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Memo to Member Schools – Sept. 19, 2012

AIA Seedings Powered by MaxPreps

On March 2, 2012, the power rankings committee, consisting of the members listed below, met to discuss the formula after the winter season had completed. At that meeting the Power Rankings Committee made a recommendation, which was approved by the AIA Executive Board on March 19, 2012, http://www.aiaonline.org/story?id=12969, that rather than multiplying the number of points given by a schools opponent by the number of games the particular school plays, **it will be multiplied by the normal number of games played in a regular season**.

It was noted that the Power Rankings Committee and MaxPreps.com will reconvene after the spring sports season to look at the formula for other potential modifications for the fall of 2012.

On June 30, 2012, the Power Rankings Committee was presented with a proprietary formula by MaxPreps, along with comparisons between the AIA Power Rankings System of the 2011-2012 year and the Maxpreps.com seedings. After review by the Power Rankings Committee, a recommendation was made to the AIA Executive Board to implement the system known today as the AIA Seedings powered by MaxPreps.

Questions have come up regarding if teams need to run up the score. In no way would AIA Staff, the AIA Executive Board or the Power Rankings Committee support unsportsmanlike behavior in terms of running up the score on an opponent for the benefit of a school's seeding. It can be stated that running up the score is not a part of the algorithm.

The AIA Seedings powered by MaxPreps was presented during the AIA Executive Board Study Session on August 3, 2012, in which all conference presidents, region chairs and sports advisory committee chairs were requested to be present. MaxPreps was in attendance to dialogue, regarding the AIA Seedings powered by MaxPreps; however, the exact algorithm could not be shared as it is proprietary.

At the AIA Executive Board meeting held on Sept. 11, 2012, http://www.aiaonline.org/story?id=13271, the AIA Executive Board formerly approved the implementation of the AIA Seedings powered by MaxPreps, http://www.aiaonline.org/story?id=13276.

Note: The AIA Seedings powered by MaxPreps, as seen exclusively on AIA365.com, are not the same as the MaxPreps Ratings/Rankings as seen on MaxPreps.com.

Power Rankings Committee Members:

Chair: Derek Fahleson, AIA Executive Board President
1A: Rick Honsinger, Mogollon
2A: Steve Saban, Hopi (not present at 6/30/12 meeting)
3A: John Parks, Sedona Red Rock
4A: Steve Ducey, Sunnyslope
5A: Mike Sivertson, Centennial
5A: Matt Kuffel, Boulder Creek (not present at 6/30/12 meeting)