



AGENDA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2026
8:30 am – Executive Session
9:00 am – Meeting

Call to Order President Corey Newland

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA – AUGUST 10, 2026**
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

REGULAR MEETING:

4. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
 - NFHS Summer Meeting Update
 - September 15th Executive Board Meeting – Prescott, AZ

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6. **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 2026

7. **FUTURE DATES**

August 11, 2026	Hardship Appeal Deadline – Fall Round 2
August 11-12, 2026	Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 1
August 13, 2026	Bylaw Workshop – Chandler District
August 17, 2026	Bylaw Workshop – Lake Havasu High School
August 18-19, 2026	Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 2
August 20, 2026	4A Conference Meeting
August 24, 2026	6A Conference Meeting
August 25, 2026	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 1
August 26, 2026	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting // 1A Conference Meeting
August 27, 2026	3A Conference Meeting // Bylaw Workshop – Deer Valley District Office
September 1, 2026	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – Fall Round 2
September 2, 2026	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
September 12-15, 2026	AIAAA Conference – Prescott
September 15, 2026	Executive Board Meeting – Prescott

8. 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 18, 2026

(b) AIA Lifetime Passes

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

1. Michael Garcia	Basha/CUSD
2. Melanie Mock	Estrella Foothills
3. David Webb	Corona del Sol/TUHSD
4. Benjamin Maxfield	Corona del Sol/TUHSD
5. Erik Johnson	Glendale Union School District
6. Christine Lopezlira	Peoria Unified School District
7. David Romero	Mountain View Marana
8. Patricia Laperuta	Mountain View Marana
9. Leah Oliver	Marana
10. Matthew Taylor	Catholic of Diocese of Phoenix
11. Steve Coffey	Salpointe Catholic
12. Pat Ryden	Salpointe Catholic
13. Brian Avila	AIA Official
14. Ilsa Bednar	AIA Official
15. Paul Carrillo	AIA Official
16. Chuck Coplan	AIA Official
17. Baldemar Dagnino	AIA Official
18. Glenn Dobbin	AIA Official
19. Thomas Drzazgowski	AIA Official
20. Edward Enriquez	AIA Official
21. Rodd Gatewood	AIA Official
22. Erich Helmich	AIA Official
23. Russell Hill	AIA Official
24. Stan Hoover	AIA Official
25. Tom Jenkins	AIA Official
26. Terry Jones	AIA Official
27. Guillermo Lopez	AIA Official
28. Jeff Lopez	AIA Official
29. Romulo Martinez	AIA Official
30. Michael Ransom	AIA Official
31. Jose Ruiz	AIA Official
32. Jerry Schuchardt	AIA Official
33. Harold Sakamoto	AIA Official
34. Jon Terpay	AIA Official
35. Ruben Trinidad	AIA Official
36. Mick Varela	AIA Official
37. Sharon Watson-Murray	AIA Official
38. John White	AIA Official
39. James Winfrey	AIA Official
40. Ron Williams	AIA Official

(c) Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2026-27 Master Calendar

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

Sanction requests, 2026-27 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://aiaonline.org/calendar/tournaments>

ACTION ITEMS:**9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****(A) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule**

15.12 RECRUITMENT RULE – *There shall be no recruitment of athletes. Recruitment is defined as the act of influencing a student to enroll in a school or to transfer from one school to another in order that the student may participate in interscholastic athletics. No school administrator, athletic coach or employee of a high school district shall engage in recruitment either by direct contact with a student or indirectly through parents, legal guardians, common school employees, directors of summer athletic programs or other persons who are in a position to influence the student's choice of a school.*

15.12.4 Interpretations

15.12.4.6 *A high school coach may not initiate contact with a student at a junior high/middle school or other high school, or the parents of that student, about attendance at the school. It is not a violation for a coach to have normal community contact with a student who attends a junior high/middle school of the same system, which is a feeder to the high school.*

(1) RED MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – Mesa Public Schools**Reported Violation:**

In May 2026, a current Red Mountain football position coach contacted the mother of an eighth grade student regarding attendance at Red Mountain High School. The student had previously played for a Red Mountain feeder football team. At the time of contact, no football camps or organized activities were taking place, and the student was boundary-assigned to another high school. The coach believed that, because the student had participated in the Red Mountain feeder program, and had not attended high school yet, he was permitted to contact the family and discuss the Red Mountain football program and the school.

