



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
August 15, 2022**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a special meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, August 15, 2022 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President Jim Dean called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi Jr./Sr. High School)  
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)  
Matt Belden, 4A Conference (Glendale Union School District)  
Jim Dean, Ed.D., 5A Conference (Dysart School District)  
Jennifer Burks, 6A Conference (Perry High School)  
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)  
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)  
Renee Regoli, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Dobson High School)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)  
Jerry Jennex, Arizona School Administrators (Globe Unified School District)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Joe Paddock, Associate Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Naomi Vaughn, Director of Special Projects  
Brian Bolitho, Chief Business Development Officer  
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials  
Denise Doser, Chief Financial Officer  
Dean Visser, Director of Athletics and Activities  
Dan Nero, Director of Athletics  
Tyler Cerimeli, Director of Athletics & Officials  
Mary Wimmer, Tournament Coordinator  
Jose Garcia, Multimedia Contributor

**Guests:**

Richard Obert, AzCentral	Brett Palmer, Hamilton
Tommy Eubanks, Mesa District	David Huffine, Tempe District
Corey Newland, PV District	Michael De La Torre, Hamilton
Shawn Rustad, Chandler District	Micah Mortensen, Benson
Jim Gowdy, Queen Creek District	Eric Tatham, Benson
Chris Diving Hawk, Queen Creek	Jeff Thompson, Benson
Adam Wolfe, Queen Creek	

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Dean, 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 – 8:50am
- ✓ 10:13 – 11:37am
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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Girls Flag Football Committee will meet on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the AIA Office to discuss the potential as an emerging sport to take place in either fall or spring.

Football Open Division Multiplier will 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). This will help determine the top 8 teams for the Open Division. Once the 8 schools are identified, seeding for the Open Division will be based on Power Ratings.

Open Division Basketball tournament has been finalized. There will be 275 games played during February Frenzy with 14 State Championships total.

The new Track format introduces a new division that will consist of 1A and 2A schools. Divisions 4 and 5 will compete together at one location, Divisions 2 and 3 will compete together at one location, and Division 1 will compete at one location. Mary Wimmer, the new Track Tournament Coordinator was introduced.

The NFHS Level 1 Coaches certifications have been updated. For a new coach to gain the Level 1 Certification, the following courses must be completed: Fundamentals of Coaching, Concussion in Sports, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Protecting Students from Abuse. Courses can be found on [nfhslearn.com](http://nfhslearn.com).

The Sportsmanship and Ethics Committee met to create expectation videos and informational links for school administrators, coaches, and parents. The videos and links can be found on Administrators' AIA Dashboards.

The NFHS National Student Leadership Summit took place in July in Indianapolis, Indiana. AIA chaperones brought 6 student-athletes to the Summit to represent Arizona. Participants attended workshops on diversity and inclusion, character building, goal setting, Unified Sports, and social media pressures.

Kris Kurtenbach and her team at Collaborative Communication worked with AIA Student Leadership Advisory Committee and current administrators at member schools, active officials, and SMAC members to create the Everybody Wins Campaign to promote educational athletics.

The Fall Coaches Workshops concluded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Over 1,300 coaches completed the workshops. The courses are still available for newly hired coaches.

The first new Athletic Director Workshop took place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the AIA Office. The next New AD Workshop will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Tayler Coady.

With the assistance of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, 14 Wet Bulb Kestrels were sent to school Athletic Trainers across the state to assist in data collecting to develop state specific guidelines for exercising in the heat.

The Board approved a modification to the AIA NFHS Network Get to 100 Agreement. In this modification, the AIA would receive a portion of the payment when 19 more AIA member schools have become part of the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program. A second portion of the payment would be received when 56 more AIA member schools have become part of the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program. The final payment would be made when all remaining 105 AIA member schools have become part of the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program.

**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**

- May 16, 2022

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

1. Kevin McLean	Cibola	30 Years
2. Kris Norton	Cibola	29 Years
3. Michele Baumann	Cibola	33 Years
4. Richard Sanchez	Alchesay	40 Years
5. Marci Gregg	AIA Official	25 Years
6. John Goodman	AIA Official	25 Years
7. Boyd Morse	AIA Official	25 Years
8. Mike Chaison	AIA Official	25 Years
9. Willie Taylor	AIA Official	25 Years
10. Kristi Hancock	AIA Official	25 Years
11. Paul Hancock	AIA Official	25 Years
12. Vanessa Mescal	AIA Official	25 Years
13. Alan Roes	AIA Official	25 Years
14. Timothy Mariscal	AIA Official	25 Years
15. Ernie Urquijo	AIA Official	25 Years
16. Jeff Marble	AIA Official	25 Years
17. Jose Acosta	AIA Official	25 Years
18. Dale Tackett	AIA Official	25 Years
19. Steven Atwood	AIA Official	25 Years
20. Daniel Klein	AIA Official	25 Years
21. Maggie Santana	AIA Official	25 Years
22. David Disbrow	AIA Official	25 Years
23. David Huffine	Tempe Union	25 Years
24. Eric Gardner	Liberty HS	25 Years
25. Mark Wood	Liberty HS	26 Years
26. Robert Pacheco	Liberty HS	32 Years
27. John M. Valencia	Salpointe	28 Years
28. Dr. Stacia Wilson	Tempe Union	25 Years
29. Craig L. Gilbert	CUSD	29 Years
30. Nick Rizer	Sunrise Mtn.	25 Years
31. John Thiele	Gilbert HS	25 Years
32. Ben Hurley	Amphitheater	27 Years
33. Terry Locke	CUSD	26 Years
34. Thomas Dunn	CUSD	25 Years
35. Scott Timmer	Valley Christian	25 Years
36. Pamela Duarte	Superior	37 Years
37. Walter Sword	Mesquite	29 Years
38. Preston Jones	Perry	26 Years
39. Mike Lee	Brophy	27 Years
40. Kyle Ide	Red Mtn.	28 Years

