



AGENDA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2026
8:30 am – Executive Session
9:00 am – Meeting

Call to Order President Corey Newland

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA – OCTOBER 19, 2026**
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

REGULAR MEETING:

4. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
 - Section 7&8 Conference
 - NFHS National Sports Summit / Rules Work Group Update

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.

✓ First Quarter Financial Report

7. **FUTURE DATES**

October 26, 2026	Winter Coaches Course Opens // 6A Conference Meeting
October 28, 2026	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
October 29, 2026	Boys' Beach Volleyball Pairs Meeting
November 4, 2026	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
November 7, 2026	Winter Coaches Course Deadline
November 10, 2026	Winter Hardship Appeal Deadline
November 11, 2026	AIA Office Closed – Holiday
November 12, 2026	5A Conference Meeting // 3A Conference Meeting
November 13, 2026	2A Conference Meeting
November 16, 2026	AIA Executive Board Meeting
November 17-18, 2026	Winter Hardship Appeal Hearings
November 18, 2026	Unified Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
November 23, 2026	6A Conference Meeting
November 26-27, 2026	AIA Office Closed - Holiday

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 – September 15, 2026

(b) AIA Lifetime Passes

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

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| 1. Thad Gates | Florence Unified |
| 2. Shelly Arredondo | Tempe |
| 3. Gary Reed | Phoenix Country Day |
| 4. Terrence Tillett | Chaparral |
| 5. Trent Hanzal | Valley Christian |
| 6. Michael Welch | Tonopah Valley |
| 7. John Burke | La Joya Community |
| 8. Jose Mendoza | Brophy |
| 9. Andy Schmidbauer | Brophy |
| 10. Frank Antonioli | Brophy |

(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, Section 10 Transfer Rule**

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

15.10.5 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. 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. 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.*

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

Student was an in season transfer the year prior that had a first day of attendance of 9/5/2026. As such, said student should have not been eligible to participate in football game until week 3, but played week 1.

Schools Corrective Action:

Meeting with the head coach going over policies and procedures on ensuring he is aware of any transfers within the program, even those in the past prior to his tenure. A review within the athletic department procedures to ensure all transfers are made aware of (past and present) and alternations to procedures and a meeting with department staff to go over these procedures. Correspondence sent out to all head coaches about transfer communication past/present and procedure to reiterate of how to handle.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(B) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule**

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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.

(1) BUCKEYE UNION HIGH SCHOOL – Buckeye Union High School District**Reported Violation:**

New athletic director and new coach hired after student transferred from La Joya (2/19/26). Student completed 550 from then, was informed of sitting out 50% from previous athletic director, student was informed for track season. Student participated in the first two flag football games of the season (9/15/26 and 9/17/26), which they were to sit 50%

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. new procedures within the athletic department are made to review all current and past 550 forms for new coaches and athletic director. New procedure of using Aktivite/RMA by placing all 550 forms approval and non-approval. Student athlete met with new athletic director and held accountable and made aware of the non-approval and has knowledge of when they are able to participate.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

(C) Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2 Ineligible Player

16.2 INELIGIBLE PALYER

16.2.1 *When an ineligible player(s) participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player(s) participated.*

(1) PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL – Peoria Unified School District

Reported Violation:

Student athlete submitted all appropriate RMA information and was able to pay his fee in our bookstore so our head coach was under the assumption athlete was cleared to play football. After a conversation with Peoria Flex Academy we found out that this student just recently registered with them on 9/4/26. We did not know this student was not enrolled yet, this is why he played in our first game. Athlete has been pulled from all practices and games indefinitely. Student is not a transfer and has been a Peoria student and Peoria Flex Academy student all four years. We had no reason to believe otherwise.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. We will double check all roster and cross reference them with Synergy. We will also ensure efficient communication with Peoria Flex Academy so we know who is there.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

(D) 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) DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – Scottsdale Unified School District

Reported Violation:

Student athlete participated in two quarters of the JV football games and 4 quarters of the varsity football game against ACP. Student participated in a total of 6 quarters for the week of August 31-September 4 which is in violation of article 24.5.3.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. When the violation was discovered the DMHS AD spoke to the head varsity coach. Information was confirmed through film footage. The violation was not intentional and not malicious. DMHS was playing 2nd and 3rd string players to not run up the score. Due to the injury in the 1st half, student athlete played sooner than was the game plan. DMHS AD spoke with the SUSD District AD and DMHS Principal. Correction actions: filing this violation to the AIA, contacting ACP's AD, conducting a bylaw training with SUSD District AD on October 9th with all DMHS coaches. In addition, head JV football coach will be responsible for monitoring quarters played by all players who play on both JV and varsity.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

9. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(E) 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

15.12.4.1 *Funds which have been donated to schools by clubs and individuals may be given as financial aid to students through the normal financial aid program of the school for all students, without regard to athletic potential. Financial aid based even partially on athletic potential or performance is not permitted from the school or from groups that exist because of or for the benefit of the school (e.g., booster clubs).*

15.12.4.3 *It is a violation of this section for a coach or any other unauthorized representative of a school to suggest or promise that any part of tuition will be waived for a prospective student for any reason, including financial need. The only person who may address the possibility of fee reduction is that person who has specific responsibility for admissions and financial aid policies and procedures.*

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

Notre Dame Prep determined that the girls' basketball coach provided financial assistance toward the tuition of a student-athlete at NDP by making a tuition payment through a foundation with which she is affiliated.

