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# CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES & PROCEDURES


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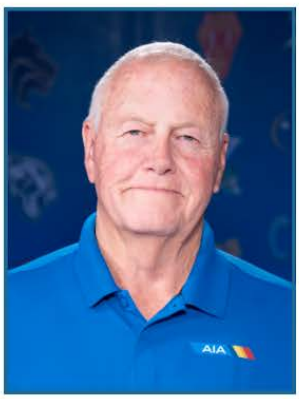

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***(AIA Constitution; Article 6, Section 1 and Section 2, Paragraph 5)***

| Member | Represents | Term Expires |
|---|---|---|
| William Duarte, Member | 1A Conference | 2028 |
| Tim Bridges, Member | 2A Conference | 2029 |
| Greg Haagsma, Member | 3A Conference | 2027 |
| William Wright, Member | 4A Conference | 2028 |
| Corey Newland, Member | 5A Conference | 2029 |
| Jennifer Burks, Member | 6A Conference | 2027 |
| Tim Carter, Member | Cognia | 2028 |
| Steve Johnson, Member | ASBA | 2028 |
| Missy Townsend, Member | AIAAA | 2029 |
| David Verdugo, Member | ASA | 2027 |
| Jim Dean Ed.D., Executive Director | AIA | ------ |

## Past Executive Board Members

| | |
|---|---|
| Armstrong, W.W. | 1949-50 |
| Ashe, Larry | 1953-54 |
| Atonna, Arthur C. | 1980-83 |
| Badone, Toni | 2013-15 |
| Baker, L.E. | 1981-82 |
| Baker, Margaret | 1977-80 |
| Barrett, Bradley | 2007-09 |
| Battle, Anna | 2014-16 |
| Beizner, Jack | 1934-45, 56-68 |
| Bejarano, Michael | 2008-11 |
| Bejarano, Raul | 1995-03 |
| Belden, Matt | 2022-25 |
| Benedict, F.J. | 1948-51, 57 |
| Bennett, B.G. | 1977-80 |
| Bonefas, John | 1994-96 |
| Bowie, Arthur | 1947-50, 62-65 |
| Boyle, William | 1967-71 |
| Brandel, Jeannine | 2016-22 |
| Bridges, Tim | 2024-25 |
| Brooks, Elbert | 1960-62 |
| Burnside, Joe | 2006-09 |
| Casteel, Camille | 2015-21 |
| Carlson, J.E. | 1925-28 |
| Carlson, John | 1998-05 |
| Carter, James | 1951-58 |
| Carter, Tim | 1998-03 |
| Celaya, Art | 1983-84 |
| Chambers, John | 1999-02 |
| Christenson, Robert | 1976-79 |
| Cisterna, Mark | 2017-20 |
| Clark, James | 1985-89 |
| Coffin, Kenneth | 1957-58 |
| Coor, C.E. | 1951-52 |
| Corona, Toni | 2018-24 |
| Cowman, M.D. | 1953-55 |
| Cowera, Jasper | 1968-72 |
| Coy, Voie Stuart | 1983-88 |
| Cromer, Sturgeon | 1944-54 |
| Cross, Larry | 1962-64 |
| Crotts, Erwin | 1990-93 |
| Cunningham, Lexi | 2007-10 |
| Daley, Jack | 1947-51 |
| Davis, Clyde | 1968-72 |
| Dawson, Richard | 1982-85 |
| Dean, Jim | 2020-23 |
| DeLaO, Mike | 2006-19 |
| DeSeelhorst, Rob | 1987-88, 90-91 |
| DeWitt, Neil | 1996-99 |
| Dick, W.W. | 1944-45, 47-50 |
| Dicus, Waldo | 1959-61 |
| Dillon, W.E. | 1967-70, 75-78 |
| Dodd, M.R. | 1929-30 |
| Driggs, Cordon | 1983-85 |
| Egbert, Henry D. | 1971-74 |
| Ellett, Joe | 1988-90 |
| Ellis, A.E. | 1940-41 |
| Engel, Marion | 1974-76 |
| Ensign, Donald | 1951-53 |
| Evers, Richard | 1991-93 |
| Fahleson, Derek | 2009-12 |
| Fish, Ferrell | 2000-03 |
| Flores, Kino | 1993-96 |
| Foist, Tim | 2006-07 |
| Forman, Roy | 1953-57 |
| Fowler, Michael | 2017-20 |
| Fox, C.E. | 1933-34 |
| Franklin, H. (Sonny) | 1991-94 |
| Franklin, J.B. | 1973-74 |
| Fulton, O.K. | 1991-92 |
| Gahn, Bill | 2005-08, 12-13 |
| Garcia, George | 1996-98 |
| Gemmell, W.M. | 1941-51 |
| Goodman, Mark | 2015-18 |
| Goltfelty, Frank | 1965-68 |
| Grande, Sidney R | 1975-78 |
| Greer, Ricky | 2020-23 |
| Gubbins, Joseph | 1989-95 |
| Hale, Patricia | 1983-86, 88-91 |
| Hancock, Jerry | 1995-06 |
| Hansen, Tom | 1995-97 |
| Harbeck, Steve | 1997-00 |
| Harland, F. Gordon | 1974-75 |
| Harris, Connie | 2000-10 |
| Hart, Larry | 1978-81, 84-87 |
| Hayes, John | 1990-92 |
| Henderson, Patrick | 1975-79 |
| Hendricks, A.W. | 1931-38,42-44,46 |
| Hendrickson, H.A. | 1956-60 |
| Hendrik, H.E. | 1925-26 |
| Herrara, John | 1953-56 |
| Holiday, Jacob | 2015-18 |
| Holmer, Dave | 1996-97 |
| Hooper, Herschel | 1936-38,42,44,46 |
| House, Herman | 2016-19 |
| Howard, James | 1998-00 |
| Hubbard, Ed | 1975-77, 80-83 |
| Huber, Melvin | 1973-74 |
| Hull, W.R. | 1925-26 |
| Hurley, Beverly | 2012-13 |
| Ingram, Cheryl | 2021-24 |
| Jennex, Jerry | 1996-97 |
| Johnson, Rick | 2006-08 |
| Johnston, C.R. | 1943-44, 46 |
| Jones, Bryant | 1941-42 |
| Kartchner, J.A. | 1955-59 |
| Komadina, Tony | 1970-75 |
| Kosower, Bob | 1999-11 |
| Lagunas, David | 1993-96 |
| Lawson, H. Keith | 1985-88 |
| Lenox, Harry | 1954-56 |
| LeSueur, Woodrow | 1977-80 |
| Liem, H.A. | 1935-41 |
| Love, James | 2019-24 |
| Love, Jim | 1987-93 |
| Lovett, William D. | 1964-67 |
| Lowman, Victor | 1961-63, 79-83 |
| Lyons, Jim | 1980-83 |
| Maas, William | 1990-95 |
| Mayberry, Brenda | 2013-15 |
| McClure, Fred S. | 1974-78 |
| McCommon, Jay Bee | 1977-82 |
| McDonald, Fred | 1933-34 |
| McDonald, Lewis | 1943-47 |
| McNabb, Chet | 1961-64 |
| Meneley, Victor | 1972-75 |
| Montgomery, E.W. | 1927-32 |
| Murphy, Ira | 1941-42 |
| Munoz, Zack | 2019-21 |
| Nelson, Ron | 1986-89 |
| Pabst, Joni | 2004-07 |
| Paddock, Joe | 2013-16 |
| Parenteau, Albert (Bud) | 1992-95 |
| Paterson, W.E. | 1931-33 |
| Pavlin, Thomas | 1959-62 |
| Pavlich, Robert N. | 1971-73 |
| Payne, John | 2006-07 |
| Paynovitch, Nichoas | 1949-51 |
| Peck, Max | 1978-81 |
| Pettit, Judith | 1988-91 |
| Petranovich, Don | 2003-06 |
| Porter, Harold | 1979-82 |
| Powell, Jim | 1976-77 |
| Randall, Eldon | 1962-65 |
| Regoli, Renee | 2021-23 |
| Reynolds, Paul | 1981-84, 88-91 |
| Rhoades, James | 1983-86 |
| Riley, Cindy | 2008-11 |
| Roberts, Howard | 1969-72 |
| Rogers, Hank | 1997-98 |
| Rouse, I.T. | 1938-40 |
| Row, E.A. | 1925-51 |
| Rutherford, Ben | 1965-68 |
| Salas, Ken | 1996-99 |
| Sanchez, Vic | 1995-96 |
| Scholfield, John | 1957-59 |
| Semaneck, John | 1982-84 |
| Semones, Joseph | 1985-87 |
| Serignese, Herman | 1982-85, 97-98 |
| Serrano, Dan | 2003-06, 11-14 |
| Seymore, Dany | 1999-2003 |
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| Slater, Nathan | 2023-25 |
| Smith, George N. | 1972-75 |
| Speer, Ross | 1939-41 |
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| Stinnett, Roger | 1985-88 |
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| Stone, J.W. | 1951-54 |
| Summers, Hugh | 1968-72 |
| Tarkington, LaVern | 1993-95 |
| Thomas, J.Q. | 1927-30 |
| Tolson, Andy | 1958-61 |
| Traw, Sim | 1953-62 |
| Treadaway, Glen | 1986-90, 92-95 |
| Trimble, John | 1973-77 |
| Tvrdy, Lonnie | 2015-16 |
| Udall, Travis | 2015-20 |
| Van Fredenberg, M.D. | 1972-76 |
| VanWinkle, Ken | 2007-15 |
| Vecchiarelli, Mary Jo | 1989-91 |
| Voorhees, Joseph | 1965-73 |
| Wade, Ivan | 1950-52, 54-56 |
| Wagner, Arthur | 2010-13 |
| Webb, F.E. | 1925-26 |
| Westerlund, F.E. | 1941-42 |
| Wilcox, C.W. | 1951-54 |
| Wilkinson, Don | 2002-05 |
| Williams, Marcus | 2020-21 |
| Wilson, Doug | 2012-15 |
| Winsor, Sr. Lynn | 2011-17 |
| Woodall, David | 2009-12 |
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# 2026-2028 CONFERENCE PLACEMENTS

***(October 1, 2025 Enrollment)***

## *286 Member Schools*

**1A CONFERENCE (43 SCHOOLS)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Antelope Union | 200 |
| ASDB | 48 |
| Ash Fork | 97 |
| Bagdad | 122 |
| BASIS Flagstaff | 119 |
| Cicerop Prep | 210 |
| Desert Heights Prep | 263 |
| Desert Star | 135 |
| Dishchii'bikoh | 157 |
| Duncan | 116 |
| El Capitan | 107 |
| Fort THomas | 190 |
| Fredonia | 40 |
| Grand Canyon | 75 |
| Greyhills Academy | 172 |
| Hayden | 95 |
| Joseph City | 131 |
| Lourdes Catholic | 94 |
| Maryvale Prep | 202 |
| Mayer | 155 |
| Mogollon | 150 |
| Music Mountain | 58 |
| North Phoenix Prep | 254 |
| Patagonia Union | 71 |
| PDSD | 72 |
| Ray | 104 |
| Red Mesa | 139 |
| Red Valley-Cove | 13 |
| Rock Point | 72 |
| Rough Rock | 53 |
| Salome | 119 |
| San Manuel | 147 |
| San Pasqual | 182 |
| San Simon | 33 |
| Seligman | 50 |
| Shonto Prep | 65 |
| St. David | 128 |
| St. Michael | 82 |
| Superior | 90 |
| The Gregory School | 203 |
| Valley Lutheran | 108 |
| Valley Union | 84 |
| Williams | 220 |

**2A CONFERENCE (58 SCHOOLS)**

| | |
|---|---|
| ALA - Anthem South | 294 |
| ALA - Mesa North | 255 |
| ALA - Sierra Vista | |
| Anthem Prep | 246 |
| Arete Prep | 234 |
| Arizona Lutheran | 233 |
| Baboquivari | 232 |
| Benson | 442 |
| Bisbee | 292 |
| Bourgade Catholic | 371 |
| Camp Verde | 516 |
| Catalina | 562 |
| Chandler Prep | 312 |
| Desert Christian | 239 |
| Fountain Hills | 382 |
| Franklin | |
| Gilbert Classical | 354 |
| Glendale Prep | 345 |
| Globe | 483 |
| Heritage Acad. Laveen | 460 |
| Heritage Acad. Mesa | |
| Hopi | 325 |
| Horizon Honors | 394 |
| Kingman Academy | 377 |
| Lincoln Prep | 239 |
| Many Farms | 245 |
| Miami | 263 |
| Mohave Accelerated | 281 |
| Morenci | 346 |
| Mountainside | 412 |
| NFL Yet | 236 |
| North Valley Christian | 268 |
| Northland Prep | 355 |
| Parker | 486 |
| Phoenix Christian | 250 |
| Phoenix Country Day | 307 |
| Pima | 367 |
| Pinon | 351 |
| Rancho Solano Prep | 230 |
| Round Valley | 417 |
| San Carlos | 436 |
| San Miguel | 286 |
| San Tan Charter | 308 |
| Santa Cruz Valley | 376 |
| Santa Rita | 384 |
| Scottsdale Christian | 306 |
| Scottsdale Prep | 347 |
| Sedona Red Rock | 265 |
| Shepherd | |
| St. Augustine | 247 |
| St. Johns | 321 |
| Tempe Prep | 246 |
| Tombstone | 431 |
| Trivium Prep | 401 |
| Valley (Sanders) | 226 |
| Veritas | 330 |
| Wickenburg | 371 |
| Willcox | 396 |

