



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2023**

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, January 17, 2023 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:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)
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)
Jerry Jennex, Arizona School Administrators (Globe Unified School District)
Renee Regoli, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Dobson High School)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Richard Obert, AzCentral
Tommy Eubanks, Mesa District
David Huffine, Tempe District
Yancey Devore, Mingus Union HS

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:

- ✓ 8:30 am – 9:06 am
- ✓ 9:55 am – 10:05 am
- ✓ 2:31 pm – 2:45 pm

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The NFHS Winter Meeting was held January 3-6, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. A presentation regarding NIL showed that the top four collegiate sports involved in NIL are football, boys' basketball, girls' basketball and track and field.

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 – December 12, 2022
- 2A North Region Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022
- 2A North Region Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2022

Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2022-23 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.

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 December 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. Anthem Prep
2. Santa Rita
3. ALA West Foothills
4. Sandra Day O'Connor
5. Higley
6. Ironwood Ridge
7. Many Farms
8. Fredonia
9. Grand Canyon
10. Barry Goldwater
11. Lake Havasu

HEREBY CONSENT:

- VAR Beach Volleyball Program
- VAR Girls' Soccer Program
- VAR Baseball Program
- FR/SO Boys' Volleyball Program
- FR/SO Girls' Basketball Program
- Fr/So Softball Program
- FR/SO Boys' Basketball Program
- JV Boys' Basketball Program
- JV Girls' Basketball Program
- JV Girls Soccer Program
- JV Girls' Basketball

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 126 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- A. **Winslow** – additional VAR/JV softball games to help fill **Round Valley's** schedule.
- B. **Washington** – additional VAR/JV boys' soccer games to help fill **Sunnyslope's** schedule.

REQUEST – REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS

14.11.2.1.2 *Replacement of a Complimentary Pass - A request for replacement of a complimentary pass must be approved by the AIA Executive Board.*

- ❖ Ash Fork High School – Veronica Morales – Staff
- ❖ Rock Point High School – Erick Johnson – School Administration
- ❖ Phoenix Country Day School – Andy Rodin – Head of School
- ❖ Scottsdale Christian Academy – John Anderson – Coach
- ❖ Superior Jr/Sr High School – Valerie Garcia-Denogean – CTE Director

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above requests once the \$25 fee has been paid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

- 15.10 – Transfer Rule
- 15.10.4 **Emergency Legislation by Ex Brd on December 12, 2022*
- 2.4 – Associate Membership

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above amendments to be placed on the Legislative Council agenda.

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

Rule: Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts, Section 4 Schedule Contracts (11.4.1)

Reported Violation:

Our girls' head basketball coach was ejected from the game prior to the game starting. He chose not to allow his assistant coach to continue on with the game. As a result, we were forced to forfeit the game for not having a coach.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Head coach is being suspended for 2 games. In addition, the entire coaching staff was in serviced on proper game protocols and expected behavior.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Mountain High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/23-1/17/24.

HORIZON HONORS HIGH SCHOOL – *Charter*

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

Reported Violation:

Two boy soccer players participated in soccer tryouts without a valid physical on file.

Schools Corrective Action:

An in service has been held with the coach regarding the seriousness of this violation. The AD and coach reviewed the AIA bylaws as well as discussing how to verify student physicals on file via the Register My Athlete application.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Horizon Honors High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/23-1/17/24.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

CACTUS HIGH SCHOOL – *Peoria Unified School District*

Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2 Ineligible Player (16.2.1)

Reported Violation:

For the first two games of the girls' soccer season (12/5-12/7) we found that girls' played in JV games and varsity games that weren't cleared through the Register My Athlete process.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Coaches will continue to pick up a copy of the RMA packets from the athletic office. Going forward, they will return the packets with annotations based on attendance and information given to students who weren't cleared. This information will be used by the athletic office to help manage/track athlete clearance.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cactus High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/23-1/17/24.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL – *Mingus Union District*

Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2 Ineligible Player (16.2.1)

Reported Violation:

The father, acting independently from Mingus Union High School, knowingly allowed a student to run in the State Girls' Cross Country Championships, while wearing a Mingus jersey. The student was on our Cross Country team, that qualified for state, however was not declared by our coach. The parents took it upon themselves to have her run without the Athletic Director and head coaches knowledge.

