

Football Advisory Meeting

Minutes

May 23, 2023

10 am – AIA Board Room

Meeting Attendee's:

Committee Members Present:

- 1A Dalton Mills (Bagdad)
- 2A Not present
- 3A Tim Bridges (Catalina)
- 4A Bob Young (Bradshaw Mtn) & Yancey Devore (Mingus)
- 5A Greg Davis (Paradise Valley)
- 6A Dana Zupke (Pinnacle) & Dave Huffine (Tempe Union)

AIA Staff present:

Brian Gessner
Tyler Cerimeli
Dan Nero
Joe Paddock
David Hines
Jim Dean

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes April 12, 2022:
Dave H. moved to approve; 2nd by Yancey D.; unanimously approved.
2. Confirmation of Chairman:
Kevin Belcher (Central) for 2023-24
3. Football reclassification – Executive Board approved May 2023
 - a. 2-yr Scheduling Block.
 - b. 2.0 +/- Standard Deviation (No Rounding).
 - c. Effective July 1, 2023.
 - d. 2024 FB Schedules will be the same – home/away reversed.
(Conferences will adjust as needed – such as out of state games)

4. NFHS rule changes and Points of Emphasis for Fall 2023 – Tyler C:
 - a. ****Contrasting #s required on jerseys for 2024****
 - b. Towels worn by athletes.
 - i. Towels do not have to match the uniform color scheme
 1. Towel must be at least a fist width – no thin striped towels.
 2. Only types of logos permitted on the towel: Brand name and team logo
 - c. Fumbles occurring near sidelines.
 - i. A Player can be in the air (not contacting the turf and tip the ball back in bounds)
 - ii. A Player must have at least 1-foot in bounds and not touching any part of the out of bounds.
 - d. Defenseless receiver penalty focus
 - i. A receiver that is contacted unnecessarily or with excessive force.
 - e. Line of scrimmage penalties
 - i. All flags thrown will be marked off from the line of scrimmage.
 - ii. Penalties will not be imposed from behind the line of scrimmage.
5. Emphasis on improved communication between officials and head coaches
6. Direct pushing/contacting of a player to advance the ball.
 - a. Will be penalized as 5 yd aiding the runner.
7. Eye Black
 - a. Single stripe
8. Visor Rule
 - a. No color/No tint

9. Officials Dept. – Sidelines – Brian G.

- a. Continuing improved communication with coaches
 - i. Professionalism
 - ii. Communication
 - iii. Sportsmanship
 - iv. AIA is always looking for new officials – asking HFB Coaches to let AIA know 5 graduating seniors who would be interested. AIA can set them up in a mentoring program.

10. Padded Spring FB Practices & Comp. during Spring Practices – Dave Huffine & Dana Zupke (6A)

- a. Propose having padded spring practices like TX, FL etc. and allow competition.
 - i. Pros- improved technique and skills; development of athletes against other state who have contact during spring. Recruitment benefits include college coaches who can observe.
 - ii. Cons: Quorum discussion on liability, helmet reconditioning issues, how to manage contact against fall contact.
 - Joe P. – AIA insurance concerns; SMAC concerns with acclimatization for spring FB w/contact.
 - Joe P. – if the membership wants Competition, why have Spring Practice? Membership would lose insurance coverage.

11. New Business

- a. Proposal to Football Advisory Committee by Tyler C.

38% of games won last year were by 35pts. AZ is the lone state who currently exercise the 42pt mercy rule. Mercy rule proposed change in **RED**:

 - i. 42pts first half = running clock
 - ii. 35 pts after halftime = running clock
Officials' timeout following 35 pt margin score = meeting between coaches to discuss time clock management of contest

(To be presented to Executive Board Fall 2023)
- b. Dana Z. brought up concern of some FB programs dropping JV schedule and keeping Frosh/Soph; then playing Soph heavy team against other teams Frosh.
- c. Greg D. brought up concerns about the AIA MaxPreps Rating system – not able to understand the ratings.
 - i. Mr. Hines explained the ratings are proprietary – Maxpreps is the owner, and the rating method is not shared.
 - ii. Key items of the AIA Maxpreps rankings:
 - 14-point score differential – more value in a win by 14 or more.

- AIA ratings are not predictive – must play the game to get the value.
- As more games are played, AIA ratings look closer like the national Maxpreps ratings.
- AIA Staff will add this information to the 2023 Pre-season Coaches Power Point to assist in understanding the AIA rating system.

12. Next Meeting Date: Wed Dec 13, 2023 – AIA @ 10 am.

13. Meeting Adjourned: Move to Adjourn – Yancey D. 2nd Tim B.