**3A CONFERENCE (47 SCHOOLS)**

| | |
|---|---|
| ALA - Ironwood | 910 |
| ALA - Radiance | |
| ALA - Vistancia | 207 |
| Alchesay | 817 |
| Amphitheater | 870 |
| Andrada Polytechnic | 919 |
| Apahce Junction | 709 |
| Benjamin Franklin | 851 |
| Blue Ridge | 576 |
| Chinle | 968 |
| Chino Valley | 618 |
| Coolidge | 968 |
| Empire | 895 |
| Florence | 758 |
| Ganado | 389 |
| Gilbert Christian | 564 |
| Heritage Acad. Gateway | |
| Heritage Acad. Maricopa | |
| Highland Prep | 511 |
| Highland Prep West | 525 |
| Holbrook | 626 |
| Kingman | 819 |
| Madison Highland | 515 |
| Mohave | 990 |
| Monument Valley | 624 |
| Northwest Christian | 502 |
| Odyssey Institute | 793 |
| Page | 718 |
| Palo Verde Magnet | 733 |
| Payson | 682 |
| Pusch Ridge | 413 |
| River Valley | 593 |
| Sabino | 785 |
| Safford | 895 |
| San Tan Foothills | 837 |
| Seton Catholic Prep | 573 |
| Show Low | 879 |
| Snowflake | 893 |
| St. John Paul II | 426 |
| Tanque Verde | 827 |
| Thatcher | 577 |
| Tonopah Valley | 886 |
| Tuba City | 622 |
| Valley Christian | 512 |
| Window Rock | 583 |
| Winslow | 643 |
| Yuma | 979 |
| Yuma Catholic | 526 |

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***(October 1, 2025 Enrollment)***

## *286 Member Schools*

**4A CONFERENCE (48 SCHOOLS)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Agua Fria | 1438 |
| ALA - Gilbert North | 1130 |
| ALA - Queen Creek | 1101 |
| ALA - West Foothills | 1010 |
| Arcadia | 1710 |
| Barry Goldwater | 1616 |
| Bradshaw Mountain | 1524 |
| Cactus | 1048 |
| Cactus Shadows | 1247 |
| Coconino | 1413 |
| Combs | 1282 |
| Coronado | 718 |
| Cortez | 1011 |
| Crismon | 1441 |
| Deer Valley | 1678 |
| Desert Sunrise | 1281 |
| Douglas | 1265 |
| Dysart | 1460 |
| Eastmark | 1294 |
| Estrella Foothills | 1588 |
| Flagstaff | 1657 |
| Glendale | 1606 |
| Goodyear | 1314 |
| Greenway | 1328 |
| Ironwood Ridge | 1542 |
| Kofa | 1717 |
| Lee Williams | 1039 |
| Marcos de Niza | 1327 |
| Mesquite | 1225 |
| Mica Mountain | 1514 |
| Mingus Union | 1154 |
| Moon Valley | 1385 |
| North Canyon | 1489 |
| Paradise Honors | 1066 |
| Peoria | 1297 |
| Poston Butte | 1298 |
| Prescott | 1511 |
| Rio Rico | 1340 |
| Saguaro | 1298 |
| Sahuarita | 1260 |
| Sahuaro | 1174 |
| Shadow Mountain | 1008 |
| Somerton | 1214 |
| St. Mary's | 510 |
| Tempe | 1478 |
| Thunderbird | 1449 |
| Walden Grove | 1092 |
| Washington | 1640 |

**5A CONFERENCE (44 SCHOOLS)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Alhambra | 1874 |
| Betty H. Fairfax | 1906 |
| Buckeye Union | 1778 |
| Buena | 1670 |
| Camelback | 2003 |
| Campo Verde | 1753 |
| Canyon Del Oro | 1723 |
| Casa Grande | 1870 |
| Catalina Foothills | 1883 |
| Centennial | 2028 |
| Central | 1349 |
| Chaparral | 1692 |
| Cholla | 1671 |
| Cienega | 1830 |
| Copper Canyon | 1937 |
| Desert Edge | 1921 |
| Desert Mountain | 1839 |
| Desert View | 1978 |
| Flowing Wells | 1768 |
| Horizon | 1699 |
| Independence | 1830 |
| Ironwood | 1868 |
| Lake Havasu | 1825 |
| Maricopa | 1924 |
| McClintock | 1773 |
| Metro Tech | 1726 |
| Mountain Pointe | 1471 |
| Mountain View Marana | 1810 |
| Nogales | 1766 |
| North | 1672 |
| Notre Dame Prep | 982 |
| Paradise Valley | 1816 |
| Pueblo | 1811 |
| Raymond S. Kellis | 1676 |
| Rincon/University | 2098 |
| Salpointe Catholic | 1366 |
| Sierra Linda | 1716 |
| Skyline | 1846 |
| South Mountain | 2085 |
| Sunrise Mountain | 1856 |
| Verrado | 1993 |
| Vista Grande | 1837 |
| Westview | 1679 |
| Willow Canyon | 2068 |

**6A CONFERENCE (46 SCHOOLS)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Apollo | 2129 |
| Az College Prep | 2635 |
| Basha | 2498 |
| Boulder Creek | 2107 |
| Brophy Prep | 2670 |
| Cactus Canyon | 2583 |
| Canyon View | 2143 |
| Carl Hayden | 2156 |
| Casteel | 1956 |
| Chandler | 3159 |
| Cibola | 2330 |
| Corona del Sol | 2595 |
| Desert Ridge | 2118 |
| Desert Vista | 2835 |
| Dobson | 2182 |
| Gila Ridge | 2475 |
| Gilbert | 2255 |
| Hamilton | 3338 |
| Highland | 2910 |
| Higley | 2311 |
| La Joya Community | 2224 |
| Liberty | 2491 |
| Marana | 2409 |
| Maryvale | 2150 |
| Mesa | 3188 |
| Millennium | 2193 |
| Mountain Ridge | 2848 |
| Mountain View Mesa | 3333 |
| Perry | 2315 |
| Pinnacle | 2439 |
| Queen Creek | 1932 |
| Red Mountain | 3277 |
| San Luis | 2656 |
| Sandra Day O'Connor | 2673 |
| Shadow Ridge | 2222 |
| Sunnyside | 2104 |
| Sunnyslope | 2358 |
| Tolleson Union | 2740 |
| Trevor G. Browne | 2639 |
| Tucson | 2666 |
| Valley Vista | 2111 |
| West Point | 2556 |
| Westwood | 2945 |
| Williams Field | 2182 |
| Xavier Prep | 2308 |
| Youngker | 2127 |

# 2026-2028 FOOTBALL PLACEMENTS

**1A CONFERENCE**
Anthem Prep
Baboquivari
Bagdad
Ciecero Prep
Desert Heights
Dishchii'bikoh
Duncan
El Capitan
Fort Thomas
Hayden
Joseph City
Maryvale Prep
Mayer
Mogollon
Mohave Accel.
North Phoenix Prep
Ray
Salome
San Manuel
Sedona Red Rock
St. David
Superior
Tempe Prep
Valley Lutheran
Valley Union
Williams

**2A CONFERENCE**
ALA - Anthem South
ALA - Sierra Vista
Alchesay
Antelope Union
Arete Prep
Arizona Lutheran
Benson
Bisbee
Bourgage Catholic
Camp Verde
Catalina
Chandler Prep
Chino Valley
Coronado
Cortez
Desert Christian
Desert Star
Fountain Hills
Glendale Prep
Globe
Greyhills Academy
Heritage Laveen
Heritage Mesa
Highland Prep
Highland Prep West
Holbrook
Hopi
Kingman Academy
Lincoln Prep
Madison Highland
Many Farms
Miami
Morenci
Mountainside
NFL Yet
Palo Verde
Parker
Phoenix Christian
Pima
Pinon
Red Mesa
Rock Point
San Carlos
San Pasqual
San Tan Charter
Santa Cruz Valley
Santa Rita
Scottsdale Christian
Scottsdale Prep
St. John Paul II
St. Johns
Tanque Verde
Tombstone
Tonopah Valley
Trivium Prep
Tuba City
Valley (Sanders)
Veritas Prep
Willcox

**3A CONFERENCE**
ALA - Ironwood
ALA - Mesa North
ALA - Radiance
ALA - Vistancia
Apache Junction
Ben Franklin
Blue Ridge
Chinle
Coolidge
Crismon
Dysart
Florence
Ganado
Gilbert Christian
Heritage Gateway
Heritage Maricopa
Kingman
Monument Valley
Odyssey Institute
Page
Payson
Pusch Ridge
River Valley
Round Valley
Sabino
Safford
San Tan Foothills
Seton Catholic
Shadow Mountain
Show Low
Thatcher
Valley Christian
Wickenburg
Window Rock
Winslow

**4A CONFERENCE**
Agua Fria
ALA - West Foothills
Alhambra
Amphitheater
Arcadia
Bradshaw Mtn
Buckeye Union
Carl Hayden
Catalina Foothills
Cholla
Cibola
Coconino
Combs
Copper Canyon
Deer Valley
Desert Sunrise
Douglas
Eastmark
Empire
Estrella Foothills
Flagstaff
Gila Ridge
Glendale
Goodyear
Greenway
Independence
Kofa
La Joya
Lake Havasu
Lee Williams
Marcos de Niza
Maryvale
Mesquite
Mica Mountain
Mingus Union
Mohave
North Canyon
NW Christian
Paradise Honors
Peoria
Poston Butte
Prescott
Pueblo
Rincon/UHS
Rio Rico
Sahuarita
Sahuaro
Sierra Linda
Snowflake
Somerton
St. Mary's
Tempe
Thunderbird
Walden Grove
Washington
Westview
Youngker
Yuma

**5A CONFERENCE**
ALA - Gilbert North
Apollo
Az College Prep
Barry Goldwater
Betty Fairfax
Buena
Cactus
Cactus Shadows
Camelback
Campo Verde
Canyon Del Oro
Canyon View
Casa Grande
Central
Chaparral
Cienega
Desert Mountain
Desert View
Desrt Edge
Dobson
Flowing Wells
Gilbert
Horizon
Ironwood
Ironwood Ridge
Marana
Maricopa
McClintock
Millennium
Mountain Pointe
Mtn View Maran
Nogales
North
Notre Dame Prep
Paradise Valley
Raymond Kellis
Skyline
South Mountain
Sunnside
Sunnyslope
Sunrise Mountain
Tolleson Union
Trevor Browne
Tucson
Verrado
Vista Grande
West Point
Willow Canyon
Yuma Catholic

**6A CONFERENCE**
ALA - Queen Creek
Basha
Boulder Creek
Brophy Prep
Cactus Canyon
Casteel
Centennial
Chandler
Corona del Sol
Desert Ridge
Desert Vista
Hamilton
Highland
Higley
Liberty
Mesa
Mountain Ridge
Mtn View Mesa
Perry
Pinnalce
Queen Creek
Red Mountain
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Shadow Ridge
Valley Vista
Westwood
Williams Field

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**Chair**: Clairinda Weatherwax - Bradshaw Mountain
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**Desert Sky**: Drew Ammon - Arcadia
Stacy Spencer - Deer Valley
**East Sky**: Matt Atkins - Eastmark
**Grand Canyon**: Yancey DeVore - Mingus Union
**Kino**: Whitney Holland - Cienega
**Skyline**: Layne Peterson - Thunderbird
**West Valley**: Josh Jovanelly - Agua Fria

## 2A Conference

**Chair**: Derek Wahlstrom - Trivium Prep
**Black Canyon**: Dan Wall - Camp Verde
**Central**: Aaron Trigg - Rancho Solano
**East**: Donna Antonio - San Carlos
**North**: Dedrick Wiese - Northland Prep
**South**: Rene Huerta - St. Augustine
**Southeast**: Eric Tatham - Benson
**Valley**: Shane Lewis - Phoenix Country Day
**West**: Derek Wahlstrom - Trivium Prep

## 5A Conference

**Chair**: Mark Ernster - Peoria District
**Central Valley**: Chris Williams - Copper Canyon
**Northwest Valley**: Kristine Kemp - Ironwood
**Metro**: Jermaine Whitaker - McClintock
**Desert West**: Barry Cromer - Verrado
**East Sky**: Dena Anderson - Horizon
**Southern**: Demencio Solorzano - Cienega
**Sonoran**: Phil Gruensfelder - Salpointe Catholic

