



ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Friday – March 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

AIA Office

***7007 N 18th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85020***

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.

HOW
MISSION
STATEMENT
IS
ACCOMPLISHED

WHO
DEVELOPS
AND
IMPLEMENTS
MISSION
STATEMENT

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

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AGENDA

**Legislative Council Meeting
Friday – March 6, 2026
9:00 am**

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 – Nick Colquitt – Mayer
West – George Diehl – Bagdad
West – Joe Page – North Phoenix Prep

2A Conference

North – Dedrick Wiese – Northland Prep
East – Casey Fraughton – Gilbert Classical
South – Eric Tatham – Benson
West – Derek Wahlstrom – Trivium Prep
Central – Aaron Trigg – Rancho Solano Prep
Metro – Donna Antonio – San Carlos
Valley – David Peter – Arizona Lutheran Academy

3A Conference

East – Ricky Greer – Winslow
South – Tye Stewart – Thatcher
North – Megan Moore – Page
Metro – David Inness – Northwest Christian
South Central – Shawn Cluff - Florence
West – Jeff Welsing – Yuma Catholic
Central – TBD

Arizona School Board Association:

1A – Carolyn Freeman – Bicentennial Union
2A – Kelly Baker – Morenci USD
3A – Mike DeLaO – Safford USD

4A Conference

Skyline – Jeff Feldman – Greenway
Black Canyon – Shelly Arredondo – Tempe
Grand Canyon – Jeannine Brandel – Flagstaff
Gila – Ty Cepfers - Amphitheater
Desert Sky – Drew Ammon - Arcadia
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 McCluskey – Metro Tech
East Sky – Dena Anderson – Horizon
Northwest – Kristine Kemp - Ironwood
Sonoran – Marco Dominguez – Canyon Del Oro
Southern – Demencio Solorzano – Cienega

6A Conference

Central – Tim Matteson – Sunnyslope
Desert SW – David Robinson - Cibola
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

4A – Joseph Mora – Ganado USD
5A – Wendy Effing – Flowing Wells USD
6A – Barb Mozdzen – Chandler USD

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the March 7, 2025 meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of agenda for the March 6, 2026 meeting.

5. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

1A-6A TRANSFER COMMITTEE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:

- Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules.
 - Section 3. Enrollment Rule
 - Section 5. Domicile
 - Section 10. Transfer Rule

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

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15.3 ENROLLMENT RULE

15.3.1 Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, 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.**)

15.3.1.1 **EXCEPTION:** A home school student may be eligible if said student is in compliance with A.R.S. §15-802.01.

~~DETERMINATION: Considering the terms, spirit and intent of ARS §15-802.01, a home school student who has made a full and good faith effort to participate in a particular interscholastic sport or activity at the school in the student's attendance area, but been unsuccessful, may then utilize the provisions and process set out in 15.10.5 and related subsections (Form 550), and obtain eligibility at the receiving school in that particular sport or activity. (Ex. Bd. 8/14/09)~~

15.3.2 In order to establish eligibility for that semester, a student's initial ~~enrollment~~ **attendance** shall be no later than the 14th official school day of the ~~semester~~ **season**. If a student's initial ~~enrollment~~ **attendance** occurs after the 14th official school day of the semester, he/she is ineligible for that semester.

15.3.3 ~~In case of initial enrollment after the first official school day and by the 14th official school day, a student shall have been in attendance for as many days as he/she missed from the opening day of the semester before eligibility can be established.~~

15.3.4 ~~In order to maintain eligibility, a student shall demonstrate regular attendance.~~

15.5 DOMICILE

15.5.2.7 First Time Enrollment from Out of State – Except as stated in 15.15, an out of state student whose parents/legal guardian have changed their domicile to and is attending high school for the first time in Arizona may attend any member high school without the transfer ineligibility period(s) provided under 15.10.1 and 15.10.2 be eligible for interscholastic activities and shall not be considered a transfer. **A subsequent transfer will result in a period of ineligibility under 15.10.**

15.10 TRANSFER RULE— Except as stated in 15.10.6, after enrolling and attending one or more classes, a student changing enrollment from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) shall be considered a transferring student. For information and record keeping purposes, the receiving and sending school shall reasonably cooperate and complete Form 550.