Schools Corrective Action:

In speaking with the father of the athlete, he understood what he did put the school in jeopardy but was not his intention. He is willing to take responsibility for his actions and speak on behalf of the school if necessary.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Girls' Cross Country and Track and Field Programs** on **Probation** for one year 1/17/23-1/17/24.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL** – *Santa Cruz Union High School Dis**Rule: Article 26. Soccer, Section 1 Rules (26.1.2)**Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility of School Administrators (2.5.2.3)***Reported Violation:**

According to the report, the official stated “I showed a straight red to the coach and he refused to leave the field of play. I then abandoned the match”. The players were forced to abandon competition as the referee called the game according to his report, causing the team to walk off the field.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. Head coach was spoken to regarding the incident by the AD and Superintendent. The team has also been spoken to regarding conduct and how they are representatives of the school on and off the field. All actions have been documented for future references regarding our boys soccer coach.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/23-1/17/24.

YUMA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – *Catholic Diocese of Tucson**Rule: Article 22. Basketball, Section 5 Number of Games in Season (22.5.3)***Reported Violation:**

A JV boys basketball player played all 4 quarters of the JV game and was used in 3 quarters of the varsity game. The head coach made a mistake in a lopsided game and mistakenly played the JV player.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. The quarter rule was covered in our annual coaches meeting. To be honest, it was a game over winter break, they were short kids to start, the game was very lopsided, and the coach made a mistake using the JV player to take the starters out of the game.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Yuma Catholic High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/23-1/17/24.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE*Rule: Article 15, Student Eligibility Rules, Section 6 Age Limit / Birth Record Rule, Paragraph 1 Age Limit*

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.

❖ American Leadership Academy – Queen Creek

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above age rule appeal.

FOOTBALL PLACEMENT APPEALS

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

<u>ALA Queen Creek</u>	Jeff Oliverson – AD, Ty Detmer – FB Coach
<u>Morenci</u>	Jennifer Morales – Superintendent, Joe Garcia – FB Coach, Casey Woodall – Athletics
<u>Window Rock*</u>	Shannon Goodsell – Superintendent, Malcolm Young – AD, Wilbur Begay – FB Coach
<u>Benson</u>	Micah Mortenson – Superintendent, Eric Tatham – AD, Dustin Cluff – FB Coach
<u>Phoenix Christian</u>	Dan Fort – AD
<u>Page*</u>	Megan Moore – AD
<u>Monument Valley*</u>	Stephen Young – AD, Bryan Begay – FB Coach
<u>Ganado*</u>	April Clairmont – AD
<u>Northwest Christian</u>	David Inness – AD
<u>Seton Catholic</u>	Gregg Buchanan – AD, Pete Wahleim – FB Coach
<u>Ben Franklin</u>	Shawn Lytle – AD
<u>Desert Sunrise</u>	Phil Verdugo – AD
<u>Maricopa</u>	Craig Moody – AD
<u>Agua Fria</u>	Josh Jovanelly – AD
<u>Barry Goldwater</u>	Scott Warner – District AD, Chandler Evans – AD, Frank Lutt – FB Coach
<u>North</u>	Zack Munoz – District AD, Becky Vogel – AD
<u>Trevor Browne</u>	Zack Munoz – District AD, Manuel Calderon – AD, Francisco Rangel – FB Coach

**Indicates attendance via zoom*

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 8, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following conference placement requests:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>	<u>2023 FB Placement</u>
ALA Queen Creek	Denied	6A
Morenci	Denied	3A
Window Rock	Denied	3A
Benson	Granted	2A
Phoenix Christian	Granted	2A
Page	Denied	3A
Monument Valley	Denied	3A
Ganado	Denied	3A
NW Christian	Denied	4A
Seton Catholic	Denied	4A
Ben Franklin	Granted	3A
Desert Sunrise	Denied	4A
Maricopa	Denied	5A
Agua Fria	Denied	5A
Barry Goldwater	Denied	5A
North	Granted	5A
Trevor Browne	Granted	5A
Sahuarita	Granted	4A
Glendale Prep	Denied	2A
Palo Verde	Granted	2A
Winslow	Denied	3A
Wickenburg	Denied	3A
Rio Rico	Denied	4A
Ironwood Ridge	Denied	5A

FUTURE DATES

January 20, 2023	Legislative Council Agenda Submission Deadline
January 24-25, 2023	Spring Hardship Appeal Hearings – Committee
February 3, 2023	Spring Coaches Course Deadline
February 4, 2023	Spring Coaches Option Zoom Q&A
February 7, 2023	Football Region Placement Appeal Deadline
February 17, 2023	Tony Komadina Award Application Deadline
February 20, 2023	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
February 21, 2023	Executive Board Meeting
March 3, 2023	Legislative Council Meeting
March 20, 2023	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines, Executive Director