## 3A Conference

**Chair**: Tye Stewart - Thatcher
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**East**: Jeff Welsing - Yuma Catholic
Shawn Lytle - Benjamin Franklin
**West**: Nick Juby - Kingman
**Metro Mountain**: Scott Hoffmeyer - Show Low
**South**: Tye Stewart - Thatcher

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**Desert Valley**: Kim Crooks - Deer Valley District
**East Valley**: Brady Pond – Mesa District
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**East**: Donna Antonio - San Carlos
**North**: Dedrick Wiese - Northland Prep
**South**: Rene Huerta - St. Augustine
**Southeast**: Eric Tatham - Benson
**Valley**: Shane Lewis - Phoenix Country Day

## 3A Conference

**North**: Megan Moore - Page
**East**: Jeff Welsing - Yuma Catholic
Shawn Lytle - Benjamin Franklin
**West**: Nick Juby - Kingman
**Metro Mountain**: Scott Hoffmeyer - Show Low
**South**: Tye Stewart - Thatcher

## 4A Conference

**Black Canyon**: Shelly Arredondo - Tempe
**Desert Sky**: Drew Ammon - Arcadia
**East Sky**: Matt Atkins - Eastmark
**Grand Canyon**: Yancey DeVore - Mingus Union
**Kino**: Whitney Holland - Cienega
**Skyline**: Layne Peterson - Thunderbird
**West Valley**: Josh Jovanelly - Agua Fria

## 5A Conference

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**Northwest Valley**: Kristine Kemp - Ironwood
**Metro**: Jermaine Whitaker - McClintock
**Desert West**: Barry Cromer - Verrado
**East Sky**: Dena Anderson - Horizon
**Southern**: Demencio Solorzano - Cienega
**Sonoran**: Phil Gruensfelder - Salpointe Catholic

## 6A Conference

**Central**: Tim Matteson - Sunnyslope
**Desert Southwest**: David Robinson - Cibola
**Desert Valley**: Kim Crooks - Deer Valley District
**East Valley**: Brady Pond – Mesa District
**Metro**: Brian Fair – Phoenix Union District
**Premier**: Shawn Rustad – Chandler District
**West Valley**: Derek Fahleson – Tolleson District
**Fiesta**: Brandon Larson - Highland

## ASBA

**1A**: Carolyn Freeman - Bicentennial USD
**2A**: Kelly Baker - Morenci USD
**3A**: Mike DeLaO - Safford USD
**4A**: Joseph Mora - Ganado USD
**5A**: Wendy Effing - Flowing Wells USD
**6A**: Barb Mozdzen - Chandler USD

*Names are subject to change*

# OVERALL EXCELLENCE AWARD

***(AIA Bylaw; Article 13, Section 2)***

The E.A. Row, Don. F. Stone, H. A. Hendrickson and Harold L. Slemmer banners are awarded annually by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) Executive Board for overall excellence in interscholastic competition. Excellence is determined by a point system approved by the AIA Legislative Council. These awards commemorate the outstanding service of the Executive Directors who have served the AIA Since its organization opened in 1925.

Mr. Row, Superintendent of Tempe Union High School District, was Executive Director from the inception of the AIA until his death in 1951. He was succeeded by Mr. Stone, Principal of West Phoenix High School. Mr. Hendrickson became the AIA's first full-time Executive Director on June 11, 1964. Dr. Slemmer, only the sixth Executive Director, has served the longest from 1999-2017.

The Row award, which was established in 1969, is presented to a 1A Conference school. The Stone award, which began in the fall of 1964, honors a 2A Conference school and a 3A Conference school. The 4A Conference and 5A Conference school award is named in honor of H.A. Hendrickson and was first presented in 1975. The Slemmer award began in spring of 2017 and is given to a 6A Conference school.

**E.A. Row (1A)**

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|---|---|
| 2025-26 | St. David |
| 2024-25 | Joseph City |
| 2023-24 | St. David |
| 2022-23 | Williams |
| 2021-22 | Mogollon |
| 2020-21 | St. David |
| 2019-20 | North Phoenix Prep |
| 2018-19 | Mogollon |
| 2017-18 | St. Michael |
| 2016-17 | Superior Jr/Sr |
| 2015-16 | Joy Christian |
| 2014-15 | Gilbert Christian |
| 2013-14 | St. David |
| 2012-13 | Joy Christian |
| 2011-12 | Joseph City |
| 2010-11 | St. Gregory |
| 2009-10 | Joseph City |
| 2008-09 | Pima |
| 2007-08 | Tempe Prep |
| 2006-07 | Joseph City |
| 2005-06 | Mogollon |
| 2004-05 | Mogollon |
| 2003-04 | Mogollon |
| 2002-03 | Joseph City |
| 2001-02 | St. David |
| 2000-01 | Joseph City |
| 1999-00 | Joseph City |
| 1998-99 | St. Gregory |
| 1997-98 | St. David |
| 1996-97 | Scottsdale Christian |
| 1995-96 | NW Comm. Christian |

**Don F. Stone (2A/3A)**

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|---|---|
| 2025-26 | Scottsdale Christian (2A) |
| 2025-26 | Valley Christian (3A) |
| 2024-25 | Phoenix Country Day (2A) |
| 2024-25 | Pusch Ridge (3A) |
| 2023-24 | Phoenix Country Day (2A) |
| 2023-24 | Valley Christian (3A) |
| 2022-23 | Phoenix Country Day(2A) |
| 2022-23 | Valley Christian (3A) |
| 2021-22 | Phoenix Country Day (2A) |
| 2021-22 | NW Christian (3A) |
| 2020-21 | Scottsdale Christian (2A) |
| 2020-21 | Snowflake (3A) |
| 2019-20 | Thatcher (2A) |
| 2019-20 | Page (3A) |
| 2018-19 | Scottsdale Christian (2A) |
| 2018-19 | Northwest Christian (3A) |
| 2017-18 | Northland Prep (2A) |
| 2017-18 | Casteel (3A) |
| 2016-17 | Thatcher (2A) |
| 2016-17 | Fountain Hills (3A) |
| 2015-16 | Scottsdale Prep (2A) |
| 2015-16 | Thatcher (3A) |
| 2014-15 | Scottsdale Prep (2A) |
| 2014-15 | Page (3A) |
| 2013-14 | Valley Christian (2A) |
| 2013-14 | Fountain Hills (3A) |
| 2012-13 | Pusch Ridge (2A) |
| 2012-13 | Fountain Hills (3A) |
| 2011-12 | Thatcher (2A) |
| 2011-12 | River Valley (3A) |
| 2010-11 | Pusch Ridge (2A) |
| 2010-11 | Blue Ridge (3A) |
| 2009-10 | Valley Christian (2A) |
| 2009-10 | Sedona Red Rock (3A) |
| 2008-09 | St. Johns (2A) |
| 2008-09 | Blue Ridge (3A) |
| 2007-08 | NW Christian (2A) |
| 2007-08 | Blue Ridge (3A) |
| 2006-07 | Valley Christian (2A) |
| 2006-07 | Seton Catholic (3A) |
| 2005-06 | Yuma Catholic (2A) |
| 2005-06 | Seton Catholic (3A) |
| 2004-05 | Valley Christian (2A) |
| 2004-05 | Winslow (3A) |
| 2003-04 | Scottsdale Christian (2A) |
| 2003-04 | Seton Catholic (3A) |
| 2002-03 | Thatcher (2A) |
| 2002-03 | Seton Catholic (3A) |
| 2001-02 | Thatcher (2A) |
| 2001-02 | Fountain Hills (3A) |
| 1999-00 | Thatcher (2A) |
| 1999-00 | Tuba City (3A) |
| 1998-99 | Seton Catholic (2A) |
| 1998-99 | Payson (3A) |
| 1997-98 | Seton Catholic (2A) |
| 1997-98 | Sahuarita (3A) |

**H.A. Hendrickson (4A/5A)**

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|---|---|
| 2025-26 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2025-26 | Arizona College Prep (5A) |
| 2024-25 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2024-25 | Canyon View (5A) |
| 2023-24 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2023-24 | Millennium (5A) |
| 2022-23 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2022-23 | Desert Mountain (5A) |
| 2021-22 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2021-22 | Catalina Foothills (5A) |
| 2020-21 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2020-21 | Casteel (5A) |
| 2019-20 | Flagstaff (4A) |
| 2019-20 | Millennium (5A) |
| 2018-19 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2018-19 | Millennium (5A) |
| 2017-18 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2017-18 | Sunnyslope (5A) |
| 2016-17 | Salpointe Catholic (4A) |
| 2016-17 | Chaparral (5A) |
| 2015-16 | Notre Dame Prep (4A) |
| 2015-16 | Hamilton (5A) |
| 2014-15 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2014-15 | Desert Vista (5A) |
| 2013-14 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2013-14 | Desert Vista (5A) |
| 2012-13 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2012-13 | Xavier (5A) |
| 2011-12 | Saguaro (4A) |
| 2011-12 | Xavier (5A) |
| 2010-11 | Canon del Oro (4A) |
| 2010-11 | Hamilton (5A) |
| 2009-10 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2009-10 | Chaparral (5A) |
| 2008-09 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2008-09 | Xavier (5A) |
| 2007-08 | Chaparral (4A) |
| 2007-08 | Desert Vista (5A) |
| 2006-07 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2006-07 | Mountain View (Mesa) (5A) |
| 2005-06 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2005-06 | Desert Mountain (5A) |
| 2004-05 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2004-05 | Desert Vista (5A) |
| 2003-04 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2003-04 | Mountain View (Mesa) (5A) |
| 2002-03 | Catalina Foothills (4A) |
| 2002-03 | Mountain View (Mesa) (5A) |
| 2001-02 | Thunderbird (4A) |
| 2001-02 | Mountain Pointe (5A) |
| 2000-01 | Chaparral (4A) |
| 2000-01 | Salpointe Catholic (5A) |
| 1999-00 | Chaparral (4A) |
| 1999-00 | Mountain Pointe (5A) |
| 1998-99 | Chaparral (4A) |
| 1998-99 | Salpointe Catholic (5A) |
| 1997-98 | Chaparral (4A) |
| 1997-98 | Mountain View (Mesa) (5A) |

**Harold L. Slemmer (6A)**

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|---|---|
| 2025-26 | Hamilton |
| 2024-25 | Hamilton |
| 2023-24 | Xavier |
| 2022-23 | Highland |
| 2021-22 | Desert Vista |
| 2020-21 | Xavier |
| 2019-20 | Chaparral |
| 2018-19 | Xavier |
| 2017-18 | Desert Vista |
| 2016-17 | Desert Vista |

# TONY KOMADINA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GIRLS' ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

***(AIA Bylaw; Article 13, Section 3)***

In 1987 the AIA Executive Board established the Tony Komadina Award for Outstanding Girls' Athletic Program to recognize schools that demonstrate advocacy of, and progress in, girls' athletics. Mr. Komadina served as Executive Director from 1976 to 1987. The criteria and selection process to determine award recipients are established by the AIA Executive Board.

Schools selected as finalists host an on-site evaluation visit from an AIA selection committee to verify narrative and written data. Following the on-site visits, the committee presents its recommendations to the AIA Executive Board for selection of the award recipients. Two awards may be given: one recipient from the 1A-3A Conference and one recipient from the 4A-6A Conference.

