mesa	27 years
2. Greg Price	Liberty	27 years
3. Mark Northey	Skyline	30 years
4. Brooks Neumann	Yuma Catholic	25 years
5. Curt Leblanc	Payson	29 years
6. Kenneth Wantland	Florence	36 years

(c) Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2023-24 Master Calendar

Rule: Article 10. Sanction Procedures. Section 10.1 Sanctioned Events

Sanction requests, 2023-24 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://aiaonline.org/calendar/tournaments>

(d) Additional Game Requests

- A. **Rio Rico** – VAR softball game to help fill **Crismon's** schedule.
- B. **Skyline** – VAR/JV boys' volleyball game to help fill **Eastmark's** schedule.
- C. **Saguaro** – VAR baseball game to help fill **Crismon's** schedule.
- D. **Cibola** – VAR baseball game to help fill **Yuma's** schedule.
- E. **Winslow** – VAR/JV baseball game to help fill **Valley Christian's** schedule.
- F. **Canyon View** – VAR baseball game to help fill **Kofa's** schedule.
- G. **Desert Vista** – VAR/JV beach volleyball games to help fill **McClintock's** schedule.
- H. **Mesa** – VAR flag football game to help fill **Millennium's** schedule.

(e) Cancellation Requests – Contest and/or Programs

Rule: Article 11. Scheduling of Contest and Schedule Contracts. Section 4 Schedule Contracts – Varsity / Junior Varsity / Freshman. Paragraph 4 Cancellation or Postponement – Contest or Program. Subparagraph 1
11.4.4.1 A Varsity contest or program which could have a bearing on a regional or state play-off shall not be cancelled or forfeited without prior approval by the AIA Executive Board.

SCHOOL REQUESTING:**CANCELLED PROGRAM:**

1. Tempe Prep	VAR Boys' Volleyball / Softball Programs
2. Combs	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
3. San Tan Charter	VAR Boys' Volleyball Program
4. North Canyon	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
5. ALA Anthem South	VAR Baseball Program
6. Gilbert Christian	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
7. Page	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
8. ALA Gilbert North	VAR Beach Volleyball Program
9. San Simon	VAR Girls' Track Program
10. Arete Prep	VAR Golf Program
11. San Tan Foothills	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
12. Coolidge	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
13. Phoenix Country Day	VAR Softball Program
14. Red Mesa	VAR Boys/Girls' Track Program

SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 27

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 186 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Rule: Article 6. Executive Board, Section 5 Duties of the AIA Executive Board. Paragraph 15

6.5.15 *The AIA Executive Board shall establish and monitor an annual AIA Operation Budget.*

- ✓ 2022-23 Audit Presentation
- ✓ Financial Report for February 2024

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

(A) *Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule*

15.7 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE

15.7.1 *A student shall not be allowed to practice or compete in interscholastic athletics until there is on file with the principal or his/her designee a record of a preparticipation physical examination (PPE) performed by a doctor of medicine (M.D.), an osteopathic physician (D.O.), a naturopathic physician (N.D., N.M.D.), a certified registered nurse practitioner (N.P.) licensed to practice, a certified physician's assistant (PA-C) registered by the Joint Board Of Medical Examiners and the Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, or a certified chiropractic sports physician (CCSP). The physical examination for the following school year shall be given **on or after March 1**. The physical examination on file shall be signed by one of the aforementioned medical providers and shall state that, in the opinion of the examining provider, the provider did not find any medical reason to disqualify the student from practice or competition in athletic contests. The principal or his/her designee, if deemed advisable, may require a student to be reexamined.*

(1) MARCOS de NIZA HIGH SCHOOL – Tempe Union High School District

Reported Violation:

