



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
HARDSHIP APPEALS – FALL – FOOTBALL/FALL SOCCER/GOLF  
August 30, 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 Tuesday, August 30, 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:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)  
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)  
Matt Belden, 4A Conference (Glendale Union High 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)  
Renee Regoli, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Dobson High School)  
Jerry Jennex, Arizona School Administrators (Globe Unified School District)  
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent:**

Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi Jr./Sr. High School)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Joe Paddock, Associate Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Naomi Vaughn, Director of Special Projects

**Guests:**

Gregg Clifton, Legal Counsel  
Mike De La Torre, Hamilton  
Brett Palmer, Hamilton  
Dan Serrano, CUSD  
Frank Narducci, CUSD  
Craig Gilbert, CUSD  
Shawn Rustad, CUSD  
Jim Gowdy, Queen Creek District  
Adam Wolfe, Queen Creek  
Chris Driving Hawk, Queen Creek  
Casey Eagleburger, Queen Creek  
Madison Thacker, Cronkite  
Rich Obert, AzCentral  
Zach Alvia, East Valley Tribune

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 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:

✓ 8:00am – 9:45am

## **APPEAL – VIOLATION SANCTION**

**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***

Hamilton High School and Chandler Unified School District representatives presented information to the Executive Board. Upon review of the written and oral information the Executive Board **accepted** the additional corrective action and placed the Hamilton High School **Athletic Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/15/22-8/15/23.

***Jennifer Burks abstained***

## **APPEAL – VIOLATION SANCTION**

**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.*

Queen Creek High School representatives presented information to the Executive Board. Upon review of the written and oral information the Executive Board **accepted** the additional corrective action and placed the Queen Creek High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/15/22-8/15/23.

*Renee Regoli abstained*

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

*The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:*

- Sunnyslope** Tim Matteson - Athletic Director, Parents, Student  
**Brophy** – Josh Garcia – Athletic Director
- Az Lutheran** Dave Peter - Athletic Director, Parent, Student
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**South Mountain** – Cecelia Peterson – Administration
- North Canyon** Comfort Beene - Athletic Director, Parent, Student  
**Shadow Mountain** – Corey Newland – District Athletic Director
- Casa Grande** Doris Simmons - Athletic Director, Parents
- North** Becky Vogel - Athletic Director, Parent, Student  
**Desert Edge** – Jason Linn– Athletic Director
- Basha** Eric Magana - Athletic Director, Parent, Student  
**Eastmark** – Kraig Leuschner – Athletic Director, Scooter Molander – Football Coach
- Coolidge** Anthony Gonzales - Athletic Director, Attorney, Parent  
**Eastmark** – Kraig Leuschner – Athletic Director, Scooter Molander – Football Coach
- Mesa** Preston Peterson - Athletic Director, Parent
- Millennium** Remigio Gordillo - Athletic Director, Parents, Students  
**Canyon View** – Andrea Hudson – Athletic Director
- Sunrise Mountain** Matt Akins - Athletic Director, Attorney, Parents, Student  
**Saguaro** – Nathan Slater – District Athletic Director
- Valley Lutheran** Dave Meyer - Athletic Director, Parent, Student  
**Dysart** – Jason Wilke – Athletic Director

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

| <b><u>School/Appeal</u></b> | <b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ironwood Ridge              | Granted                      |
| Sunnyslope                  | Granted                      |
| Az Lutheran                 | Denied                       |
| Az Lutheran                 | Denied                       |
| North Canyon                | Granted                      |
| Casa Grande                 | Granted                      |
| North                       | Granted                      |
| Basha                       | Denied                       |
| Coolidge                    | Denied                       |
| Mesa                        | Denied                       |
| Millennium                  | Granted – 50%                |
| Sunrise Mountain            | Denied                       |
| Valley Lutheran             | Denied                       |

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Hines, Executive Director