



ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY - MARCH 3, 2023

In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, the regular annual meeting of the AIA Legislative Council (Council) was duly called and held on Friday, March 3, 2023, at the AIA Office, 7007 North 18th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

ROLL CALL

1A Conference (7)

Carl Adams – St Michael
Jennifer Bradley – Lincoln Prep
Angela Earnhart – The Gregory School
Darryl Suber – Mogollon
Phil Echeverria – Williams
George Diehl – Bagdad
Nate Porter - Patagonia

2A Conference (7)

Tiarra Yazzie – Valley Sanders
Mike Elder – Northland Prep
David Peters – AZ Lutheran
Duane Ediger – Scottsdale Prep

3A Conference (7)

Greg Perkins – Holbrook
Jamie Roe – Tuba City
Shawn Cluff – Florence
David Inness – NW Christian
Lonnie Tvrdy – Pusch Ridge
Greg Haagsma – Valley Christian

4A Conference (7)

Shelly Arredondo – Tempe
Rudy Alvarado – Mesquite
Yancey Devore – Mingus Union
Phill Gruensfelder – Salpointe Catholic
Jeff Feldman – Greenway
Whitney Holland – Mica Mountain
Bill Wright – Estrella Foothills

5A Conference (7)

Mark Ernster – Peoria District
Remigio Gordillo – Millennium
Darrell Stangle – Williams Field
Stephen Cervantez – Desert Mountain
Eric Sowle – Nogales
Kevin Belcher – Central

6A Conference (7)

Zack Munoz – Phoenix Union District
Tommy Eubanks – Mesa District
Shawn Rustad – Chandler District
Brandon Larson – Highland
David Barrios – Gila Ridge
Scott Warner – Deer Valley District

Arizona School Board Members (6)

1A – Carolyn Freeman – Bicentennial USD
4A – Steve Johnson – Florence USD

Members Absent:

Arnold Goodluck – Sanders USD – 2A
Dr. Charles Lucero – Kingman USD – 3A
Wendy Effing – Flowing Wells USD – 5A
Ann Ordway – Deer Valley USD – 6A
Travis Hawkins – Pima
Donna Antonio – San Carlos
Anthony Jones – Chandler Prep
Phillip Miglio – Tonopah Valley
Julie Patton – Glendale
Derek Fahleson – Tolleson District

Others Present At Roll Call:

Executive Board:

Tim Carter
Toni Corona
Ricky Greer
Jim Dean
Jennifer Burks
Renee Regoli

AIA Staff:

David Hines – Executive Director
Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director
Tayler Coady – Executive Assistant
Robyn Bingham – Systems Analyst
Jeanie Kosower – Assistant Commissioner of Officials
Brian Gessner – Commissioner of Officials
Tyler Cerimeli – Director of Athletics & Officials
Denise Doser – Director of Finance
Dean Visser – Director of Athletics & Activities
Brandy Young – Tournament & Operations
Naomi Vaughn – Director of Special Projects

Consultant/Parliamentarian:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel

Guests:

Corey Newland
David Huffine
Kristie Stevens
Tim Bridges
Jim Gowdy

After completion of roll call, Mr. Mignella introduced all others present and outlined procedures to be observed during the meeting. He reminded the Council Members that Article 5, Section 2 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Council membership (32 members) is required to amend the AIA Constitution and that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly called meeting is required to amend the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella continued by stating that Article 4, Section 5 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a quorum must be present at a meeting for the transaction of business, a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. He concluded that a quorum was present since roll call reflected that 37 of the 48 Council Members were present (32 members required for quorum). It was also determined, based upon the 37 members present, that a vote of 28 would be required for adoption of amendments to the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella then reminded the Council that in accordance with Article 4, Section 5, Paragraph 5 of the AIA Constitution, proxy votes could not be accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 4, 2022 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Before entertaining a motion to approve the agenda for the March 3, 2023 meeting as presented, Mr. Mignella called for any request for additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ZACK MUNOZ AND SECONDED BY KEVIN BELCHER TO ADD ITEM #10.

MOTION TO AMEND – FAILED

(Votes Cast: yes-2; No-35)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Hines deferred his time to Legislator, Barry Aarons. Mr. Aarons discussed SB 1564 and encouraged all members to send an email to their House Representatives in opposition of this bill.

MEMBERSHIP

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Constitution:
Article 2. Membership. Section 4. Associate Member Schools

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

In order to maintain consistency of service and provide clarity of membership for all member schools; and considering the extremely small number of associate member schools in the association; it is recommended that Article 2.4, Associate Members be removed from the Constitution.

