



**AGENDA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
January 21, 2025  
8:30 am – Meeting**

Call to Order ..... President Matt Belden

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA – JANUARY 21, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

3. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
  - Winter Meeting Update
  - UIL Visit
  - Unreported Violation

5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items may be enacted by one motion and approved as consent agenda items with or without discussion. Any item may, however, be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately if a Board member so requests.

(a) **Approval of Minutes**

- Executive Board Meeting – December 9, 2024

(b) **AIA Lifetime Passes**

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

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| 1. Michael Fenton | Sunnyslope          |
| 2. Brian Burgess  | Centennial          |
| 3. Cari Bauer     | Centennial          |
| 4. Scott Reed     | Hamilton            |
| 5. Joe McDonald   | Centennial          |
| 6. Dr. Leon Ben   | Ft. Thomas District |
| 7. Rob Reniewicki | Chaparral           |

(c) **Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2024-25 Master Calendar**

*Rule: Article 10. Sanction Procedures. Section 10.1 Sanctioned Events*

Sanction requests, 2024-25 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://aiaonline.org/calendar/tournaments>

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**6. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

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

**14.2 PRACTICE**

14.2.1 No practice, contest chalk talk or films are permitted on **Sunday** during the school year.

**(1) MONUMENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – Kayenta Unified**

**Reported Violation:**

Fr/So basketball coach allowed two students athletes to practice drills and shoot around on a Sunday (Nov 24). This session also included a coach from a neighboring school.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Coach's access to the facility was removed. Coach was informed of the AIA bylaw regarding practices on Sundays. Informed region school that their coach was at the session.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**(B) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule**

**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.

**(1) LEE WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL – Kingman Unified School District**

**Reported Violation:**

Both brothers should have sat out one half of the varsity season. They played in the first boys' soccer game.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Lee Williams will ensure that the coaches are aware of any ineligible players before the seasons.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

6. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

(C) Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 1 Rules / Procedures

14.1 **RULES / PROCEDURES**

14.1.1 *The AIA Constitution, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures shall govern contests in sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA.*

(1) **PAGE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Page Unified*

**Reported Violation:**

One of our new volunteer boys basketball coaches held an open gym on a Sunday in another community.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Coach Flores is a first-year volunteer and he was unaware that he was violating the bylaw since he was in a different community, not our own. We have given him a copy of the bylaws and have asked him to check with our head coach, his mentor, before he does anything regarding basketball.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**6. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd****(D) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule****15.10 TRANSFER RULE**

15.10.12 Disciplinary Removal - A student suspended, expelled or otherwise removed for disciplinary reasons, including revocation or non-renewal of open enrollment, from one high school shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition in any other high school for one year or until all conditions for re-admittance have been fulfilled at the high school where the suspension, expulsion, open enrollment revocation or removal for disciplinary reasons occurred, whichever occurs first.

**(1) CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL – Agua Fria Union High School District****Reported Violation:**

A girls' flag football student was enrolled at Shadow Ridge as a freshman. Her mother enrolled her without disclosing her long-term suspension from Shadow Ridge, she also stated she was coming from online school. We are not sure if this was an oversight or not. Not all paperwork was submitted until 10/26/24. This is the question asked in our enrollment paperwork: Is the student currently expelled or in the process of being expelled from any school or district? No The student did not fill out a 550 form either.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. 1. The Registrar will notify AD and Principal of any suspensions from previously attended schools. Cross-check disciplinary records with the student's previous school before enrollment is finalized. 2. Provide training for enrollment and administrative staff to identify discrepancies or incomplete information in enrollment applications. 3. Ensure the 550 form and all required paperwork are completed and submitted before the student is enrolled. Enrollment will not proceed until all documentation is received and verified.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

