

## NEWS RELEASE

### **MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL SELF REPORTS POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY ISSUE WITH FOOTBALL PLAYER**

PHOENIX, AZ (November 21, 2014) –Mountain Pointe High School has determined that one of its football players is ineligible and self reported a violation on Friday (21 November 2014) to the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

The violation was discovered after AIA staff read the story of the Mountain Pointe player in Friday's issue of The Arizona Republic. Mountain Pointe has requested a special meeting of the AIA's executive board to rescind the potential forfeitures of games the Mountain Pointe player played in this season. The special meeting has been approved by President Doug Wilson, and it will be held on Tuesday (25 November 2014), 8:30 AM at the AIA's office. During the special meeting, Mountain Pointe can seek the approval of the player's eligibility moving forward, rescinding of forfeitures and action based on the violation report. As a result of the violation (15.5.3.2 and 15.10), the Mountain Pointe player will not play in Friday's AIA state semifinal game.

"It's unfortunate that this error was discovered at this point in the season, especially since we are dealing with an athlete who has already experienced tremendous hardship in his life," AIA Associate Executive Director Chuck Schmidt said. "We hope that his eligibility issue doesn't stop him from continuing his remarkable comeback in high school or beyond."

#### **About the Arizona Interscholastic Association:**

The AIA, is voluntary association of public and private Arizona high schools. Since 1913, the organization has created and sustained interscholastic activities that encourage maximum student participation by providing AIA member schools with an even playing field to ensure fair and equitable competition. The AIA believes that providing interscholastic activities for Arizona high school students creates personal development opportunities with a balanced focus on academics and extracurricular activities.

Through its 272 member schools, the AIA reaches more than 95,000 participants in high school activity programs. The organization hosts 4000 championship contests and maintains officiating for more than 45,000 regular season games. For more information, visit [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org) and [www.aia365.com](http://www.aia365.com)

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