

4A Conference Committee
Minutes
January 26, 2021 @ 10:00am Webex

Region Rep Attendees:

Matt Belden, Chair, , Ron Safcik/Shelley Arredondo, Skyline,
Brian Galbreath, Black Canyon, Stacey Spencer, West Valley, Bill Wright, Southwest, Lenica Ruiz, Desert Sky, Ty Cephers, Kino,
David Humphreys, Gila, Clairinda Weatherwax, Grand Canyon, Patty Uptain 4A Admin Asst.

Absent: Missy Townsend, Grand Canyon, Jeannine Brandel, AIA Board Rep

Guests: Brian Gessner

Call to Order: 10:00am

AIA Staff:

Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director

Meeting Notes for all Conferences:

AIA Update: Mr. Paddock

No Information

Executive Board: Ms. Brandel

No information

AIAAA Report Update: Clairinda Weatherwax

Award nominations due February 26. Hall of Fame needs to send to Missy Townsend. Each Region selects Region AD of Year and it would be good if 4A can choose between now and the next meeting
Conference is still scheduled for September.

Meeting notes for 4A Conference:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Spring Sport survey – Matt Belden

Came back split between starting March 9 ending May 15th or March 15th ending May 22nd. How does the Bylaws come into play into regards with the 14-day rule. SMAC is to meet to discuss reducing to a 10 day rule.
Discussed which dates the 4A would like and as long as the athletes are in season they would be covered by insurance.
Discussed State Tournaments – 16 Team Single Eliminations and No Play-In games.

2. Football Reclassification – Matt Belden

Everyone in region should have received a survey.
Discussed scheduling or keeping the schedule originally built. Committee would like more feedback on moving forward with keeping the schedule or revisiting.
Discussed whether there should be any reclassification, particularly due to past year's data.

3. Region Play in regards to championships – Stacy

Discussed the Bylaw in regards to the win percentage, as the team with the highest win percentage in the region would be the champion. Talked about the question of whether a 2-0 team is more deserving of a championship than a team that was 4-1. Joe discussed the idea of a considering a tiebreaker and what that looks like for a champion. 4A Conference to keep this issue on radar to see how it plays out.

ADD ON ITEMS:

Masks and Officials – Discussed AD’s having a difficult time getting Officials to wear masks. Need clarification on how to address. Brian Gessner suggested letting him know immediately and he will deal with the issue. It was also discussed per Brian Gessner and Joe Paddock that Officials have authority over athletes wearing masks on the field and Admin has authority over sidelines and spectators. There is a potential to revisit the mask decision during winter season-mostly if the numbers change positively per the AIA. The AIA mitigation strategies are being enforced and addressed as issues arise.

Future Items: N/A

Good of the order:

Brian Gessner would be willing to discuss any items regarding Officials.

Adjourned: 11:30am