



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2024**

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, May 20, 2024 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President Jennifer Burks called the meeting to order at 8:26am

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)
Tiarra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Valley (Sanders) High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)*
Matt Belden, 4A Conference (Glendale Union School District)
Nathan Slater, 5A Conference (Scottsdale School District)
Jennifer Burks, CAA, 6A Conference (Perry High School)
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District – Rio Rico)
Missy Townsend, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Jim Dean, Associate Executive Director
Eric Coy, Assistant Executive Director
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant
Brian Bolitho, Chief Business Development Officer
Jake Litwiller, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Gessner, 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

Guests:

Richard Obert
David Huffine

**Indicates attendance via zoom*

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, President Burks, 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:

- ✓ 8:26 am – 9:27 am
- ✓ 10:33 am – 11:30 am

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The AIA Champions Gala took place on May 19th at the Vista Center for the Arts. Congratulations to all the incredible student athletes recognized and honored. And a special thank you to Ryan Fitzpatrick as our keynote speaker for the evening.

Spring state tournaments concluded on May 14th with baseball at Tempe Diablo Stadium. It was an incredible season of tournaments and record-breaking events. Congratulations to all our individual athletes and teams for another great year. A special acknowledgement to Vance Nilsson from Gilbert High School for breaking the National Record in 300 Hurdles with an astonishing time of 34.83.

Thank you to all the member schools that graciously hosted events this year. The state tournaments could not have gone on without you all! To the administrators, student athletes, parents, fans, officials and communities, thank you for the continued support throughout the school year.

Discussion took place regarding the start date for cross country. On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board added the cross country start date to the agenda for vote.

FUTURE DATES

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| May 23, 2024 | Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting |
| May 27, 2024 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |
| June 24-27, 2024 | Summer Break – AIA Office Closed |

Beginning May 27, 2024, thru July 12, 2024, the AIA Office will be on summer hours as follows:

Monday – Thursday | 7:00am – 3:00pm

Closed Fridays

Regular Office Hours will resume on Monday, July 15, 2024.

The AIA office will be undergoing remodeling/construction with very limited access to the front entrance beginning May 28th – July 8th. If you expect you will need to come into the office, please contact AIA staff to ensure access will be available.

ACTION ITEMS:**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following consent agenda items

Approval of Minutes

- Executive Board Meeting – April 15, 2024

AIA Lifetime Passes

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

1. Robert Edwards Jr.	San Tan Foothills	27 years
2. Jeffrey Goldstein	Maryvale	30 years
3. Steve Cihomsky	Tempe	26 years
4. Justin Jobe	Campo Verde	25 years
5. DeeDee Baumgarner	Yuma	25 years
6. Virginia Maes	Superior	40 years
7. Jose G Corona	Cortez	31 years
8. Michelle Corona	Cortez	30 years

Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2023-24 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 2023-2024 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

Additional Game Requests

- Winslow** – VAR boys' fall soccer game to help fill **Holbrook's** schedule.
- Winslow** – VAR girls' fall soccer game to help fill **Snowflake's** schedule.
- Yuma** – JV/FrSo girls' volleyball game to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- Cactus Shadows** – VAR/FrSo football game to help fill **Central's** schedule.
- Valley Christian** – VAR/JV girls' volleyball game to help fill **Window Rock's** schedule.
- Centennial** – JV/FrSo football game to help fill **Liberty's** schedule.
- Flowing Wells** – VAR/JV/FrSo girls' volleyball game to help fill **Pusch Ridge's** schedule.

Cancellation Requests – Contest and/or Programs

<u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u>	<u>CANCELLED PROGRAM:</u>
1. Sedona Red Rock	Baseball

SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 2

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 159 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

<u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u>	<u>SCHOOL DOES NOT CONSENT:</u>
1. Fountain Hills	Globe – Softball

FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial report:

- ✓ Financial Report for April 2024

LEGAL DEFENSE RECOVERY FUND

Based on the total expenses paid for legal fees for the 2023-2024 school year it was determined that a total of \$313.20 will be billed to each member schools per AIA Bylaw 9.1.3.3.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above bill back cost.