## 6. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

### (E) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule

#### 15.10 **TRANSFER RULE**

15.10.3 *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.*

15.10.5 *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.*

### (1) **YUMA HIGH SCHOOL** – Yuma Union High School District

#### **Reported Violation:**

On December 11, 2024, the Yuma High School Athletic Director was informed that two girls' varsity soccer players were transfer students who participated in games on December 6 and December 10, 2024. The students attended Yuma High School during the 2023–2024 school year and played soccer. They began the 2024–2025 school year at Yuma High School but later transferred to Kofa High School. Subsequently, they returned to Yuma High School on November 12, 2024, during the soccer season. Although the students were cleared for athletic participation by the Athletic Office, their transfer status was not identified at the time. The Athletic Director was unaware of the transfers and was not notified by the coach. The coach, assuming the students were eligible because they did not play soccer at Kofa High School, did not report their transfer history to the Athletic Office.

#### **Schools Corrective Action:**

The Coach responsible for the violation has received an in-service regarding relevant bylaws. The Yuma High School Athletic Department will require all programs/coaches to meet with the Athletic Director prior to the season of sport to review an updated clearance/transfers lists. The Athletic Director will continue to do walkthroughs at practice to verify that only cleared athletes are participating. The coaching staff will continue to receive additional in-services on AIA bylaws to prevent future violations.

#### **Prior Violation(s):**

August 12, 2024 – Warning – Baseball Program. Article 21.1 – Pitch Count.

## 6. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

### (F) *Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2 Ineligible Player*

#### 16.2 **INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

16.2.1 *When an ineligible player(s) participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player(s) participated*

16.2.1.1 *In cases where a violation has occurred and a forfeiture(s) results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the forfeiture(s) and present an alternative corrective action for the AIA Executive Board to consider in lieu of forfeiture(s). The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of forfeiture(s) under one of the following conditions.*

#### (1) **RAYMOND S KELLIS HIGH SCHOOL** – Peoria Unified School District

##### **Reported Violation:**

The head coach at Raymond Kellis played an ineligible boys' soccer athlete during the AIA sanctioned game against Independence.

##### **Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. The athletic director will be working with the new head coach on roster management, AIA bylaws and player preparation/evaluation. The coach will have to submit a roster sheet prior to leaving the facility before games with an attendance section.

##### **Prior Violation(s):**

None.

### (G) *Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 1 Student Eligibility Requirements*

#### 15.1 **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

15.1.1 *All participants in interscholastic activities must be in compliance with all student eligibility rules. The student eligibility rules are enumerated and presented in detail in Article 15 of the AIA Bylaws.*

#### (1) **CHINO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – Chino Valley School District

##### **Reported Violation:**

Article 15, Student Eligibility Rules (15.1.1.1) It was discovered that on 12/13/24 that a boys' wrestling student athlete did not complete the registration requirements (Opioid, Brainbook) and had been attending practices and participated in meets. The student Did not go through the athletic office to be cleared. The coach assumed that the student had been cleared by the athletic office. Corrective Action: The student was removed from practices until the registration requirements have been met. the coach will now verify his players eligibility directly with the athletic office.

##### **Schools Corrective Action:**

Corrective Action: The student was removed from practices until the registration requirements have been met. The coach has been instructed that eligibility must come from the athletic office prior to athletes participating.

##### **Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**6. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**

**(H) Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 3 Maximum Teams per Sport / Student Grade Level for Team Participation**

**14.3 MAXIMUM TEAMS PER SPORT / STUDENT GRADE LEVEL FOR TEAM PARTICIPATION**

14.3.2 A member school may have multiple junior varsity and freshman/sophomore teams per sport.

14.3.2.1 A junior varsity team shall be limited to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, with the exception of the 1A Conference.

**(1) RIO RICO HIGH SCHOOL – Santa Cruz Valley Unified**

**Reported Violation:**

Our girls' soccer program played a senior in a JV contest on 12/13/24..

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Bylaw has been received with the head coach. The athlete was thought to be classified as a junior.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

**(I) Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 1 Rules / Procedures**

**14.1 RULES / PROCEDURES**

14.1.1 The AIA Constitution, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures shall govern contests in sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA.

