



AGENDA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2025
8:30 am – Executive Session
9:00 am – Meeting

Call to Order President Missy Townsend

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA – AUGUST 11, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING:

3. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
 - NFHS Summer Meeting Update
 - September 9th Executive Board Meeting – Prescott, AZ

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

5. **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 End of Year 2025
- ✓ Financial Report for July 2025

6. **FUTURE DATES**

August 12, 2025	Hardship Appeal Deadline – Fall Round 2
August 12-13, 2025	Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 1
August 18, 2025	Bylaw Workshop – Lake Havasu High School
August 19-20, 2025	Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 2
August 25, 2025	6A Conference Meeting
August 26, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 1
August 27, 2025	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
August 28, 2025	3A Conference Meeting
	Bylaw Workshop – Deer Valley District Office
September 1, 2025	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
September 2, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 2
September 3, 2025	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
September 6-9, 2025	AIAAA Conference – Prescott
September 9, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – Prescott
September 24, 2025	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting

7. 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 – May 15, 2023

(b) AIA Lifetime Passes

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

1. Curtis Weber	Yuma
2. David Stark	Marcos de Niza
3. Jerome Burns	Ganado
4. Benjamin Holzer	Gilbert
5. Jeff Welsing	Yuma Catholic
6. Shawn Lytle	Benjamin Franklin
7. Thom Luedemann	Shadow Ridge
8. Eddie Lopez	Moon Valley
9. Michael DeLaTorre	Chandler District
10. Frank Narducci	Chandler District
11. Jack Olinger	Valley Christian
12. Kay Solomon	Snowflake
13. Ed Barnes	Glendale District
14. Chris Crowl	Desert Vista
15. David Gonzalez	Desert Vista
16. Patrick Hurley	Pinnacle
17. Isla Bednar	AIA Official
18. Paul Carrillo	AIA Official
19. Chuck Coplan	AIA Official
20. Baldemar Dagnino	AIA Official
21. Glenn Dobbin	AIA Official
22. Thomas Drzazgowski	AIA Official
23. Edward Enriquez	AIA Official
24. Rodd Gatewood	AIA Official
25. Erich Helmich	AIA Official
26. Russell Hill	AIA Official
27. Stan Hoover	AIA Official
28. Tom Jenkins	AIA Official
29. Terry Jones	AIA Official
30. Guilleromo Lopez	AIA Official
31. Jeff Lopez	AIA Official
32. Romulo Martinez	AIA Official
33. Michael Ransom	AIA Official
34. Jose Ruiz	AIA Official
35. Jerry Schuchardt	AIA Official
36. Harold Sakamoto	AIA Official
37. Jon Terpay	AIA Official
38. Rubin Rinidad	AIA Official
39. Mick Varela	AIA Official
40. Sharon Watson-Murray	AIA Official
41. John White	AIA Official
42. James Winfrey	AIA Official
43. Ron Williams	AIA Official

7. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Cont'd

- (c) **Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2025-26 Master Calendar**
Rule: Article 10. Sanction Procedures. Section 10.1 Sanctioned Events
 Sanction requests, 2025-26 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://aiaonline.org/calendar/tournaments>

ACTION ITEMS:

8. **ARBITER PAY – LATE FEES**

When a school's Arbiter Pay is in arrears and deficient they are sent an Insufficient Fund email advising of their Current Balance and their Insufficient Balance. This triggers a late fee invoice to the school of 8% of their negative balance. Each week the school is in the arrears it prompts additional late fees and are invoiced. In some cases, the late fee has been minimal and ineffective. So, it is being requested to create a \$20 minimum late fee for being in the arrears for Arbiter Pay to match and be consistent with the \$20 game change fee.

9. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

- (A) *Rule: Article 28. Softball, Section 3 Preseason Interschool Varsity Scrimmage*

28.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

28.3.1 *One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.*

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- (1) **SANTA RITA HIGH SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District

Reported Violation:

Santa Rita had only 8 eligible softball players and given it was senior night with Catalina already on site a scrimmage was held to move forward and honor our seniors rather than end the season with a forfeit/cancellation.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Had an administrative conference with activities principal, athletic director and coach to review the NFHS Softball rules/regulations and reeducate on the proper practices moving forward.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(B) Rule: Article 28. Softball, Section 3 Preseason Interschool Varsity Scrimmage****28.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE**

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(1) CATALINA HIGH SCHOOL – Tucson Unified School District**Reported Violation:**

8 players on their lineup sheet. Per Coach, both umpires and the host site AD informed him that the game could still be played as a scrimmage. The host site AD informed Catalina Coach that he would contact this writer to inform him the game would be played as a scrimmage. This writer is still waiting for that call. The officials dismissed themselves and the two teams engaged in approx. 3 innings of competition. The game was entered into the dashboard with a score in favor of Catalina and was later reported as Santa Rita Forfeit. Please see Catalina Coach addendum Chronology of this incident.

