Introduction to AIA Baseball
“New & Transfer Officials”
New & Transfer Officials Meeting

AZBOA

Working together.....

National sanctioning group

State sanctioning group

State training group sanctioned by AIA

ARIZONA BASEBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

AZBOA "training the High School Umpire"
• Establishes the High School Rules. Often referred to as “federation rules”

• Prints the Rule Book, Casebook and Manual.

• Provides official interpretations to the rules

• Establishes the annual sport specific test
• Has Member Schools
• Provides State Adoptions to NFHS playing rules
  ➢ CCA 2 Man Mechanics, 10 Run Rule, No Protests etc.
• Provides Game Officials to the Member Schools.
• Recruits Officials for each sport who are IC’s
• Provides NFHS materials to each AIA Umpire
• Assigns games to AIA Umpires
• Has games and officials statewide ("Areas"). We are Area 99.
AIA State Commissioner of Officials Gary Whelchel
AIA Assistant State Commissioner of Officials Jeanie Kosower

Jeanie is also the AIA Area 99 Commissioner. We report to her.
Umpires register with AIA individually.
*upon registering you will be contacted by AIA via email with login instructions for your AIA Profile. Once registered with AIA you will receive a confirmation email.

You register annually for each sport you work

You are assigned games by AIA

AIA pays you via Ref Pay (Arbiter Pay)
*you are paid your game fee and then charged $1 per game by AIA as an assigning fee.
*you will receive Arbiter Pay instructions as well.
*you will have a Arbiter Pay account this is separate from AIA but linked to your AIA Profile.

Once registered with AIA you will receive an email with instructions on how to either link an existing account or establish a new one.
Each Umpire must establish a ref pay account and link it to AIA to get paid. REF PAY = Arbiter Pay
www.aiaonline.org = main website

www.admin.aiaonline.org/login = Umpire Personal Login

Website Tutorial
Works with and reports to AIA.

Establishes, develops and implements yearly training curriculum for AIA Baseball Umpires.

Assists AIA Rules Interpreter

Reports to AIA; Umpire Training attendance, Game Evaluations and makes recommendations for playoffs.

Provides TRAINING to it’s Umpire Members (all AZBOA Members are AIA umpires but not all AIA Umpires are AZBOA Members)...so membership is recommended but OPTIONAL.
www.azboa.org

- There are **Non Member** sections and **Member Only** sections of the website.
- Membership is $25 annually
- Baseball closely follows other sports in operating its Training Website.
- To get pertinent info at least signup with your name and email so you will get updates but not membership
AZBOA Chief Training Officer Rob McKinley

AZBOA Chief Training Officer Andy Warner
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Website Tutorial
TRAINING!

- Hosted 17 classroom training sessions
- Posted Online Training Curriculum
- Held 3 On-field Clinics for AZBOA Members
- Arranged for 2 On-field Clinics through MLB
- Provided 239 Written Evaluations to over 90 AIA umpires. These evaluations were available....
All baseball umpires will wear the correct uniform as outlined by AIA.

AIA Uniforms:
* Extra Innings East Valley  * Ryan’s Touchdown Sports  * Boylin Enterprises

Equipment:  * Honigs (East Valley Extra Innings)  * Gerry Davis (Tony Fleming 520.405.8346)  * Boylin Enterprises
Uniforms & Equipment

For a complete list of required and recommended equipment and the Vendors who sell them......

azboa.org and select the link “Umpire Equipment List”
✓ **17.1.2 TEN RUN RULE**....A baseball game shall end any time after five innings or after four and one half (4½) innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

✓ **17.1.3 FIFTEEN RUN RULE**...a baseball game shall end any time after four innings or after three and one-half (3 1/2) innings when a team is fifteen or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat. This rule is at the discretion of the losing coach.

✓ **17.1.4 SUSPENDED GAME**... suspended game shall be continued from the point of suspension provided it has playoff implications. Game MUST go 4 ½ or 5 innings to be considered a suspended game. A game that does not go beyond 4 ½ innings is a no contest.

✓ **17.1.5-4 SPEED-UP RULES**...by Conference approval; no inning may start after 1 hr 45 minutes. Time starts after pregame conference. **SUB VARSITY ONLY!** Both coaches must agree to the time limit otherwise it will be a regulation game.
These ABSOLUTES are the foundation on which we umpire baseball games for AIA.

Every AIA umpire will adhere to these without exception.

The AIA Baseball Absolutes are posted on azboa.org for your review.

AIA Baseball ABSOLUTES

1. Crew members will contact each other to confirm their assignments 48 hours prior to the game. Crew members will contact the Home School to confirm assignment.
2. Crew members will arrive to the game site a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.
3. All crew members will arrive together to the field 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Crew members will leave the field together when the game is finished.
4. A Pregame conference must take place 5 minutes prior to the start of the game that includes the umpires and both head coaches from the respective teams. This conference will cover the ground rules and lineup cards will be taken.
5. All Head Coaches will verbally confirm to the UIC that all their players are properly and legally equipped, prior to starting any game.
6. Each umpire will utilize and follow the approved mechanics for AIA and shall not deviate from them. The Plate Umpire will be the UIC for the game.
7. Player safety is foremost in our game and as such each umpire will strive to err on the side of safety.
8. All umpires will enforce the dugout rule, keeping players and coaches in the dugout as defined by NFHS rules.
9. Verbal and visual communications will be given prior to each new rotation or situation.
10. Interaction with players and coaches will always be in a positive and professional manner. Umpires will NEVER use profane language.
11. No umpire shall openly criticize or negatively comment on his crew member’s judgment call. No umpire shall attempt to overturn or override any judgment call by his partner UNLESS asked for help by the calling official.
12. Anytime an NFHS or AIA baseball rule is being applied incorrectly it the responsibility of ANY / ALL umpire(s) to bring it to the attention of the UIC.
13. Every game will have an umpire behind the plate to officiate balls and strikes. All members of the crew assigned to the game shall bring gear to work the plate.
14. The Plate Umpire will rule on all issues regarding the batter.
15. All baseball umpires will wear the correct uniform as outlined by AIA.
16. All games assigned by AIA will be officiated using the current NFHS rules and AIA addendums. No exceptions to any rule for any game.
17. All umpires will follow the AIA / AZBOA ejection protocol. All ejections will be reported via telephone immediately after the game to 602.616.5224 and the Ejection Report (via AZBOA.org) will be filed by 8 AM the next day.