Two student-athletes share the same first and last name, with a slight difference in one letter of the first name. The student-athlete who was cleared for wrestling never showed up for practice. In contrast, the other, whose name the coach thought was misspelled in Aktivite (formerly Register My Athlete), not only attended practice but also competed. However, despite participating in practice and competitions, this attending student-athlete was not cleared and did not have a physical on file within the athletics department.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The school has taken several corrective actions in response to recent events. These include forfeiting all matches, withdrawing the student-athlete from the state wrestling meet, and implementing school discipline for the coach as decided by their supervisor. Additionally, the AIA bylaws have been reviewed with the Head Coach and all coaching staff. To further address the issue, the Athletics Department and the Athletic Director have introduced an additional layer of reconciliation when submitting team rosters.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(B) Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Nonschool Participation****14.4 NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

14.4.1 *A student who is a member or becomes a member of a school team shall not practice, have practiced or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. This rule applies to the following team sports: football, flag football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track relay and swimming relay teams. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin on the competition date as set in the policies and procedures of each sport and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.*

(1) TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL – Tucson Unified School District**Reported Violation:**

Student skipped wrestling practice on 2/8

Student claimed coaches talked to his younger brother who attends Sierra MS about workout
When speaking to his dad, he claims he went to accompany his younger MS brother for support
Student admitted working out with the club (social media pics back this up).

Raymond Pina posted on social media about the event and claims to be an assistant wrestling coach at Sunnyside on 2/8, Coach Robert DeBerry called parents after finding out and let them know attending another school's club wrestling is not allowed.

Schools Corrective Action:

We will again emphasize this in our pre-season meeting. Currently we address it and have parents sign that they understand.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(C) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule****15.7 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE**

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(1) PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – Private**Reported Violation:**

A student participated with the high school boys' golf team without a current doctors' physical on file. The student was under the assumption he was cleared. When athletics ran final rosters, the infraction was found.

Schools Corrective Action:

Student participation was suspended until a current doctor's physical was submitted.

Prior Violation(s):

2/20/2024 – Advisement. Boys' Basketball Program. Article 14.4 – Nonschool Participation

(2) NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL – Nogales Unified**Reported Violation:**

Student participated in tryouts and practices with softball prior to submitting preparticipation physical exam and additional documents to the Nogales High School Athletic Department.

Schools Corrective Action:

AD met with the new JV and Varsity coaching staff to remind them that only those students provided on their daily clearance rosters are permitted to attend and participate in tryouts and practices, and the consequences for allowing a student to participate when not cleared. Moving forward, coaches will ensure prior to the beginning of any practices/tryouts that all student-athletes present are on their clearance roster.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(D) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule**

15.12 RECRUITMENT RULE - There shall be no recruitment of athletes. Recruitment is defined as the act of influencing a student to enroll in a school or to transfer from one school to another in order that the student may participate in interscholastic athletics. No school administrator, athletic coach or employee of a high school district shall engage in recruitment either by direct contact with a student or indirectly through parents, legal guardians, common school employees, directors of summer athletic programs or other persons who are in a position to influence the student's choice of a school.

15.12.4 Interpretations

15.12.4.14 PRIOR CONTACT – Prefatory statement: In an effort to preserve and promote competitive fairness and equity, and consistent with the AIA's mission to ensure that academics remain the primary focus of its member schools, the Prior Contact rule is an effort to deter recruiting of student-athletes and minimize athletically motivated transfers. However, the rule applies regardless of whether there is any evidence of athletic motivation or recruitment.

(1) APACHE JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL – Apache Junction Unified School District**Reported Violation:**

A student transferred to AJ this year from ALAGN. He played in the first tournament game yesterday which was my fault. I thought that since the game did not count toward our record in any way that he could play. We did prepare him to sit the first half of the regular season. Secondly, the student has played for a club team organization in the past that is run by one of our volunteer assistant coaches. I knew he had played in the fall for our coach but I did not know about the past. The 550 form did not indicate any knowledge of prior contact.

Schools Corrective Action:

Our tournament game against Combs is forfeited and I will not be returning as the Athletic Director for the 24/25 school year. The coaches have been counseled about the prior contact rules. In the future Coach will be providing the high school with a roster of all AZ Select Club Baseball Teams so that we can cross reference it with any incoming students.