Schools Corrective Action:

Catalina Coaches from all season(s) of sport will be informed that any change(s) to a sanctioned event must be reported to the Athletic Director immediately prior to competition. Furthermore, be required to read/review their respective sport bylaw language as well as bylaw's 14 & 15.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(C) Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 3 Maximum Teams per Sport / Student Grade Level****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 9th, 10th and 11th grade students, with the exception of the 1A Conference.

(1) INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL – Glendale Union High School District**Reported Violation:**

An EL student enrolled without any 11th grade credits. The student believed that means she was a junior. When completing the Register My Athlete, the student listed herself as a junior. It turned out the student is in fact a senior. Independence Athletics became aware of this when she was doing senior check-out. Student played the 24-25 season on JV even though she is a senior.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Moving forward, we will make sure to cross reference our enrollments within Synergy with Register My Athlete. This will ensure that we are certain of the grade level of our students, especially those with unique enrollment situations like this student.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

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

21.1 **RULES**

21.1.5 No pitcher shall exceed the daily maximum number of pitches per the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines limit and required rest recommendations. **(Emergency Legislation 12/5/16)** Coaches at all team levels are required to follow the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines protocol.

YEAR	MAX PITCHES	REQUIRED REST BASED ON PITCHES THROWN				
		0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
FRESHMAN	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
SOPHOMORE	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
JUNIOR	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
SENIOR	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+

(1) **BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

Reported Violation:

Student started a new batter at pitch number 96. The batter was 3 pitches totaling 98 pitches total.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. We are currently in the search of a new head baseball coach and program coaches. I as the AD will ensure that all coaches at all levels know the pitch count rules and have a training on this prior to season. I as the AD will forward all pitch count emails to every coach on staff as well as a protocol to communicate when a pitcher is over their count and why, such as if they finished a batter.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

(2) **BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

Reported Violation:

Student was supposed to rest for 4 days from the game on 4/24, instead student athlete threw 35 pitches on the 3rd day against desert vista on 4/28/25.

Schools Corrective Action:

We are currently in the search of a new head baseball coach and program coaches. I as the AD will ensure that all coaches at all levels know the pitch count rules and have a training on this prior to season. I as the AD will forward all pitch count emails to every coach on staff as well as a protocol to communicate when a pitcher is over their count and why, such as if they finished a batter.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(E) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 3 Enrollment Rule****15.3 ENROLLMENT RULE**

15.3.1 Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition, team practices and tryouts. For purposes of this rule, a student's school of enrollment is defined as the school where the student's permanent grades/records are maintained and from which the student will be eligible to graduate. (**Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 3/21/22**).

(1) NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY – Catholic Diocese of Phoenix**Reported Violation:**

It was confirmed through video that two 8th grade students were allowed to participate in basketball practice with the NDP team. At the time of the incident, neither 8th grade student was officially enrolled at Notre Dame prep or cleared to participate in an AIA sanctioned sport.

Schools Corrective Action:

Both athletic director and head boys' basketball coach, at the time of incident, are no longer employed at Notre Dame Prep.

Prior Violation(s):

January 21, 2025 – Advisement – Boys' Basketball Program. Article 14.2 - Practice

10. 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. Desert Star Academy
2. Combs
3. Buckeye Union
4. Santa Rita
5. Notre Dame Prep
6. Scottsdale Prep
7. Valley Christian
8. North Valley Christian
9. Fredonia
10. Kingman
11. Bisbee

HEREBY CONSENT:

- VAR Girls' Volleyball Program
 VAR Boys/ Girls Basketball Programs
 VAR Baseball Program
 VAR Softball Program
 VAR Softball Program
 VAR Baseball Program
 VAR Flag Football Program
 VAR Golf Program
 VAR Boys' Beach Volleyball Program
 VAR Boys' Beach Volleyball Program
 VAR Boys' Beach Volleyball Program
 VAR Boys' Beach Volleyball Program
 VAR Football Program
 VAR Girls' Volleyball Program
 VAR Boys' Volleyball Program
 VAR Boys' Soccer Program

SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 35

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 26 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

11. ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

- A. **Parker** – additional VAR/JV girls/boys' basketball games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- B. **Parker** – additional VAR/JV girls/boys' soccer games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- C. **Show Low** – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Page's** schedule.
- D. **Show Low** – an additional VAR softball game to help fill **Page's** schedule.
- E. **Rio Rico** – an additional VAR flag football game to help fill **Sahuaro's** schedule
- F. **Phoenix Country Day** – an additional VAR boys basketball game to help fill **Palo Verde's** schedule
- G. **Winslow** – additional VAR/JV/Fr/So girls' volleyball games to help fill **St. Johns'** schedule
- H. **Highland Prep West** – an additional VAR boys' soccer game to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
- I. **Crismon** – additional VAR/JV boys/girls basketball games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- J. **St. John Paul II** – additional VAR/JV boys/girls basketball games to help fill **Arete Prep's** schedule.
- K. **Snowflake** – an additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
- L. **Northland Prep** – an additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
- M. **Fountain Hills** – additional VAR/JV girls' volleyball games to help fill **ALA Mesa North's** schedule.
- N. **Blue Ridge** – an additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
- O. **Payson** – an additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
- P. **Mayer** – an additional VAR flag football game to help fill **Shonto Prep's** schedule.

