



AGENDA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2025
8:30 am – Executive Session
8:45 am – Meeting

Call to Order President Missy Townsend

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA – DECEMBER 8, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING:

3. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
 - Football Championships

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

5. **FUTURE DATES**

December 9, 2025	Transfer Committee Meeting
December 11, 2025	West Valley AD Meeting
December 17, 2025	Football Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
December 18, 2025	AIAAA
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 8, 2026	5A Conference Meeting
January 14, 2026	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
January 15, 2026	East Valley AD Meeting – Mesa District Office
January 19, 2026	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 20, 2026	Executive Board Meeting
January 26, 2026	4A Conference Committee Meeting
	6A Conference Committee Meeting
January 28, 2026	District AD/Conference Leadership Meeting

6. 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 – November 17, 2025

(b) AIA Lifetime Passes

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

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| 1. Patrick Nugent | Mica Mountain |
| 2. Shane McCord | Gilbert Public Schools |
| 3. Rodney Huston | Gilbert Public Schools |
| 4. Bryan Scott | Gilbert |
| 5. Jorge Mendivil | Amphitheater |
| 6. James Bracken | Hamilton |
| 7. Sarah Schlesinger | Sunnyslope |
| 8. Amber Fleenor | Sunnyslope |
| 9. Damon Pieri | Sunnyslope |
| 10. Sam Jacobs | Sunnyslope |

(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:**7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****(A) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule****15.7 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE**

15.7.1 A student shall not be allowed to practice or compete in interscholastic athletics until there is on file with the principal or his/her designee a record of a preparticipation physical examination (PPE) performed by a doctor of medicine (M.D.), an osteopathic physician (D.O.), a naturopathic physician (N.D., N.M.D.), a certified registered nurse practitioner (N.P.) licensed to practice, a certified physician's assistant (PA-C) registered by the Joint Board Of Medical Examiners and the Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, or a certified chiropractic sports physician (CCSP). The physical examination for the following school year shall be given **on or after March 1**. The physical examination on file shall be signed by one of the aforementioned medical providers and shall state that, in the opinion of the examining provider, the provider did not find any medical reason to disqualify the student from practice or competition in athletic contests. The principal or his/her designee, if deemed advisable, may require a student to be reexamined.

(1) NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL – Nogales Unified**Reported Violation:**

Student-athlete participated in practice/tryouts without physical examination on file with NHS Athletic Department. Student-athlete was mistaken for another upon role call at the beginning of practices/tryouts on the first day of girls basketball tryouts at the beginning of season of sport, and Athletic Department identified mistake upon updating final rosters.

Schools Corrective Action:

Athletic department will now execute physical packet cutoffs earlier in the day to ensure time to update clearance rosters. No student unlisted on clearance rosters will be provided an opportunity to clear after the fact. The Athletic Department will also look to implement a digital system for athletic eligibility clearance, moving away from physical paper copies for the upcoming year 26-27.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

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

The athletic department uses a wristband system to help coaches quickly identify student-athletes who are fully cleared for participation during the first week of tryouts/practice. Wristbands are exclusively distributed and physically applied by the athletic secretary. No other staff member has access to or authority to distribute wristbands. During the winter athletic season, one student-athlete participated in soccer tryouts while not cleared. The student retained a wristband from the previous year and wore it during tryouts. Because the wristband color remained the same, coaches believed the student was cleared. The issue was not identified until after the final rosters were confirmed later that week, at which point it was discovered that the student did not have a current physical examination on file.

Schools Corrective Action:

The student-athlete has been suspended for 50% of the upcoming soccer season. Wristband procedures have been updated so that each athletic season will now use a distinct wristband color, preventing any student from reusing a wristband from the prior season.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

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(1) SAN MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL –**Reported Violation:**

Student came out late for the girls' basketball team and obtained an athletic packet. On Monday November 10 she turned her athletic packet into me. Forms 15.7-C and 15.7-D were not completed and I told her she was not cleared to practice. I asked her to stay after class, and she did not and did not take the incomplete forms. I did tell our coach that the student did not complete her packet, left my classroom without taking the forms with her and that she still was not cleared to practice. Because of Veteran's Day and our work schedule, I was able to return the uncompleted forms to the student on Thursday, November 13 and told her to bring them back completed with her mom's signature. I told her she was not cleared to practice. She forgot to bring the forms to me on Friday 11/14/26. I again told her she was still not cleared to practice. On November 17, she brought me the missing forms, and they were completed and told me she wasn't going to play because her ankles were hurting after practice. I asked her when do you practice? She said last week after she went to practice. She did not remember the day. In checking with another player, the student-manager, and the coach she was at practice on Monday, November 10 and told the coach she was cleared and the coach allowed her to practice. In a follow up conversation on November 18 the student admitted she was told and knew she was not cleared to practice but did so anyway

