



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 16, 2022**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President William Duarte called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

**Members in Attendance:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)  
Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi Jr./Sr. High School)  
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)  
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)  
Jim Dean, Ed.D., 5A Conference (Dysart School District)  
Jennifer Burks, 6A Conference (Perry High School)  
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)  
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)  
Renee Regoli, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Queen Creek High School)\*  
Jerry Jennex, Arizona School Administrators (Globe Unified School District)\*  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials  
Denise Doser, Director of Finance  
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator  
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator  
David Shapiro, Tournament Coordinator  
Tyler Cerimeli, Tournament Coordinator  
Naomi Vaughn, Special Projects Coordinator  
Seth Polansky, Sports Information Coordinator

**Guests:**

Matt Belden, Glendale School District  
Jose Garcia, AzPreps365  
Tommy Eubanks, Mesa Public Schools  
David Inness, Northwest Christian  
Damien Lopez, Saint Mary's  
Kevin Standerfer, Snowflake

*\*Indicates attendance via zoom*

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, President Duarte, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:30am – 9:00am

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Jen Burks discussed the possibility of individual sport athletes to be recognized as All State like the team sport athletes. Individual sport athletes currently are only recognized as All Section.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Girls' flag football is getting traction from some school districts in Arizona. Chandler District held a season this spring, Mesa District and some Tempe District schools will be participating next year. Feedback from these districts could bring discussion for girls' flag football to be brought forward as an emerging sport for the 2023-2024 school year.

The basketball sports advisory committee, AIA staff and a few basketball coaches from across Arizona met to discuss how the open division teams could possibly be selected. A proposal was shared with the 4A, 5A and 6A conferences that determined at least 8 teams per conference would qualify for a 32 team Open Division tournament.

**ACTION ITEMS:****CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

- Executive Board Meeting – April 18, 2022
- Special Executive Board Meeting – May 3, 2022

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

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

1. David Morton	Tempe	25 years
2. Rhett Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	26 years
3. Chris Knutsen	Florence	30 years
4. Cory William	AIA Officials	25 years
5. Paul Peralta	Superior	28 years
6. Hollis Merrell	Snowflake	28 years

**Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2021-22 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2021-2022 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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports:

- ✓ Financial Report for April 2022

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

In accordance with Article 11, Section 4, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 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:

**SCHOOL REQUESTING:**

1. Coronado

**PROGRAM CANCELLING:**

VAR Beach Volleyball – 2022-23 SY  
VAR Boys Volleyball – 2022-23 SY

**CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 128 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)**

Baseball – 48	Beach VB – 1	Softball – 50	Tennis – 2
Volleyball Boys – 13	Football – 12	Golf – 2	

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- A. **Perry** – additional FR/SO football game to help fill Higley’s schedule
- B. **Sunnyside** – additional VAR, JV, FR/SO boys’ and girls’ basketball game to help fill Palo Verde’s schedule.
- C. **Sunnyslope** – additional VAR, JV, FR/SO girls’ basketball game to help fill St. Mary’s schedule.
- D. **Tuba City** – additional VAR, JV, FR/SO girls’ volleyball game to help fill Joseph City’s Schedule.

**ELECTION OF 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 4, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as officers for the **2022-2023** school year:

**President**

Jim Dean – Dysart Unified School District  
5A Conference

**Vice President**

Jennifer Burks – Perry High School  
6A Conference

### **FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION**

The football reclassification committee met and discussed how to identify the top eight teams for the open football division. It was presented to the Executive Board that a multiplier would be added at the end of the regular season to each school based on the conference in which participation took place (6A: rating x 10; 5A: rating x 9; 4A: rating x 8).

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the use of the multiple to determine the top eight teams for the 2022-2023 football open division.

Based on recommendation from the Football Re-Classification Committee, the Executive Board considered the following language regarding an amendment to Article 8:

- 8.1.6.8.4 A school that was moved up a conference based on Standard Deviation will be moved down one conference if one of the following occur:*
- 1. At the end of the first year in the new conference based on the rating system used, the school is rated in the bottom 33% of that conference.*
  - 2. Based on the rating system used, if a school is rated in the bottom 50% of that conference for two consecutive years.*

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

### **FOOTBALL QUARTER RULE**

After discussion with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee it was determined that the 4A, 5A and 6A football programs could permit students to participate in five quarters per week for the 2022-2023 school year.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above amendment to the policy.

A motion was made to include the 3A conference in the above determination, with no seconded the motion died.

