



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 18, 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, October 18, 2021 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032.

President William Duarte called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

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
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:

Stephen McDowell, Gilbert District
Jose Garcia, AzPreps365

**Indicates attendance via Zoom*

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:

- ✓ 8:35am – 9:32am

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Jeannine Brandel wanted to thank the football team at Marcos de Niza for the incredible sportsmanship shown to Flagstaff High School during the final plays of their game on October 8th. A Flagstaff player was injured and escorted off the field, during the remaining play the Marcos de Niza quarterback took a knee rather than attempt another play. After the game, the student athlete went to the Flagstaff sideline to apologize and encourage the injured player. The sportsmanship shown was greatly appreciated and respected by all in attendance.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The fall sports regular seasons are coming to a close and tournament play will begin this week with the badminton individual tournament.

A survey went out to all member school principals and athletic directors regarding the implementation of an open division and the shot clock for the 2022-2023 basketball season. Once the information is compiled it will be broken down to determine the conference decisions.

Conference Placement appeals will take place October 21-25th.

Language was discussed with the District Athletic Directors regarding Prep School student athlete participation. No language has been proposed to date, more discussion will take place at the next District Athletic Director meeting on October 27th.

The Executive board was presented with a timeline for sports start and end dates for the next two year block. This schedule will be provided to the conferences to assist with scheduling.

Team state tournament banners will be brought back this year. We would like to thank the DECA program at Washington High School for producing the banners.

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

- September 23, 2021 – Executive Board Meeting

AIA Lifetime Passes

1. Dr. Timothy Benally	Red Mesa District	39 years
2. Rusty Pagano	Mountain View Mesa	28 years
3. Brian Stewart	Cesar Chavez	25 years
4. Steve Casey	Sandra Day O'Connor	25 years
5. Sr. Joan Nuckols	Xavier	38 years
6. Terry Villaverde	Superior	27 years
7. Steve Estatico	Superior	27 years

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

- 2A North Region Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2021
- 5A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – September 13, 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 September 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. River Valley
2. Shonto Prep
3. Cicero Prep

HEREBY CONSENT:

- VAR Girls' Wrestling Program
VAR Softball Program
VAR Boys Volleyball Program

22 Sub Varsity Program Cancellations

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 128 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

Football – 53

Volleyball – 41

Cross Country – 5

Golf – 1

Swim - 5

Basketball – 6

Badminton – 10

Soccer – 4

Wrestling – 3

Gregg Buchanan, Athletic Director and Domonic Salce, Principal at Seton Catholic presented information and explanation for the cancellation.

Based on the written and oral information provided to the Executive Board, on a motion made seconded and carried the cancellation fine to Seton Catholic Prep was **rescinded**.

SCHOOL REQUESTING:

1. Seton Catholic

OPPONENT DOES NOT CONSENT:

Casa Grande – VAR Football Contest

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- A. **Mohave Accelerated** – an additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **Madison Highland Prep's** schedule.
- B. **Desert Christian** – an additional VAR basketball game to help fill **Arete Prep's** schedule.
 - a. *Desert Christian has exceeded to help fill soccer for Camp Verde*
- C. **Palo Verde** – additional VAR boys/girls basketball games to help fill **Santa Rita's** schedule.
- D. **Corona Del Sol** – an additional FR football game to help fill **Highland's** schedule.
- E. **Queen Creek** – an additional JV boys'/girls' soccer game to help fill **Campo Verde's** schedule.
- F. **Horizon Honors** – an additional JV/VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **Highland Preps'** schedule.
- G. **Horizon Honors** – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **Highland Preps'** schedule.
- H. **Rancho Solano** – an additional JV/VAR volleyball game to help fill **Madison Highland Prep's** schedule.
- I. **Palo Verde** – additional VAR boys/girls soccer games to help fill **Andrada's** schedule.
- J. **Lee Williams** – additional VAR football game to help fill **Seton Catholic's** schedule.

OPEN DIVISION – FOOTBALL

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board determined that the football Open Division will continue to utilize the AIA rating system powered by MaxPreps. The top eight highest rated teams from the 4A, 5A and 6A Conferences will play for the Open championship. No human element will be used for the 2021 Open Division bracket.

PROPOSAL – ARTICLE 33 – WRESTLING

The wrestling sports advisory committee has proposed a change to the number of invitational tournament opportunities for girls' wrestling **only**, from five to eight. This is a one year solution, but could be extended to additional years, if necessary.

33.6 NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES (MEETS) IN A SEASON

33.6.2 *No school shall schedule more than 12 girls' varsity meets, including eight invitationals*

Rationale: This will allow for smaller teams to participate in events that may have additional opportunities for participation in their weight class. Many times a team with 2-3 female wrestlers will attend a dual or multi and none of the competing schools have female wrestlers who match up in the same weight class as their female wrestlers.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the proposal for girls' wrestling invitationals.

NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS (NIL)

Language was created and provided to the Executive Board regarding an amendment to Article 15.

15.11 AMATEUR RULE

15.11.1 Each student, in order to represent his/her school in any AIA sanctioned contest, shall be and shall remain an amateur.

