



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2021**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a special meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032.

President William Duarte called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi Jr./Sr. High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)
Jim Dean, Ed.D., 5A Conference (Dysart School District)
Jennifer Burks, 6A Conference (Perry High School)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)
Renee Regoli, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Queen Creek High School)
Jerry Jennex, Arizona School Administrators (Globe Unified School District)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Nathan Slater, Scottsdale District
Shawn Rustad, Chandler District
Shawn Lytle, San Tan Charter

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Duarte, 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:

✓ 8:30am – 9:03am

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The AIA's Basketball Advisory Committee asked if Open Division championships for boys and girls can be held. The committee suggested Open Divisions brackets for small (1-3A Conference) and big schools (4-6A), with each division qualifying eight teams to compete for an Open basketball title. The AIA and the Board will explore in the coming months the feasibility of those tournaments before the board votes on the request.

Beginning the 2021-2022 season, the NFHS has approved the implementation of the shot clock by state adoption. It would be a Conference by Conference decision if they wanted to utilize the shot clock during the basketball season. Discussion regarding the implementation will take place this year.

Fall coaches workshops took place beginning of August with about 1,240 coaches completing the required online course. If coaches have yet to complete the course, notification will be sent and a violation of Bylaw 2.5.7 will have occurred.

The InsideOut Initiative will take place for Athletic Directors on August 27, 2021 at State Farm Stadium. A save the date was sent out to all athletic directors, superintendents and principals. Registration is open with over 100 athletic directors already registered. A virtual broadcast of the meeting will be available for those that are not available to attend in-person.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUEST

Greenway – an additional boys'/girls' basketball games (all levels) to help fill Deer Valley's schedule. ***Deer Valley cancelling two games vs 5A/6A opponents – need approval from 4A.*

ACTION ITEMS:**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Approval of Minutes

- May 17, 2021
- July 29, 2021 – Special Executive Board Meeting

AIA Lifetime Passes

1. Ian Moses	Mountain Pointe	25 years
2. Rene Pacheco	Ray	30 years
3. David Montgomery	Highland	33 years
4. Willie Dudley	Fountain Hills	29 years
5. Roger Heap	St. Johns	42 years
6. Joe Parone	Payson	43 years (<i>Meritorious Pass Request</i>)
7. Lerina Johnson	Perry	27 years
8. Shane Brimhall	Snowflake	26 years
9. Kyle Pooler	Liberty	26 years
10. Sean McDonald	Tempe District	26 years
11. Chris Farabee	Combs	32 years
12. Jonah Beach	AIA Official	25 years
13. Gabe Beechum	AIA Official	25 years
14. Gary Bringer	AIA Official	25 years
15. Gerry Buchanan	AIA Official	25 years
16. Jorge Chavez	AIA Official	25 years
17. Charlie Coleman	AIA Official	25 years
18. Robert Davis	AIA Official	25 years
19. Dean Distasio	AIA Official	25 years
20. Michael Edwards	AIA Official	25 years
21. Ken Garland	AIA Official	25 years
22. Leisa Hall	AIA Official	25 years
23. Joel Holmes	AIA Official	25 years
24. Danny Hosler	AIA Official	25 years
25. Brian Jenkins	AIA Official	25 years
26. Jeffrey Julander	AIA Official	25 years
27. Arthur Melendez	AIA Official	25 years
28. Leslie Melvin	AIA Official	25 years
29. Nate Phillips	AIA Official	25 years
30. J. Antonio Robles	AIA Official	25 years
31. Michael Smith	AIA Official	25 years
32. Michael Taylor	AIA Official	25 years
33. Edward Vasquez	AIA Official	25 years
34. Richard Villarreal	AIA Official	25 years
35. Rodney Walker	AIA Official	25 years
36. Ted Williams	AIA Official	25 years
37. Richard Yee	AIA Official	25 years

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont'd**Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2021-22 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 2021-2022 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 Minutes

- 5A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2021
- Southern Arizona AD Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- ✓ Financial Report for May 2021
- ✓ Financial Report for June 2021
- ✓ Financial Report for July 2021