### **MINIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED TO QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS**

The following was determined as the minimum number of games that must be played to qualify for state playoffs:

- Football – 8 games
- 1A Football – 6 games
- Volleyball (Girls'/Boys')– 12 games
- Basketball (Girls'/Boys') – 12 games
- Soccer (Girls'/Boys') – 8 games
- Baseball – 12 games
- Softball – 12 games
- Beach Volleyball – 8 games
- Tennis – 8 Games
- Badminton – 8 games

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above minimum number of games played to qualify for playoffs.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 39 – SPIRITLINE**

## Current Language:

## 39.10.7 Requirements:

**Cheer:**

- NFHS Rules Course (held annually at the Coaches Conference)
- AIA Information Course (held annually at the Coaches Conference)
- NFHS Cheer Rules Exam (taken and passed annually)

**Dance:**

- NFHS Rules Course (held annually at the Coaches Conference)
- AIA Information Course (held annually at the Coaches Conference)
- NFHS Dance Rules Exam (taken and passed annually)

## Proposed Language:

## 39.10.7 Requirements

## 39.10.7.1

**CHEER***Head Coach*

- Complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course
- Complete the AIA Information Course (at the annual coaches workshop)
- Complete the NFHS Rules Interpretation Course (at the annual coaches workshop)
- Pass the NFHS Cheer Safety Exam with a minimum score of 75%

*Lower Level/Assistant Coaches*

- Complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course
- Pass the NFHS Cheer Safety Exam with a minimum score of 75%

## 39.10.7.2

**DANCE***Head Coach*

- Complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course
- Complete the AIA Information Course (at the annual coaches workshop)
- Complete the NFHS Rules Interpretation Course (at the annual coaches workshop)
- Pass the NFHS Dance Safety Exam with a minimum score of 75%

*Lower Level/Assistant Coaches*

- Complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course
- Pass the NFHS Dance Safety Exam with a minimum score of 75%

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above amendment for Spiritline.

**APPEALING – ARTICLE 24.5 – FOOTBALL – NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON****24.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

**24.5.3** No player shall participate in more than ten football games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments

**24.5.3.1 EXCEPTION:** 2A and 1A schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

*Example:* If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.

EXCEPTION: 3A players may participate in 6 quarters per week during the regular season

Northwest Christian is appealing the denial of an exception to the number of games in season due to enrollment numbers and being placed in the 4A conference.

Based on a previous agenda item approval by the Executive Board – Northwest Christian withdrew their appeal.

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Snowflake High School is appealing that they be allowed 4 quarters per player per week, instead of 1 game per week.

Based on a previous agenda items approval by the Executive Board – Snowflake withdrew their request.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****CANYON DEL ORO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Amphitheater Unified District*

*Rule: Article 12. Post Season Tournament, Section 1 Rules (12.1.3)*

**Reported Violation:**

Coach resigned in protest of safety concern when asked to drive to Lake Havasu, Arizona for girls' team tennis match. Without the coach, the families opted not to send their athletes.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. We have no idea how we could have anticipated this nor corrective action.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Canyon Del Oro High School **Girls' Tennis Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**MOUNTAINSIDE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Nadaburg Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Exam Rule (15.7.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Coach allowed 2 students to participate in the spring tryouts for cheer. Coach realized the mistake and reported it to the AD immediately. Students did not continue to participate the following day.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Educate the head coach about the importance of having the correct paperwork and documentation on file for each student athlete participating. Additionally, the coach was reminded of the rationale behind the athletic clearance process and the liability risk it presents when allowing a student to participate that has not been cleared by a medical professional. The students will be held out of participation until their athletic packets are completed and turned into the athletic office for clearance.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mountainside High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**EASTMARK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Queen Creek Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

A transfer student participated in our preseason softball tournament prior to completing her ineligibility period of 50%.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Bylaw training will be a new component of all pre-season coaches' meetings, and now added to all pre-season parent meetings. These meetings are currently seasonal.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Eastmark High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**BASIS PHOENIX**

*Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching section 1 Coaching Qualification (17.1.2)*

**Reported Violation:**

BASIS Phoenix Varsity Boys Volleyball coach, who does not have an assistant coach, after her potential assistant coach fell through and was unable to take the role, had a last second conflict with an away match on 4/14 at Youngker High School. In an effort to handle the situation on her own without asking for help from the AD or school, she asked parent with a finger print clearance card to fill in for her (thinking the card was all that was needed to be cleared).