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~~2.4 **ASSOCIATE MEMBER SCHOOLS** An associate member school is one that has paid the annual dues and fees and agrees to abide by all AIA rules and regulations, and has the following limitations of membership.~~

~~2.4.1 An associate member school that fails to abide by all AIA rules and regulations, may be refused further affiliation with the AIA.~~

~~2.4.2 Associate member schools desiring to schedule a member school in any sport shall meet all provisions of the student eligibility rules enumerated in Article 15 of the AIA Bylaws.~~

~~2.4.3 Associate member schools may:~~

~~2.4.3.1 Schedule interscholastic athletics and activities with member, associate member or nonmember schools.~~

~~2.4.3.2 Shall not participate in any AIA regional or state athletic or activity championship tournament.~~

~~2.4.3.3 Shall not participate in any district or state nonathletic tournaments.~~

MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL ECHEVERRIA AND SECONDED BY TIARRA YAZZIE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-37; No-0)

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Amend AIA Bylaw:

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

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The change regarding tournaments will provide for a true 50% of eligibility as the rule intended; the sub-varsity change will permit students who do not affect state championships to participate without loss of eligibility; the season of sport change clarifies and addresses the intent of students transferring after a season of sport has begun.

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15.10 TRANSFER RULE – **Except as stated in 15.10.4**, after enrolling and attending one or more classes, a student changing enrollment from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) shall be considered a transferring student. For information and record keeping purposes, the receiving and sending school shall reasonably cooperate and complete Form 550.

15.10.1 **In team sports**, a student shall be ineligible for all **power ranked** contests at ~~all~~ **the varsity** level until after the first 50% of the maximum allowable Power Rankings regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility. **In sports permitting invitationals/tournaments, the student shall be ineligible for the first invitational/tournament.** Participation is defined as a student participating in the sport during a regular season game as is specified by the AIA standardized calendar.

15.10.1.1 For individual sports, the student will be ineligible for 50% ~~of allowable competitions of~~ **scheduled opportunities, including invitationals/tournaments** for that school ~~on the AIA calendar.~~ **School schedules must be completed by the start of the season of competition and entered on the AIA website.**

15.10.1.1.1 In case of any subsequent transfer by the student, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school

15.10.1.1.2 **A transfer student who plays only in sub-varsity competitions shall have immediate eligibility, but is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in regular season and post-season competitions for the season in that sport. A decision to participate only at sub-varsity levels must be made prior to the season of competition.**

15.10.1.2 If a transfer occurs during the season in which the student ~~is participating~~ **participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility, or in which the student has practiced or tried out for a team during the current season**, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport.

15.10.1.3 In case of any subsequent transfer by the student, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school.

15.10.1.4 A transfer from an AIA member school (sending school) to a non-AIA member school that does not offer any interscholastic athletics, will not be considered a transfer.

15.10.1.4.1 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school back to the sending school will also not be considered a transfer under 15.10.

15.10.1.4.2 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school to an AIA member school other than the sending school will result in the appropriate transfer rule period of ineligibility.

AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAIR AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE CASE, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS CONSIDERED AS FOUR DIFFERENT PARTS.

1st Consideration

15.10 TRANSFER RULE – Except as stated in 15.10.4, after enrolling and attending one or more classes, a student changing enrollment from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) shall be considered a transferring student. For information and record keeping purposes, the receiving and sending school shall reasonably cooperate and complete Form 550.

15.10.1 In team sports, a student shall be ineligible for all power ranked contests at the varsity level until after the first 50% of the maximum allowable Power Rankings regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility. In sports permitting invitationals/tournaments, the student shall be ineligible for the first invitational/tournament. Participation is defined as a student participating in the sport during a regular season game as is specified by the AIA standardized calendar.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDON LARSON AND SECONDED BY BILL WRIGHT FOR CONSIDERATION ONE AS PRESENTED.

CONSIDERATION #1 – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-36; No-1)

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2nd Consideration

15.10.1.1 For individual sports, the student will be ineligible for 50% of allowable competitions of scheduled opportunities, including invitationals/tournaments for that school. on the AIA calendar. School schedules must be completed by the start of the season of competition and entered on the AIA website.

15.10.1.1.1 In case of any subsequent transfer by the student, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT WARNER AND SECONDED BY WHITNEY HOLLAND FOR CONSIDERATION TWO AS PRESENTED.

CONSIDERATION #2 – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-35 No-2)

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3rd Consideration

15.10.1.1.2 A transfer student who plays only in sub-varsity competitions shall have immediate eligibility but is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in regular season and post-season competitions for the season in that sport. A decision to participate only at sub-varsity levels must be made prior to the season of competition.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDON LARSON AND SECONDED BY KEVIN BELCHER TO AMEND CONSIDERATION THREE (*add; tournaments; ...varsity level in regular season, tournaments, and post-season competitions*).

CONSIDERATION #3 – PASSED TO AMEND

(Votes Cast: Yes-38 No-0)

Member arrived – total members in attendance at vote – 38

MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL ECHEVERRIA AND SECONDED BY PHIL GRUENSFELDER FOR CONSIDERATION THREE AS AMENDED.

CONSIDERATION #3 – PASSED AS AMENDED

(Votes Cast: Yes-38 No-0)

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4th Consideration

15.10.1.2 If a transfer occurs during the season in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility, or in which the student has practiced or tried out for a team during the current season, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport.

15.10.1.4 A transfer from an AIA member school (sending school) to a non-AIA member school that does not offer any interscholastic athletics, will not be considered a transfer.

15.10.1.4.1 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school back to the sending school will also not be considered a transfer under 15.10.

