

AIA Basketball Advisory Committee
September 18, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Members in attendance:

David Thursby/2A Adm.	Greg Haagsma/2A Coach
Jamie Roe/3A Adm.	Mark Showers/3A Coach
Phillip Nowlin/4A Adm.	Howard Mueller/4A Coach
Dan Haasch/5A Adm.	Tyler Dumas/5A Coh
Lonnie Trvdy/At-large	Michael Fowler/At-large

Members Absent:

Curry Donaldson/1A Adm.

2. Review of AIA Sport Advisory Meeting minutes from 1/9/13

Minutes reviewed-Approved by committee

3. Review of AIA Sport Advisory Teleconference Meeting (9/4/13) Super Sectional Recommendation to the AIA Executive Board from 1/9/13

Committee reviewed the consensus recommendations from the 2012-2013 Basketball Advisory Committee which call for Super-Sectional in each of the four divisions. The recommendations included the sections and section seeds that would match up against opposing section seeds in the super-sectionals. Lastly the recommendation indicated the super-sectional champion and runner-up would automatically qualify for the state tournament in their division, with super-sectional champions guaranteed the # 1, #2 and #3 seeds (# 1, #2 in Div. I) in their division level state tournament and the super-sectional runner-up guaranteed the # 4, #5 and #6 seeds (# 3, #4 in Div. I) in their division level state tournament.

4. New Business

a. Nomination and voting, by the committee, for the committee's 2013-2014 chair

Greg Haagsma was nominated via group nomination to continue as chair of the AIA Basketball Committee. His nomination to continue in the Chair person role was unanimous.

b. AIA Executive Board decision related to Basketball Advisory recommendation for Division Super Sectional pairings

c. Discuss recommendation, per the AIA Executive Board, for Sectional Basketball Tournament format and recommendations

As a result of concern expressed by the AIA Executive Board related to the logistical concerns (travel and out of school time) the super-sectional would create for AIA member schools, the committee was asked to re-evaluate the post season recommendations for the determination of automatic qualifiers for each of the four divisions of the state tournament. The AIA staff proposed the following, based on concerns expressed by the AIA Executive Board to the AIA Basketball Committee:

Proposal: Sectional Tournament Qualifying

Division I, II, III, & IV Sectional Tournament (4 team bracket): Based on section standings, the top four (4) teams, per section standing in each section will earn an automatic bid to the sectional tournament. In the initial round, the top team in each section will play the No. 4 team in the section and the No. 2 team in the section will play the No. 3 team in the section. The sectional tournament will consist of two rounds and be single elimination. The rankings will continue to update throughout the sectional tournaments.

- Division I: four (4) sectional tournaments
- Division II: Six (6) sectional tournaments
- Division III: Six (6) sectional tournaments
- Division IV: Six (6) sectional tournaments

State Tournament Qualifying

Division I, II, III, & IV State Tournament (24 team bracket): Based on the results of the sectional tournaments, the sectional champion will receive an automatic bid to the state tournament. The Division II/III/IV sectional champions will be guaranteed the No. 1 thru No. 6 seeds, based on the overall divisional season seed, in the state tournament. Division I sectional champions will be guaranteed the No. 1 thru No. 4 seeds, based on the overall divisional season seed, in the state tournament. All other teams, for a total of 24, will qualify to the state tournament based on overall season seeding and be seeded No. 7 through No. 24 (No. 5 through No. 24 in Division I). Teams seeded No. 1 through No. 8 will get a first round bye. The state tournament will consist of five rounds and will be single elimination.

- Division I: Four (4) automatic bids, 20 at-large qualifiers based on ranking
- Division II: Six (6) automatic bids, 18 at-large qualifiers based on ranking
- Division III: Six (6) automatic bids, 18 at-large qualifiers based on ranking
- Division IV: Six (6) automatic bids, 18 at-large qualifiers based on ranking

The AIA Basketball Committee discussed the recommendation. Committee members were in agreement that section tournaments replacing super sectional would create less travel and less out of school Division II/III/IV. Dan Haasch and Phillip Nowlin expressed concern with the automatic seeds for Div. I if each section champion were guaranteed the #1, #2, #3 or #4 seed in the state tournament. They were concerned that the strength of two of the sections called for the super-sectional plan to be continued for Division I since, with the Division I schools primarily in the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas, travel and out of school time due to travel for teams and spectators was not an issue.