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. Coach has been refreshed on the policy of who can coach according to the AIA and who can coach according to our school. She was also refreshed on the proper protocol to report an absence. She will also go back through the AIA Coaching training video to ensure she is refreshed on all AIA policies. The school will work to ensure we have the resources to give coaches a qualified/cleared assistant to help coaches in these situations.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the BASIS Phoenix **Boys' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**MADISON HIGHLAND PREP**

*Rule: Article 21. Baseball Section 1 Rules (21.1.4.2)*

**Reported Violation:**

MHP hosted NFL Yet on 3/14/2022 for a Varsity Baseball game. At the completion of 3 ½ innings, the score was MHP 32 vs NFL 3. The base umpire, Erik Haynes, recommended that the game be called as NFL Yet had no other available players to pitch or complete the game. The MHP head coach initially declined, referencing bylaw 21.1.4.2 and the need to complete 4 ½ innings since MHP was the home team. Mr. Haynes insisted that it would not result in a violation and was in the best interest of NFL Yet. Upon mutual consent of both head coaches, the game was called complete after 3 ½ innings.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The MHP head coach had received additional training that all varsity games must be played the number of innings required by AIA bylaw, unless a definitive “forfeit” is declared by the officials.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **accepted** the violation report from Madison Highland Prep.

**BABOQUIVARI HIGH SCHOOL** – *Indian Oasis Baboquivari Unified*

*Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)*

**Reported Violation:**

A senior student-athlete who had pitched the previous day and threw 49 pitches was used in the relief without two days required rest.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. The scorer's book shall be properly maintained and information contained therein shall be the responsibility of the head coach. The head coach shall be responsible for recording the date of games, opponents, players, position, pitch count, hits, strikeouts, runs scored, and officials. The problem that existed was due to in part to absence of the teams manager and sudden medical illness of the head coach leaving a rookie assistant coach and athletic director to taking over coaching and supervising play.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Baboquivari High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23 and **denied** the appeal of the forfeiture.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**DUNCAN HIGH SCHOOL** – *Duncan Unified*

*Rule: Article 41. Sports Medicine, Section 2 Opioid Education (41.2)*

**Reported Violation:**

Student did not complete opioid course. Admin found out on 4/11/2022. Student will complete course this morning, 4/12/2022. We thought he was cleared because he was a football player so we automatically cleared him. But when we ran the numbers saw no check by his name. he was subsequently suspended during football and had never taken the test. It was an administrative error and he will be taking the test this morning.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Duncan will check individually each athlete, each sport at the beginning of each season to make sure all student-athletes are cleared. This list will be given to the head coaches and only cleared athletes will be able to participate in practices and games. This list will be updated daily until competitions begin.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Duncan High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tolleson Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 42. Esports, Section 8 Gameday Procedures (42.8.2)*

**Reported Violation:**

Coach reviewed PlayVS rules and procedures prior to the season beginning. They followed guidelines originally posted on PlayVS as many students in the Tolleson District were receiving instruction via distance learning and were not on campus. Called opponents prior to matches to explain the circumstances.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Athletic Director will closely monitor all actions by the Executive Board and will be aware of and communicate changes to all coaches as needed in order to be in compliance with the AIA Bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the West Point High School **Esports Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**NORTH CANYON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 42. Esports, Section 8 Gameday Procedures (42.8.2)*

**Reported Violation:**

Esports sponsor was sick the day of competition and allowed players to participate from home.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. We will ensure that our Esports sponsor takes a deeper look at the bylaws and communicates if any further changes arise.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North Canyon High School **Esports Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont’d

**Reported Violation:**

The following school’s athletic directors failed to attend the annual Athletic Directors Information meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> as well as the make-up meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility of School Administrators (2.5.6)*

- (1) **WINSLOW HIGH SCHOOL**
- (2) **VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL**
- (3) **PAGE HIGH SCHOOL**
- (4) **LEE WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL**
- (5) **ANTHEM PREP**
- (6) **DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL**
- (7) **WILLCOX HIGH SCHOOL**
- (8) **CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL**
- (9) **GLOBE HIGH SCHOOL**
- (10) **GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL**
- (11) **CHINO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
- (12) **ASH FORK HIGH SCHOOL**
- (13) **BENSON HIGH SCHOOL**
- (14) **BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the above schools **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/22-5/16/23.

**FUTURE DATES**

May 22, 2022	AIA Champions Gala – State Farm Stadium
May 30, 2022	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
June 27-July 4, 2022	Summer Break – AIA Office Closed

Beginning May 30, 2022 until July 15, 2022 the AIA Office will be on summer hours:  
Monday – Thursday | 7:00am – 3:00pm  
Closed Fridays

Regular Office Hours will resume on Monday, July 18, 2022

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Hines, Executive Director