



ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Friday – March 7, 2025

9:00 a.m.

DLR Group

***6225 N 24th Street #250
Phoenix, AZ 85016***

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Legislative authority in all matters pertaining to interscholastic activities of member schools is vested in the Legislative Council, which is comprised of 48 representatives from the six conferences and the Arizona School Boards Association.

The Legislative Council meets once annually, unless circumstances necessitate that a special meeting be held. Five or more members of the Legislative Council can call a special meeting at the discretion of the President of the AIA Executive Board or upon written request to the President.

ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

CREATE AND SUSTAIN AN ETHICAL CULTURE THROUGH ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGES MAXIMUM STUDENT PARTICIPATION BY PROVIDING AIA MEMBER SCHOOLS WITH AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD TO ENSURE FAIR AND EQUITABLE COMPETITION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.

LOCAL GOVERNING BOARDS

AIA MEMBER SCHOOLS

ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Rule Makers)

- 7 – 1A CONFERENCE
- 7 – 2A CONFERENCE
- 7 – 3A CONFERENCE
- 7 – 4A CONFERENCE
- 7 – 5A CONFERENCE
- 7 – 6A CONFERENCE
- 6 – ASBA

TOTAL OF 48 MEMBERS
SELECTED BY AIA SCHOOLS AND THE
ARIZONA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION.

**LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT ADOPTS AND
AMENDS AIA BYLAWS.**

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Rule Enforcers)

- ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE
SIX CONFERENCES 6
- ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AIAAA 1
- ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ASA 1
- ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ASBA 1
- ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM Cognia 1
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (NON-VOTING) 1

TOTAL MEMBERS 11

**EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLIES, INTERPRETS AND
IMPARTIALLY ENFORCES AIA BYLAWS; REVIEWS
APPEALS AND PROTESTS; DISCIPLINES OFFENDERS.**

AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW

HOW
MISSION
STATEMENT
IS
ACCOMPLISHED

WHO
DEVELOPS
AND
IMPLEMENTS
MISSION
STATEMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

1A Conference

Tucson SE – Nate Porter – Patagonia
North – Carl Adams – St. Michael
South – Angela Earnhart – St. Gregory
East – Lydia Martinez – Hayden
Central – Joe Page – North Phoenix Prep
West – George Diehl – Bagdad
Copper – Jeff Brownlee – Williams

2A Conference

North – Tom Kandler – Pinon District
East – Casey Fraughton – Gilbert Classical
South – Eric Tatham – Benson
West – Derek Wahlstrom – Trivium Prep
Central – Aaron Trigg – Rancho Solano Prep
Metro – Duane Ediger – Scottsdale Prep
Valley – David Peter – Arizona Lutheran Academy

3A Conference

East – Scott Hoffmeyer – Show Low
South – Toni Corona, Safford
North – Megan Moore – Page
Metro – David Inness – Northwest Christian
South Central – Shawn Cluff – Florence
West – Jeff Welsing – Yuma Catholic
Central – Greg Haagsma – Valley Christian

Arizona School Board Association:

1A – Carolyn Freeman – Bicentennial Union
2A – TBD
3A – Mike DeLaO – Safford USD

4A Conference

Skyline – Jeff Feldman – Greenway
Black Canyon – Shelly Arredondo – Tempe
Grand Canyon – Jeannine Brandel – Flagstaff
Gila – Ty Cephers - Amphitheater
Desert Sky – Lenica Ruiz – Marcos de Niza
Kino – Whitney Holland – Mica Mountain
West Valley – Stacy Spencer – Deer Valley

5A Conference

Central Valley – Julie Patton – Glendale
Desert West – Andrea Hudson – Canyon View
Metro – Chad McClusky – Metro Tech
East Sky – Dena Anderson – Horizon
Northwest – Jon Williams – Willow Canyon
Sonoran – Randy Robbins – Casa Grande
Southern – Demenico Solorzano - Cienega

6A Conference

Central – Tim Matteson – Sunnyslope
Desert SW – Ansel Traynor – Gila Ridge
Desert Valley – Kim Crooks – Deer Valley District
East Valley – Tommy Eubanks – Mesa Public Schools
Metro – Brian Fair – Phoenix Union District
Premier – Shawn Rustad – Chandler District
Southwest – Derek Fahleson – Tolleson District

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the March 1, 2024 meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of agenda for the March 7, 2025 meeting.

