

AIA Basketball Sports Advisory
Committee Meeting
March 21, 2024 - 10:00 am

DRAFT – MINUTES

Members – those present in red:

- 1A Carl Adams, St. Michael; George Diehl – Bagdad.
- 2A Doug Meyer, ALA; Shane Lewis, Phx Country Day.
- 3A Justin Smith, Page; Greg Haagsma - Valley Christian.
- 4A Damin Lopez, St. Mary's & Howard Mueller, Greenway (at large);
Missy Townsend (Chair) - Prescott.
- 5A Jordan Augustine – Ironwood; Remigio Gordillo – Millennium.
- 6A Steve McDowell, Gilbert Dist.

AIA Staff – David Hines, Erin Coy, Tyler Cerimeli, Dan Nero
Guest – Jamie Carreon, Head Girls Coach – Mtn Ridge

➤ Agenda:

- Roll Call – Introductions
- Approval of Minutes - Spring 2023 Move to approve: Steve M;
2nd Greg H/Jordan A; unanimous approval.
- State of AZ HS Basketball – David H.
 - Mr. Hines mentioned that overall, there were many great games throughout the State Tournaments. Small schools had very good attendance, especially the Reservation schools. Overall attendance was down 20,000 attendees. 6A Girls Championship attendance was 375.
 - Mr. Hines emphasized again, and all agree, that State Championship games are a big deal. We have super kids, super programs and we are continuing to build a positive experience for all involved.

- Guest –

- Jamie Carreon, Mtn Ridge

- Parity survey

- Coach Carreon has been a girls basketball coach for 20+ years. He would like to see more parity in setting up schedules to minimize non-competitive games. It is getting difficult to build and keep a neighborhood program going with transfers, etc., and games with lop sided scores don't help.

- Coach Carreon proposes the AIA should consider changing the setup of schedules away from population of schools to a panel of coaches to set 4A, 5A and 6A basketball conferences and schedules. Jamie sent out a survey of all 4A-6A girls and boys head coaches and received responses from about 125 of 274 schools (roughly 45% of boys head coaches and 54% of girls head coaches). 78% were in favor of more parity in scheduling.

- Steve M. - this may involve boys and girls teams at same school in a difference Conferences which was a challenge in past years (Divisions).

- SAC comments:

- Remigio: Some concerns with a panel of coaches setting up conferences and schedules; splitting girls and boys schedules very difficult for ADs (facilities, transportation, etc.). Better communication needed between HC and AD for development of schedules, etc.

- Jordan : Building a program is difficult, but it is a choice and takes time.

- Missy T. and Steve M. – Attendance and program building is best when you have home grown talent developed in a community school setting.

- George D. – emphasized communication between Coaches to Coaches, Coaches to ADs, and ADs to ADs in Conference scheduling is key.

Mr. Hines mentioned the possibility of Basketball Reclassification (similar to Football??): can be discussed in Fall 2024 for the next two-year block.

- Items from SAC members-

- Damin Lopez

- Open feedback – Damin: Open was very positive. Would be nice to see Open Qtrs. at a neutral site, maybe at one location. Also, some of the NFHS streaming views were quite low. Could the higher views some schools have be used?

Mr. Hines: Agreed – many positive parts of Open year 2. Such as new trophies, Elite 8 and Final 4 recognized at Open Championships, new VMC entry tunnel, etc.

Addition of a 3rd in season tournament

Can this happen for AIA Basketball? Greg H. reminded all this was brought to Conferences 2 years ago, but no Conferences would bring 3 tournaments to the Executive Board due to not enough support from Principals and Supt. – missed school time.

Missy T. confirmed – if coaches want 3 tournaments, they need to get their ADs to bring to Regions and Conferences, who they can propose to Executive Board.

Appeals committee for Ejections

New stipulations for ejections for July 1 coming from March 2024 Leg. Council

Name, Image, and Likeness Update

New NIL language from Leg. Council and NIL committee for 2024-25.

➤ Remigio Gordillo

Power point rankings

Key items re: power point rankings along with W/L record- Strength of schedule matters; not predictive (must play the game to get value); 20 point differential (began 23-24). New two-year block – more cross Conf. scheduling gives most accurate rankings.

Neutral site selections

For Open Semis – AIA staff looks at multiple HS sites available and willing to host, gym size, parking, etc.

Game time selections

When DHs, highest seeded team play the late games.

- New business:

Jordan A. asked about starting NFHS streaming 30 delayed to help increase attendance? Mr. Hines mentioned stats – most views streamed from 25+ miles away from game site.

Remigio mentioned losing too many JV games – possible JV Tournaments? Historically not approved by ADs due to expenses in paying for tournaments and out of school time.

Steve M. will write up a change to Art. 22 about playing JV DHs on a Saturday (adjust the Qtr. Rule) to give lower level players more opportunities.

- Next meeting date: March 27, 2025

- Adjourned: Approx 12 noon – motion by Remigio G. , 2nd by Greg H. Approved.