**(1) SAN LUIS HIGH SCHOOL – Yuma Union High School District**

**Reported Violation:**

Girls' soccer student athlete participated in an outside league competition.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. student removed from roster. The bylaw about participating outside of the school team is part of the team meeting prior to the season. Student/Parent also signs to acknowledge. Coach also reached out to Mexico leagues to inform them of the AIA bylaw and inform them that students cannot play in both leagues. We will continue to share that information with our families and make it more of an emphasis with our younger players and any other families new to AIA.

**Prior Violation(s):**

December 9, 2024 – Warning – Volleyball Program. Article 14.4 – Nonschool Participation

6. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

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

14.2 **PRACTICE**

14.2.1 *No practice, contest chalk talk or films are permitted on **Sunday** during the school year.*

(1) **NOTRE DAME PREP** – *Catholic Diocese of Phoenix*

**Reported Violation:**

Boys' basketball coach was in the gym on Sunday with his son but allowed three other players to shoot as well. Coach was not coaching.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Meeting with coach and administration to review rule and document with signatures. Communicated with all coaches as well.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

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

14.2 **PRACTICE**

14.2.2 *AIA member schools may only practice with or scrimmage against their own school team during the interscholastic season of that sport as set forth in the appropriate Article of the Sport Policy.*

(1) **CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Yuma Union High School District*

**Reported Violation:**

On 12/26/24 and 12/27/24 there were 2 former wrestlers that have since transferred out of state that participated in practice with our wrestling teams. There was 1 female athlete and 1 male athlete. This was reported to me on 12/29/24 and I clarified and put an end to them coming to practice. No other violations occurred.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

There will be 1 on 1 training with the coaches to go over the bylaws pertaining to this incident. This will also be supplemented with training with all of my head coaches at the school to mitigate this from occurring again.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.



6. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

(L) Rule: Article 22. Basketball, Section 5 Number of Games in Season

22.5 **NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

22.5.3 *No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.*

(1) **HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL** – *Gilbert Public Schools*

**Reported Violation:**

Our JV girls' basketball coach had an emergency and could not be at the game, our freshman coach had to step in at the last minute and was not accustomed to keeping track of the 6 quarter rule. The coach played two players into a 7<sup>th</sup> quarter before it was noticed, in which the players were removed from the game immediately.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The head varsity coach addressed it immediately with the coach and will have AD meet with coach as well to review systems in which can be implemented to ensure any coach knows how many quarters have been played.

**Prior Violation(s):**

None.

7. **CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS**

Rule: Article 11. Scheduling of Contest and Schedule Contracts. Section 4 Schedule Contracts – Varsity / Junior Varsity / Freshman. Paragraph 4 Cancellation or Postponement – Contest or Program. Subparagraph 1

11.4.4.1 *A Varsity contest or program which could have a bearing on a regional or state play-off shall not be cancelled or forfeited without prior approval by the AIA Executive Board.*

**SCHOOL REQUESTING:**

1. Chaparral
2. Catalina

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

- Girls' Wrestling Program
- Girls' Basketball Program

**SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS** – 24

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**CONTEST(S) Cancelled:** 212 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

**8. ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

- A. **Joseph City** – additional VAR/JV girls' basketball games to help fill **Chinle's** schedule.
- B. **Williams** – additional VAR/JV boys/girls' basketball games to help fill **Grand Canyon's** schedule.
- C. **Kofa** – additional VAR/JV girls' basketball games to help fill **San Pasqual's** schedule.
- D. **Pueblo** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Tanque Verde's** schedule.
- E. **Cibola** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo girls/boys' basketball games to help fill **Cienega's** schedule.
- F. **Coolidge** – additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **The Gregory School's** schedule.
- G. **Gila Ridge** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Yuma's** schedule.
- H. **Baboquivari** – additional VAR/JV girls' basketball games to help fill **San Pasqual's** schedule.
- I. **Flagstaff** – additional VAR softball game to help fill **Mohave Accelerated's** schedule.
- J. **McClintock** – additional VAR/JV baseball game to help fill **Dobson's** schedule.
- K. **Northland Prep** – additional JV boys' basketball game to help fill **Bourgade Catholic's** schedule.
- L. **Northland Prep** – additional Fr/So boys' basketball game to help fill **Payson's** schedule.

