



MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2021

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020 and via teleconference.

President Toni Corona called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)
Jim Dean, 5A Conference (Dysart Unified School District)
Zack Munoz, Ed.D, 6A Conference (Phoenix Union High School District)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)*
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials*
Denise Doser, Director of Finance
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator*
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator*
David Shapiro, Tournament Coordinator
Tyler Cerimeli, Tournament Coordinator*
Ashley Gronewold, Tournament Coordinator*
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Travis Jack	Whitney Holland*	Garye LaFevers*
Jake Litwiller	Corey Newland*	Nate Agostini*
Jacob Holiday*	Renee Regoli*	Anthony David*
Nathan Orelup*	Jen Burks*	Shelly Arredondo*
Kraig Leuschner*	Eric Magana*	Matt Harris*
David Huffine*	Greg Haagsma*	Heather Osborn*
Aaron Frana*	Brett Palmer*	
Ben Clark*	Ryan Ridenour*	

****Indicates attendance via teleconference***

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Corona, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:30 am – 9:00 am
- ✓ 10:05 am – 10:25 am

HARDSHIP APPEALS

The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:

Verrado Tim Butler - Athletic Director, Parent

Agua Fria Autumn Daniels – Athletic Director, Parent, Student
Moon Valley – Eddie Lopez – Athletic Director

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Verrado	Denied
Agua Fria	Granted

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (AIAAA)

In accordance with Article 6, Section 4, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve and complete the remainder of the term **2021-2023** term:

AIAAA Renee Regoli, Athletic Director – Queen Creek High School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting were **approved**.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following consent agenda items:

AIA Lifetime Passes

Paul Bollard Chandler Unified 29 years

Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2020-21 Master Calendar

In accordance with Article 10, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2020-2021 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=5>.

The Master Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA for its member schools, reflects activities (events) that have been sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board. It is the responsibility of each member school to limit its participation in these sanctioned activities to the maximum number of contests set forth in the AIA Bylaws.

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- 3A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following:

- ✓ 2019-20 Audit Presentation

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial report:

- ✓ Financial Report for January 2021

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS

In accordance with Article 11, Section 4, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity, junior varsity, freshman program(s) that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

SCHOOL REQUESTING:

1. Alhambra
2. Arete Prep
3. Arizona Lutheran
4. ASDB
5. Betty Fairfax
6. Camelback
7. Carl Hayden
8. Casa Grande
9. Catalina
10. Central
11. Cesar Chaves
12. Cholla
13. Coronado
14. Desert Heights
15. Empire
16. Lee Williams
17. Maryvale
18. Mingus Union
19. North
20. Palo Verde
21. PDSB
22. Pueblo
23. Rio Rico
24. River Valley
25. Sahuarita
26. Santa Rita
27. Sequoia Charter
28. Sequoia Pathway
29. South Mountain
30. St. Augustine
31. Tanque Verde
32. The Odyssey
33. Tombstone
34. Trevor Browne
35. Valley Lutheran
36. Valley Sanders
37. Vista Grande
38. Washington
39. Yuma
40. Alchesay
41. Antelope Union
42. Apache Junction
43. Cibecue
44. San Miguel
45. Superior
46. Bisbee
47. Douglas
48. Tolleson Union District

HEREBY CONSENT:

- VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR Girls Soccer Program
 VAR Boys' Soccer Program
 VAR B/G Basketball Programs
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR Girls' Soccer Program
 VAR B/G Basketball Programs / VAR Girls' Soccer Program
 VAR Boys Wrestling Program
 VAR B/G Wrestling Program
 VAR Girls Basketball Program / VAR Girls Soccer Program
 VAR Beach Volleyball Program / VAR Boys Volleyball Program
 VAR Boys Basketball Program
 VAR B/G Soccer Programs
 VAR Girls Wrestling Program
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR Girls Soccer Program
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR Boys Soccer Program
 VAR B/G Basketball Programs
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 VAR Boys Soccer Program
 VAR B/G Soccer Programs / VAR Boys Basketball Program
 VAR B/G Soccer Programs / VAR Girls Basketball Program
 VAR Wrestling Program
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR G Basketball Program / VAR Wrestling Program
 VAR Girls Basketball Program
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR B Soccer Program / VAR G Soccer Program
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR Baseball Program
 VAR B/G Basketball Programs
 VAR B/G Wrestling Programs
 VAR Girls Soccer Program
 VAR Boys Soccer Program / VAR Girls Wrestling Program
 All Winter Sports
 All Winter Sports
 All Winter Sports
 All Winter Sports
 All Winter Sports
 All Winter Sports
 All Winter Sports & Spiritline
 All Winter Sports & Spiritline
 All Winter Sports & Spiritline

