

4A Conference Committee
Minutes
September 27, 2021 @ 9:00am

Region Rep Attendees:

Matt Belden, Chair, Jeannine Brandel, AIA Board Rep, Clairinda Weatherwax, AIAAA Rep, Yancey Devore, Grand Canyon, Ron Safcik/Shelley Arredondo, Skyline, Brian Galbreath, Black Canyon, Stacey Spencer, West Valley, Lenica Ruiz, Desert Sky, Bill Wright, Southwest, , Phil Gruensfelder, Kino, David Humphreys, Gila, Patty Uptain 4A Admin Asst.

Absent: Shelly Arredondo, Lenica Ruiz

Call to Order: 9:00am

AIA Staff:

David Hines – Executive Director

Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director

Meeting Notes for all Conferences:

Executive Board: Ms. Brandel

1. Discussed PR for AIA regarding educational aspect of athletics.
2. Discussed upcoming NCAA June events.
3. Veterans Memorial Colliseum to host Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball and Spiritline Finals.
4. Exception to Esports Bylaw – regarding playing at home due to quarantine and Covid.
5. The Swim & Dive proposal discusses what changes need to be made with the Divisions.
6. Prior Contact/COVID Bylaw was discussed regarding issues with interpretation and resulted in adding additional language to say “Or Practiced”.
7. It was decided there would be No Reclassification in regards to Transfers or Crossovers for Prep School Participation.
8. Hardship Appeals are going to a monthly process after normal appeal process has gone through. Hardship Committee will discuss any late hardships.
9. In regards to Beach Volleyball, it was decided to expand tournament numbers to 24 pairs instead of 16.
10. Hair Adornments were discussed in regards to the interpretation of the rule, specifically with Girls Volleyball.

AIAAA Report Update: Clairinda Weatherwax

1. State Conference was successful and surveys have been sent out.
2. National Conference is set for December in Colorado and AD’s are encouraged to go.

AIA Update: Joe Paddock

1. Hardships – Discussed why late hardships are being submitted.
2. 14 Day Enrollment Rule – does not apply to transfers but mainly deals with students who have not been enrolled anywhere.
3. Opioid Education is now a requirement along with Brain book.

Meeting notes for 4A Conference:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Prior Contact Rule – Plan to keep the discussion moving forward with regards to Clubs and Prep teams. ByLaw language was addressed and changed by the Board.
2. Transfer Rule – Joe Paddock read the rule as it is written. We need to educate AD's on what the rule really means and should this rule apply only to Varsity or all levels. More discussion to follow.
3. Open Basketball – Survey to go out to AD's only in support or non-support of the open concept. Survey will have questions such as, how many teams, and do we breakdown open into 2 separate groups, i.e. 4A, 5A, 6A and 1A,2A,3A.
4. Shot Clock Survey – Will go out to AD's only and this would be an expense to each school. Requirements to run a shot clock would be having a dedicated person to run the clock, follow all the rules in regards to using the clock, etc. The decision to use will be left up to the Conference and will be decided at a later date.
5. Individual Sport Scheduling Reps – Reminder that we are scheduling individual sports first. The idea would be to give the committees scheduling authority but have our Sports Advisory Reps work with the individual committees on scheduling. For example, Swim committee to work with Erin Coy to develop individual swim schedules. 4A is responsible for Division 3 schedules, 5A is Division 2.
6. Sports Advisory Reps – Talked about the individual sports that still needed an AD or Coach to represent the 4A Conference.

ADD ON ITEMS:

N/A

Future Items:

N/A

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N/A

Adjourned: 11:15am