Notre Dame Prep has also determined that the girls' basketball coach communicated directly with a prospective student and the student's family regarding tuition assistance and represented that she would find a donor to pay the student's tuition at NDP prior to and during her enrollment at NDP.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. As of 9/29/26 the coach is no longer employed at the school. We have held a mandatory coaches meeting on 10/2 to educate all our coaches on AIA bylaws with a focus on recruitment and financial assistance.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

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(1) CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL – Scottsdale Unified School District**Reported Violation:**

Student athlete transferred from Highland Prep Academy where she participated in flag football in the 2025 season. She played in two games this season with Chaparral on 9/15 and 9/17. Confirmed with coach that she only played in the two games.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Coach will complete bylaw training with the AD for flag football and for Article 15 and Article 14. The AD will also have training for administration, counselors, coaches, and the registrar regarding incoming transfers to the school. Student will sit out 50% of games plus 2 that we already played. Student will be able to participate in the season again on 10/26.

Prior Violation(s):

None.

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

1. Maryvale Prep
2. Valley Lutheran
3. Camelback
4. Camelback
5. Youngker
6. Bagdad

VAR PROGRAM CANCELLING:

- Flag Football Program
- Football Program
- Girls' Cross Country Program
- Flag Football Program
- Boys/Girls Wrestling Programs
- Boys/Girls Wrestling Programs

VARSITY CONTEST CANCELLATIONS: 85
SCHOOL CANCELLING:

1. Highland Prep West
2. Arete Prep
3. Mohave

SCHOOL DOES NOT CONSENT:

- Veritas – VAR Football
- San Tan Charter – VAR Football
- Prescot – VAR Football

11. ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

- A. **South Mountain** – additional Fr/So football game to help fill **Skyline's** schedule.
- B. **Northland Prep** – additional VAR boys' soccer game to help fill **Payson's** schedule.
- C. **Palo Verde** – additional VAR boys basketball game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.
- D. **Palo Verde** – additional VAR boys basketball game to help fill **Valley Christian's** schedule.
- E. **Flowing Wells** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys/girls' basketball games to help fill **Notre Dame's** schedule.
- F. **Crismon** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo boys' basketball games to help fill **Agua Fria's** schedule.

12. OVERTIME NATIONALS REQUEST

Overtime Nations is requesting for an Arizona team to play in their National Championship Game.

13. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 27 – SOCCER**27.1 RULES****27.1.5 Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match**

~~27.1.5.1 Regular Season Games – Two ten (10) minute overtime periods shall be played. If the score is still tied at the end of the two overtime periods, the result will be recorded as a tie. (NO Kicks from the Mark)~~

27.1.5.2 Mercy Rule – A soccer game shall end any time after the 60th minute of play when a team is 8 6 or more goals behind.

14. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 30 – TENNIS**30.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION**

30.7.7 Individual **varsity** matches for boys and girls shall consist of no more than three sets. The match score for **JV** and freshmen tennis will be the 8 game **pro-set** ~~no-ad method~~. **All matches will utilize the no-ad method.**

15. AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 18 – OFFICIALS

Requesting consideration to take amendment to Legislative Council in April.

18.3 FEES / SCHOOLS – OFFICIAL’S RESPONSIBILITY

18.3.5 *Official's regular season contest and tournament fee rate increase shall be recommended by the AIA Executive Board. Recommendations shall be made ~~at the January Executive Board meeting~~ prior to November 1 to be approved by Legislative Council and go into effect July 1 of said year. Newly established rates shall be rounded to the nearest quarter. Rate increases shall not exceed 5% annually.*

16. OFFICIALS FEE INCREASE

Requesting consideration to take amendment to Legislative Council in April.

**17. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE****10:00 AM****15.6 AGE LIMIT / BIRTH RECORD 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.*

- Bourgade Catholic High School

18. HARDSHIP APPEALS

Time	School	Sending School	Conf.	Sport
10:20 AM	NW Christian	Glendale Prep	4A	FB
10:40 AM	Desert Edge	Kellis/Valley Vista	6A	FB/BSKT/TF
11:00 AM	Skyline	Mesa	6A	FB

19. ADJOURNMENT