



MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Prescott, AZ
September 10, 2024

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Yavapai County Education Center, 2970 Centerpointe E Drive, Prescott, AZ 86301.

President Matt Belden called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)
Tierra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Hopi 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, 6A Conference (Perry High School)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)*
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley School District – Rio Rico)
Missy Townsend, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Jim Dean, Associate Executive Director
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Darrell Stangle
David Loutzenheiser

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the adoption of the September 10, 2024 agenda.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

- ✓ 1:06 pm – 1:41 pm

REGULAR MEETING:**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Football reclassification timeline will be posted and sent out to member schools. Reclassification will begin after the conclusion of the football state tournament in December.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Approval of Minutes

- Executive Board Meeting – August 12, 2024
- Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – August 27, 2024
- Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – September 3, 2024

AIA Lifetime Passes

1. John Ornelas	AIA Officials
2. Tom Saltzstein	Camp Verde
3. Justin Deer	Chandler
4. Eric Richardson	Chandler
5. Jay Troutt	Chandler
6. Vidal Mejia	Chandler
7. Chris Wattawa	Desert Ridge
8. Scott Lanning	Ironwood
9. Rory Russell	Mountain View Mesa
10. Hosea Graham	Combs
11. Natalie Alfred	Tuba City
12. Robert Bristow	Benson
13. Chris Fredericks	Desert Mountain

Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2024-25 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 2024-2025 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.

ACTION ITEMS:

REQUEST – RECONSIDERATION – SCHOOL VIOLATION SANCTION

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, placed the Williams Field High School **Boys' Volleyball Program** on **Probation** for one year 8/12/24-8/12/25, vacated all 2024 tournament games and vacated the 2024 championship title.

On a secondary motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board moved the 2024 boys' volleyball state championship title to Casteel High School.

Based on the following corrective actions taken by Higley Unified School District and Williams Field High School

- Coach will no longer be on Williams Field staff
- The school instituted a more specific annual sign off for coaches and players to acknowledge review and compliance with pertinent bylaws and other coaching responsibilities.
- The school added an acknowledgement by parents in RMA/Aktiviate indicating that they have read bylaw 14.4.1 and 15.11
- Loss of championship title from 2024 season

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **rescinded** the probation and placed the Williams Field High School **Boys' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/12/24-8/12/25.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL – Tucson Unified School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 2 Application of Student Eligibility Rules (15.2.3)

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

Reported Violation:

During a spot check, AP and AD lined up team and checked that all students were cleared. At that time it was revealed that some students had not completed all required paperwork.

Schools Corrective Action:

AP and AD have and will continue to do spot checks throughout the season to ensure all students have required paperwork in. We will review processes with all head coaches. Football coaches is going through internal disciplinary action.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tucson High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

SABINO HIGH SCHOOL – Tucson Unified School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule (15.12)

Reported Violation:

Sabino administration was notified that there was an athlete participating on the summer Sabino girls' basketball team that was not an enrolled student at Sabino High School. The student is currently a middle school student. The coach allowed the student to participate despite being directed not to do so by the school administration.

Schools Corrective Action:

Prior to the end of summer, a meeting was held and all coaches were notified that any student participating in Sabino athletics during the off season and summer season must be Sabino students and cleared in ATS. The coach will be receiving a letter of reprimand. Sabino will continue to meet with coaches at the beginning of each season as well as the start of summer to go over AIA and District policies and procedures.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **accepted** the Sabino High School report.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL – *Mingus Union*

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.2)

Reported Violation:

Two players participate in practice from August 5th through 7th without being cleared by MUHS.

Schools Corrective Action:

This coach is no longer with the team. Our new coach is aware of Mingus policies.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL – *Mingus Union*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice (14.2.1)

Reported Violation:

Basketball coach had an open gym on 8/18/24 (Sunday), players were present

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach was not aware of the rule, occurred one time. Conference with coach and reviewed AIA bylaws.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Dysart Unified School District*

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

Reported Violation:

Student was approved for open enrollment on July 29, 2004 through our District Office to transfer from Valley Vista High School to Shadow Ridge High School. Student attended our cheer tryout on July 31, 2024. Student was selected to be on the team for the 2024-2025 school year. Student practiced with our cheer team on their first practice on August 5, 2024. It was confirmed on August 6, 2024 the student did not transfer to Shadow Ridge yet. Student was notified on August 6, 2024 that they are not eligible to practice with our cheer team.