**Recipients of Tony Komadina Award for Outstanding Girls' Athletic Program**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2025-26 | No Recipient |
| 2024-25 | Arizona College Prep (5A) |
| 2024-25 | San Simon High School (1A) |
| 2023-24 | Mesa High School (6A) |
| 2022-23 | Greenway High School (4A) |
| 2021-22 | Salome High School (1A) |
| 2020-21 | **No Recipient due to COVID-19* |
| 2019-20 | North Canyon High School (5A) |
| 2018-19 | Empire High School (4A) |
| 2018-19 | River Valley High School (3A) |
| 2017-18 | Sahuaro High School (5A) |
| 2017-18 | Tanque Verde High School (3A) |
| 2016-17 | Pueblo Magnet High School (4A) |
| 2016-17 | Catalina High School (3A) |
| 2015-16 | Verrado High School (4A) |
| 2014-15 | Arizona Lutheran Academy (2A) |
| 2013-14 | Notre Dame Preparatory (4A) |
| 2012-13 | River Valley (1A-3A) |
| 2012-13 | Mountain Ridge (4A-5A) Tie |
| 2012-13 | Xavier (4A-5A) Tie |
| 2011-12 | Estrella Foothills (1A-3A) |
| 2011-12 | Hamilton (4A-5A) |
| 2010-11 | Blue Ridge (1A-3A) |
| 2010-11 | Mountain View (Marana) (4A-5A) |
| 2009-10 | Bourgade Catholic (1A-3A) |
| 2009-10 | Raymond S. Kellis (4A-5A) |
| 2008-09 | Winslow (1A-3A) |
| 2008-09 | Seton Catholic (4A-5A) |
| 2007-08 | Horizon (4A-5A) Tie |
| 2007-08 | Mountain View (Mesa) (4A-5A) Tie |
| 2006-07 | Sandra Day O'Connor (4A-5A) |
| 2005-06 | Deer Valley (4A-5A) |
| 2005-06 | Mountain Pointe (4A-5A) |
| 2004-05 | River Valley (1A-3A) |
| 2004-05 | Flowing Wells (4A-5A) |
| 2003-04 | Phoenix Country Day (1A-3A) |
| 2003-04 | Catalina Foothills (4A-5A) |
| 2002-03 | Ray High School (1A-3A) Tie |
| 2002-03 | Scottsdale Christian (1A-3A) Tie |
| 2002-03 | Flagstaff High School (4A-5A) |
| 2001-02 | Salome (1A-3A) |
| 2001-02 | Mountain Ridge (4A-5A) |
| 2000-01 | Camelback High School (4A-5A) |
| 2000-01 | No Recipient (1A-3A) |
| 1999-00 | St. Michael High School (1A-3A) |
| 1999-00 | Sabino High School (4A-5A) |
| 1998-99 | Desert Christian High School (1A-3A) Tie |
| 1998-99 | Sahuarita High School (1A-3A) Tie |
| 1998-99 | North Canyon High School (4A-5A) |
| 1997-98 | Valley Christian High School (1A-3A) |
| 1996-97 | Seton Catholic High School (1A-3A) |
| 1996-97 | Thunderbird High School (4A-5A) Tie |
| 1996-97 | Mountain Pointe High School (4A-5A) Tie |
| 1995-96 | Salome High School (1A-3A) |
| 1995-96 | Xavier College Preparatory (4A-5) |
| 1994-95 | No Recipient |
| 1993-94 | Safford High School (1A-3A) |
| 1993-94 | Cactus High School (4A-5A) |
| 1992-93 | San Simon High School (1A-3A) |
| 1992-93 | Canyon del Oro High School (4A-5A) Tie |
| 1992-93 | Sahuaro High School (4A-5A) Tie |
| 1991-92 | Valley Union High School (1A-3A) |
| 1991-92 | Sabino High School (4A-5A) |
| 1990-91 | Independence High School (1A-5A) |
| 1989-90 | Salpointe Catholic High School (1A-5A) Tie |
| 1989-90 | Ironwood High School (1A-5A) Tie |
| 1988-89 | Xavier College Preparatory (1A-5A) |

# DR. VOIE STUART CHASE COY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD PROGRAM

In 1989 the AIA Executive Board established a scholar-athlete award program to recognize high school students and schools who demonstrate their commitment to academics in conjunction with athletics/activities as a foundation for success. On May 3, 1999, the Executive Board renamed the program the Dr. Voie Stuart Chart Coy Scholar-Athlete Award Program. Dr. Coy served as Executive Director from 1987-1999.

This annual program has three categories for which member schools may apply. The categories are as follows:

**Individual Award**: Any member of a varsity athletic team or AIA sanctioned activity program who achieves a 3.5 or higher grade point average is eligible for a Certificate of Recognition.

**Team Award**: Any varsity athletic team or AIA sanctioned activity program that achieves a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 will receive recognition on the AIA Honor Roll.

**Scholar Athlete/Activity Participant of the Year:** Any member school may submit an application for a senior boy and/or girl who has been a member of a varsity athletic team or AIA sanctioned activity program for two years and has maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point average for seven semesters. Each of the applicants will receive a Certificate of Recognition. *Scholar-Athlete*: Five boy and five girl finalists are selected from the applicants. From the finalists, a boy and girl from the 1A-3A and a boy and girl from the 4A-6A are chosen to be a Scholar-Athlete of the year. *Scholar-Activity*: Three boy and three girl finalists are selected from the applicants. From the finalists, a boy and girl from the 1A-3A and a boy and girl from the 4A-6A are chosen to be a Scholar Athlete Member of the year.

# GLEN TREADAWAY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

***(AIA Bylaw; Article 13, Section 4)***

Since its inception in 1913, the Arizona Interscholastic Association has been promoting sportsmanship and character. Sportsmanship is defined as conduct demonstrating respect, fairness and graciousness in winning or losing. Throughout his distinguished career as a coach, principal and AIA Staff member, Glen Treadaway stood for sportsmanship. This award has been established in his honor.

The Glen Treadaway Sportsmanship Award is presented annually to a school from each of the six conferences. The Conference Committees (1A-6A) may select one school that best demonstrated respect, fairness and graciousness in winning or losing from their students, coaches, administrators and spectators during the school year.

**2025-2026**
1A - Duncan High School
2A - Gilbert Classical High School
3A - Holbrook High School
4A - Cortez High School
5A - Canyon Del Oro High School
6A - Trevor G Browne High School

**2024-2025**
1A - San Simon High School
2A - St. Augustine High School
3A - Northwest Christian High School
4A - Sahuaro High School
5A - Copper Canyon High School
6A - Mountain Ridge High School

**2023-2024**
1A - North Valley Christian High School
2A - Willcox High School
3A - Northwest Christian High School
4A - Marcos de Niza High School
5A - Mountain View Marana High School
6A - Mountain Ridge High School

**2022-2023**
1A - Duncan High School
2A - Greyhills Academy High School
3A - Scottsdale Christian Academy
4A - Arizona College Preparatory
5A - Lake Havasu High School
6A - Xavier College Preparatory

**2020-2021**
1A – Mohave Accelerate Learning Center
2A – Valley Lutheran High School
3A – Eastmark High School
4A – Estrella Foothills High School
5A – Desert View High School
6A – Kofa High School

**2019-2020**
1A – Ash Fork High School
2A – Many Farms High School
3A – TBD
4A – TBD
5A – TBD
6A – TBD

**2018-2019**
1A – Superior Jr./Sr. High School
2A – Valley (Sanders) High School
3A – Chinle High School
4A – Thunderbird High School
5A – Metro Tech High School
6A – Corona del Sol High School

**2017-2018**
1A – Bagdad High School
2A – Hopi Jr./Sr. High School
3A – Winslow High School
4A – Rio Rico High School
5A – Independence High School
6A – Alhambra High School

**2016-2017**
1A – Hayden High School
2A – Glendale Preparatory Academy
3A – Tanque Verde High School
4A – Yuma High School
5A – Lake Havasu High School
6A – Tolleson Union High School

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE 1

## PHILOSOPHY, OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

**1.1** **NAME AND NATURE OF ORGANIZATION** – The Arizona Interscholastic Association is a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Arizona, operating as a voluntary association of member high schools, referred to here and after as "AIA", "Corporation" or the "Association".

**1.2** **OFFICES** – The principal office for the transaction of business of the corporation shall be at Phoenix, Arizona, but the corporation may transact business elsewhere in the state of Arizona.

**1.3** **PHILOSOPHY** – The philosophy of the Association is that interscholastic athletics and activities are beneficial to the total education program.

1.3.1 The Association is committed to education based, competitive and fair interscholastic opportunities for both girls and boys in all AIA member high schools.

1.3.2 The Association believes there is a need for maintaining a proper balance between the academic programs and extracurricular athletics and activities of the member schools.

**1.4** **OBJECTIVES** – The AIA seeks to supplement the overall aims and objectives of secondary schools by organizing, developing, directing and regulating athletics and activities by:

1.4.1 Regulating athletics and activities of a competitive nature which involve more than one school when a championship, winner or rating is to be determined and authorized by its member schools.

1.4.2 Initiating and pursuing policies that will safeguard the educational value of interscholastic contests and cultivate ideals of cooperation, friendship and good sportsmanship among member schools.

1.4.3 Ensuring that interscholastic athletics and activities remain an integral part of the knowledge, skills, attitudes and proper emotional patterns of high school youth.

1.4.4 Preventing the exploitation of high school youth and of the programs of member schools by special interest groups, firms, organizations, institutions and outside organized agencies whose purposes are contrary to those of the Association.

1.4.5 Protecting the best interests of the Association member schools in all athletic and activity areas under AIA jurisdiction.

1.4.6 Working with the member schools to create and administer uniform eligibility rules governing participation in interscholastic contests.

**1.5** **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** – The duties and responsibilities of the AIA shall be as follows:

1.5.1 To accomplish its stated objectives, the AIA is authorized to buy, own, sell, lease, sublease, manage and mortgage such real, personal, and intellectual property as may be reasonably necessary in the operation of the corporation as a nonprofit membership association; to borrow money, contract for credit, and operate such incidental business activities as may be necessary for realizing its objectives.

1.5.2 The Corporation shall abide by all laws and requirements relating to nonprofit corporations and shall make all reasonable efforts to operate in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

1.5.3 The Corporation shall conduct its affairs through an Executive Board, consisting of a President, Vice President, Executive Director, and such additional board Members as may be permitted by the laws of the corporation and the State of Arizona. The Executive Director shall also serve as Treasurer.

1.5.4 It shall be the responsibility of this Association to develop and employ procedures according to the terms of this Constitution as hereinafter set forth to realize the stated objectives of the Association.

**1.6** **INDEBTEDNESS** – The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent, to which the corporation may at any one time subject itself is one million dollars ($1,000,000.00).

**1.7** **DISSOLUTION** – In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all assets remaining after payments of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to the member schools.

# ARTICLE 2

# MEMBERSHIP

**2.1** **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS** – Any Arizona high school or bordering state high school, which meets the following requirements, is eligible for membership.

2.1.1 A school must maintain accreditation from an appropriate accrediting agency for acceptable standards for secondary schools.

*DETERMINATION: The Executive Director, as designee of the Executive Board, is authorized to determine appropriate accrediting agencies. (Ex. Bd. 2/17/04)*

2.1.2 A school must certify that all principals, directors, coordinators, instructors and supervisors are under contract with the Governing Body and that none of the above is receiving any salary or remuneration for his/her school job from any outside source.

2.1.3 A member school shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Association. A violation of the Association rules and regulations subjects the member school to possible disciplinary action as set forth in Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws.

2.1.3.1 As a condition of membership, a member school may not be affiliated with sponsor or otherwise support or operate a team in any AIA sanctioned sport or activity that is not in all respects in compliance with Bylaw 15.12, Recruitment Rule.

2.1.4 As a condition of membership, on an annual basis each member school shall fully execute and return to the AIA no later than September 1 the **Declaration Regarding Membership In the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA).** A member school's failure to comply with the requirement shall subject that member school to any disciplinary action by the AIA Executive Board authorized under Article 16, Bylaw 16.1, Penalties.

**2.2** **APPLICATION FOR AIA MEMBERSHIP**

2.2.1 A written application for membership shall be submitted by the principal of the school applying. Such application should be submitted to the AIA Executive Board by November 1 of the school year preceding that for which membership is being sought. Such application shall be distributed to member schools.

2.2.2 Upon review and acceptance of application by the Executive Board, an on-site evaluation of a school applying for membership shall be conducted. At least one member of the evaluation team shall be from the Conference and, when possible, from the Region with which the new school will be aligned. Expenses incurred for the on-site evaluation of a high school seeking membership into the AIA may be assessed to the school.

2.2.3 After consideration and approval of written application and on-site evaluation, the Executive Board will take one of the following actions: 1.) Ballot member schools for approval or rejection of membership application, 2.) Ballot member schools for approval or rejection of membership application with conditions as established by Executive Board, or 3.) Deny application. A simple majority vote by member schools shall decide the acceptance or rejection.

2.2.4 The AIA Executive Board, after investigation and establishment of the fact that membership requirements have been satisfactorily met, shall declare the school eligible for membership.

**2.3** **TERMS OF AIA MEMBERSHIP** – The terms of AIA membership for public, private, parochial and BIE schools shall be as follows:

2.3.1 Public Schools – The attendance zone boundaries shall be determined by the governing board of that school.

2.3.2 Private, Parochial and Public Charter Schools – The attendance zone boundaries shall be the county in which the school is located.

2.3.3 BIE Schools – The attendance zone boundaries shall be determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

2.3.4 All member schools shall voluntarily abide by all rules and regulations of the AIA.

2.3.4.1 Should the AIA Executive Board determine that a member school has willfully or persistently violated the AIA Constitution and Bylaws, it may expel said school from the AIA.

2.3.5 The AIA Executive Board shall assign member schools to the proper Conference in accordance with the AIA Constitution and Bylaws. The Conference shall assign the member school to a Region.

2.3.6 Membership becomes official and operative after the payment of dues at the beginning of the school year in which an application for membership was submitted and approved.

2.3.7 The school may schedule interscholastic athletics and activities for the school year following the approval of membership.

2.3.8 An AIA member school may not be a member of any other interscholastic association or organization which sanctions or regulates any sport or activity sanctioned by the AIA.

**2.4** **RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

2.4.1 The school principal or his/her designated representative shall be the responsible administrative officer of a school.