Schools Corrective Action:

The coach has received a written reprimand and re-trained on our clearance procedures. Should another incident occur which violates any part of AIA Bylaws 15.7 and 15.8. the coach will be immediately removed as girls' basketball coach. The player in question will not be a member of this year's girls' basketball team for knowingly deceiving the coach.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(D) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15 International Student Eligibility**

15.15 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY - Prefatory Statement: *In an effort to preserve and promote interscholastic competitive opportunities for Arizona students and further the goals of competitive fairness, and recognizing the concerns of AIA member schools related to displacement of Arizona students by students from foreign countries, the following bylaw addresses the interscholastic eligibility status of international students attending an AIA member school:*

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.*

(1) SHADOW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – Paradise Valley Unified School District**Reported Violation:**

An exchange student who's host family does not live in our school boundaries participated in the swim season (did not qualify for the postseason). He only participated as a JV swimmer. Historically, our district has not allowed families that do not live in our boundaries to accept exchange students, but due to the host's family's son being an enrolled student at our school for the last several years, this situation slipped through the cracks until the end of the season.

Schools Corrective Action:

Verify the address of the host family, even when they already have a student enrolled at the school, to ensure that only exchange students that live within the boundaries participate in athletics.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

7. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

(E) Rule: Article 24. Football, Section 5 Number of Games in Season

24.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

24.5.3 No player shall participate in more than five (5) quarters per week, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

(1) **SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL** – Scottsdale Unified School District

Reported Violation:

One of our JV football players played 8 quarters in the JV game and in the varsity game.

Schools Corrective Action:

Moving in a different direction with our coach.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

8. **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. Arete Prep
2. Santa Rita
3. ALA Ironwood
4. Rough Rock
5. Paradise Honors
6. Palo Verde

HEREBY CONSENT:

- VAR Girls' Basketball Program
- VAR Girls' Soccer Program
- VAR Girls' Wrestling Program
- VAR Boys/Girls' Wrestling Programs
- VAR Girls' Wrestling Programs
- VAR Girls' Soccer Program

SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 37

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 118 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

9. **REQUEST TO RESCIND NONCONSENT FINE**

Marana High School is requesting to rescind the fine for the football contest against Amphitheater.

10. ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

- A. **Central** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Basha's** schedule.
- B. **Glendale Prep** – additional VAR girls' basketball games to help fill **Rancho Solano's** schedule.
- C. **Payson** – additional VAR/JV boys' basketball games to help fill **ALA Mesa North's** schedule.
- D. **Chandler prep** – additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Glendale Prep's** schedule.
- E. **Ben Franklin** – additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Thatcher's** schedule.
- F. **St. John Paul II** – additional VAR/JV boys/girls' basketball games to help fill **Arete Prep's** schedule.
- G. **Canyon View** – additional JV boys' soccer game to help fill **Mountain Pointe's** schedule.
- H. **Desert Sunrise** – additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **ALA Mesa North's** schedule.
- I. **Bourgade Catholic** – additional VAR boys/girls' basketball games to help fill **ALA Mesa North's** schedule.
- J. **Horizon** – additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Vista Grande's** schedule.
- K. **Desert Mountain** – additional JV boys' soccer game to help fill **Mountain Pointe's** schedule.

11. NEW MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION – BALLOTING OF MEMBERSHIP

- Heritage Academy Maricopa
- Heritage Academy Mesa
- Heritage Academy Gateway
- American Leadership Academy – Sierra Vista
- American Leadership Academy – Radiance
- Franklin High School (Mesa District)
- Shepherd College Prep (Mesa District)

12. AMENDEMENT – ARTICLE 26 – GOLF**13. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
9:15 am	Catalina Foothills
9:35 am	Shadow Mountain

14. HARDSHIP APPEALS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>RECEIVING SCHOOL</u>	<u>SENDING SCHOOL</u>
10:00 am	St. Mary's	Boulder Creek
10:20 am	North Valley Christian	Northwest Christian
10:40 am	ALA Queen Creek	ALA Gilbert North
11:00 am	BREAK	
11:10 am	Sabino	Tanque Verde
11:30 am	Yuma Catholic	San Luis
11:50 am	Millennium	Desert Vista

15. ADJOURNMENT