ELECTION OF 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

In accordance with Article 6, Section 4, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as officers for the **2024-2025** school year:

<u>President</u>	Matt Belden – Glendale Union High School District 4A Conference
<u>Vice President</u>	Missy Townsend – Prescott High School AIAAA

PROPOSED AMENDEMENT – BYLAWS – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES **EMERGENCY LEGISLATION****15.10 TRANSFER RULE**

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

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** on **Emergency Legislation** the above amendment to the AIA bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURE – SWIM**29.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS****29.8.1.6 Boys/Girls Participants**

*The top ~~32~~ 40 automatic or provisional qualifiers per individual event will advance to the post-season meet.
The top ~~24~~ 30 automatic or provisional relay qualifiers will advance to the post-season.*

Rationale:

- Increases competitive opportunity for teams
- Reduces prelim competition timeline to allow for usage of 1 tank, reducing the number of required officials, timers, equipment, staffing and aligning competition format across all divisions
- Aligns prelim competition to allow coaches at all divisions to coach boys & girls during competition
- Allows for further opportunity for spectators to attend to see relay-only athletes on Saturday
- Provides relay-only athletes the opportunity to compete in a heightened environment
- Reduces potential multiple-day travel for relay-only athletes & teams
- Allows individual event participants to focus on individual event competition on day 1
- Removes some of the “wobble room” within the timeline during prelims, which reduces some of the concern of competition running “too fast”
- The adjustment to qualifying numbers aligns numbers to be similar to the % in team sports qualifying for play-in games

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURE – BASEBALL**21.1 RULES**

21.1.3.3 *Suspension* – A game under suspension is a game that has been delayed due to weather or field conditions that will be completed *at a later time* prior to teams and umpires leaving the field.

NOTE: A regular season varsity contest may not result in a tie, even if it went 5 innings. It must be played to a concluding contest win for one of the competing teams following the “**suspended**” game protocol.

21.1.3.4 *Suspended Game Protocol*

21.1.3.4.1 *Games suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption and played until satisfying a regulation game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest. Pitch count guidelines shall be in effect and apply at the time when the game is resumed. Suspended games shall be replayed on the first available agreed upon date for both teams. Games suspended in “mid-inning” revert back to the last completed inning, and the game is restarted from that point (IF TIED).*

21.1.3.4.2 *A game that has gone beyond 4 ½ or 5 innings and after suspension leaves the contest in a tie, shall be resumed at point of interruption, and played until satisfying a completed game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest. Pitch count guidelines shall be in effect and apply at the time when the game is resumed. Suspended games shall be replayed on the first available agreed upon date for both teams.*

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURE – SOFTBALL**28.1 RULES**

28.1.3.3 *Suspension* – A game under suspension is a game that has been delayed due to weather or field conditions that will be completed *at a later time* prior to teams and umpires leaving the field.

NOTE: A regular season varsity contest may not result in a tie, even if it went 5 innings. It must be played to a concluding contest win for one of the competing teams following the “**suspended**” game protocol.

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

BASKETBALL – 2A SHOT CLOCK

The 2A Conference voted to begin use of the Shot Clock during the regular season starting the 2024-25 school year. Most 2A schools have already implemented the use of the shot clock, those that have not will have until the 2025-26 school year to have the equipment installed. During post season any school that does not have a shot clock installed will not be permitted to host a post season event.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** the use of the shot clock for the 2A Conference.

FLAG FOOTBALL RULEBOOK UPDATE

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the 2024-25 flag football rulebook.

REGION PLACEMENTS – DIVISION I – BADMINTON

The 6A conference requested the changes of region placements for Division I badminton. The proposed regions align with the remained of the team sport regions for the 6A Conference.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** the proposed region placements for Division I Badminton for the 2024-25 school year.

CROSS COUNTRY START DATE

Start Date: Week 5

Practice may begin – August 5, 2024

Competition may begin – August 26, 2024

Schedules will remain the same – week 5 will remain as an open week.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the start date being moved for the 2024-25 cross country season.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**SAINT MARY’S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** – *Catholic Diocese of Phoenix*

Rule: Article 32. Volleyball, Section 5 Number of Games in Season (32.5.3)

Reported Violation:

A player from St. Mary's played 2 sets of the JV volleyball match and then played all 5 sets of the varsity volleyball match. The 7 sets played is a violation of bylaw 32.5.3.