Schools Corrective Action:

Conducted a thorough investigation and meeting with the head football coach, who was unaware of the contact. Following the investigation, the entire football staff was addressed regarding the applicable bylaw and expectation for compliance. Throughout the summer, meetings have continued with head coaches and assistant coaches across programs to ensure a clear understanding of the bylaw and to reinforce strict adherence to its requirements. Furthermore, the coach involved in this incident is no longer a member of the Red Mountain High School coaching staff in any capacity as a result of this violation. These actions were taken to ensure accountability and to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

10. CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS**SCHOOL REQUESTING:**

1. Catalina
2. Marana
3. Red Valley – Cove

4. Duncan

5. Arcadia

6. Heritage Academy Gateway

7. Valley Union

8. El Capitan

9. Seton Catholic

VAR PROGRAM CANCELLING:

Boys' Volleyball

Boys' Beach Volleyball

Girls' Volleyball

Boys' / Girls' Basketball

Baseball / Softball

Boys / Girls Track

Boys' Beach Volleyball

Boys / Girls Tennis

Football

Football

Boys' Beach Volleyball

VARSITY CONTEST CANCELLATIONS: 45

11. ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

- A. **Rio Rico** – additional VAR girls' flag football game to help fill **Sabino's** schedule.
- B. **Rio Rico** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Amphitheater's** schedule.
- C. **Apache Junction** – additional VAR girls' flag football game to help fill **Heritage Maricopa's** schedule.
- D. **Desert Ridge** – additional Fr/So tackle football game to help fill **Skyline's** schedule.
- E. **Az College Prep** – additional VAR girls' flag football game to help fill **Cactus Shadow's** schedule.
- F. **Saguaro** – additional VAR girls' flag football game to help fill **Raymond Kellis's** schedule.
- G. **Benjamin Franklin** – additional VAR girls' flag football game to help fill **Horizon's** schedule.
- H. **Nogales** – additional VAR girls' flag football game to help fill **Cienega's** schedule.
- I. **Queen Creek** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Hamilton's** schedule.
- J. **Yuma Catholic** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Palo Verde's** schedule.
- K. **Camelback** – additional Fr/So football game to help fill **Barry Goldwater's** schedule.
- L. **Northwest Christian** – additional Fr/So football game to help fill **ALA Radiance'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 **April 16, 2026**. Based on a April 16, 2026 meeting date, and in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be February 26, 2026. The agenda mail-out deadline would be March 19, 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 **2026-2027** edition of the **Advisory List**, which is prepared by the Council of Standards for International Educational Travel (**CSIET**).

14. REQUEST – 1A CONFERENCE – COPPER DIVISION

The 1A Conference has after careful consideration and polling of 1A Conference school participants, opted out of the Copper Division Basketball Tournament. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact 1A Conference Leadership.

15. REQUEST – CO-OP BOWIE/SAN SIMON // MEMBERSHIP FOR BOWIE**16. REQUEST – RESCIND CANCELLATION FINE**

Tonopah Valley is requesting to rescind the \$1,000 fine from a softball game with Benjamin Franklin.

The softball game was played and suspended due to darkness. They were unable to find a date that worked for both schools to continue the game.

17. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 14 – ALL-STAR COMPETITION**18. REQUEST – DESERT EDGE HIGH SCHOOL – ALL STAR GAME**

Desert Edge High School is requesting approval to participate in the January 2027 all-star football game in San Antonio. The following individuals are involved:

- Head Coach – Henri MacArthur (Assistant Coach for the event)
- Class of 2027 – Blake Roskopf
- Class of 2028 – Jalandie George, Jaelyn Easterling Flores, Nekhi Lambeth

19. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 15**20. FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SEEDING**

Requesting to move the football playoff seedings to MaxPreps rankings

21. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 24 – FOOTBALL

Recommendation from NFHS SMAC

22. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 37 – CHESS**23. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 40 – SPIRITLINE****24. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL****REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT****10:00am**

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.

- Valley Vista High School

25. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION****10:15am**

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.**

- Tempe High School

26. APPEAL – WRESTLING DIVISION PLACEMENTS

- Chinle High School
- Peoria High School

27. ADJOURNMENT