92 Lower Level Program Cancellations

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 289 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR)

Basketball – 156

Wrestling – 53

Soccer – 80

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Spring season of sport begins on March 1, 2021 and competition may begin on March 12, 2021.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the recommendation that all teams must have 10 days of practice prior to any competition. As well as, in team sports, multi-team scrimmages, invitational tournaments, or Region tournaments are not permitted for the 2021 season. Individual sports tournaments must begin after 3:00pm Monday – Friday.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** any student that transferred prior to February 8, 2021 be eligible for participation in the 2021 spring sports season. All other eligibility requirements must be met. If a student participate in a fall/winter sport at their previous school, and wish to participate during the 2021-22 school year, an appeal would need to be submitted.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved**, at the discretion of the local site/school district, the host venue/home team may allow home/visiting spectators. The determination will be made based on executive orders, local jurisdiction, and guidance from local health authorities. Host/Home teams must communicate with opponents prior to contest regarding spectators. Anyone in attendance must wear a face covering for the entirety of the contest.

As a reminder the Legislative Council meeting will be held on March 5, 2021 at Xavier College Preparatory. Due to social distancing guests will not be permitted to attend. The meeting will be live streamed on the AzPreps365 YouTube channel.

Following discussion regarding mask requirements including recommendations from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, on a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** keeping the current mask requirements in place for all student-athletes, coaches, officials and spectators.

A Special Executive Board meeting will take place on March 2, 2021 for further discussion regarding the mask requirements.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** eight questions regarding COVID-19 from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to be included with the annual Preparticipation Physical Examination. A document will be compiled and sent out to all member schools to be utilized for the 2021-2022 school year.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the following additional game request:

- A. **Sunrise Mountain** – an additional JV boys' soccer game to help fill **Ironwood's** schedule.

SPRING SPORTS MODIFICATIONS

The required Spring Sports Modifications have been updated and posted to the AIA website.

- Season of sport begins March 1, 2021
- Season of competition begins March 12, 2021
- All students, coaches and sideline/dugout personnel will be required to wear a cloth mask, disposable non-surgical mask or gaiter for the entirety of a game/contest. No mesh masks are permitted.
- Anyone who attends spring sport events is required to wear a face covering for the entirety of the contest.

The remaining general and sport specific modifications can be found **here**.

FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

There will be no reclassification for the 2021 football season. The placements have been posted to the AIA website. Schools have until February 23, 2021 to submit an appeal to Tayler Coady at the AIA Office. Conference hearings will be on February 25, 2021. Schools have until March 4, 2021 to appeal the conference determination to the Executive Board. Hearings to the Executive Board will take place at the March 15, 2021 meeting.

The appeal form can be found on the AIA website.

The 2021 football season of sport will begin as follows:

1A – July 26, 2021

2A/3A – August 2, 2021

4A/5A/6A – August 9, 2021

DISCUSSION – ARTICLE 31 – TRACK

Discussion took place regarding the number of opportunities for track and field events. The information provided by Flagstaff High School will be taken to the Track Sports Advisory Committee for further discussion.

REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE 22.3 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON – BASKETBALL**22.3 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

22.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.

22.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 2A/1A, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of quarters/night during the season

Thatcher High School is requesting an exception to Article 22.3.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **denied** the above request.

REQUEST – PDSD AND ASDB MERGE TRACK PROGRAMS

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf and Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind are requesting to allow the track programs to merge for the 2021 season due to the following reasons:

- The number of enrollment at both schools are declining
- The number of participants is low at both schools.
- Facing a budget cut, having two teams will affect our budget.
- PDSD could not find a coach for their female team so coaches at both schools will support each other.
- It would provide more social opportunities for our student-athletes.
- It should increase interest from students into participating.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above request to allow the two schools to merge for the 2021 track season.

REQUEST – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 21 – BASEBALL

The Baseball Sports Advisory Committee is requesting the following amendment to article 21.11 Post-Season Tournaments.

21.11 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**21.11.1 Post-Season Tournaments****21.11.1.6 The post-season tournaments shall be considered as a separate tournament**

~~21.11.1.6.1 There shall be no substitution in the original roster during any single tournament.~~

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above amendment to Article 21 – Baseball regarding post-season tournaments.

RECONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION FINE

Fountain Hills High School is requesting to rescind the cancellation fines for basketball contests against Page, Chino Valley and Camp Verde.