12. AIA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – MEETING DATE

Rule: Article 4. Legislative Council, Section 5 Meetings, Paragraph 1

4.5.1 There shall be at least one meeting of the AIA Legislative Council per year. Time and place shall be set by the AIA Executive Board.

It is recommended that the annual AIA Legislative Council Meeting be held on **March 6, 2026**. Based on a March 6, 2026 meeting date, and in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be January 23, 2026. The agenda mail-out deadline would be February 6, 2026.

13. TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15 International Student Eligibility, Paragraph 1 Foreign Exchange Students

15.15.1 Foreign Exchange Students: A foreign exchange student is a student that is in the U.S. under a J-1 Visa, and who is placed in a school by an educational exchange program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). A foreign exchange student is eligible at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed. A foreign exchange student must meet all other eligibility requirements and is eligible for a maximum of one school year.

It shall be the responsibility of the local school administrator to ensure that all other eligibility requirements are met before a student participates in interscholastic activities.

As a convenience to AIA member school, it is recommended that the Executive Board reaffirm its determination of 9/16/96 and list in the official minutes the travel and exchange programs reflected in the **2025-2026** edition of the **Advisory List**, which is prepared by the Council of Standards for International Educational Travel (**CSIET**).

14. FLAG FOOTBALL “KEEP THE BALL” EXPERIMENT – NFHS APPROVED

The experiment would allow for a “keep the ball option” if a team is trailing in the fourth quarter. Following a try attempt, the scoring team would be able to elect to retain possession (4th down and 15 yards) from its own 25-yard line. If the team is able to attain a first down (40-yard line), they would retain possession as normal. If the team is unsuccessful, they would turn the ball over on downs.

Rationale:

A team should have a low percentage mechanism to attempt to come from behind at the end of a game. Tackle football has an onside kick, but flag currently has no process. This would allow for a team to attempt to come from behind. This concept was heavily debated by the Flag Football Rules Committee. The concept had support, the committee was not sure on what the yardage should be and it was determined that the best course of action would be for states to experiment and report back on the conversion percentage.

Arizona is uniquely set up to provide experimental data as officials are required to complete a post-game report for all Varsity contests. We would require all flag football reports to identify when a “keep the ball” attempt occurred and whether it was successful. This will gauge the prevalence of attempts and determine the success rate of a 4th and 15 play. This data will accompany a rules proposal for the Flag Football Rules Committee to consider at the next meeting.

15. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 25 – FLAG FOOTBALL**25.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

25.5.3 No player shall participate in more than **six (6) quarters/night**. ~~13 games during the season, excluding qualifying and post season tournaments.~~

16. AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURES

In all sports that allow scrimmages, game uniforms may now be worn during the scrimmage. Practice uniforms are optional and may be worn. Home and away team jerseys still must be followed for contrast during competition.

- Baseball 21.3.1.2
- Basketball 22.3.1.2
- Football Tackle 24.3.1.2
- Football Flag 25.3.1.2
- Soccer 27.3.1.2
- Softball 28.3.1.2
- Tennis 30.3.1.2
- Volleyball 32.3.1.2
- Beach Volleyball 33.3.1.2

17. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 43 – SPORTS MEDICINE**43.5 HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION & EXERTIONAL HEAT ILLNESS MANAGEMENT POLICY****18. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 14 – NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION****43.4 NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

DETERMINATION: An individual student may take private lessons anytime except during the school day or during school practice sessions. For purposes of this rule, individual private lesson means, and is limited to, ~~one~~ **no more than two** students and one coach/instructor. Schools shall not pay for, arrange or in any way provide these individual private lessons. Individual private lessons shall not be used to circumvent or evade the non-school participation rule and any such use of private lessons will be considered a violation of the non-school participation rule.

19. 2025-2026 BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULEBOOK

20. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION

15.9 **MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION RULE** – *After a student first enrolls in the ninth grade, he/she has a maximum of eight semesters of opportunity and a maximum of four seasons of opportunity in each sport or activity. **Semesters 1-8 must be consecutive.***

- Snowflake High School 10:00 am

21. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE

15.6.1 **Age Limits** – *If a student becomes 19 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of that school year.*

- Santa Cruz High School 10:20 am

22. ADJOURNMENT