



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 17, 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 Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th 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:

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Joe Paddock, Associate Executive Director
Naomi Vaughn, Director of Special Projects
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

Guests:

Tommy Eubanks, Mesa Public Schools, District AD
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley USD, District AD
Scott Warner, Deer Valley USD, District AD
David Verdugo, Rio Rico Superintendent
Melissa Lunderville, Rio Rico Ast. Superintendent

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 – 8:45am

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- Upcoming Fall Championships dates:
 - o Badminton- Division I & II Singles/Doubles Championships October 22, Division I & II Team Championships October 27
 - o Golf Division- I Championships October 26-27, Division II Championships November 2-3
 - o Fall Soccer- Championships Division I-IV November 12
 - o Swimming- Championships Division I-III November 4-5
 - o Cross Country- Championships Divisions I-IV November 12
 - o Football- 1A Championship November 12, 2A Championship November 26, 3A November 26, 4A December 9, 5A December 9, 6A December 10, Open Division December 10
- Girls Flag Football Committee reviewed survey on preferred season of play and rules and regulation. Girls Flag Football now to be viewed as a future emerging sport as 30-45 schools show interest in participating.
- Strategic Plan Committee met on Tuesday, October 18 to discuss the continual push for educational based athletics and future measurable goals for the association
- Transfer Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 19 at the AIA Office

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

- September 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- 2A North Region Conference Meeting Minutes

AIA Lifetime Passes

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

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| 1. | Angelo Paffumi | Skyline | 30 Years |
| 2. | Bruce Foote | Officials | 32 Years |
| 3. | Tim Fruth | Officials | 32 Years |

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont'd**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 September 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. Alhambra
2. BASIS Flagstaff
3. Santa Rita
4. North Phoenix Prep
5. Phoenix Christian
6. Red Valley/Cove

HEREBY CONSENT:

- VAR Boys & Girls Swim
- VAR Boys & Girls Swim
- VAR Football
- VAR Boys Soccer
- VAR Girls Soccer
- All Boys & Girls Winter & Spring Sports

13 Sub Varsity Program Cancellations

SCHOOL REQUESTING:

1. Palo Verde Magnet

HEREBY DOES NOT CONSENT:

- Buena – VAR Girls Golf

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 158 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

CONFERENCE APPEAL - Boys Volleyball – ALA Queen Creek

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the request of ALA – Queen Creek Boys Volleyball Conference Appeal to move up to 5A. Opposing school must consent to any schedule changes.

REQUEST TO AMMEND SOCCER START DATE

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the request to amend the soccer season start date.

Approved Change:

Practice no sooner than the 18th week. Season of Competition begins Monday of the 21st week, or Season of Competition may begin Monday of the 22nd week. Championship to be concluded by the 34th week.

BYLAW APPLICATION FOR CLUB BASKETBALL TRANSFERS

Presentation was provided, followed by Board discussion. There was a motion made, seconded and carried, to table further discussion until November Board Meeting. The Executive Board would like feedback from the Transfer Committee.

PRESENTATION BY RIO RICO

School administration presented information to the Executive Board regarding an allegation. No action was taken.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE****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.

- ALA – Queen Creek

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **denied** the above Student Eligibility Appeal.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

<u>Chandler</u>	Jim Culver – Athletic Director, Parent, Student
	<u>Campo Verde</u> – Max Ragsdale – Athletic Director
<u>Youngker</u>	Tonya Lee – Athletic Director, Parents, Student
<u>Salpointe Catholic</u>	Phil Gruensfelder – Athletic Director, Jay Powell – Attorney, Parents, Student
	<u>Cienega</u> – Chris Desrosiers – 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:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Chandler	Denied
Youngker	Granted – 50%
Salpointe Catholic	Granted – 50%