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Cont'd**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 2022-2023 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 Minutes**

- 2A North Region Conference Minutes - March 2, 2022
- 5A Conference Minutes – May 12, 2022

**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 May 2022
- ✓ Financial Report for June 2022
- ✓ Financial Report for July 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. Greyhills
2. Catalina
3. Immaculate Heart
4. PDSD
5. Mesquite
6. Leading Edge Gilbert
7. Sequoia Charter
8. Rock Point
9. Glendale
10. Desert Heights
11. Desert Heights

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

- VAR Football
- VAR Boys & Girls Swim
- VAR Girls Volleyball
- VAR 8-man Football
- VAR Girls Golf
- VAR Boys Soccer
- VAR 8-man Football
- VAR Football
- VAR Girls Golf
- VAR Badminton
- VAR Boys & Girls Cross Country

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15 Sub Varsity Program Cancellations

**AIA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – MEETING DATE**

It is recommended that the annual AIA Legislative Council Meeting be held on **March 3, 2023**. Based on a March 3, 2023 meeting date, and in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be January 20, 2023. The agenda mail-out deadline would be February 3, 2023.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the recommended date for the annual Legislative Council meeting.

**TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

The Executive Board reaffirmed its determination of September 16, 1996 concerning Article 15, Section 15, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, which states that the AIA member schools should recognize only the foreign exchange programs approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) ([www.csiet.org](http://www.csiet.org)).

The Executive Board directed that, as a convenience for AIA member schools, these official minutes reflect the travel and exchange programs listed in the CSIET's **2022-2023** edition of **Advisory List** - <https://www.aiaonline.org/files/17507/2021-2022-csiet-advisory-list.pdf>

*It shall be the responsibility of the local school administrator to ensure that all other eligibility requirements are met before a student participates in interscholastic activities.*

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- A. **Mohave Accelerated** – an additional VAR girls basketball game to help fill **William's** schedule.
- B. **Northland Prep** – an additional VAR and JV girls' volleyball game to help fill **Holbrook's** schedule.
- C. **Perry** – an additional JV football game to help fill **AZ College Prep's** schedule.
- D. **Winslow** – an additional VAR, JV, and FR/SO girls and boys basketball game to help fill **Page's** schedule.
- E. **Blue Ridge HS** – an additional JV and VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Show Low's** schedule.
- F. **Show Low** – an additional VAR boys' soccer game to help fill **Page's** schedule.
- G. **Mohave Accelerated** – an additional VAR girls volleyball game to help fill **River Valley's** schedule.

**PROPOSAL – AMENDMENT TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – BASEBALL**

**21.1.4.3 15-Run Rule** – ~~A non-varsity~~ **With the agreement of both schools participating, a** baseball game shall end any time after four innings ~~(at the discretion of the losing coach)~~ or after three and one-half (3-1/2) innings when a team is fifteen or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

**21.1.4.4 Time Limit** – **A non-varsity baseball game shall be limited to 2 hours. The team currently batting may conclude their at bat.**

**21.7.1 A coach in a coach's box must wear a NOSCAE approved helmet**

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

## **PROPOSAL – AMENDMENT TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – SOFTBALL**

**27.1.5** **15-Run Rule** – A non-varsity ~~With the agreement of both schools participating,~~ a softball game shall end any time after four ~~innings (at the discretion of the losing coach)~~ or after three and one-half (3-1/2) innings when a team is fifteen or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

**27.1.6** **Time Limit** – A non-varsity softball game shall be limited to 2 hours. The team currently batting may conclude their at bat.

**27.8.1** A coach in a coach's box must wear a NOSCAE approved helmet

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

## **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW REQUESTS FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE**

Following review and discussion of the written information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 5, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Age Rule request(s):

- ❖ Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind
- ❖ Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind
- ❖ Northwest Christian

## **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Queen Creek Unified School District*  
*Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules*

### **Reported Violation:**

On May 10, 2022, Queen Creek and Hamilton played in the state baseball tournament. After the game, there were questions brought forward regarding an ineligible pitcher due to pitch count rules. After an investigation by administration, the AIA determined Queen Creek used an illegal pitcher. Queen Creek forfeited the game and Hamilton advanced in the state tournament.

