



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2018**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Herman House called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Mark Showers, 2A Conference (Camp Verde High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)
Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson Unified School District)
Michael Fowler, Ed.D, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Higley Unified School District)
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Mark Cisterna, 5A Conference (Notre Dame Preparatory)

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
Ron Halbach, Sports Administrator
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365
Les Willsey, AzPreps365
Shannon Woolridge, Empire
Matt Donaldson, Empire
Julia Kaiser, Andrada Polytechnic
Katie Walker, Douglas
Randy Walker, Douglas

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President House, in accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.3, Subparagraph 6.3.3.2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:30am – 9:42am
- ✓ 11:30am – 11:43am
- ✓ 12:16pm – 12:30pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were **approved**:

- September 12, 2018
- September 20, 2018 (Special Board Meeting)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

AIA Lifetime Passes

Charles Wilde	Pinnacle	26 years
David Svornic	Peoria District	Retired

Request for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2018-2019 Master Calendar

In accordance with Article 10, Section 10.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2018-2019 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

- 4A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports

- ✓ Financial Report for September 2018

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.4, Paragraph 11.4.3, Subparagraph 11.4.3.1 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:

<u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u>	<u>HEREBY CONSENT:</u>
1. Cicero Prep	JV Boys/Girls Soccer Program
2. Desert View	FR Football contest w/ Cholla
3. Trevor Browne	FR Girls' Soccer Program
4. Chandler	JV B Boys' Soccer Program
5. Holbrook	JV Football Program
6. Seton Catholic	JV Wrestling Program
7. Kingman	Girl's Golf contest w/ Sunrise Mountain
8. Chino Valley	VAR Wrestling contest w/ Mingus Union
9. Marcos de Niza	VAR Cross Country contest w/ Scottsdale Christian, Maricopa, Gilbert Classical, and Mesa
10. The Odyssey	JV Football contest w/ Valley Christian
11. Desert Edge	FR Football contest w/ Cactus
12. Scottsdale Christian	JV Football contest w/ Santa Cruz
13. Poston Butte	VAR Wrestling contest w/ Vista Grande and Tempe
14. Mesquite	VAR Golf contest w/ Apache Junction, Williams Field and Higley
15. Gilbert Christian	VAR boys/girls Swim contest w/ Mingus Union JV Football Program, FR Volleyball Program
16. Betty Fairfax	VAR boys/girls Swim & Dive Program
17. San Pasqual	VAR/JV Volleyball contest w/ Fort Thomas
18. Bowie/San Simon	VAR Football Program
19. Salome	JV Football contest w/ Bagdad
20. Liberty	JV B Football contest w/ Peoria
21. Desert Mountain	FR Football contest w/ Notre Dame Prep
22. Rincon/University	FR/JV Football contest w/ Tanque Verde and Cienega
23. Shadow Ridge	JV Football contest w/ Willow Canyon
24. Payson	JV B Football Contest w/ Mingus Union and Snowflake JV Football contest w/ Show Low and Chinle JV Girls' Soccer contest w/ Snowflake and Chino Valley JV Boys' Soccer contest w/ St. Johns
25. San Manuel	JV Football Contest w/ Tombstone and Walden Grove
26. Queen Creek	VAR Boys' Golf contest w/ Gilbert
27. Trivium Prep	JV Football contest w/ Parker
28. Deer Valley	JV Football contest w/ Cactus
29. Fredonia	JV Volleyball Program
30. Arete Prep	VAR boys/girls Swim contest w/ Mingus Union
31. Northland prep	JV boys' Soccer program
32. Carl Hayden	JV Football contest w/ Trevor Browne
33. Campo Verde	JV2 contest w/ Highland
34. Highland	FR2 Football contest w/ Red Mountain
35. Sabino	FR Football contest w/ Casa Grande
36. Show Low	FR Football contest w/ Safford
37. Catalina	JV Football contest w/ Payson
38. Mingus Union	VAR boys' Cross Country contest w/ Valley Christian
39. Ironwood	JV/VAR Badminton contest w/ Prescott
40. Holbrook Indian	VAR volleyball contest w/ East Fork
41. Desert View	JV Football contest w/ Marana
42. Mayer	JV Football contest w/ Mogollon
43. Paradise Valley	FR Football contest w/ South Mountain

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The first Strategic Plan meeting date will be held on November 15, 2018 with the Steering Committee, which is made up of AIA Staff members and Executive Board members. There are four additional sub-committees that will meet in November and early December. The intent of the committees is to give feedback and to move forward to accomplish the goals of the AIA. Each committee will consist of 10-15 people, including at least two AIA board members.

