



**MINUTES**  
**AIA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 29, 2012**

Chairperson Dr. Javier Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**Members Attendance:**

Dr. Javier Cardenas, MD (Chair)  
Dr. John Parsons, Ph.D., ATC, AT  
Dr. Steven Erickson, MD  
David Hayward, Licensed Athletic Trainer  
Dr. Jeffrey Vaughn, DO

**Guest:**

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, AIA Legal Counsel  
Michele Staples, AIA Liaison  
Gary Whelchel, AIA Commissioner of Officials

**GENDER ELIGIBILITY ISSUES (Javier Cardenas)**

**Logistics-**

- If there is a sport that didn't have an equal female sport (i.e. Football, Wrestling, etc.) they would use the women's locker room.
- Washington State High School Association, NCAA, & Olympics have policies in place.
  - Psychiatrist or Psychologist on panel
  - Documented evidence that parent, school and school district are supportive of the gender issue.
  - Make it consistent with current AIA eligibility process.
  - Tabled for discussion at next meeting

**SOCCER INQUIRIES / ATC ROLES:**

- **Concern-**
  - Referee has full control over play. ATC's feel they are prevented to provide proper care if referee doesn't stop play to allow them to give care. Referees would do a quick check so play doesn't have to stop. This was a frequent occurrence.
  - (Gary) Officials control the flow of the game for all sports.
  - Gary recommended a representative from the SMAC attend September and October meetings in Tucson & Phoenix to discuss.

- Once play stops a referee can call an ATC onto the field. An ATC will be allowed to come onto the field for an injury without penalty if play hasn't stopped.

**HELMET RULE:**

- Committee would like to continue collecting data for:
  - 1) Helmet dislodges
  - 2) Number of helmet inspections with modification to helmet from dislodging
    - Compare data to other states that do not require inspections.
    - (Gary) Official notes helmet dislodge per player.
      - First time= okay to inspect
      - Second time= helmet **must** be inspected or a timeout can be called.
    - All approved recommendation to forward the above experiment to NFHS.

**HEAT POLICY UPDATE:**

- Reviewed policy and made revisions.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: **May 24, 2012**