### **Schools Corrective Action:**

- The AD and coach will review the pitch count bylaw 21.1.5
- The AD and coach will meet weekly during the baseball season to ensure all bylaws are being followed.
- Game changer will be implemented and run by a parent for all varsity baseball contests
- After every varsity game, the coach will submit pitch counts to the AD on the AIA approved form.
- Forfeited the baseball contest as a result of the infraction.
- The head baseball coach will serve discipline.

### **Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Queen Creek High School **Baseball Program** on **Probation** for one year 8/15/22-8/15/23.

*Renee Regoli abstained.*

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Chandler Unified School District*  
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Assistant football coach sent direct messages to a student-athlete from another school.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

- Entire coaching staff has been in-serviced by Athletic Director on article 15 as well as the district expectations on social media use.
- District Athletic Director in serviced fall coaches on recruiting and social media do's and don'ts.
- Coach is suspended the first 3 games of the season from all football activities. During this time, coach will not have any contact with players, staff members or parents of the Hamilton High School football program. This includes practices, games, film sessions, weekend activities, and any other activities that relate to the football program.
- Other specific details will be provided during executive session.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Hamilton High School **Football Program** on **Probation** for one year 8/15/22-8/15/23.

*Jennifer Burks abstained.*

**BENSON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Benson Unified School District*  
*Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS*

**Reported Violation:**

Benson player physically struck two Scottsdale Christian players while in the handshake line at 2A State Championship game.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The Benson player who was a senior was given disciplinary action of not being able to participate in any school events for the rest of the year including banquets, trips, senior breakfast, and the graduation ceremony. The school has also taken the step of requiring all Benson athletes to take the sportsmanship course through NFHS starting in the 22-23 school year.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Benson High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/15/22-8/15/23.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**MARANA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Marana Unified School District**Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 3 Enrollment Rule***Reported Violation:**

Assistant coach informed middle schools student via social media to participate in practice and tryouts for the summer baseball workouts (15.3.1). Assistant coach showed up to middle school game and had conversations with middle school students about Marana High School Baseball and their summer programs.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Met with coaches to provide an explanation of violations. Provided clarification on AIA bylaws and emphasized expectations. We will provide training for all coaches at the beginning of the year and season coaches' meetings. We will continue to monitor social media to ensure that violations do not take place in the future.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Marana High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/15/22-8/15/23.

**RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Colorado River Union High School District**Rule: Article 41. Sports Medicine, Section 5, Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy***Reported Violation:**

For article 41, it was reported to me that the football coach was doing live contact before the preset timeline. I did not see it or the video showing it. It was reported to me that the football coach might be recruiting students from other schools.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

- AD and coach will meet to go over articles 15, 24 and 41.
- From Article 41, it will be emphasized what equipment can be used on certain times for the start of the season.
- We will also talk about when contact can start with full pads and amount of practice time full contact can happen during practices.
- Heat acclimation will be a strong point since we live in area that it is at 115 when school is out and practice should be later in the day.
- The AD and coach will discuss the rules about recruiting and prior contact. It will be emphasized you get the students that walk through the door and register at the school. Coaches will not be allowed to seek out players from other schools or states since we live next to California and Nevada.
- Any further violations of rules set by the AIA may result in dismissal as a coach from River Valley.
- The AD or another administrator will visit practices on a regular basis to make sure rules are being followed.
- Before the coach uses social media to post information, it must be cleared by the AD or other administrator.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the River Valley High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/15/22-8/15/23.



**FUTURE DATES**

August 16, 2022	Remaining Fall Sports Hardship Submission Deadline
August 16-17, 2022	Hardship Appeal Hearings (Football/Golf/Fall Soccer) – Conference
August 18, 2022	District Athletic Director Meeting
August 18, 2022	Bylaw Workshop – Winslow High School
August 23-24, 2022	Hardship Appeal Hearings (Remaining Fall Sports) – Conference
August 25, 2022	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting
August 30, 2022	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals (Football/Golf/Fall Soccer)
August 31, 2022	New Athletic Director Workshop
September 1, 2022	Bylaw Workshop – Peoria District (West Valley)
September 5, 2022	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
September 6, 2022	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals (Remaining Fall Sports)
September 7, 2022	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
September 8, 2022	Bylaw Workshop – Washington HS (Central)
September 8, 2022	District Athletic Director Meeting
September 10-13 2022	AIAAA Conference
September 15, 2022	Bylaw Workshop – Lake Havasu High School
September 18-20, 2022	Sections 7&8 Conference – Hawaii
September 22, 2022	Executive Board Meeting
September 29, 2022	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines  
Executive Director