*Updated 1/10/2016
2016 Game Fees

Varsity Reg. Season: $73.00
Varsity Tournament: $73.00
Sub Varsity 2 Man: $55.00
Sub Varsity Solo: $77.50
“Scheduling of AIA Baseball Games”
Your AIA Profile Calendar (one of two calendars you must maintain in order to get assigned games)

Blackout = Days you CANNOT WORK
# AIA Master Availability

This is a Google Sheet that you must input your info and block dates you cannot work.

*Blackout = Dates you **CANNOT WORK**

*The link to the AIA Master Availability is on azboa.org*
Choose the Zones of Area 99 that you wish to work.

AZBOA Phoenix Area Map

Use the map as a GUIDE to determine which Zones you want to work / travel. Most schools within this map (Area 99) receive the normal Metro Mileage. All schools may not be listed, this is a guide only. NO partial zones.....
The AIA Master is a GUIDE only for the umpire.....it specific purpose is to allow the people assigning games to see WHERE & WHEN you can work.

The assignors will begin assigning games “on paper” via this sheet. Umpires can also see when the are TENATIVELY assigned games.
*Then AIA turns the paper assignment into a PENDING AIA game assignment in their website. These are reviewed and eventually turned from PENDING to PUBLISHED.......
*PUBLISHING the games in the AIA website creates an “Assignment Email” which is sent to the Umpire to let them know they have games….it will look like this.

Announcement

Regular season assignments through 2/6

Please confirm your assignments with the school and your partner.

There will be one more week of games coming out shortly, hard to believe it’s almost over.

Upcoming Game Schedule

02-04-16 07:00pm  Basketball - Boy's [Varsity]
Dobson vs Skyline
at Skyline High School
The game is now in your AIA Assignments via your AIA Profile on AIA’s website.

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Please remember that the AIA Master Availability must be maintained in addition to your AIA Profile Calendar.

The “paper” game assignments on the AIA Master are a GUIDE.

The “published” games in your AIA Assignment Profile are ACTUAL.

The AIA Master Availability will become locked one day after the First Pitch Meeting. Future changes have to be emailed to rob@azboa.org

The AIA Master Availability will then be turned into two “pages” based on West Side Zones and East Side Zones.
Regular Season Games (more than 48 hrs notice):
*West Side Zones = Steve Huddleson / shuddle30@yahoo.com / 602.790.4710
*East Side Zones = Rob McKinley / rob@azboa.org / 602.616.5224

Regular Season Games (less than 48hrs notice):
*All Zones = Jeanie Kosower / jkosower@aiaonline.org / 602.385.3818

Tournament Games (more than 48 hrs notice)
*Tournament Director assigned....this will be in the original email you receive from AIA assigning you the game.

Tournament Games (less than 48hrs notice):
Jeanie Kosower / jkosower@aiaonline.org / 602.385.3818

It is the UMPIRES responsibility to make sure he gets removed from the game. You should check to see that you have been removed!
All meeting information is posted on AZBOA.org

http://azboa.org/training/area_meetings.php

The more you study and the more you train the more successful you will be.....
Multiple On Field Training Clinics or Scrimmages are offered, where you will be shown step by step how to officiate a baseball game based on current NFHS & AIA Baseball rules and guidelines.

**MUST BE AN AZBOA Member to attend clinics.**

**Must pre-register via the website (azboa.org)**

Move Up Scrimmages for Transfer and Level 2 Umpires:

azboa.org for information

*do not have to be an AZBOA Member for Move Ups*
Organizational Committee (AD HOC)

Appointed by: Commission Gary Whelchel

Members: Dennis Meadows (Committee Chair)
Gary Bringer  Steve Huddleson  Rob McKinley
Andy Warner  Mark Warner  Jake Gustafson

Arizona Baseball Officials Association
(AZBOA)

Chief Training Officers: Andy Warner & Rob McKinley

Training Officers:  Eric Vaughan  Rick Nurkka
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Jim Moore  Tim Hunt  Dave Thomas
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ALL Varsity Umpires registered w/ AIA

Min 14 Varsity Games / Coach Assessments

Attend Class / Pass (90%) NFHS Test

Follow AIA Absolutes

AZBOA Evals

AIA Commissioner

“Playoff Umpire Roster & Assignments”
AZBOA Suggestion Box

Use this to submit new ideas, comments or even complaints. This is **100% anonymous**.

If you choose you can include your contact details if it is something that needs to be responded to only you.

**Azboa.org and use “Suggestion Box” link.**
First Pitch Meeting
First Monday of Feb each year.

This is a MANDATORY meeting for all umpires.
Thank you for your interest in AIA Baseball & the AZBOA training program.

Have a great season!