Schools Corrective Action:

Shadow Ridge High School Athletic Department will screen every student in Aktivite to make sure they are Shadow Ridge students prior to approving them to tryout for our teams.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

PRESCOTT HIGH SCHOOL – *Prescott Unified*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 1 Student Eligibility Requirements (15.1.1)

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

Reported Violation:

We had a foreign exchange student from Brazil who was given the registration paperwork and walked through the steps. Even though she was told not to go to practice til she was cleared she went to volleyball tryouts. The coaches sent her back up to the office with one of their managers to get her cleared. They met with one of our Assistant Principals who oversee our foreign exchange students and was told she was clear on his end. The manager and student took that to mean that she was cleared for Final Forms when he was only talking about school. The coach took the word of the manager and athlete over seeing the actual clearance slip from the athletic department

Schools Corrective Action:

Reminder to coach to have physical clearance slip before athlete is allowed to practice.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Prescott High School **Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

Missy Townsend and Tim Carter abstain

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

DUNCAN HIGH SCHOOL – *Duncan Unified*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 1 Student Eligibility Requirements (15.1.1)

Reported Violation:

Head volleyball Coach allowed a freshman student athlete to attend 2 practices before she realized that the student was not cleared by our office. The student had not paid their fee, presented a physical a signed packet. The coach failed to check the sheet provided by the office.

Schools Corrective Action:

The coach was instructed to go strictly off the check sheet provided by the office and not what the student tells them.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Duncan High School **Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

SETON CATHOLIC PREP – *Catholic Diocese of Phoenix*

Rule: Article 24. Football, Section 3 Pre-Competition Practice (24.3.1)

Reported Violation:

On Wednesday, August 21st, our Spiritline team performed during our football scrimmage versus Paradise Valley. This was an oversight on our new athletic administrative staff and new cheer and pom coaches.

Schools Corrective Action:

The athletic director will implement comprehensive training sessions for the athletic department and coaching staff to reinforce the importance of adhering to AIA policies regarding team scrimmages. This training will include detailed guidance on the specific regulations to prevent any future violations.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Seton Catholic Prep **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL – *Mingus Union*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule (15.8)

Reported Violation:

Swim coach let two players participate in practice without having parental consent.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach was conferenced on the MUHS procedures, AIA bylaws and issues a written warning.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Boys' Swim Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL – *Mingus Union*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule (15.8)

Reported Violation:

Golf coach let two players participate in practice without having parental consent.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach was conferenced on the MUHS procedures, AIA bylaws and issues a written warning.

Executive Board Action:

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Girls' Golf Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Activities** on **Warning** for one year 9/10/24-9/10/25.

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:

<u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u>	<u>HEREBY CONSENT:</u>
1. North	VAR Boys/Girls Swimming Program
2. Independence	VAR Girls' Golf Program
3. La Joya	VAR Girls' Golf Program
4. Patagonia	VAR Boys' Soccer Program
5. Sequoia Pathway	VAR Girls' Volleyball Program
6. Sedona Red Rock	VAR Girls' Soccer Program
7. St. Michael	VAR Boys' Soccer Program
8. Desert Sunrise	VAR Boys' Golf Program
9. Marcos de Niza	VAR Girls' Golf Program
10. Santa Rita	VAR Boys/Girls Cross Country Program
11. Pueblo	VAR Girls' Golf Program
12. Red Valley-Cove	VAR Girls' Volleyball Program
13. Fredonia	VAR Football Program
14. BASIS Flagstaff	VAR Boys' Soccer Program
15. Mountain Pointe	VAR Badminton Program
16. Apache Junction	VAR Boys/Girls Swimming Program

SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 32

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 282 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- A. **Skyline** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Basha's** schedule.
- B. **Mayer** – an additional VAR girls' volleyball game to help fill **Ash Fork's** schedule.
- C. **Metro Tech** – an additional VAR/JV boys' basketball game to help fill **NFL YET's** schedule.
- D. **Mountain Pointe** – an additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Horizon Honors** schedule.
- E. **Horizon Honors** – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **San Carlos's** schedule.
- F. **St. John Paul II** – an additional Fr/So girls' volleyball game to help fill **St. Augustine's** schedule.
- G. **Cactus Shadows** – an additional VAR/JV girls basketball game to help fill **Sunnyslope's** schedule.
- H. **Prescot** – an additional VAR/JV/FrSo girls' basketball game to help fill **Sunnyslope's** schedule.
- I. **Maricopa** – an additional VAR/JV/FrSo girls' basketball game to help fill **Sunnyslope's** schedule.
- J. **Xavier** – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **Phoenix Country Day's** schedule.
- K. **Flagstaff** – an additional VAR girls basketball game to help fill **Phoenix Country Day's** schedule.
- L. **Alhambra** – an additional Fr/So boys' football game to help fill **Carl Hayden's** schedule.

REQUEST – VOLLEYBALL – SEASON OF SPORT EXCEPTION

Casteel High School has been invited to one of the top tournaments in the country in Hawaii. The tournament is prestigious and has the likes of Nationally top 20 ranked teams in the country.

The caveat is that traditionally this tourney starts the week of tryouts which is a week and a half before our first date of contest. Last year at the Women's Volleyball advisory committee the question was raised on how to enter the National stage as a state.

We are reaching out to see what the process would be to formally request an exception to play in this tourney. Our coach believes with the team we return we have an opportunity to compete for the # 1 team in the US.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **denied** the above request.

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (3A)

In accordance with Article 6, Section 4, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as a member for the **2024-2027** term:

3A Tim Bridges – Athletic Administrator – Catalina High School

Toni Corona abstained

AMENDMENT – NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) BYLAW – UPDATE

15.11.1.2.3. The compensation is not provided by the school, a booster club, a collective, or any person/entity acting as an agent on behalf of the school or athletic program.

No student-athlete may be a member of nor receive compensation or any other benefit from a Collective or NIL Club. A Collective is defined as any group organized or existing for the purpose of compensating or benefiting an individual student athlete or a group of student athletes of a member school. NIL Clubs are defined as a group of student athletes organized or existing for the purpose of soliciting funds or other benefits from fans, members or other sources, managing or promoting NIL activities of student athletes or otherwise providing funds or other benefits to an individual student athlete or group of student athletes.

Booster Clubs are not considered Collectives or NIL Clubs if such Booster Club is operated under the supervision of a member school and provides monetary or other benefits to school athletic facilities, school athletic equipment, school team meals or other school team benefits rather than to an individual student athlete or group of student athletes.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** on **Emergency Legislation** the above amendment to Article 15.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEDICAL INTERVENTION

Medical interventions which increase the risk of disease exacerbation or additional injury are never appropriate on the day of competition, or on any other day, for a high school student-athlete. There are three steps of decision making for the basis of the Return to Play decision. These include evaluation of health risks, participation risks, and any factors in decision modification. If a disease process or injury is not adequately controlled by the day of competition to allow safe clearance for play with full function, then invasive medical procedures on the day of competition, performed with the sole purpose of enabling the student-athlete to participate, are philosophically inappropriate and shall not be performed on site. These prohibitive procedures are to include IV's, joint injections, and prescription strength medications not prescribed appropriately to the student athlete.

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

REQUEST – ARIZONA CARDINALS

The Arizona Cardinals are requesting to work with the AIA to have a senior flag football All-Star game to be held on December 5th.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **denied** the above request.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**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 August 2024

FUTURE DATES

September 25, 2024	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
September 30, 2024	4A Conference Committee Meeting
October 2, 2024	Student Leadership Advisory Committee
October 15, 2024	Winter Hardship Appeal Submission Deadline
October 17, 2024	5A Conference Committee Meeting
October 21, 2024	Executive Board Meeting
	Winter Coaches Courses Available on Dashboard
October 22-23, 2024	Winter Hardship Appeal Hearings – Conference
October 28, 2024	4A Conference Committee Meeting
	6A Conference Committee Meeting
October 30, 2024	District Athletic Director / Conference Leadership Meeting
November 2, 2024	Winter Coaches Course Deadline

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines, AIA Executive Director