Based on FHUSD School Board decision to change the travel policy for the athletic programs these games have been rescheduled.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **rescinded** the cancellation fine to Fountain Hills High School.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – QUEEN CREEK** – *American Leadership Academy District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1)

Reported Violation:

The AD left over the holiday break, we also have a new coaching staff for basketball this year. With the change in AD, the information about transfers and when they were eligible was not properly conveyed to the new coaching staff. Therefore, we had two athletes that played in the JV and JV B games against Seton Catholic of 1/19/21.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. We are going to do an in-service for the boys' basketball coaches to ensure they fully understand transfer rules. We are also going to work with the athletic office to go over procedures to track transfer eligibility and communicate it to the coaches and track that communication.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the American Leadership Academy – Queen Creek **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/16/21-2/16/22.

BARRY GOLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)

Reported Violation:

Varsity head boys' soccer coach allowed a player to tryout without being fully cleared through the athletic office. Player did not have current paperwork on file.

Schools Corrective Action:

Moving forward in addition to Register My Athlete the athletic department will issue a hard copy of the cleared athletes every day for the first week.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Barry Goldwater High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/16/21-2/16/22.

NORTH CANYON HIGH SCHOOL – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1)

Reported Violation:

The North Canyon girls' basketball team played two transfers within the first 50% of the season. Both of these players were to sit 50% of the season. One game was a varsity contest and one game was a JV contest. We caught the mistake before the start of the Varsity PV game.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The coach will receive further training and a reprimand for not following procedures.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North Canyon High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/16/21-2/16/22.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR HIGH SCHOOL** – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1)

Reported Violation:

Student was homeschooled his 9th grade year. After playing in two games, it was learned that he played freshman basketball at Glendale Preparatory his 9th grade year while being homeschooled. Student will sit for the next 50% of competitions for boys' basketball.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Students' families that are previously home-schooled will get a phone call home and given verbal step by step instructions for completing the Register My Athlete and the 550 Form process. In addition, student will sit for the next 50% of competitions.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sandra Day O'Connor High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/16/21-2/16/22.

SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL – *Sunnyside Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1)

Reported Violation:

A boys' wrestler participated in our first dual meet, on February 3rd, this wrestler has previously wrestled as a freshman at Walden Grove HS and should have been ineligible to compete until after 50% of the season which occurs during our 4th dual match this year.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. This was an oversight on the AD. I did not fulfill my duties and sufficiently notify the coach or wrestler that they were subject of the 50% transfer rule set by the AIA for a student that competed in the same sport the season before. I myself will implement a procedure in which I go over every roster, previous to the season of sport and ensure that all transfers are aware of the 550 process and also the result of the 550. This information needs to be promptly relayed to coaches, athletes and families. As an athletic administrator this is something that needs to be a priority as it is our duty as a member of the AIA. Our coach has also been verbally reprimanded of his part in this oversight, corrective action will be taken internally as seen fit by our school administrators. Our team will forfeit their match in which this student participated on 2/3/2021. This student will also sit out next three consecutive matches as well as the forfeiture. We are having him sit out an additional match to ensure we abide by the transfer rule.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sunnyside High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/16/21-2/16/22.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL** – *Agua Fria Union High School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)

Reported Violation:

There were two (2) wrestlers who did not complete the proper physical paperwork prior to practice/competition. I had one (1) girls' soccer player who did not complete the proper physical paperwork prior to practice/competition.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Retraining of coaches and athletic assistant to verify cleared athletes on RMA and rosters. The verification of this will occur daily while tryouts and cuts are being made. There will be an increase in communication between the coaches and athletic assistant.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Canyon View High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/16/21-2/16/22.

ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 3 Completion of Contest – Ejection of Coach (17.3.1.1)

Reported Violation:

The assistant boys' soccer coach was asked to leave the game. He was not issued a red card or two yellow cards. He left the game and stayed on the premises outside of the fenced field.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach has met with the AD and head coach and given clear guidelines of AIA Rules and bylaws as it comes to coaching. Coach has been suspended from coaching for one game and has agreed to not communicate with the officials moving forward. Coach was not removed from facility at the time as it was never clear that the coach was ejected or just asked to leave the bench area.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Arcadia High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/16/21-2/16/22.

FUTURE DATES

March 5, 2021	Legislative Council Meeting – Xavier College Prep
March 15, 2021	AIA Executive Board Meeting
April 2, 2021	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
April 19, 2021	AIA Executive Board Meeting
May 17, 2021	AIA Executive Board Meeting
May 22, 2021	AIA Champions Gala - Virtual
May 31, 2021	Holiday – AIA Office Closed

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines, Executive Director