AIA member schools can start using the out of state consent to treat form. This form gives schools and out of state medical personnel permission from parents to treat student athletes in the case of a medical emergency. Although the form is not currently a requirement it will be implemented for the 2019-2020 school year. The form was recently approved at the National level as well.

Grant money awarded by the Arizona Athletic Initiative enabled the AIA to reimburse athletic trainers who worked during the postseason state tournaments. The Arizona Community Foundation and the Arizona Cardinals raised \$120,000 to help the AIA continue reimbursing the athletic trainers that work during the state tournaments.

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) will begin using Brainbook for their students that was launched by Arizona and the Barrow Neurological Institute.

The AIA is planning to take a closer look at Article 15 and the Prior Contact language for the Board to evaluate prior to Legislative Council in March. AIA staff members will look at what other state associations have in place regarding prior contact as well.

As a reminder the Winter Coaches Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Central High School.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – LEGAL GUARDIAN

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Legal Guardian request

- ❖ American Leadership Academy – Queen Creek
- ❖ Williams Field High School
- ❖ Shadow Ridge High School

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Age Rule request

- ❖ Casteel High School

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.9 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Maximum Participation request.

- ❖ Brophy College Preparatory

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL REQUEST

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following student eligibility appeal requests.

- ❖ BASIS Flagstaff
- ❖ Independence High School

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the

- Shadow Ridge** – an additional JV B girls’ soccer game to help fill **Liberty’s** schedule.
- Agua Fria** – an additional JV boys’ soccer game to help fill **Canyon View’s** schedule.
- San Tan Foothills** – an additional boys’ basketball game to help fill **Arete Prep’s** schedule.
- St. Michael** – an additional volleyball game to help fill **Mogollon’s** schedule.
- Sunrise Mountain** – an additional JV girls’ soccer game to help fill **Liberty’s** schedule.
- Coconino** – an additional girls’ basketball to help fill **Shadow Mountain’s** schedule.
- Show Low** – additional boys’ and girls’ VAR/JV basketball games to help fill **Pima’s** schedule.
- Leading Edge** – an additional boys’ VAR basketball game to help fill **Phoenix Country Day’s** schedule.
- The Odyssey** – an additional boys’ basketball game to help fill **Gilbert Christian’s** schedule.
- Globe** – an additional boys’ soccer game to help fill **Miami’s** schedule.
- Hopi** – an additional boys’ and girls’ basketball game to help fill **Monument Valley’s** schedule.

EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL

The following school representatives entered the room and left upon completion of their presentation:
Shannon Woolridge – Empire Athletic Director, Matt Donaldson – Empire Principal, Julia Kaiser – Andrade Principal

Empire, Andrada Polytechnic, and Vail High Schools are requesting that the students in the 2021 class who attend Andrada and Vail be “grandfathered in” so that they are able to participate in Empire Athletics during their senior year. The class of 2021 learned about this change after their freshman year, so in fairness to them, we are hopeful they can finish out their high school playing careers at Empire.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Board **granted** Empire, Andrada Polytechnic and Vail to allow any student that is enrolled as a current Sophomore that participated in athletics/activities during the 2017-18 or 2018-19 school years be grandfathered in for the next two-year block. At the October 1, 2019 enrollment – the entire sophomore class from Empire, Andrada and Vail must be included in that enrollment total.

REQUEST – EXCEED NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS – 3A METRO EAST

The 3A Metro East Region would like to do an end of the year, 4 team region tournament for volleyball (starting 2019) and basketball boys' and girl's starting this year. This tournament would have no power point or post season implications.

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

INFORMATION – SELIGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

For the 2018-19 academic school year, approval was granted that online charters students will be allowed to participate in the school sports teams.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**MARANA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Marana Unified School District*

Rule: Article 10. Sanction Procedures, Section 10.3 Invitational Tournament Competitions

Reported Violation:

We hosted the Eye of the Tiger Invite and failed to have it sanctioned prior to hosting it.

Schools Corrective Action:

Met with coaches. Letter of direction to provide all events to AD in advance and to not move forward without consent from AD. Been trained and must meet with AD monthly to go over any upcoming events.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Marana High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19.