15.10.1.4.2 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school to an AIA member school other than the sending school will result in the appropriate transfer rule period of ineligibility.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDON LARSON AND SECONDED BY SCOTT WARNER FOR CONSIDERATION FOUR AS PRESENTED.

CONSIDERATION #4 – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-38 No-0)

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

This change addresses a recent issue that has begun to occur. It clarifies the AIA membership position regarding student participation on teams other than their high school team during the AIA Season of Sport

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15.10.4 For the purposes of 15.10.4, a student enrolled at an AIA member school, who chooses to participate on a different team that competes in high school games during the AIA season of sport is considered a transfer. This rule applies to the 12 months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility.

15.10.4.1 A transfer back to the student's original AIA member school shall be considered a first transfer with an ineligibility period the same as described in 15.10.1.

15.10.4.2 A subsequent transfer of eligibility to an AIA member school other than the original school will result in the student being ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school.
(Emergency Legislation – Ex Board – 12/12/2022)

MOTION WAS MADE BY WHITNEY HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY SCOTT WARNER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-28; No-7; Abstain-3)

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**PHOENIX CHRISTIAN PREP SCHOOL (2A CONFERENCE) – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15. International Student Eligibility

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The state of Arizona currently has a number of international students studying in high schools across the state as a part of approved student academic programs under the auspices of the US Federal Government. These students have chosen to attend school in the US due to the fact that the US provides the best high school experience in the world. One of the most unique and significant factors in our high school experience is the opportunity to participate in interscholastic varsity athletics. Under the current bylaws, these students are unable to participate in varsity athletics at their schools. Despite the pure motives and academic focus of these students, they are unable to experience the entirety of the US high school experience. The essence of this proposal is to encourage participation for all students attending member schools while safeguarding against unfair competitive advantages.

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15.15 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY – Prefatory Statement: In an effort to preserve and promote interscholastic competitive opportunities for Arizona students and further the goals of competitive fairness and equity, and recognizing the concerns of AIA member schools related to displacement of Arizona students by students from foreign countries, the following bylaw addresses the interscholastic eligibility status of international students attending an AIA member school:

15.15.2 International Students: An international student is a student who is in the U.S. under any Visa or document other than a J-1 Visa and who is attending an AIA member school. Except as stated below with regard to domicile, an international student must meet all eligibility requirements of any regularly enrolled student. An international student is eligible only for non-varsity level competition, which may include only 9th through 11th grade, and is not at any time of enrollment eligible for varsity level competition. With regard to domicile, an international student's non-varsity eligibility shall be at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed.

F-1 international students are subject to limited eligibility for varsity competition under the following circumstances:

- F-1 international student-athletes will not be eligible for varsity competition prior to completing two consecutive semesters (one full year) attending school in Arizona. International students may practice and play on sub-varsity teams prior to completing two consecutive semesters.
- Approved F-1 international students may comprise no more than 20% of the sports state tournament roster where applicable, or predetermined Varsity roster size. Each sport committee will choose a percentage or number of approved International Students for varsity competition in their respective sport not to exceed 20%. The percentage chosen must allow at least one approved international student to participate. see chart below for allowances based on 20% of roster size.
- Upon completion of two consecutive semesters of attending high school in Arizona, an international student is eligible for varsity participation. The conference will use the following criteria when evaluating international student eligibility:
 - Student must be attending high school in Arizona legally.
 - Student must have attended high school in Arizona for two consecutive semesters.
 - Student must not have been recruited to the current school for athletic participation.
 - Student must not be in violation of any recruitment rule provisions and must have come to enroll at the school in the same manner as all other students currently attending that school.
 - Any financial aid provided to the student must have been awarded through the school's traditional financial aid process and athletic participation or ability must not be a consideration in financial aid decisions.

In the event the conference has legitimate reason to suspect the student's enrollment at his/her current school is for athletic reasons, it may request documentation regarding the student's initial enrollment at that school. The conference may request documentation of the following: financial aid awards, initial contact with the school, communication with athletic personnel and communication with third parties representing the student's interests.

- Documentation must be provided by the member institution where the student is attending.
 - Required documentation is as follows:
 - Copy of birth certificate or passport
 - Copy of F-1 Visa or additional documentation providing legal entry and educational purpose in the United States
 - Official transcripts
 - Recommendation Letters from previous school

International Students based on 20% of roster size:

Sport	Roster Size	# of International Student-Athletes
Volleyball (boys/girls)	15	3
Cross Country	7	1
Football (11 man)	50*	10
Football (8 man)	30*	6
Boys' Basketball	15	3
Girls' Basketball	15	3
Track and Field (boys/girls)	15*	3
Tennis	9	2
Spiritline	15*	3
Baseball	25	5
Sand Volleyball	10	2
Soccer (Boys/girls)	25*	5
Golf	5	1
Swim and Dive (boys/girls)	20*	4
Wrestling	14	3
Badminton	8*	2
Softball	22	4

MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE ELDER AND SECONDED BY DAVID PETER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – FAILED

(Votes Cast: Yes-4; No-34)

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There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04am by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director