Prior Violation(s):

1/16/2024 – Advisement. Wrestling Program. Article 15.2 Application of Eligibility Rules.

(2) SAN TAN CHARTER SCHOOL**Reported Violation:**

We played a student-athlete in last night's game February 21st who transferred to us this year and played club ball with our new head coach before they enrolled in San Tan Charter School. There was another student-athlete who this applies to but they have not played in a game this year yet.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Whenever we have a transfer come in and complete the 550 form I will confirm with my assistant that the student-athlete did not play a club sport with any of our coaching staff.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(E) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule**

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15.12.4 Interpretations

15.12.4.6 A high school coach may not initiate contact with a student at a junior high/middle school or other high school, or the parents of that student, about attendance at the school. It is not a violation for a coach to have normal community contact with a student who attends a junior high/middle school of the same system, which is a feeder to the high school.

(1) EASTMARK HIGH SCHOOL – Queen Creek Unified**Reported Violation:**

Eastmark High School is a 7-12 grade school. An 8th grade student at Eastmark High School was serving as a team manager for the high school team assigned to scorebook and other similar duties. He entered drills to fill in for an absent player. He is a member of the Eastmark High School 8th grade team and the Boys Basketball class and is cleared by the athletics office for participation.

Schools Corrective Action:

Due to poor interpretation, "Normal Community contact" will be a defined topic at all Head coach meetings moving forward. Proper protocols for working within the 7-12 model will be reestablished as well. Staff discipline will be assigned to Freshman coach.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(F) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 11 Amateur Rule****15.11 AMATEUR RULE**

15.11.1 *Each student, in order to represent his/her school in any AIA sanctioned contest, shall be and shall remain an amateur.*

15.11.1.1 *Name Image and Likeness (NIL): A student is in violation of this bylaw and shall immediately lose eligibility if that student, his/her family member, or anyone else on behalf of that student, enters into an agreement with an individual, corporate entity, partnership, association, or any other party or organization, for use of that student's NIL which in any way relates to the student's connection to his/her high school team or activity program, or to any other non-school athletic team or activity program with which the student is connected. (Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 10/18/2021)*

(1) CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL – Peoria Unified School District**Reported Violation:**

On March 26th I was made aware of a social media post made by a football athlete where he advertised that shirts could be bought at HYPERLETE.com. In the post he was wearing the Centennial uniform. I met with the parents and student that morning as part of my investigation. Here are my findings:

- The student asked the company if he could get involved and the company shared with him that he could earn a percentage of the sales.
- The student was not aware of the NIL restrictions. He had seen other athletes that were on the site and reached out to the company to get involved.
- Parents were not aware that the student had set up the account until he showed them the website where they could purchase the shirts for a football game.
- No contracts were offered or signed.
- The HYPERLETE rep never talked to the parents.
- No purchases of the students' shirts were made (IMG_4756). Student received no money.
- The site was posted and taken down in less than 48 hours.

Schools Corrective Action:

Student removed the posts from his social media. He also contacted HYPERLETE and requested that his page be removed. He did so immediately and willingly upon being made aware of the AIA Bylaw. HYPERLETE took it down in 2 minutes. (IMG_4765). Centennial will include clear language about NIL restrictions in our parent meetings in the future. Centennial will educate our athletes immediately and include the Bylaw information in future trainings with our coaches and athletes. The student has been advised that he will be ineligible for the 2024 football season due to this violation.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(G) Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice****14.2 PRACTICE**

14.2.1 No practice, contest chalk talk or films are permitted on **Sunday** during the school year.

(1) MOUNTAIN VIEW MESA HIGH SCHOOL – Mesa Public Schools**Reported Violation:**

On 2/25 an assistant JV Coach took his daughter who is on varsity and his daughter's friend who is on JV to the MVT cages to hit. When I finally was personally able to speak with the JV Coach he said he didn't even think about it as his daughter and this other girl (both freshman) are friends and have done hitting together on many occasions through little league and growing up years.