VALLEY VISTA HIGH SCHOOL – *Dysart Unified School District*

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.5 Open Facilities

Reported Violation:

Our boys' basketball coaching staff invited their middle school sons to a pre-season open gym/conditioning working with the high school team. Instead of working out off to the side or observing, the boys participated in drills during a working in late August.

Schools Corrective Action:

Varsity coaches to be held on 9/19/18 to address the bylaw specifically. Boys' basketball coaching staff has reviewed this policy with the athletic director. Live cameras are in the gymnasium for monitoring all gym practices and workouts through our security camera system.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Valley Vista High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

FOUNTAIN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL – *Fountain Hills Unified*

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.5 Open Facilities

Reported Violation:

Coach allowed son and son's friend to participate in open gym.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach will turn in gym key and only work in the gym under the supervision of the varsity head basketball coach. Coach will receive a letter of direction from the AD which will outline the rule violation and the required corrective action.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Fountain Hills High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19

MARICOPA HIGH SCHOOL – *Maricopa Unified School District*

Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

Reported Violation:

At the conclusion of our home football game vs Central High School on 9/14/18 our head coach and Central's head coach got into an altercation at mid field during the handshake lines. Upon further review of the incident the coaches were separated and the situation was under control quickly with the help of both coaching staffs, administrations and even student athletes.

Schools Corrective Action:

We suspended our head coach for the 9/21/18 game for his involvement in the alteration. The coach has also been advised as to what district expectations are in regards to conduct. There was also an evaluation of our postgame procedures. We have made necessary adjustments to ensure that there is supervision/personnel at the core of the handshake lines in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Maricopa High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – *Phoenix Union High School District*

Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

Reported Violation:

On 9/14/18, there was an altercation because Central's head coach and Maricopa's head coach. It took place after the game during the handshakes. Central's coach was the aggressor in the situation, as he pulled MHS coach towards him in an aggressive manner and yelled expletives at him. Coach knocked off other coaches' visor. Then melee broke out, which was broken up by all assistance coaches, myself and the other AD.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach has been placed on administrative leave during investigation. Reviewed student athlete expectations with football team, principal and school social worker. Met with all coaches on 9/20, to review coaching etiquette, expectations, and our PUHSD core values.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Central High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19.

ASU PREPARTORY ACADEMY – *Charter*

Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

Reported Violation:

During volleyball game the officials did not feel they were treated in a respectful manner and the audience was disrespectful during the game.

Schools Corrective Action:

The AD met with Mr. Halbach to discuss compliance with girls' VB on 9/6/18. The AD also reviewed article 2.6 to reach greater understanding of his responsibilities. Letter was written to the officials.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the ASU Preparatory Academy **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**MARICOPA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Maricopa Unified School District*

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule // 15.12 Recruitment Rule

Reported Violation:

On 9/8/18 the MHS Volleyball coach chose to play a student in a tournament that was sitting out 50% of the season due to transfer. This was before the date that player was to become eligible that was clearly communicated with the coach. Upon further investigation into this incident we found that the student in question played for a club team that our coach was a part of while still enrolled at their previous school before transferring to MHS.

Schools Corrective Action:

All contest in which the student played in have been forfeited. The student as informed that due to prior contact she will have to sit out the entire season. The coach responsible for the violations has been removed as the varsity volleyball coach. Also, procedures are in place and communicated to ensure that we are doing everything possible to prevent future violations.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Maricopa High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19

DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL – *Douglas Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule (3 Violations Reported)

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule (2 Violations Reported)

Reported Violation:

Student transferred to DHS last December and 520(550) form as not completed until September 2018.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Athletic director has been removed from this position. New AD will review student eligibility rules with all coaches in a mandatory coaches meeting. New AD is in process of creating procedures to prevent this violation from occurring again.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Douglas High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/15/18-10/15/19.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

San Manuel Damon Lovato- Athletic Director, Parent & Student
Canyon del Oro – Armando Soto – District Athletic Director

Thatcher Don Conrad - Athletic Director, Parent & Student
Safford – Toni Corona – Athletic Director, Torey Leitzke – Principal

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
San Manuel	Granted – 50%
Thatcher	Granted – 50% (FB) / Denied (BSKT)

FUTURE DATES

October 27, 2018	Winter Coaches Meeting – Central High School
November 12, 2018	AIA Closed – Holiday
November 19, 2018	Executive Board Meeting
November 22-23, 2018	AIA Closed – Holiday
December 10, 2018	Executive Board Meeting
Dec 24 – Jan 1	AIA Closed – Holiday

There being no further business, and on a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director