15.11.1.1 Name Image and Likeness (NIL): A student is in violation of this bylaw and shall immediately lose eligibility if that student, his/her family member, or anyone else on behalf of that student, enters into an agreement with an individual, corporate entity, partnership, association, or any other party or organization, for use of that student's NIL which in any way relates to the student's connection to his/her high school team or activity program, or to any other non-school athletic team or activity program with which the student is connected. (Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 10/18/2021)

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board, on ***Emergency Legislation***, **approved**, the above language.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**FOUNTAIN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL** – Fountain Hills District

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

Reported Violation:

On September 16th during the varsity football game vs Payson, head football coach knowingly played an ineligible athlete due to bylaw 15.10.1.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Head coach was disciplined as directed from FHUSD administration.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Fountain Hills High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/18/21-10/18/22.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tempe Union High School District*

Rule: Article 39. Spiritline, Section 4 Rules / Regulations (39.4)

Reported Violation:

Our cheerleaders did not have their long hair secured during the football game when doing a cheer stunt.

Schools Corrective Action:

We will sit down with our cheer coach and the team to discuss the violation. We will work together on how to secure students hair so their hair will not restrict vision during any stunts/pyramids during the game.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tempe High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/18/21-10/18/22.

SABINO HIGH SCHOOL – *Tucson Unified School District*

Rule: Article 39. Spiritline, Section 4 Rules / Regulations (39.4)

Reported Violation:

Cheerleader member stunting in a non-approved mask. Does not have breakaway straps of any kind.

Schools Corrective Action:

We will either not wear masks while cheering or will purchase the approved masks for such activity.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sabino High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/18/21-10/18/22.

HIGHLAND PREP – *Highland Prep*

Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility of School Administrator (2.5.2.3)

Rule: Article 18. Officials, Section 7 Officials / Schools – Contract and responsibility (18.7.3)

Reported Violation:

Highland Prep boys' soccer coaches repeatedly made dissenting comments about officiating decisions throughout the first half. The bench substitutes began to join in and were warned by AR1. A few minutes later both coaches were warned for dissent by the center referee. Both coaches began to again dissent calls late in the 2nd half and were issued yellow cards by the center referee. After the game the assistant coach approached the referees as we were attempting to leave the field. He was very belligerent and aggressive and stated to AR1 that he "has a problem" and is not allowed to speak to the players or coaches. He stated that AR1 cannot issue cards, which did not occur. He became physical aggressive and moved toward the center referee and AR1, putting his index finger near the faces of both officials. The head coach approached the referees at this time, and also began berating the referees for game decisions. The referee crew left the field immediately.

Schools Corrective Action:

Soccer coach will watch the videos on NFHS sportsmanship, teaching and modeling behavior. Coach will reread Article 17 in the AIA bylaws. Coach will serve a 2 game suspension. Assistant Coach has been dismissed from his duties as boys' soccer coach. Coach will be monitored on the sideline by an administrator for the remainder of the season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Highland Prep High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/18/21-10/18/22.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility Of School Administrator

Reported Violation:

The following schools head coaches failed to complete the annual coaches' workshop by the deadline.

Schools Corrective Action:

All courses have been completed by the head coach.

- (1) **GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL** – Badminton/Volleyball
- (2) **BUCKEYE UNION HIGH SCHOOL** – Cross Country
- (3) **MCCLINTOCK HIGH SCHOOL** – Cross Country
- (4) **VERITAS PREP ACADEMY** – Cross Country
- (5) **ARIZONA LUTHERAN ACADEMY** – Cross Country/Volleyball
- (6) **TONOPAH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – Football
- (7) **MONUMENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – Football
- (8) **MOGOLLON HIGH SCHOOL** – Football
- (9) **MARYVALE HIGH SCHOOL** – Football
- (10) **FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL** – Football
- (11) **MOHAVE ACCELERATED** – Football
- (12) **GLENDALE PREP ACADEMY** – Football
- (13) **DESERT EDGE HIGH SCHOOL** – Football
- (14) **FREDONIA HIGH SCHOOL** – Football/Volleyball
- (15) **PATAGONIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL** – Soccer
- (16) **BISBEE HIGH SCHOOL** – Soccer
- (17) **CHOLLA HIGH SCHOOL** – Swim
- (18) **BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL** – Swim
- (19) **KOFA HIGH SCHOOL** – Swim
- (20) **WILLOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL** – Swim
- (21) **GLENDALE PREP ACADEMY** – Swim
- (22) **BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** – Swim
- (23) **THE GREGORY SCHOOL** – Swim
- (24) **SELIGMAN HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (25) **CATALINA HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (26) **ALCHESAY HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (27) **CORTEZ HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (28) **ST. DAVID HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (29) **FLAGSTAFF HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (30) **SAN MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (31) **VERRADO HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (32) **BENSON HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball
- (33) **PHOENIX CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL** – Volleyball

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the above school **sport specific program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/18/21-10/18/22.

FUTURE DATES

October 19, 2021	Conference Placement Appeals – Deadline
October 21-22, 2021	Conference Placement Appeals
October 26-27, 2021	Winter Sports Hardship Appeal Hearings
October 28, 2021	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting District Athletic Director Meeting
October 29, 2021	Winter Coaches Workshop Deadline
October 30, 2021	Winter Coaches Optional Zoom Q&A
November 1, 2021	Conference Placement Appeal Deadline – Board Region Placement Appeal Deadline – Conference
November 3-5, 2021	Region Placement Appeals – Conference
November 9, 2021	Region Placement Appeal Deadline – Board
November 11, 2021	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
November 15, 2021	AIA Executive Board Meeting Conference/Region Placement Appeals to Board
November 16, 2021	District Athletic Director Meeting
November 18, 2021	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting
November 25-26, 2021	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 6, 2021	AIA Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director