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

1. Page – an additional VAR Boys Soccer game to help fill Sedona’s schedule.
2. Northland Prep – an additional JV girls’ volleyball game to help fill Basis Phoenix schedule.
3. Show Low– an VAR, JV, and FR/SO Boys & Girls Basketball games to help fill Pinon’s schedule.
4. Salpointe – a VAR boys’ soccer game to help fill Phoenix Country Day’s schedule.
5. Vista Grande– a VAR football game to help fill Ironwood Ridge schedule.
6. Estrella Foothills - a FR/SO Football game to help fill Raymond Kellis schedule.
7. Ray High School - a VAR Softball game to help fill Superior’s schedule.
8. Verrado - a JV Girls Soccer game to help fill Agua Fria’s schedule.
9. St. John Paul II - a JV/VAR Basketball game to help fill Madison Highland Prep schedule.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above additional game requests.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

CANYON DEL ORO – *Amphitheater Unified District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 8, Parental Or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

We recently switched to Register My Athlete system and on spreadsheet of completed components of athlete packet the coach made a mistake reading that is was incomplete and that the student was missing parent permission for participation. He practiced without his permission.

Schools Corrective Action:

From incident forward, only active roster on Register My Athlete will be used. This procedure will ensure there is no human error on who is clear. The system checks all components of athlete registration packet and will not place an athlete on a roster until all have been completed and verified. Coach will always verify with athletics office that he has received and uses only this roster.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Canyon Del Oro **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/22-10/17/23.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**TANQUE VERDE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tanque Verde School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 2, Application of Student Eligibility Ruels

Reported Violation:

Student was found to have not been cleared by our athletic office. TVHS adopted a new registration process this year and this student was only on a spreadsheet used by the coach and not on the Final Forms platform. We only recently discovered this error when our athletic secretary was cross-referencing the spreadsheet provided by the coach with our roster on Final Forms and noticed the student was not officially cleared. Student has played in 3 games, one win and two losses.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach has been directed to only use the Final Forms roster and not use his own spreadsheet for official attendance and accountability purposes moving forward. TVHS athletic department will revisit the requirement of all coaches using the new platform as well as their responsibility to do so. Failure to adhere to our policy will result in disciplinary action ranging from suspension to possible termination of coaching duties.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Tanque Verde **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL – *Glendale Union High School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 8, Parental Or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

The student listed above practiced and competed without having the Parental Consent Form Signed.

Schools Corrective Action:

- Reviewed the AIA Bylaws regarding eligibility requirements in article 15 section 6,7, and 8 with swim coach.
- Reiterated the clearance process through the athletic office and the expectation of coaches in that process.
- Head coach will print updated clearance rosters before each practice and distribute them to all assistance coaches throughout the season.
- Coach will take attendance at every practice throughout the season.
- Emails will be sent by athletic secretary to coaches notifying them of a newly cleared athlete for their sport.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, Apollo High School **Girls Swim Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**PERRY HIGH SCHOOL** - Chandler Unified School District

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

Reported Violation:

Three students had missing signatures and uploads to their Register My Athlete Packet. The athletic assistant had sent emails back to the students' parents requesting the forms be corrected and reuploaded. Prior to the start of official practices, these students were not completely cleared. The students were enrolled in the football locker class and so when official practices started, the freshman head coach did not check their clearance and allowed them to practice. The error was found when the students went to get their game day jerseys and were denied by the equipment manager. The students did not participate in a game.

Schools Corrective Action:

- There is a head coaches meeting every July. The head coaches of the lower levels were requested to attend; however, the head freshman coach is off campus and did not come to the meeting. In the future, anyone who misses that meeting will have to make up the meeting personally with the athletic director.
- The head football coach and head freshman coach, along with the equipment manager and athletic assistant were in-serviced again by the athletic director regarding the policies and procedure.
- The head freshman coach took ownership of the situation and is 100% clear on our processes going forward.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, Perry High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL** – *Casa Grande Unified School District*

Rule: Article 24, Football Section 1, Rules

Reported Violation:

NFHS Rule: 1-5-b2, Players of the visiting team shall wear jerseys, unaltered from the manufacturer's original design/production, that meet the following criteria: The body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey) shall be White and shall contain only the listed allowable adornments and accessory patterns in a color(s) that contrasts to white: CGUHS football team wore yellow jersey after speaking with the equipment manager.