2.4.2 School Principal - Final authority and ultimate responsibility in all matters pertaining to interscholastic activities of each school shall be vested in the school principal. The school principal's responsibility shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

2.4.2.1 Host School - The basic responsibility of the host school is to take every possible measure at any athletic or activity to assure courteous, friendly, safe and fair treatment to visiting players, school representatives, fans and game officials.

2.4.2.2 Administrative Control - The administration and supervision of all facets of all activities in the high school program shall be entirely controlled by the properly constituted administrator. During all post season and/or play-off competition held at a neutral site an administrator or administrator's designee from each participating school shall be in attendance.

2.4.2.3 Conduct of Participants - The responsibility for the conduct of the coaches, players and spectators at any athletic or activity contest shall lie with the administrators of the schools whose teams are participating in the contest. **This responsibility includes ensuring conduct by the coaches, players and spectators adheres at all times to the principles and spirit of good sportsmanship**.

2.4.2.4 Conduct of Administrators-News Media – A school administrator **should** never use the news media to criticize another school administrator, school team, coach, player, game official or the AIA.

2.4.2.5 Recruitment - The school administrator must ensure that there is no recruitment of students for athletic or activity purposes as defined in Article 15, Section 12.

2.4.3 The school administration must assume responsibility for verification of all student eligibility rules.

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2.4.4 All official communication between member schools and the AIA, including student eligibility inquiries, requests and determinations, shall come only from a responsible administrative officer of a school.

2.4.5 When a request is made by the Executive Board or its designee that a responsible school administrator attends a meeting of the Executive Board, a responsible school administrator shall attend that meeting. Failure of the responsible school administrator to attend that meeting shall not prevent or otherwise delay consideration and decision by the Executive Board on the agenda item about which the administrator was requested to attend. The failure to appear shall be considered a violation of the AIA Bylaws and may result in sanction as determined by the Executive Board, including termination of and exclusion from AIA membership.

2.4.6 On an annual basis, the school athletic director shall attend the AIA Athletic Director Information Meeting to be held each April. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty as defined in Article 16, Section 1.

2.4.7 On an annual basis, each varsity head coach, or school designated coach, shall attend the AIA Head Coach Information Meeting to be held at the beginning of each season of sport. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty as defined in Article 16, Section 1.

# LOCAL CONTROL OF INTERSCHOLASTIC RULES

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| **VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP** | Membership in the AIA is voluntary. No school is required to become a member. After membership is granted, the only requirement for indefinite membership is to abide by the rules adopted by the AIA members. |
| **SELF- GOVERNANCE** | Member schools believe in self-governance –ADOPTING AND ENFORCING THEIR OWN RULES. Self- governance can only succeed when members DEMONSTRATE SELF-DISCIPLINE. |
| **RULES GOVERN SCHOOLS** | Rules are adopted to govern the interscholastic activities between member schools. |
| **SELF- POLICING** | Member schools maintain a policy of self-policing including identifying and reporting violations of rules. |
| **ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES STUDENT ELIGIBILITY** | Final authority and ultimate responsibility in all matters pertaining to interscholastic activities of each school is vested in the school principal. The principal must assume responsibility for verification of all student rules of eligibility. |

# ARTICLE 3

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# ARTICLE 4

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**4.1** **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY** – Legislative authority of the Association shall be vested in the AIA Legislative Council.

**4.2** **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Each Conference shall select delegates to the AIA Legislative Council, representative of the Conference:

4.2.1 1A Conference – 7 members – No more than one will come from the same school/district.

4.2.2 2A Conference – 7 members – No more than one will come from the same school/district.

4.2.3 3A Conference – 7 members – No more than one will come from the same school/district.

4.2.4 4A Conference – 7 members – No more than one will come from the same school/district.

4.2.5 5A Conference – 7 members – No more than one will come from the same school/district.

4.2.6 6A Conference – 7 members – No more than one will come from the same school/district.

4.2.7 Arizona School Board Association – 6 members – The Arizona School Boards Association shall select one member from each conference to serve as delegates to the AIA Legislative Council.

**4.3** **QUALIFICATIONS / TERM OF OFFICE**

4.3.1 A representative shall be a school administrator, school governing board member or Region Chairperson. An AIA Legislative Council representative shall not be a member of the AIA Executive Board.

4.3.2 Additional qualifications and the right of a representative to succeed himself/herself in an office shall be at the discretion of the appointing or electing body.

**4.4** **OFFICERS**

4.4.1 The President of the AIA Executive Board or, with the approval of the Executive Board, his or her designee, shall preside at all meetings of the AIA Legislative Council. The presiding officer shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

4.4.2 The AIA Executive Director shall act as Secretary of the AIA Legislative Council but shall have no vote.

**4.5** **MEETINGS**

4.5.1 There shall be at least one meeting of the AIA Legislative Council per year. Time and place shall be set by the AIA Executive Board.

4.5.2 Special meetings of the AIA Legislative Council may be called by the President of the AIA Executive Board at his/her discretion and shall be called upon written request addressed to him/her by five or more members of the AIA Legislative Council. Notice of any special meeting of the AIA Legislative Council shall be given by the AIA Executive Board to all member schools not less than two weeks before the special meeting.

4.5.3 All AIA Legislative Council meetings shall be open to the public. The date, time and place shall be set by the AIA Executive Board. Notice of a regular or special meeting shall be posted on the AIA website at least three calendar days prior to the meeting.

4.5.3.1 Interested parties in attendance at an AIA Legislative Council meeting may be called upon for advice or information.

4.5.4 Members of the AIA Executive Board may attend any regular or special meeting of the AIA Legislative Council, but shall not vote.

4.5.5 A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives to the AIA Legislative Council. A quorum must be present at a meeting for the transaction of business. The AIA Legislative Council shall not accept proxy votes at any of its meetings.

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4.5.6 Order Of Business - The order of business at a meeting of the AIA Legislative Council shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Executive Director Report
- Reports of Special Committees
- Unfinished (Old) Business
- New Business - New business may not be considered at any meeting of the AIA Legislative Council without consent of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present unless such business is submitted in writing to the members at least four weeks prior to the AIA Legislative Council meeting.
- Adjournment

**4.6** **REVIEW AND REFERENDUM** - A petition signed by fifty-one percent (51%) of the member schools shall require that a referendum be held to call a review of any action of the AIA Legislative Council. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the membership of the AIA Legislative Council shall be required to reverse an action of the AIA Legislative Council.

# MISSION STATEMENT

**PROVIDE GOVERNANCE AND STATE COORDINATION FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, WHICH ENRICHES THE EDUCATION-BASED ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES OF ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS, IN A FAIR, DIVERSE AND EQUITABLE MANNER.**

HOW MISSION STATEMENT IS ACCOMPLISHED

WHO DEVELOPS AND IMPLEMENTS MISSION STATEMENT

## LOCAL GOVERNING BOARDS

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## AIA MEMBER SCHOOLS

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## ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Rule Makers)

7 - 1A CONFERENCE
7 - 2A CONFERENCE
7 - 3A CONFERENCE
7 - 4A CONFERENCE
7 - 5A CONFERENCE
7 - 6A CONFERENCE
6 - AZ SCHOOL BOARD

TOTAL OF 48 MEMBERS
SELECTED BY AIA SCHOOLS AND THE ARIZONA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BODY THAT ADOPTS AND AMENDS AIA BYLAWS**

### AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Rule Enforcers)

ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE SIX CONFERENCES ..... 6
ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AIAAA ..... 1
ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ASA ..... 1
ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ASBA ..... 1
ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM COGNIA ..... 1
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (NON-VOTING) ..... 1

TOTAL MEMBERS ..... 11

**EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLIES, INTERPRETS, AND IMPARTIALLY ENFORCES AIA BYLAWS; REVIEWS APPEALS AND PROTESTS; DISCIPLINES OFFENDERS.**

## AIA CONSTITUION AND BYLAWS

# ARTICLE 5

# AMENDING CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES & PROCEDURES

## 5.1 METHOD OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (ARTICLES 1-18)

5.1.1 AIA Legislative Council Action - The AIA Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at a meeting of the AIA Legislative Council.

5.1.2 Proposed Amendments - Proposed amendments to the AIA Constitution and Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

5.1.2.1 Member School - A member school may submit a proposed amendment to its Region for consideration.

5.1.2.2 Region - By a majority vote of its members, a Region may submit a proposed amendment through its Conference or directly to the AIA for placement on the AIA Legislative Council agenda.

5.1.2.3 Conference - By a majority vote of its members, a Conference may submit a proposed amendment to the AIA for placement on the AIA Legislative Council agenda.

5.1.2.4 AIA Executive Board - By a majority vote of its members, the AIA Executive Board may direct that a proposed amendment be placed on the AIA Legislative Council agenda.

5.1.3 Proposed Amendment Form 5.1 - All proposed amendments to the AIA Constitution and Bylaws are to be submitted on a Proposed Amendment Form 5.1.

5.1.4 Due Date For Proposed Amendments - A completed Proposed Amendment Form 5.1 must be submitted to the AIA office six weeks prior to the regularly scheduled AIA Legislative Council meeting.

5.1.5 Notification Date For AIA Legislative Council Meeting - The AIA Executive Board shall give notice of proposed amendments for AIA Legislative Council consideration to all AIA member schools not less than four weeks prior to an AIA Legislative Council meeting.

## 5.2 REQUIRED VOTE FOR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (ARTICLES 1-18)

5.2.1 A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the AIA Legislative Council membership is required to amend the AIA Constitution.

5.2.2 A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the AIA Legislative Council members present is required to amend the AIA Bylaws.

## 5.3 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENT FOR CONSITITUTION AND BYLAWS (ARTICLES 1-18)

5.3.1 The effective date of all amendments to the AIA Constitution and Bylaws shall be July 1 following their enactment, unless passed as emergency legislation.

5.3.1.1 Emergency legislation shall become effective as designated by the AIA Legislative Council.

## 5.4 AMENDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (ARTICLES 19-43)

5.4.1 A Conference Committee may request the Executive Board to amend Sport Policies and Procedures, or the Executive Board itself may amend Sport Policies and Procedures.

# ARTICLE 6

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

**6.1 AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS** – There shall be ten voting members consiting of:

6.1.1 One member from a 1A Conference school.
One member from a 2A Conference school.
One member from a 3A Conference school.
One member from a 4A Conference school.
One member from a 5A Conference school.
One member from a 6A Conference school.
One member from the Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA).
One member from the Arizona School Administrators (ASA).
One member from the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA).
One member from the Arizona North Central Association.

6.1.2 The AIA Executive Director, who shall be appointed by and hold office at the will of the AIA Executive Board, shall be a nonvoting member of the AIA Executive Board.

6.1.3 Each Conference, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Arizona School Administrators and Cognia, formerly known as the Arizona North Central Association, representative shall be a superintendent or associate/assistant superintendent of a member high school or of a member high school and elementary school system, or the principal, district level athletic director or high school administrator of a member high school. The Arizona School Boards Association representative shall be on the governing board of a member high school.

6.1.4 A member of the AIA Executive Board may not be a member of the AIA Legislative Council.

6.1.5 A member of the AIA Executive Board must abstain from voting on any matter coming before the AIA Executive Board which involves the specific interest of the school/district by whom he/she is employed.

**6.2 SELECTION & TERMS OF OFFICE – AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

6.2.1 Terms of all AIA Executive Board members shall expire on June 30. New terms of office shall begin on July 1.

6.2.2 *Each AIA Executive Board member shall serve a three-year term*.

6.2.3 Each representative shall be chosen at the regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting in April, preceding the beginning of his/her term of office and shall serve until a qualified successor is duly designated.

6.2.4 *The selection of each Conference or organization representative on the AIA Executive Board shall be representative of their conference and be based on the following process:*

1. Nominees must represent AIA member schools in good standing. If a school fails to maintain their standing, committee representation by that school is not permitted.
2. *For the Executive Board, when the applicable conference chair is open. The Conference will submit three nominations representative of their Conference. The Executive Board will make a selection from one of these three nominees. Organizations will submit the representative to the Executive Board*.
3. If, during a Board member's term, he or she is unable to meet his/her commitment, step 2 will be followed in order to select a replacement.

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6.2.5 The terms of those serving shall expire at the end of the sixth week of the years as noted below:

| Representing: | | | | | |
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| 1A | 2028 | 2031 | 2034 | 2037 | 2040 |
| 2A | 2029 | 2032 | 2035 | 2038 | 2041 |
| 3A | 2027 | 2030 | 2033 | 2036 | 2039 |
| 4A | 2028 | 2031 | 2034 | 2037 | 2040 |
| 5A | 2029 | 2032 | 2035 | 2038 | 2041 |
| 6A | 2027 | 2030 | 2033 | 2036 | 2039 |
| ASBA | 2028 | 2031 | 2034 | 2037 | 2040 |
| AIAAA | 2029 | 2032 | 2035 | 2038 | 2041 |
| ASA | 2027 | 2030 | 2033 | 2036 | 2039 |
| Cognia | 2028 | 2031 | 2034 | 2037 | 2040 |

## 6.3 MEETINGS OF THE AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.3.1 Regular Meetings – Regular meetings shall be held on the third Monday of each month unless said day is a legal holiday, in which case the meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, August through May; or, in the event of extenuating circumstances, as set by the AIA Executive Board.