Schools Corrective Action:

MVT has a brand new head coach and JV coaches in place. These coaches had heard the rule before, but where this JV coach was concerned he was just being a nice dad trying to get some reps in. Softball coaching staff has a meeting with me on 2/27 to review policy regarding this violation but also to do a review of other common infractions such as one-to-one training and non-school participation.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

(H) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 3 Enrollment Rule

(I) Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 2 Season of Sport

15.3 ENROLLMENT RULE

15.3.1 Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition, team practices and tryouts. For purposes of this rule, a student's school of enrollment is defined as the school where the student's permanent grades/records are maintained and from which the student will be eligible to graduate. (**Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 3/21/22**).

21.2 SEASON OF SPORT

21.2.4 Pre-Competition Practice – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 43.5.1 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

(1) MOHAVE HIGH SCHOOL – Colorado River Union High School District

Reported Violation:

During the winter season, I informed a student athlete and his father that he is not eligible to play at our school as he is an ASU online prep student. Last week our baseball coach turned in a travel roster that had this student on the list. This list was not brought to my attention until hours after our bus had left. I immediately called the bus and spoke with our coach informing him that this student was not a student of ours and was not eligible to participate or even dress in a uniform. I also informed him that a second athlete on that bus was not cleared to play, that student had not completed his heat acclimatization time. It was later discovered that two more athletes had not completed their acclimation time either. These students all participated in the Lake Havasu baseball game. Two played in the Peoria game, the other was suited up but did not play.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. After further questioning on how this came to be I discovered that the parents of one student contacted a member of our board stating I would not clear a "homeschool" student. This board member reached out to our superintendent who forwarded our district policy on homeschool students to all staff members as well as coaches.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

(J) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule

(K) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

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15.8 PARENTAL OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT RULE – Parental or legal guardian consent is required before a student can be eligible to practice or compete in interscholastic competition. All students shall have on file with the principal or his/her designee appropriate permission in which the parent or legal guardian authorized participation.

(1) MOHAVE HIGH SCHOOL – Colorado River Union High School District

Reported Violation:

Shortly after our baseball team departed for Phoenix, I checked the travel list and found one young man was not cleared. This student was not cleared by our athletic office to compete. We have no physical/insurance/or any required paperwork completed by the student or his family. I called our coach and had the bus turned around; Mohave has forfeited this competition.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(L) Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2 Ineligible Player****16.2 INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

16.2.1 *When an ineligible player(s) participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player(s) participated.*

(1) ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL – Phoenix Union High School District**Reported Violation:**

TGB reported the following: A boys' soccer player participated as an ineligible player in the soccer match between Trevor G. Browne and Alhambra on 1/25/2024. The student arrived at Trevor G. Browne around 5:55pm and was not included in the handwritten roster turned in by coach before the start of the game. Nevertheless, the student participated in the game wearing the number #17 jersey and according to their roster the #17 jersey was assigned to a different student.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The coach will be suspended from coaching the next game, campus will submit a letter of reprimand and he will be reprimanded by the district for this egregious act of knowingly playing an ineligible player. The player will be removed from the roster for the next two games for not serving the one game suspension for being ejected on 1/24/24.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(M) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 6 Age Limit / Birth Record Rule****15.6 AGE LIMIT / BIRTH RECORD RULE**

15.6.1 Age Limits – If a student becomes 19 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of that school year.

(1) APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL – Glendale Union High School District**Reported Violation:**

The Apollo Baseball team had two players that turned 19 prior to Sept. 1 and that participated in the first 4 regular season games of the season.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. There are times when EL students transfer from out of country, and they enter a cohort that does not match their age. This was the case for two student athletes on our baseball team. The athletic office will be more diligent and check the ages of students who are on each sports rosters prior to competition.

Prior Violation(s):

None.