Schools Corrective Action:

Casa Grande Union High School Football Teams will adhere to the uniform guidelines and will communicate with their site athletic director regarding which home and away uniforms will be worn for games. The site athletic director will work with the equipment manager, booster club, and head coach regarding the distribution of games uniforms so that procedures reflect AIA uniform guidelines.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Casa Grande Union High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL – *Buckeye Unified High School District*

Rule: Article 24, Football Section 1, Rules

Reported Violation:

Players of the visiting team (Estrella Foothills) wore light blue jerseys in the 9/16/22 Varsity Football Game against Lee Williams (wore red uniforms).

Schools Corrective Action:

The Football coaching staff has reviewed Bylaw 24.1.1 and reminded that White Jerseys will be worn at all levels of away football games.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Estrella Foothills High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**SHADOW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 2 Responsibility of School Administrators

Reported Violation:

Near the end of the 3rd quarter, 2 students, (not known if they were SMHS students or from somewhere else) snuck onto the field through an open gate in the northeast corner of the football field and made contact with one of the referees. Myself, police, security and our principal tried to chase down the students but they went back out the gate and jumped into a car and sped off. The referee stated that they had barely touched him and we were good to proceed.

Schools Corrective Action:

Moving forward, we will make sure the Northeast gate of the field is locked prior to the start of the game. In addition, we will keep a security person in that corner of the field, as well for the duration of the game.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Shadow Mountain **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**MINGUS HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mingus Unified High School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule

Reported Violation:

We had a transfer student play in three FR/SO football games, who should have sat out 50% of the season due to the transfer rule.

Schools Corrective Action:

We will be adding a flagging system to our Family ID registration program to assure we identify incoming transfer students. We will coordinate with our counseling department as an added measure to identify incoming transfer students. Working with the Athletics Secretary we will make sure the 550 Form information, once received, is sent to coaches with clear instructions on when the athlete will be eligible for competition.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Mingus High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

MOHAVE HIGH SCHOOL – *Mohave Unified School District*

Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 3, Sportsmanship Rule

Reported Violation:

Assistant Coach David Shane Pollock was ejected from the Mohave HS vs. Eastmark football game for unsportsmanlike conduct on 9/23/22. See backup material for more information.

Schools Corrective Action:

No information provided.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Mohave High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

ROUND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL- *Round Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 39. Spiritline, Section 5 Eligibility Requirements

Reported Violation:

RVHS cheer coach held cheer tryouts with 8th grade students prior to the end of the school year and prior to the beginning of the start date of July 25th.

Schools Corrective Action:

Principal/AD, Assistant AD, and coach held meeting to discuss violations. Counsel was given to pull all tryout information and negate any tryouts held. Coach was directed to hold tryouts during official practice start dates posted by the AIA. Administration reviewed Article 15 and Article 39 with coach. Administration stated to the coach to attend all spiritline mandatory trainings and uphold AIA bylaws.

Rule: Article 15. Spiritline, Section 3, Enrollment Rule

Reported Violation:

It was brought to RVHS administrations attention that several 8th grade students were practicing and participating with the RVHS dance team. Through investigation, it was found to be true.

Schools Corrective Action:

Due to the prior incident involving 8th grade students and that the coach did not follow administrations directives from the incident prior to not allow 8th graders to participate, the coach was released and is no longer coaching for RVHS.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Round Valley High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY

Rule: Article 39. Spiritline, Section 10 Coaches

Reported Violation:

NDP Spiritline performed a stunt during warmups before the NDP/Horizon football game while our coach, had not passed the NFHS Cheer Safety Exam with a minimum score of 75% before 9/16/22. All other coaching criteria were met – it was only the AIA exam that was not passed. (see attachment for further explanation).

Schools Corrective Action:

NDP will meet with any new members of our spiritline coaching staff and remind about the AIA policy pertaining to stunting and certifications.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Notre Dame Preparatory **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/2022-10/17/2023.

FUTURE DATES

October 18, 2022	Winter Sports Hardship Deadline
October 25-26, 2022	Winter Sports Hardship
October 28, 2022	Winter Sports Coaches Meeting Deadline
November 21, 2022	Executive Board Meeting
December 10-13, 2022	NIAAA Conference
December 12, 2022	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director