**9. NEW MEMBER SCHOOL – BALLOTING**

- Goodyear High School
- ALA Sierra Vista
- ALA Vistancia

**10. REQUEST – ARTICLE 43 – SPORTS MEDICINE**

- 2024.43.10-1
- 2024.43.10-2

**11. REQUEST – ARTICLE 18 – OFFICIALS**

An analysis was completed, distributed, and endorsed by the Officials Advisory Committee for a 2.25% (rounded to the nearest quarter) as noted in the bylaw, officials' fees increase for next year to be approved by Legislative Council.

**12. HARDSHIP APPEALS**

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.14 Hardship*

**15.14 HARDSHIP (Form 15.10)** - In individual hardship cases the AIA Executive Board or the Hardship Appeals Committee may, at their discretion and upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, waive or modify the Enrollment Rule (Article 15, Section 3, Paragraph 4 only), Domicile Rule (Article 15, Section 5), Maximum Participation Rule (Article 15, Section 9, Paragraph 1 only), Transfer Rule (Article 15, Section 10), and/or Recruitment Rule (Article 15.12.4.14 only), and/or the International Student Eligibility Rule (Article 15.15.2 only). The appeal shall initially be heard and decided by the Hardship Appeals Committee. The decision of the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be final unless appealed to the AIA Executive Board within five business days from the date of said decision. AIA Executive Board consideration of such appeals will take place only at regularly scheduled monthly meetings, unless otherwise scheduled by the Board. (See Article 6, Section 3 regarding procedures for meetings of the AIA Executive Board.) Procedures for appeals to the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

	School	Student	Sending School
9:15 AM	Payson		NW Christian

**13. FOOTBALL PLACEMENT APPEALS**

<u>Time</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Placed In</u>	<u>Appealing To</u>
9:45 AM	NW Christian	4A	3A
10:00 AM	Salpointe Catholic	6A	5A
10:15 AM	Saguaro	6A	5A
10:30 AM	Morenci	3A	2A
10:45 AM	Pima	3A	2A
11:00 AM	Chino Valley	3A	2A
11:15 AM	Yuma Catholic	5A	4A
11:30 AM	Flowing Wells	5A	4A
11:45 AM	Barry Goldwater	5A	4A
12:00 PM	Betty Fairfax	5A	4A

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****14. FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Rule: Article 6. Executive Board, Section 5 Duties of the AIA Executive Board. Paragraph 15*

6.5.15 *The AIA Executive Board shall establish and monitor an annual AIA Operation Budget.*

✓ Financial Report for December 2024

**15. FUTURE DATES**

January 22-23, 2025	Spring Hardship Appeal Hearings – Committee
January 27, 2025	4A Conference Committee Meeting
	6A Conference Committee Meeting
	Spring Coaches Course Opened
January 29, 2025	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
February 5, 2025	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
February 6, 2025	5A Conference Committee Meeting
February 8, 2025	Spring Coaches Course Deadline
February 12, 2025	Sportsmanship Advisory Committee
February 17, 2025	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
February 18, 2025	AIA Executive Board Meeting
February 24, 2025	4A Conference Committee Meeting
	6A Conference Committee Meeting
February 25, 2025	2A Soccer All Conference Selection Meeting
	3A Soccer All Conference Selection Meeting
February 26, 2025	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
February 27, 2025	3A Conference Committee Meeting
February 28, 2025	2A Conference Committee Meeting

**16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS****17. ADJOURNMENT**