Schools Corrective Action:

AIA Bylaw 32.5.3 was reviewed with all men's volleyball staff. A new procedure was put into place to plan accordingly when/if our numbers for JV are low so we are prepared for a potential 5 game varsity match. Additional training on proper bookkeeping and set verification will also be put into place. The match will be forfeited.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Saint Mary's Catholic High School **Boys' Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

MARYVALE HIGH SCHOOL – *Phoenix Union High School District*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)

Reported Violation:

Student pitched 73 pitches against North HS on Tuesday, March 26. He was allowed by the Head Coach to enter the game against North HS on Friday, March 29 and pitch again with only three days' rest.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The Head Coach admitted the error and was counseled and retrained by the AD about accurate record keeping.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Maryvale High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

THE ODYSSEY INSTITUTE –

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)

Reported Violation:

Head coach used a pitcher that was not eligible to pitch due to limited rest between last game the player pitched. Coach miscounted the rest days.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. After Park HS brought this to our attention the next day we conducted an investigation within our Athletic Department, and confirmed the pitcher needed one additional day of rest before pitching again. As part of our response, the coaching staff will be engaged in a comprehensive review of the AIA bylaws and pitch count rules to reinforce our commitment to compliance.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Odyssey Institute High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

GILA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – *Yuma High School District*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Kofa's game changer had a different pitch count number than Gila Ridge's count. Kofa had Gila Ridge pitcher ending the game with 119 pitches thrown. Gila Ridge had student at 108 pitches thrown (taken out after facing one batter in the bottom of the 7th inning).

Due to the home team's pitch count being the official count, Gila Ridge is submitting this violation. This was for the varsity baseball game on April 15th, 2024 (Gila Ridge High School at Kofa High School).

Schools Corrective Action:

Gila Ridge will now have a paid student worker keep track of the pitch count when Gila Ridge is at home, instead of a student manager sitting in the dugout. Additionally, Gila Ridge will ensure the baseball team is using game changer to track each pitch/play as it happens.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Gila Ridge High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**BABOQUIVARI HIGH SCHOOL** – *Indian Oasis Baboquivari Unified*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules

Reported Violation:**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. This violation will result in a conversation with the coach, a review of the policies, procedures, and rules of baseball. It will also require a review of violations and consequences. It will be expected that the coach will review the above with the players. All will be knowledgeable and accountable moving forward.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Baboquivari High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

TREVOR BROWNE HIGH SCHOOL – *Phoenix Union High School District*

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

Reported Violation:

Trevor Browne played an ineligible player in the varsity softball game played at Maryvale HS Monday April 22nd. This player had been ejected in the previous varsity softball game against Maryvale hosted by Trevor Browne Friday April 19th. The player did not sit out the one game suspension for 1st ejection per AIA regulations.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Coach was in-serviced concerning the violation and regulations.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Trevor G Browne High School **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL – *Gilbert Public Schools*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 3 Enrollment Rule (15.3.1)

Reported Violation:

During an exhibition heat at a dual vs. Cesar Chavez it was noticed when the race started, the starter saw a kid running in a mask, that was not our student but was in a HHS Track T Shirt. Coaches were able to hold the kid at the finish line. When questioned, the kid admitted that his friend (a HHS track athlete) let him run in his heat for him. We also found out that the kid running was not an HHS athlete, or a HHS student.

Schools Corrective Action:

Racer was trespassed from the campus the night of the track meet. HHS athlete was suspended for the duration of the season.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **accepted** the Highland High School's reported violation.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

ARIZONA COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL – *Chandler Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 1 Student Eligibility Requirements (15.1.1.1)

Reported Violation:

Female athlete ran in the 4x400 relay. The team needed someone to run and she was at the meet. She was not listed as an alternate but was listed as an alternate for the 4x800 relay.

Schools Corrective Action:

ACP Athletics department will review bylaws specifically about entries into meets and eligibility of athletes. Head coach is also not returning to ACP or CUSD in the fall.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Arizona College Prep High School **Girls' Track and Field Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL – *Higley Unified*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice (14.2.2)

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Nonschool Participation (14.4.1)

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 3 Enrollment Rule (15.3.1)

Reported Violation:

Members of the boys' volleyball team leading up to the state tournament engaged in a scrimmage that included individuals not enrolled at the member school.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Coaches professional development will include a more in depth explanation of the pertinent bylaws and education on who may participate in practices during the season of sport.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **tabled** the Williams Field High School reported violation in light of pending litigation until the August meeting or when pending litigation concludes.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

BABOQUIVARI HIGH SCHOOL
BASIS FLAGSTAFF HIGH SCHOOL
THE GREGORY SCHOOL
WICKENBURG HIGH SCHOOL
CASA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL
CAMPO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL

Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility of School Administrators (2.5.1)

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the above High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/20/24-5/20/25.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines,
Executive Director