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. Bourgade Catholic
2. Greyhills
3. Red Valley-Cove
4. River Valley

HEREBY CONSENT:

VAR Boys/Girls Swimming Programs
ALL FALL SPORTS
ALL FALL SPORTS
VAR Boys'/Girls' Cross Country Programs

26 Sub Varsity Program Cancellations

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 69 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

Football – 26
Golf – 4

Volleyball – 7 **Cross Country – 8**
Basketball – 21

Baseball – 3

AIA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – MEETING DATE

It is recommended that the annual AIA Legislative Council Meeting be held on **March 4, 2022**. Based on a March 4, 2022 meeting date, and in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be January 21, 2022. The agenda mail-out deadline would be February 4, 2022.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the recommended date for the annual Legislative Council meeting.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The Executive Board reaffirmed its determination of September 16, 1996 concerning Article 15, Section 15, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, which states that the AIA member schools should recognize only the foreign exchange programs approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) (www.csiet.org).

The Executive Board directed that, as a convenience for AIA member schools, these official minutes reflect the travel and exchange programs listed in the CSIET's **2021-2022** edition of **Advisory List** - <https://www.aiaonline.org/files/17507/2021-2022-csiet-advisory-list.pdf>

It shall be the responsibility of the local school administrator to ensure that all other eligibility requirements are met before a student participates in interscholastic activities

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Board **approved** the following requests:

- A. **Desert Christian** – an additional soccer game to help fill **Camp Verde's** schedule.
- B. **Round Valley** – an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **St. John's** schedule.
- C. **Williams** – an additional volleyball game to help fill **Rock Point's** schedule.
- D. **Centennial** – an additional FR/JV football game to help fill **Liberty's** schedule.
- E. **Winslow** – an additional JV football game to help fill **Flagstaff's** schedule.
- F. **St. Johns** – an additional boys' soccer game to help fill **Madison Highland Preps'** schedule.
- G. **Valley Vista** – an additional JV/FR football game to help fill **Shadow Ridge's** schedule.
- H. **South Mountain** – an additional FR football game to help fill **Tucson's** schedule.
- I. **Verrado** – an additional volleyball match to help fill **Ironwood Ridge's** schedule.

2021-22 AIA SERVICE CHARGE GRID

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the presented 2021-22 AIA Service Charge Grid.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

On a motion made seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the below items:

Starting immediately – all packets submitted will now be required to provide a copy of the 550 Form. All transfer students are required to complete this document.

A Small School Hardship Committee (1A-3A) and Big School Hardship Committee (4A-6A) have been created to help create consistency amongst the six conference. Each conference has two representatives to make a six member committee. The new committees will meet this month to hear the fall sports appeals.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the application for the following school for the 2022-23 school year and will survey the membership after the November 15, 2021 Board meeting:

- Centennial Academy

STATE ADOPTION MODIFICATION – INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Home/Visiting team benches will be determined prior to start of game. Teams will remain at that bench for the duration of the game.

On a motion made, second and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above modification.

EXCEPTION FOR MINIMUM GAME REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY FOR POST SEASON

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved for the 2021-22 school year only** the below requirements to qualify for post season:

- Football/Soccer – must have a minimum of 6 games **played** to qualify
 - Exception: 1A Football – must have a minimum of 4 games **played** to qualify
- All other team sports – must have a minimum of 10 games **played** to qualify

PROPOSAL – WRESTLING – WEIGHT CLASS CLASSIFICATIONS

Based on the recommendation from the wrestling sports medicine advisory committee the below weight class classifications were presented to the board to take place beginning the 2021-22 wrestling season:

- Girls' Wrestling – 12 weight classes
- Boys' Wrestling – 14 weight classes

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above weight class classifications.