Following discussion, the AIA Basketball Advisory committee was in consensus agreement to recommend the following to the AIA Executive Board:

Division I Boys/Girls Basket Super Sectional Format
Super Sectional Tournament Qualifying

Division I Super Sectional Tournament (8 team bracket): Based on section standings, the top four (4) teams in each section will earn an automatic bid to the super sectional tournament. In the initial round, the top team in each section will play the No. 4 team in the opposing section and the No. 2 team in each section will play the No. 3 team in the opposing section. The super sectional tournament will consist of three rounds and be single elimination. The rankings will continue to update throughout the super sectional tournaments.

- Division I: Four (4) sections will make up two (2) super sectional tournaments

The AIA Basketball Advisory Committee recommends the following:

- The committee recommends that the section match ups in each division be for the two year block schedule of 2013-2014/2014-2015.
- Division I Super Sectional Basketball Tournament recommended section match ups:
 - Section I versus Section III
 - Section II versus Section IV

Super Sectional Bracket: Section Black versus Section Red

Rd. #1	Rd. #2		Rd. #3
1 vs. 4	W 1 vs. 4	Upper Bracket	W Upper Bracket
2 vs. 3	vs. W 2 vs. 3		
3 vs. 2	W 3 vs. 2	Lower Bracket	vs. W Lower Bracket
4 vs. 1	vs. W 4 vs. 1		

Per previously AIA Basketball Advisory Committee recommendations approved by the AIA Executive Board, the following is the format for AIA State Basketball qualifying:

State Tournament Qualifying

Division I State Tournament (24 team bracket): Based on the results of the super sectional tournaments, the super sectional champion and runner-up will receive an automatic bid to the state tournament. The super sectional champions will be guaranteed the No. 1 and 2 seeds in Division I. The super sectional runner-up will be guaranteed the No. 3 and 4 seeds in Division I. All other teams, for a total of 24, will qualify to the state tournament based on overall ranking and be seeded No. 5 through 24 in Division I. Teams seeded #1 through #8 will get a first round bye. The tournament will consist of five rounds and will be single elimination.

- Division I: Four (4) automatic bids, 20 at-large qualifiers based on ranking

Division II/III/IV Boys/Girls Basket Sectional Format Sectional Tournament Qualifying

Division II, III, & IV Sectional Tournament (4 team bracket): Based on section standings, the top four (4) teams, per section standing in each section will earn an automatic bid to the sectional tournament. In the initial round, the top team in each section will play the No. 4 team in the section and the No. 2 team in the section will play the No. 3 team in the section. The sectional tournament will consist of two rounds and be single elimination. The rankings will continue to update throughout the sectional tournaments.

- Division II: Six (6) sectional tournaments
- Division III: Six (6) sectional tournaments
- Division IV: Six (6) sectional tournaments

State Tournament Qualifying

Division II, III, & IV State Tournament (24 team bracket): Based on the results of the sectional tournaments, the sectional champion will receive an automatic bid to the state tournament. The Division II/III/IV sectional champions will be guaranteed the No. 1 thru No. 6 seeds, based on the overall divisional season seed, in the state tournament. All other teams, for a total of 24, will qualify to the state tournament based on overall season seeding and be seeded No. 7 through No. 24. Teams seeded No. 1 through No. 8 will get a first round bye. The state tournament will consist of five rounds and will be single elimination.

- Division II: Six (6) automatic bids, 18 at-large qualifiers based on ranking
- Division III: Six (6) automatic bids, 18 at-large qualifiers based on ranking
- Division IV: Six (6) automatic bids, 18 at-large qualifiers based on ranking

d. Discuss limiting the number of coaches a team may have for free entry and courtside for AIA Sectional/State Tournament games

The committee discussed the issue of what the limit should be for sectional, super sectional or state basketball playoff games for free entry and for courtside seating at games. David Thursby recommended five coaches maximum per school team. The motion was seconded by Jamie Rowe.

The committee approved by consensus to send a recommendation to the AIA Executive Board to limit free entry and courtside seating at all AIA state related games to no more than five school approved coaches.

e. Discuss if the 12th grader exception for 1A Schools under AIA bylaw; article 14.3.2.2 is still necessary.

The committee looked at the following AIA bylaw; article 14.3.2.2:

14.3.2.2 A junior varsity team shall be limited to 9th, 10th and 11th grade students, with the exception of the 1A Conference.

Following a brief discussion, David Thursby recommended that this issue be tabled to allow the 1A and 2A committee representatives to get feedback on what the effect might be on their basketball programs if this bylaw did away with the exception allowing 12th graders the ability to play on a junior varsity team. Item was tabled.

4. Consensus recommendations to go forward to the AIA Executive Board

1. 2013-2014, 2014-2015 Post Season Consensus Recommendation
2. Post season limitation limit free entry and courtside seating at all AIA state related games to no more than five school approved coaches.

5. Adjournment

Next meeting January 9, 2014