6.3.1.1 The procedures to request that an item be placed on a regular meeting agenda or to request permission to be in attendance to discuss an agenda item are as follows:

6.3.1.1.1 A responsible school official must advise the AIA Executive Director in writing at least 11 calendar days prior to the meeting that he/she wishes to be present to discuss an agenda item.

6.3.1.1.2 The AIA Executive Director shall acknowledge the request and determine the time for the item to be discussed.

6.3.1.1.3 A responsible school official shall be in attendance. He/She may invite any other person having relevant information or knowledge of the circumstances of the agenda item that is to be discussed.

6.3.1.1.4 When legal counsel will be present, the AIA Executive Director shall be notified at least 11 calendar days prior to the meeting. Should said notice not be given, the AIA Executive Board may postpone discussion of the agenda item until the next regularly scheduled meeting. At the discretion of the AIA Executive Board, legal counsel for the AIA may be present when discussing the agenda item in questions.

6.3.2 Special Meetings – A special meeting may be called by the President of the AIA Executive Board at any time deemed necessary. The President shall call a special meeting when so directed by a majority of the AIA Executive Board.

6.3.2.1 Special Meetings For Rule Violations – If a special meeting of the AIA Executive Board is held involving a possible rule violation, the following procedures shall apply:

6.3.2.1.1 The member school believed to have committed the violations shall be notified at least one day prior to that special meeting. Notice by telephone to a responsible school official shall be sufficient for purposes of this notification. Said notice shall include the place, date and time of the meeting and the rule(s) believed to have been violated.

6.3.2.1.1.1 A responsible school officials or officials may be present at the meeting, may be accompanied by an attorney, and may present witnesses, testimony, and other evidence for consideration by the AIA Executive Board.

*NOTE: In accordance with Article 16, Section 16.4 and Article 16, Section 16.5, the AIA Executive Board may conduct a special meeting for a rule violation by telephone conference call.*

6.3.3 All AIA Executive Board meetings shall be open to the public. Notice of a regular meeting shall be posted on the AIA website at least three days prior to the meeting. Notice of a special meeting shall be posted in the manner and at a time as is reasonable.

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6.3.3.1 Interested parties in attendance at an AIA Executive Board meeting may be called upon for advice or information.

6.3.3.2 Executive Session – The presiding officer may call for an Executive Session during a regular or special meeting for agenda items such as personnel matters, to hear student hardship appeals, and to receive communications from legal advisors.

6.3.4 A majority of the voting membership of the AIA Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote of those present, if that be a quorum, is sufficient for the transaction of business.

## 6.4 OFFICERS OF THE AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.4.1 There shall be a President, Vice President and an Executive Director, who shall also serve as the Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall be elected at the first meeting of the AIA Executive Board following the annual selection of the new AIA Executive Board members.

6.4.2 The President shall preside over all meetings of the AIA Executive Board and the AIA Legislative Council. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

## 6.5 DUTIES OF THE AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.5.1 The AIA Executive Board shall apply AIA rules and regulations to all interscholastic athletics and activities of its members, unless otherwise stated in the AIA Constitution, Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.

6.5.2 The AIA Executive Board shall interpret the AIA Constitution, Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. The AIA Executive Board shall not be responsible for interpretation and enforcement of Conference rules that are more restrictive than the AIA Constitution, Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. The individual Conference is responsible for that duty.

6.5.3 The AIA Executive Board shall have the authority to determine the eligibility of a student when the student's particular status is not clearly defined by the student eligibility rules.

6.5.4 Should the AIA Executive Board determine that an emergency situation exists, it shall have the authority to reword or change the AIA Constitution and Bylaws. Any such emergency action by the AIA Executive Board shall be placed on the next meeting agenda for AIA Legislative Council action.

6.5.5 The AIA Executive Board shall receive protests and appeals involving member schools and individuals, and may discipline offenders for violations of rules and regulations.

6.5.6 The AIA Executive Board shall employ an AIA Executive Director and establish his/her salary, benefits and expenses. The AIA Executive Board will provide a job description and an annual written evaluation of the AIA Executive Director.

6.5.7 The AIA Executive Board shall employ a Commissioner of Officials and authorize that person to make decisions relating to recruiting, screening, assigning, supervision, evaluating, training, etc., in order to provide member schools with sports officials. At least annually, prior to November 1, the Commissioner of Officials shall present to the Executive Board information regarding officials' fees and make recommendations regarding any proposed adjustment to said fees.

6.5.8 The AIA Executive Board shall approve the employment of AIA office personnel.

6.5.9 The AIA Executive Board shall have responsibility and authority for the general administration and operation of the AIA, including all post-season playoff contests.

6.5.9.1 Each Conference may recommend sites, dates and Tournament Coordinators. The AIA Executive Board shall make the final determination.

6.5.9.2 Each tournament shall be conducted as specified in the AIA Policies and Procedures and tournament guides for each sport.

6.5.10 The AIA Executive Board shall have the authority to enter into broadcast rights and any similar or related agreements for all contests by the Association.

6.5.11 The AIA Executive Board may delegate complete or partial control of a tournament, contest, meet or festival.

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6.5.12 The AIA Executive Board shall provide for the distribution of revenue from tournaments and other sources as defined in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws.

6.5.13 The AIA Executive Board shall receive registration and assignment fees from officials.

6.5.14 The AIA Executive Board may, at its discretion, appoint special committees.

6.5.15 The AIA Executive Board shall establish and monitor an annual AIA Operation Budget.

6.5.16 The AIA Executive Board shall employ an independent certified public accountant to conduct an annual audit of the AIA financial accounts.

6.5.17 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the insurance carrier and notify member schools the carrier selected and the premium rate for the student excess accident insurance required by Article 9, Section 9.2 of the AIA Bylaws. It is understood that the AIA and the AIA Executive Board are not agents or representatives of, or in any way affiliated with, said insurance carrier.

## 6.6 COMMITTEES OF THE AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.6.1 Standing Committees – Standing committees shall be appointed for the purpose of addressing and resolving issues pertaining to officials, girls' fairness in sports, and ethics/sportsmanship.

6.6.2 Advisory Committees – Special ad hoc advisory committees, including conference and region committees, may be commissioned to study areas assigned by the AIA Executive Board.

6.6.3 Committee Selection Process –

1. Nominees to AIA committees must represent AIA member schools in good standing. If a school fails to maintain their standing, committee representation by the school is not permitted.

2. Individuals appointed to serve on AIA committees shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
   a) an employee of a school district – as an administrator, supervisor, teacher or coach
   b) be an AIA registered high school officials.

3. *When conferences or regions submit nominations for committee membership, they must submit three nominations, representative of their conference.*

4. If, during a committee member's term, he or she no longer meets at least one of the criteria in Section 2, eligibility for committee membership ceases and a replacement shall be appointed. In the case of an unexpired term, the region of the former committee member is contacted to submit replacement nominations for approval by the Executive Board using the guidelines in Section 3. Should no nominations be received, the other regions in that conference are contacted to submit their nominations. When the appointment is made to fill an unexpired term, the appointee shall be eligible to serve an additional term provided the appointed term is less than three years in length.

5. All full terms for sport advisory committees, activities committees, conference and other general committees will be three years. A full term shall mirror the corresponding term of the conference and/or organizational Board Members term.

6. Committee members shall serve at the discretion and pleasure of the Executive Board.

# BYLAWS

## ARTICLE 7

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

**7.1** **AIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – The AIA Executive Director will serve at the pleasure of the AIA Executive Board in accordance with the terms of his/her employment contract.

7.1.1 The AIA Executive Director shall have the following minimum qualifications:

7.1.1.1 An Arizona Secondary Administration Certificate.

7.1.1.2 Must have at least three years administrative experience at a minimum level of an assistant principal in a secondary school or administrative experience on the state level.

7.1.1.3 Additional desirable experience for an AIA Executive Director includes responsibility for a school's interscholastic program, coaching and/or officiating experience.

7.1.2 The AIA Executive Director shall employ AIA office personnel, with the approval of the AIA Executive Board, and administer said office personnel.

7.1.3 Duties of the AIA Executive Director, as agent of the AIA Executive Board, shall be to:

7.1.3.1 Take action on matters when requested by responsible school officials.

7.1.3.2 Attend to the official duties pertaining to the AIA.

7.1.3.3 Prepare and publish an annual financial report following the audit of AIA financial accounts by an independent certified public accountant.

7.1.3.4 Maintain and be in charge of all AIA records.

7.1.3.5 Prepare agendas for AIA Executive Board and AIA Legislative Council meetings.

7.1.3.6 Serve as an ex-officio member of the AIA Executive Board, AIA Legislative Council and all committees appointed by the AIA Executive Board.

7.1.3.7 Render a ruling or state a policy, when such is requested by a responsible school official, without waiting for an AIA Executive Board meeting. Should the responsible school official not concur with the judgement of the AIA Executive Director, he/she may appeal the judgement to the AIA Executive Board.

7.1.3.7.1 The AIA Executive Director may require a school administrator or his/her designee to submit any request for a ruling or interpretation of the AIA Constitution and Bylaws in written form.

# ARTICLE 8

## CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS

**8.1** **CLASSIFICATION AND ALIGNMENT** – A Conference is a group of member schools, each of whose October 1 enrollment falls within the same size range. A Region is a group of schools within the Conference.

8.1.1 Member School – The October 1 enrollment figure in an odd-numbered year will automatically place the school in a Conference for the next two-year block period. Schools shall be promptly notified of their placement. Conference placement becomes effective for school years beginning with an even-numbered year.

8.1.1.1 The October 1 student enrollment figure for a member school whose student enrollment will be affected by a newly created member school shall be based upon projected student enrollment figures. All schools that submit projected student enrollment figures under this clause in an even-numbered year will automatically be placed in a Conference based on the projected enrollment figure.

8.1.1.2 The October 1 student enrollment figure does not include International students on a Visa, other than students attending on a J-1 Visa.

8.1.2 Established Nonmember School – When an established nonmember school enters the AIA, the October 1 enrollment figure of the school year during which application for membership is made will automatically place the school in a Conference.

8.1.3 Newly Created School

8.1.3.1 For the initial Conference placement of a newly created school, the projected October 1 enrollment of the school year of the second senior class will automatically place the school in a Conference.

8.1.3.2 For the second conference placement of a newly created school, the projected October 1 enrollment of the school year of the fourth senior class will automatically place the school in a Conference. All subsequent Conference placements shall be based on the rules for existing member schools.

8.1.3.3 Newly created schools that enter the AIA will be scheduled at the direction of the Executive Board under 11.2.2.

8.1.4 Home School Students – A home school student, if a member of a school team, shall be included in the school's enrollment count.

8.1.5 Charter School Students

8.1.5.1 Domicile Within Sponsoring Public School District – A student enrolled in a nonmember charter school sponsored, owned and operated by and located within a public school district in which his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are domiciled shall be included in the enrollment count of and may be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition at the school in the attendance zone in which the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are domiciled.

8.1.5.2

8.1.5.2.1 All other eligibility requirements must be met.

8.1.5.3 Domicile Outside Sponsoring Public School District – A student enrolled in a nonmember charter school sponsored, owned and operated by and located within a public school district which is outside the domicile of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be included in the enrollment count and may be eligible for interscholastic competition at the member school in the sponsoring public school district whose attendance zone is closest to the domicile of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

8.1.5.3.1 All the other eligibility requirements must be met.

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8.1.6 Classification of Schools – INITIAL PLACEMENT

Member schools shall be divided equally into small and large conferences, with small defined as the 1A, 2A and 3A Conferences and large defined as the 4A, 5A and 6A Conferences.

8.1.6.1 1A Conference – The first (smallest enrollment) 30%-40% of schools with student enrollment of 1,000 or less.

8.1.6.2 2A Conference – The next largest (in enrollment) 30%-40% of schools with student enrollment of 1,000 or less.

8.1.6.3 3A Conference – The largest (in enrollment) 30%-40% of schools with student enrollment of 1,000 or less.

8.1.6.4 4A Conference – The smallest (in enrollment) 33% of schools with student enrollment of 1,000 or more.

8.1.6.5 5A Conference – The middle (in enrollment) 33% of schools with student enrollment of 1,000 or more.

8.1.6.6 6A Conference – The largest (in enrollment) 33% of schools with student enrollment of 1,000 or more.

8.1.6.7 In the case of an uneven number of schools with student enrollment above 1,000 or more, the school(s) shall be placed in the lower conference. (For example, if there are 113 schools, the 4A and 5A Conferences will initially have 38 members and the 6A Conference will initially have 37 members).