PROPOSAL – AMENDMENT TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – BEACH VOLLEYBALL

32.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

- 32.5.1 No school shall schedule more than ~~43~~ 15 varsity matches, including ~~one~~ three invitationals which shall count as one match each.
- 32.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 12 junior varsity matches.
- 32.5.3 No player shall participate in more than ~~43~~ 15 matches during the season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

RATIONALE: Provides the opportunity to participate in two more invitationals, similar to what is provided for indoor court volleyball.

32.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

- 32.7.3 ~~Varsity~~ Beach volleyball matches will use rally scoring, best two out of three sets played to 21, 21, (15). With rally scoring a set must be won by two points. ~~Varsity team matches will be played best three out of five pairs. Freshman and JV team matches will be played best two out of three pairs. Freshman and JV matches will use rally scoring, best of three games. Games one and two shall be played to 21 points (no cap). Game three shall be played to 15 points (no cap).~~

RATIONALE: Clarifies scoring method and number of matches for all levels of Beach Volleyball.

- 32.7.4 Beach volleyball pairs in team competition shall compete with pairs on the opposing team with the same skill rank. ~~Player movement within the team lineup is restricted to one position up or down from one event (dual or tournament) to another.~~

When a regular team member is unable to participate in her established position, that position shall be filled by inserting a substitute or advancing all team members, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman. In subsequent events, when the replaced team member returns, she must return to the position she last played. When a regular pair is unable to participate in their established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all other pairs, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman.

RATIONALE: Addresses stacking that has occurred during the season and lineup for post season.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above Policies and Procedures amendment.

PROPOSAL – AMENDMENT TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – CROSS COUNTRY

The below proposal was recommended by the Cross Country sports advisory committee:

23.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

- 23.9.1.3 Only the first five of each team shall enter into the scoring of the team. The sixth and seventh place finishers of a team do not score points toward their team's total.
- 23.9.1.3.2 If fewer than five competitors of a team finish, the places of all members of that team shall be disregarded in team scoring. *A team must consist of five to seven individuals.*
- 23.9.1.5 *50% of all teams that complete the sectional meet advance to the State Championships. In addition the top 7 individuals from non-qualifying teams in a sectional meet will advance to the State Championship meet.*

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above Policies and Procedures amendment

REQUEST – EXCPECTION TO BYLAW 24.5.3 – FOOTBALL

24.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

24.5.3 *No player shall participate in more than ten football games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments*

24.5.3.1 **EXCEPTION:** *2A and 1A schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.*

Example: If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.

EXCEPTION: *3A players may participate in 6 quarters per week during the regular season.*

Based on enrollment of 449, Northwest Christian is requesting an exception to Article 24.5.3 for the 2021 football season to allow their players to participate in 6 quarters per week. Northwest Christian was provided the exception for the 2020 football season after moving from 3A to 4A.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above request from Northwest Christian for the 2021 football season.

PROPOSAL – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – ESPORTS

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the addition of the Policies and Procedures – Esports.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL – *Scottsdale Unified School District*
Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule

Reported Violation:

The Chaparral head boys' swim coach texted a message to a current Chaparral swimmer to determine like likelihood of recruiting a specific swimmer from another school. In an exchange with the student athlete, the coach requested assistance in recruiting swimmers from other schools as well.

Schools Corrective Action:

The Chaparral coach will be suspended from the first week of practice for the fall 2021 season, as well as suspended from the first meet of the fall 2021 season. The coach will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching program prior to the start of the season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chaparral High School **Boys' Swim and Dive Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/16/21-8/16/22.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule***Reported Violation:**

The recruitment rule was violated when a volunteer football coach posted an unacceptable statement on twitter about athletes from California “finding a home” at Horizon High School.

Schools Corrective Action:

These inappropriate statements are not acceptable by the Horizon Athletic Department or the PVUSD. This coach has been removed from his coaching duties and is no longer part of our athletic staff. As the AD, I will make more of an effort to educate all levels of coaches on my staff about recruitment rules and appropriate behavior on social media at a mandatory coaches meeting in the fall.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Horizon High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/16/21-8/16/22.

DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – *Deer Valley Unified School District*
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule***Reported Violation:**

In pursuant to the prior contact Bylaw 15.12.4.14 the student athlete registered and chose classes at DVHS on April 30, 2021 for the 21-22 school year. This appointment was schedule through the counseling office and not athletics. After the student-athlete completed his registration process and picked his class schedule, he was directed to the Athletic Office, where he was introduced to the AD. Since the student-athlete was considered a transfer it was made known to the parent that the student would have to sit 50% of the contests of the upcoming season. The student-athlete asked if he could attend spring football workouts. The school stated to the student t that he could attend, but he could not actively participate in any sort of activity until the completion of the school year.

His presence at spring football and subsequent social media posts gave the impression that he had violated the prior contact rule. The student athlete received information form the school that did not protect him from these occurrences.

Schools Corrective Action:

The rectification that Deer Valley HS has made, is the conference between the school athletic and district AD have discussed with the AIA with the potential embarrassment for the social media posts. The school is now clear they should have protect this athlete with the corrected information. The school did not look at the impression it might leave in regards to posted social media responses and the negative impact it has created. The school will be submitting a hardship appeal on behalf of the student-athlete this fall in regards to the prior contact rule.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Deer Valley High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/16/21-8/16/22.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**WALDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Sahuarita School District*
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 3 Enrollment Rule***Reported Violation:**

It has come to my attention that two brothers, a JV and a Varsity baseball player, played last year while attending an online charter school. When they first arrived at Walden Grove interested in playing baseball, the parents told us that they were homeschooled. The policy we had was that all homeschool documents were to be turned into the registrar's office. After searing through files, no documents were found. We have gone through four registrars in the last four years and this had gone unnoticed. All varsity games that were played by the ineligible player have been forfeited and all of the schools have been notified of the violation and an apology.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. We have no changed the policy that all homeschool documents be turned into the athletic office form this point forward, with no exceptions. All hard copy documents will be kept on file with the Athletic Department and will be better screened in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Walden Grove High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/16/21-8/16/22.

DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – *Scottsdale Unified School District*
*Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility of School Administrators***Reported Violation:**

Assistant baseball coaches used abusive language towards the home plate umpire after the game was over. Both coaches were warned to stop using inappropriate language and continued with their rampage and were ejected. The umpires kept their cool and tried to prevent the ejections.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coaches that were ejected from the game will be required to take the NFHS Sportsmanship Course before returning to the dugout. If they do not take the course they will be terminated from their coaching position. If this type of behavior happens again they will be terminated.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Mountain High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/16/21-8/16/22.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d

SAN TAN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule

Reported Violation:

The tweet is a way of influencing a student to enroll in a school or to transfer from one school to another in order that the student may participate in interscholastic athletics.

Schools Corrective Action:

Letter of reprimand put in coaches file. Training of coach on AIA Bylaws. Training of coach on proper social media use. On-going meetings with coach about the program. InsideOut Training.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Tan Charter High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/16/21-8/16/22.

FUTURE DATES

August 16, 2021	Remaining Fall Sports Hardship Submission Deadline
August 17-19, 2021	Hardship Appeal Hearings (Football/Golf/Fall Soccer) – Conference
August 23-24, 2021	Hardship Appeal Hearings (Remaining Fall Sports) – Conference
August 26, 2021	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting
	District Athletic Director Meeting
August 27, 2021	InsideOut Initiative – State Farm Stadium
August 30, 2021	Bylaw Workshop – Safford High School
August 31, 2021	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals (Football/Golf/Fall Soccer)
September 1, 2021	New Athletic Director Workshop
September 6, 2021	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
September 8, 2021	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals (Remaining Fall Sports)
September 12-14, 2021	AIAAA Conference
September 16, 2021	Bylaw Workshop – Lake Havasu High School
September 19-21, 2021	Sections 7&8 Conference – Idaho
September 23, 2021	Executive Board Meeting
September 28, 2021	Bylaw Workshop – Scottsdale District
September 29, 2021	Bylaw Workshop – Dysart District
September 30, 2021	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting
	District Athletic Director Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director