5. **CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS**

EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 8. Classification of Member High School. Section 1. Classification and Alignment

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

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8.1 **CLASSIFICATION AND ALIGNMENT**

8.1.6.8 Football Placement – Schools will first be placed in the conference in which the school competed during the previous season. With the exception of the 1A Conference, using the average weighted (over 3 years for schools placed in the 4A/5A/6A Conferences and 5 years for schools placed in the 2A/3A Conferences) AIA Rankings powered by Maxpreps, schools with a standard deviation of plus 2 or more move up 1 conference, schools with a standard deviation of plus 1, 0 or minus 1 do not move, schools with a standard deviation of -2 or below move down 1 conference.

<u>Standard Deviation</u>	<u>Conferences</u>
Plus 2 or greater	Up 1 Conference
1, 0, -1	No Movement
Minus 2 or greater	Down 1 Conference

8.1.6.8.1 If a school's enrollment conference placement is different than their football conference placement, the football program will be moved, during football reclassification.

If playing football in a conference lower than the other team sports...

- Football will be moved up one conference if, by using the same average weighted AIA rankings powered by MaxPreps used in the reclassification process, their football ranking is in the top 33% of the conference they would be moving into.

If playing football in a conference higher than the other team sports...

- Football will be moved down one conference if, by using the same average weighted AIA rankings powered by MaxPreps used in the reclassification process, their football ranking is in the bottom 33% of their current football conference or was rated in the bottom 50% for both years of the prior scheduling block. **(Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 12/9/2024)**

8.1.6.8.5 A school that was moved up a conference based on Standard Deviation will be moved down one conference if the following occurs:

- Based on the rating system used, if a school is rated in the bottom 50% of that conference for two consecutive years.

6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Nonschool Participation

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

This bylaw amendment provides clarity related to ancillary sports that derive from the AIA sanctioned sport, for example (but not limited to) 3 on 3 basketball, futsal, etc.

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14.4 NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- 14.4.1 A student who is a member or becomes a member of a school team shall not practice, have practiced or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport, **or derivative of that sport** during the interscholastic season of competition. This rule applies to the following team sports: football, flag football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track relay and swimming relay teams. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin on the competition date as set in the policies and procedures of each sport and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.

7. **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**

EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 11 Amateur Rule

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

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15.11 AMATEUR RULE

15.11.1.2 **NIL Guidelines:** A student-athlete may benefit from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL) provided.

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 athlete facilities, school athletic equipment, school team meals or other school team benefits rather than to an individual student athlete or group of student athletes.

(Emergency Legislation – Ex Board – 9/10/2024)

8. **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**

6A / 5A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 5 Domicile

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The proposed revised bylaw would allow students attending specialty or alternative schools to participate in AIA athletics and activities at the AIA-member school of their choosing within their school district upon initial enrollment. Any subsequent changes in the school of participation would follow the established transfer rule guidelines. However, alternative or specialty school students who reside outside the boundaries of their school district would remain ineligible to participate at any school.

This proposed revised bylaw does not change homeschool student policies.

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15.5 **DOMICILE**

15.5.2 Special Domicile Placements

- 15.5.2.5 District Alternative School Students - ~~Students enrolled in a Cognia Commission on Accreditation & School Improvement accredited alternative school or specialty school that is void of any AIA interscholastic activity programs are eligible to participate in such activities at any other another school within the same enrolled district. Upon establishing eligibility at a school that provides AIA Interscholastic activities programs within the enrolled district, students must ensure compliance with all AIA and school district eligibility criteria. An alternative school student who resides outside the attendance zone of their LEA is not eligible for interscholastic competition. If a student transfers, they may then use the provisions and process set out in 15.10 and related subsections (Form 550) and obtain eligibility at the receiving school in that particular sport or activity. Students attending a Cognia Commission on Accreditation & School Improvement accredited alternative school that is void of any AIA interscholastic activity programs are eligible to participate in such activities at their home school (school of domicile). All AIA and school district eligibility requirements must be met.~~