

BASEBALL
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
December 16, 2010
AIA OFFICE

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Alan Boelter/2A Adm.	Billy Duarte/1A Coach
Mike Briguglio/3A Adm.	Donnie Payne/2A Coach
Mark Cisterna/5A Adm.	Eric Kibler/5A Coach

Members absent:

Mark Goodman/1A Adm.	Art Griffith/3A Coach
Jeff Feldman/4A Adm.	Matt Denny/4A Coach

Minutes of October 1, 2010 meeting review: committee approved 6-0

Discussion Agenda Items:

***Power rank tie breaking procedures for sectional qualifying and state tournament seeding**

Ron Halbach shared present Conference tie breaking procedures that are in place for breaking ties to seeding AIA State team tournament. He expressed the need, for the team sport advisory committees to discuss, evaluate and recommend, to The AIA Executive Board, a tie breaking procedure that could be utilized across the entire spectrum of team sports and Divisions.

Following the discussion and evaluation of tie breaking criteria, the committee created a tie breaking procedure for the scenario of two or more school teams being tied in power rank points.

Recommendation:

Committee consensus (6-0 approve) recommendation to the AIA Executive Board the following tie breaking procedure;

1. Head to Head competition
2. Win/Loss percentage against common opponents
3. Total opponent victory points
4. Win/Loss percentage in the assigned division
5. Win/Loss percentage in the assigned section
6. Playoff game involving tied teams, if breaking the tie will result in a team(s) being kept out of the tournament.
7. Coin flip if only for seeding position in the tournament

***Review of AIA Bylaws; Article 23-Football**

The committee reviewed and discussed the football specific bylaws and, by consensus, recommended the following:

ARTICLE 20 BASEBALL

Present Bylaw

20.1.3 Suspended Game - A suspended game shall be continued from the point of suspension providing the game has a direct bearing in qualifying for regional or post-season play-offs.

Recommendation: deletion

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20.1.3.4 The Executive Committee of each Region is responsible for scheduling suspended games.

Recommendation: deletion/change

20.1.3.2 The host school is responsible for reporting suspended games to the Region Secretary **AIA Officials Office** within ~~three days~~ **twenty-four hours** after the game.

~~20.1.3.3 Suspended games shall be replayed at least three weeks before the post-season Baseball Tournament if possible.~~ **on the first available open date for both teams.**

~~20.1.3.4 The Executive Committee of each Region is~~ **The schools involved in the suspended game are** responsible for scheduling **the completion of the** suspended games **on the first available open date for both teams.**

Present Bylaw

20.1.6 By Conference determination, all sub-varsity Baseball games shall have a time limit of no new inning being allowed to start after the conclusion of one hour and 45 minutes. A game shall be considered regulation, no matter how many innings have been played, after one hour and 45 minutes have been played and the inning in progress when the time expires is completed or immediately when time expires if the team last at bat is batting and is ahead in score. If the game is tied when time expires and the inning in progress is completed, it will remain a tie score. If the game is tied at the end of seven (7) innings and time has not expired, the game will continue into

extra innings until a winner is decided or time expires - whichever comes first. If the game is still tied when time expires in extra innings, and the inning in progress is completed, it will remain a tie score. Time shall begin at the end of the pre-game conference at home plate between coaches, captains, and umpires.

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The AIA will provide the minimum schedule to school varsity teams through the approved computerized scheduling process. The remainder of the schedule, within the parameter of the bylaw 20.5.1, may be scheduled through school to school agreement.

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Present Bylaw

20.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

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