- 15.10.1 In team sports, a student shall be ineligible for all power ranked contests at the varsity level until after the first 50% of the maximum allowable Power Rankings regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility. In sports permitting invitationals/tournaments, the student shall be ineligible for the first invitational/tournament **no matter where the first invitational is in the regular season schedule**. Participation is defined as a student participating in the sport during a regular season game as is specified by the AIA standardized calendar.
- 15.10.4 A transfer student who plays only in sub-varsity competitions shall have immediate eligibility but is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in regular season, tournaments, and post-season competitions for the season in that sport. A decision to participate only at sub-varsity levels must be made prior to the season of competition **and prior to filing a hardship. If a decision is made to file a hardship, playing sub varsity is not an option. Sub-varsity as an option to all 9-11 grade transfers with the exception of a recruited player or player with prior contact (15.12), an in-season transfer that school year (15.10.5), or any athlete who has a hardship heard by the Conference Appeals Committee (15.14).**
- 15.10.5 If a transfer occurs during the season in which the student participated (**competed**) during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility **the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport.** ~~or If the transfer occurs during the season~~ in which the student has practiced or tried out for a team during the current season, the student is **ineligible for the remainder of the season in that sport.** ~~for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport.~~ **The season of sport ending is defined by the end of the regular season of competition on the Quick Glance Calendar of the sending school in that sport.**
- 15.10.6 A transfer from an AIA member school (sending school) to a non-AIA member school that does not offer any interscholastic athletics, will not be considered a transfer.
- 15.10.6.2 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school to an AIA member school other than the sending school will result in a ~~subsequent~~ transfer rule period of ineligibility **under 15.10.**
- 15.10.8 ~~Transfer Rule Exceptions~~— A student who transfers from one high school (the “sending school”) to another high school (the “receiving school”), where there has been no change in domicile of parents or legal guardian, shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities at the receiving school when the following eligibility requirements has been fulfilled:
- 15.10.8.1 ~~Ethnic Balance~~— In case of a transfer within a school district by a student under an approved compliance plan for racial balance (ethnic transfer), the period of ineligibility subsequent to such a transfer, if any, shall be determined by the district.
- 15.10.9 **For the purposes of 15.10.6,** a student enrolled at an AIA member school, who chooses to participate on a different team that competes in high school games during the AIA season of sport is considered a transfer. **This rule applies to the 12 months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility.**
- 15.10.9.1 A ~~transfer~~ **return** back to the student’s original AIA member school **program** shall be considered a **first** transfer with an ineligibility period the same as described in 15.10.1.
- 15.10.11 ~~When Sport or Nonathletic Activity Is Dropped by an AIA Member School~~ – When a sport or nonathletic activity is dropped ~~by a governing board~~, a student may transfer to a school that offers that sport or nonathletic activity and shall be eligible only in the sport or nonathletic activity that has been dropped at the school from which the student transferred. Said eligibility will be granted when the student enrolls in one of the following schools:

6. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS

4A/5A/6A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 8. Classification of Member High Schools. Section 2. Region Alignment

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

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8.2 REGION ALIGNMENT

8.2.2 Region Alignment Appeals – The procedure for a school to appeal its Region placement is as follows:

~~8.2.2.1 Submit an appeal to the Conference Committee.~~

~~8.2.2.2 In the event the Conference Committee denies a school's appeal, the school may submit an appeal to the AIA Executive Board.~~

8.2.2.2.1 An appeal to the Executive Board shall be submitted no later than **the date designated in the Reclassification Timeline. November 1 of odd numbered years.**

8.2.2.2.2 The AIA Executive Board shall make the final decision on a school's Region alignment appeal.

8.2.3 Region Alignment Appeals Criteria – ~~The Conference Committee (or, if appealed, The AIA Executive Board~~ will review and consider an appealing school's request for placement in another Region using the following criteria.