8.1.6.8 Football Placement – Schools will first be placed in the conference in which the school competed during the previous season. With the exception of the 1A Conference, using the average weighted (over 3 years for schools placed in the 4A/5A/6A Conferences and 5 years for schools placed in the 2A/3A Conferences) AIA Rankings powered by Maxpreps, schools with a standard deviation of plus 2 or more move up 1 conference, schools with a standard deviation of plus 1, 0 or minus 1 do not move, schools with a standard deviation of -2 or below move down 1 conference.

| **Standard Deviation** | **Conferences** |
|---|---|
| Plus 2 or greater | Up 1 Conference |
| 1, 0, -1 | No Movement |
| Minus 2 or greater | Down 1 Conference |

8.1.6.8.1 *If a school's enrollment conference placement is different than their football conference placement, the football program will be moved, during football reclassification.*
*If playing football in a conference lower than the other team sports…*

- *Football will be moved up one conference if, by using the same average weighted AIA rankings powered by MaxPreps used in the reclassification process, their football ranking is in the top 33% of their current football conference or was rated in the top 50% for both years of their prior scheduling black.* ***(Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 5/18/2026)***

*If playing football in a conference higher than the other team sports…*

- *Football will be moved down one conference if, by using the same average weighted AIA rankings powered by MaxPreps used in the reclassification process, their football ranking is in the bottom 33% of their current football conference or was rated in the bottom 50% for both years of the prior scheduling block.*

8.1.6.8.2 Football reclassification will take place every two years during the year opposite other sports reclassification.

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8.1.6.8.3 A school may not be placed more than 2 conferences above or below the conference of the other team sports it participates in.

8.1.6.8.4 For initial placement, new schools will be placed in the same conference as the initial placement of other team sports. For the second conference placement of a newly created school, the projected number of the fourth senior class will automatically place the school in a conference. All subsequent conference placements shall be based on the rules for existing member schools.

8.1.7 Two 1A Conference member schools may, by mutual agreement and with the approval of the Executive Board, join together to form one team in any sport. Eligibility for post season play will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

8.1.8 All single-sex schools shall have enrollment doubled for purposes of Conference classification and dues.

8.1.9 All three-year high schools must count their ninth graders for Conference classification.

8.1.10 Conference Placement Appeals – A school may appeal to be placed in a higher or lower Conference.

8.1.10.1 The Conference Committee to which a school is appealing will initially review, consider and decide the appealing school's request to be placed in a higher or lower Conference utilizing as a general guideline the following criteria:

8.1.10.1.1 Number of level (freshman/sophomore, junior varsity and varsity) of athletic and activity programs;
8.1.10.1.2 Student enrollment, including previous four (4) school years;
8.1.10.1.3 Position (support or opposition) of sending and receiving conference on school's appeal;
8.1.10.1.4 Geography / loss of school time;
8.1.10.1.5 Make-up of student population;
8.1.10.1.6 Competitive history over last four (4) years in all sports, at all levels;
8.1.10.1.7 Record of cancellation of games and/or sports at all levels over last four (4) school years;
8.1.10.1.8 Any other information considered significant by the appealing school or the Conference Committee.

8.1.10.2 An appeal to be placed in a higher or lower Conference must be submitted in writing to the Conference committee no later than the date set by the Executive Board of odd-numbered years.

8.1.10.3 Schools denied their appeal to a different Conference may appeal said decision to the Executive Board. Appeals to the Executive Board must be made within five (5) business days following the decision by the conference.

8.1.10.4 The burden of providing evidence in support of the appeal is solely the responsibility of the appealing school. The weight given to any particular criteria is in the sole discretion of the Conference Committee and if appealed to the Executive Board, at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.

## 8.2 REGION ALIGNMENT

8.2.1 Region Alignment – The Conference Committee will be responsible for placing a school in a Region, based on the following:

8.2.1.1 Geographical location of the school relating to loss of school time by students;

8.2.1.2 Overall Conference travel and expenses;

8.2.2 Region Alignment Appeals – The procedure for a school to appeal its Region placement is as follows:

8.2.2.1 An appeal to the Executive Board shall be submitted no later than the date designated in the Reclassification Timeline.

*(Section 8.2 cont'd. on next page)*

8.2.2.2 The AIA Executive Board shall make the final decision on a school's Region alignment appeal.

8.2.3 Region Alignment Appeals Criteria – The AIA Executive Board will review and consider an appealing school's request for placement in another Region using the following criteria:

8.2.3.1 Geographical location of the school relating to loss of school time by students;

8.2.3.2 Overall Conference travel and expenses;

8.2.3.3 Recommendation of the Conference Committee.

**8.3 CONFERENCE RESPONSIBILITES**

8.3.1 The Conferences shall be responsible for assigning member schools to Regions. It is recommended where, feasible that each Conference be divided into a minimum of four (4) Regions.

8.3.2 Except for Varsity Football, each Conference shall require that each of its Regions make a two-year master schedule for all home and away contests. This schedule will be a valid contract between schools.

8.3.2.1 Changes to the master schedule require the consent of both schools or a situation where a school must cancel the entire level of a program. (Example: School A must cancel the remainder of their JV schedule due to lack of eligible participants.)

8.3.2.2 All changes to the varsity master schedule must be approved by the Conference or Conferences in which the schools involved reside.

8.3.3 Each Conference shall require that a member school of a region participate in the master schedule in order for its team to be eligible for post-season tournaments.

8.3.4 Conferences will provide input into the mechanics and procedures of Conference sponsored tournaments and meets.

**8.4 CONFERENCE MEETINGS** – All AIA Conference or affiliated organization meetings shall be open to the public. Notice of a meeting shall be posted on the AIA website at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting.

8.4.1 Interested parties in attendance at an AIA Conference meeting may be called upon for advice or information.

**8.5 REGION MEETINGS** - All AIA Region or affiliated organization meetings shall be open to the public. Notice of a regular or special meeting shall be posted on the AIA website at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting.

8.5.1 Interested parties in attendance at an AIA Region meeting may be called upon for advice or information.

**8.6 DIVISION AND SECTION PLACEMENT PROCESS (for individual sports: badminton, cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track, wrestling)** – A school shall be placed in a Division based on the Division Placement Determination (see below). A school's Section placement for the sports of wrestling and cross country shall be based on the recommendations of the Wrestling Sports Advisory and Cross Country Sports Advisory committees, respectively. A School may appeal its Division or Section placement directly to the Executive Board, following the procedure and timeline adopted by the Board for that purpose. The Board's consideration of any Division or Section appeal will utilize the criteria set out under Bylaws 8.1.10.1 and 8.1.10.4.

## Division Placement Determination

**Rationale**: the number of schools that compete in these sports vary from sport to sport, thus some conferences will be split or combined to maintain the state tournament format for these sports. Qualifying to the state tournament is unique to each individual sport and must be thought of differently than team sports. Continuing with the division model in individual sports allows the AIA to continue competitive fairness in qualifying for individuals into the respective state tournaments.

1. Badminton – Division I – II
    a. Division I – 6A schools
    b. Division II – All remaining schools

2. Beach Volleyball – Division I – II
    a. Division I – 6A and 5A schools
    b. Division II – All remaining schools

3. Cross Country – Divisions I – IV
    a. Division I – 6A schools
    b. Division II – 5A schools and top 17 4A schools based on enrollment
    c. Division III – All remaining 4A school and 3A schools
    d. Division IV – 2A and 1A schools

4. Boys Golf – Divisions I – III
    a. Division I – 6A schools and top 15 5A schools by enrollment
    b. Division II – All remaining schools
    c. Division III – Spring – 3A/2A/1A schools

5. Girls Golf – Division I – II
    a. Division I – 6A schools
    b. Division II – All remaining schools

6. Spiritline – Divisions I – IV
    a. Division I – Enrollment 2,075 and up
    b. Division II – Enrollment between 1,500 and 2,074
    c. Division III – Enrollment between 600 and 1,499
    d. Division IV – Enrollment less than 599

7. Swim / Dive – Divisions I – III
    a. Division I – top 30% of schools
    b. Division II – next 35% of schools
    c. Division III – lowest 35% of schools
    **Passed as Emergency Legislation – Executive Board – 10.16.2023*

8. Tennis – Divisions I – III
    a. Division I – 6A schools and top 20 5A schools by enrollment
    b. Division II – Remaining 5A schools and 4A schools
    c. Division III – 3A/2A/1A schools

9. Track & Field – Divisions I – V
    a. Division I – 6A schools
    b. Division II – 5A schools
    c. Division III – 4A schools
    d. Division IV – 3A school
    e. Division V – 2A and 1A schools

10. Boys' Wrestling – Divisions I – IV
    a. Division I – 6A Schools
    b. Division II – 5A Schools and top 10 4A schools based on enrollment
    c. Division III – All remaining 4A schools and top 20 3A schools based on enrollment
    d. Division IV – All remaining schools

11. Girls' Wrestling – Divisions I – II
    a. Division I – 6A and 5A schools
    b. Division II – 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A schools

# ARTICLE 9

# FINANCES

## 9.1 DUES AND FEES

9.1.1 The AIA shall be financed by membership dues, participation fees and revenues received or derived from other sources.

9.1.2 The revenues of the AIA shall not be used for the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, officers or other private persons, except that the AIA shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purpose of the AIA.

9.1.3 The AIA Executive Board shall approve and levy annual membership dues and participation fees. Annual increases in membership fees and participation fees shall be limited to be no greater an annual percentage increase than the percentage of increase in "new money" allocated to public schools for "maintenance and operations" by the Arizona State Legislature for that fiscal school year. Membership for the ensuing year must be renewed prior to September 1 of each year. Member schools that do not pay their membership dues, participation fees, athletic mileage and student excess accident (catastrophic) insurance premiums, or make payment arrangements with the AIA Executive Director prior to October 1 will be dropped from membership. Dues, fees, mileage, insurance premiums and a reinstatement fee of $200.00 must be paid in order to regain membership. The AIA Executive Board may levy an assessment on all schools above and beyond the membership dues and fees with approval of the AIA Legislative Council.

9.1.3.1 Membership Dues $ 2,182
9.1.3.2 Participation Fees $ 223 per varsity girl, boy or mixed-sex sport.
**(Includes 2 NFHS Rule Books per Varsity sport)**

9.1.3.3 **Legal Defense Recovery Fund** – On an annual basis, the Executive Board shall determine an amount each school shall be billed as a result of legal defense fees incurred over and above the annual budgeted amount approved by the Executive Board. This may be a zero amount.

9.1.3.4 Member schools not participating in interscholastic athletics shall be assessed one-third (1/3) of the yearly membership dues and one-third (1/3) of the yearly per-student excess accident (catastrophic) insurance premium.

*NOTE: The fiscal year of the AIA is July 1 through June 30.*

9.1.3.5 Dual State AIAAA/NIAAA current annual membership dues per athletic director/athletic administrator per school will be added to the AIA membership dues each year. Those funds will then be transferred via check to the AIAAA each September 30 of the current school year.

## 9.2 ASSESSMENTS

9.2.1 Athletic Mileage

9.2.1.1 All AIA member schools shall be assessed an annual fee* to reimburse expenses incurred by the AIA on behalf of the schools for regular season varsity athletic officials' mileage. ***(*invoiced seasonally)***
The assessment shall be computed as follows:

- Amount of varsity officials' regular season mileage paid out totaled.
- That amount divided by the total number of sports participation fees paid for sports with assigned AIA officials = "one unit" = cost per sport.
- Participation in those sports totaled by each school.
- Each school assessed one unit for each of those sports participated in that utilized AIA assigned officials.
- Example:
  - Total Regular Season Mileage = $400,000 / 2,000 total sports = $200 per sport.
  - School with 8 sports = $1,600 in Regular Season Officials Mileage bill back.

9.2.2 Student Excess Accident Insurance - Each member school shall purchase excess accident (catastrophic) insurance to insure students against injuries sustained while engaged in school sponsored interscholastic sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA during the season of sport or activity as identified in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws. The AIA Executive Board shall determine the insurance carrier for said coverage and notify member schools of the carrier selected and the premium rate. Each member school shall pay the premium to the AIA office who, in turn, shall send a payment to the insurance carrier to cover the total annual premium for the member schools. Itis understood that the AIA and the AIA Executive Board are not agents or representatives of, or in any way affiliated with, said insurance carrier. The insurance carrier shall set the terms and conditions of said coverage and AIA shall not be liable for any claims related to the terms and conditions of said coverage. Demonstration and/or exhibition events (e.g., home run derby, slam dunk competition, three point shooting competition, closest to the pin competition, etc.) are not considered "sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA" and will not be covered by the catastrophic insurance referenced in this bylaw.

# Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc.
## 2026-27 Budget
## As approved by AIA Executive Board
## 04/20/2026

| | TOTAL |
|---|---|
| | Jul '26 - Jun 27 |
| **Income** | |
| Membership Dues | 627,000.00 |
| Student Program Fees | 1,117,230.00 |
| Total 4020 · Ticket Sales | 3,805,000.00 |
| Entry Fees-Non-Athletic Act. | 20,000.00 |
| STATE Tournament Entry Fees | 400,000.00 |
| Sales-Publications | 250.00 |
| Membership Reimbursable | 1,863,650.00 |
| Officials Department | 926,500.00 |
| ArbiterPay Trans Fees-Schools | 150,000.00 |
| ArbiterPay - Income | 7,500,000.00 |
| Sponsorship & Other Support Inc | 985,000.00 |
| Grants | 120,000.00 |
| In-Kind | 115,000.00 |
| **Total Income** | 17,629,630.00 |
| **Expense** | |
| Payroll Expenses | |
| Wages | 2,375,000.00 |
| Accrued Compensated Absence | 110,000.00 |
| Payroll Taxes | 211,000.00 |
| PR Processing / Benefits / Workers Comp | 522,700.00 |
| Occupancy | 82,000.00 |
| Telephone | 37,500.00 |
| Postage & Shipping | 8,750.00 |
| Printing & Publication | 41,000.00 |
| Int. Business/Media/PR/Mrkting | 422,500.00 |
| Office Expenses | 54,000.00 |
| Permits, Licenses, Fees | 500.00 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | 47,400.00 |
| Professional/Outside Services | 250,600.00 |
| Committees/Conf/Mtgs/Staff | 110,500.00 |
| Ex. Board Meetings/Expenses | 27,500.00 |
| Insurance | 860,476.00 |
| Promotional | 1,000.00 |
| Donations / Sponsorships | 15,000.00 |
| Depreciation | 60,000.00 |
| Officials | 114,500.00 |
| STATE Mileage & Game Fees | 655,000.00 |
| Area Commissioners | 80,000.00 |
| Officials Instructor/Obsrvr/Alt | 7,500.00 |
| Commissioner | 10,000.00 |
| OFCL Mileage Regular Season | 900,000.00 |
| Esports Registration - Mmbrshp | 150,000.00 |
| Flag Football Grant | 37,500.00 |
| ArbiterPay | 7,500,000.00 |
| RefPay Transaction Fees-School | 150,000.00 |
| Tournament Support Expenses | 389,500.00 |
| Tournament Site Expenses | 1,972,000.00 |
| Additional Tournament Exp (IK) | 115,000.00 |
| Workers Comp - OFCL&Tourn | 9,500.00 |
| Tournament Employee ER Expense | 20,000.00 |
| Awards | 235,000.00 |
| **Total Expense** | 17,582,926.00 |
| **Net Ordinary Income** | 46,704.00 |
| **Net Transfer to Reserve** | **46,704.00** |

# ARTICLE 10

## SANCTION PROCEDURES

**10.1** **SANCTIONED EVENTS** – During the season, in sports and activities that are governed by the AIA, member schools shall only participate with or against the following: AIA member high schools; out-of-state or Canadian high schools that are in good standing or approved by their respective association. Violation of this rule subjects the offending member school to loss of all privileges of membership for one year and/or such penalty as the Executive Board is authorized to impose under Article 16.

**10.2** **DUAL COMPETITION** – AIA member schools may participate in dual competition (including multi-dual meets) with any member, out-of-state or Canadian school in good standing without AIA sanctioning. It is the school's responsibility to verify that the opponent is a member in good standing with their NFHS State Association.

**10.3** **INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT COMPETITIONS**

10.3.1 For all invitational tournaments hosted by AIA member schools, the host school must provide notice to the AIA prior to the season of sport of the tournament, through the AIA school login sanctioning process. For assignment of officials see 18.3.3.

10.3.2 **Intrastate Invitational Tournaments** – AIA member schools may participate in multiple school competition with any member schools, utilizing the AIA school login sanctioning process. A tournament bracket shall be submitted prior to approval.

10.3.3 **Interstate Invitational Tournaments (Bordering States)** – AIA member schools may participate in multiple school competitions with any bordering state school (CA, NV, CO, UT, NM) which is a member in good standing or approved by its respective association, utilizing the AIA school login sanctioning process. A tournament bracket shall be submitted prior to approval.

10.3.4 **Interstate Invitational Tournaments (1 or more Non-Bordering States)** – If one or more of the competition schools is located in a state which does not border Arizona, the NFHS sanctioning process shall be utilized. A tournament bracket shall be submitted prior to approval.

10.3.5 If attending an out-of-state invitational tournament, the school is responsible for verifying that all schools in the tournament are members in good standing with their state associations.

# ARTICLE 11

# SCHEDULING OF CONTESTS AND SCHEDULE CONTRACTS

**11.1 NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTEST**

11.1.1 Any sport or activity not identified in the Policies and Procedures is not sanctioned by the AIA.

11.1.2 A student may participate and receive monetary awards in non-interscholastic contests in sports which are not enumerated in the sports Policies and Procedures.

**11.2 SCHEDULING OF CONTESTS**

11.2.1 The maximum number of regular season contests to be scheduled for all Conferences/Divisions is identified in each sport.

11.2.1.1 Schedules may be increased by one contest if scheduling difficulties occur. The additional contest shall be with the approval of the AIA Executive Board.

11.2.2 The AIA Executive Board may increase the number of existing scheduled varsity contests to provide new schools assigned in the middle of a two-year block the opportunity to qualify for Conference/Division or Region/Section Championships. However, the additional number of contests may not exceed the existing scheduled contests by more than two contests.

11.2.2.1 For those schools approved, a player may participate in two additional contests per season, excluding qualifying and state contests.

11.2.3 Freshman/sophomore and junior varsity tournaments (invitationals) and championships are not permitted. (For exceptions, see Cross Country, Track and Wrestling).

11.2.4 For purposes of creating regular season schedules, member schools may use, as a management tool, a computer scheduling program adopted and approved by the Executive Board.

11.2.5 In order to assist 8-man football teams, other junior varsity teams may schedule games with the 8-man football teams. A school electing to assist the 8-man football teams may schedule one additional game.

**11.3 METHODS FOR SHORTENING CONTESTS** – Schools desiring to shorten a contest for the safety of the players shall consult the official rulebook for that sport and the sport specific policies and procedures.

**11.4 SCHEDULE CONTRACTS – VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY / FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE**

11.4.1 To facilitate the preparation of master schedules for all sports, a school must commit by March 15 of the current school year as to whether or not it will participate in a particular varsity sport the following school year.

11.4.2 Schedules - A schedule shall be considered a valid contract between the schools.

11.4.3 Invitationals/Tournaments – An invitation to attend an invitational tournament from one school and acceptance by another school shall be considered a valid contract between those schools for one year. In the case of a school's failure to fulfill its contractual obligation to hold or attend an invitational tournament as agreed, the procedure under 11.4.4 shall apply.

11.4.4 Cancellation - Contest or Program

11.4.4.1 Cancelling or forfeiting a contest shall originate and transmit Form 11.4-B to the other school(s) involved for a signature of consent. The executed Form(s) 11.4-B shall then be forwarded to the AIA office for placement on the next AIA Executive Board meeting agenda.

11.4.4.2 Cancelling a program shall originate and transmit Form 11.4-A to the other school(s) involved for a signature of consent. The executed Form 11.4-A shall then be forwarded to the AIA office for placement on the next AIA Executive Board meeting agenda.

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11.4.4.3 When a school finds it impossible to fulfill a schedule obligation which does not have a bearing on a regional or state play-off, it must notify the other school(s) involved as soon as possible. Any such cancellation must be by mutual consent of the school(s) involved.

11.4.4.3.1 In the event there is not a mutual consent between schools in the cancellation of a contest, the school cancelling the contest shall be subject to a fine in accordance with Form 11.4D. The fine may be appealable to the AIA Executive Board within 10 days of imposition of the fine.

| *Contests* | Varsity | Junior Varsity | Freshman |
|---|---|---|---|
| *FOOTBALL* | $1,500.00 | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| *TEAM SPORTS* | $1,000.00 | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| *INDIVIDUAL SPORTS* | $1,000.00 | $500.00 | $500.00 |

11.4.4.3.2 The fine will be paid to the AIA within 30 days of notification of the fine. Upon receipt of the payment, AIA will promptly send those funds to the school whose game was cancelled.

11.4.4.3.3 In the case where a school cancels more than 20% of the games in a season (varsity only – with or without mutual consent), the school will be excluded from post-season play in that sport for that season.

11.4.4.4 Cancellation of Officials - If officials have been requested for a varsity, junior varsity or freshman/sophomore contest that is cancelled or postponed (or a program that is cancelled) it is the responsibility of the school of the home team to notify the AIA Commissioner of Officials or his/her designee of the cancellation or postponement. *(Form 11.4-C)*

**11.5** **REPORTING RESULTS** – It is the responsibility of the HOME TEAM athletic administrator or assistant to report the regular season game results immediately utilizing an electronic score reporting tool as designated by the AIA Executive Board in team sports, or if not available at www.admin.aiaonline.org by 9:00 a.m. the day following the contest. In the case of a regional tournament or play-in game, it is the responsibility of the HOST SCHOOL to report all tournament results immediately utilizing an electronic score reporting tool as designated by the AIA Executive Board in team sports, or if not available, at www.admin.aiaonline.org by 9:00 a.m. the day following the contest. Failure to report an accurate result will cause the following progressive sanction(s) process per sport for each individual incident and in the time stated:

1st Level – **Cautionary Letter**
2nd Level – **Advisement** to that program
3rd Level – **Warning** to that program
4th Level – **Probation** to that program

11.5.1 In the case where a member school is competing out of Arizona, it is the responsibility of that school to report the result of the contest(s).

11.5.2 All regular season golf matches and invitational tournaments. It shall be the responsibility of the home school/site golf coach to administer the hole by hole “live scoring” golfer only feature on AzPreps365 golf App.

# ARTICLE 12

# POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

**12.1 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS** (Please see Tournament Guides for specific regulations and requirements)

12.1.1 AIA Responsibility and Authority – Final responsibility, mechanics and procedures for all tournaments is vested in the AIA Executive Board.

12.1.2 Post-Season Tournaments – Conferences may recommend that the AIA Executive Board sponsor a post-season championship tournament for any sport.

12.1.3 Championship Play-Offs – Any individual school not willing to participate in post-season tournaments in any sport must notify the AIA Executive Director in writing prior to the school's first scheduled game in that sport.

12.1.4 Tournament Signs – Signs are not permitted at any indoor tournament sponsored by the AIA.

12.1.5 Post-Season Tournament Representation/Participation – In order for a competitor to represent a school in a post-season tournament, that school must have a regularly organized program in that sport which shall include a minimum number of competitions as established by the AIA Executive Board.

12.1.6 How Region/Section Champions / Automatic Qualifiers are Determined

For purposes of determining the region/section champion/automatic qualifiers for the state tournament, it is based first on win percentage within region/section games only. Therefore, the region/section standings are sorted based on region/section win percentage.

If teams are tied on region/section win percentage, the tie breaker is as follows, and will be noted on the standings pages as such:

1. Head to Head in Region/Section Games
2. Overall Power Ranking
3. Conference/Division Win Percentage
4. Overall Win Percentage
5. Coin Flip if simply to break a tie for seeding

Seeding Tie Breaking Procedures for Team Sports

For purposes of determining the seeding in team sports for AIA related brackets, the criteria is the AIA Seeding powered by MaxPreps.

If teams are tied at season end in the AIA Seeding powered by MaxPreps, the tie breaker is as follows:

1. Head to Head
2. Conference/Division Win Percentage
3. Overall Win Percentage
4. Coin Flip if simply to break a tie for seeding
5. Mini playoff if to get into the tournament

# ARTICLE 13

# AWARDS

## 13.1 AWARDS, MEDALS AND TROPHIES

13.1.1 The AIA is responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards.

13.1.2 A school on probation or suspension in a particular sport shall not receive any trophy or recognition for achievement in that sport.

13.1.3 Schools may accept gifts (including money) from business establishments in accordance with their governing board policy. (Example: scoreboards with advertising).

13.1.4 A student competing as an individual may receive merchandise awards, medals, plaques or trophies, or an award of any kind, which has a retail purchase value of less than **$1000.00**, exclusive of engraving. The entry fee shall be paid by the participant. *(See Article 15, Section 11).*

13.1.5 Individual team members may not receive a reward, money, merchandise or gifts for being selected as the outstanding player of a particular game when athletic performance is the only basis for selection.

13.1.6 A school team may accept invitations from individuals, business or civic organizations honoring the team.

**13.2** **OVERALL EXCELLENCE AWARDS** – The E. A. Row (1A Conference), Don F. Stone (2A Conference and 3A Conference) and H. A. Hendrickson (4A Conference, 5A Conference) and Harold L. Slemmer (6A Conference) annual rotation trophies, plaques and permanent banners are awarded to schools with overall excellence in interscholastic activities. High schools are selected to receive these awards through the total points they have accumulated by their activity and excellence in music, speech and athletics.

13.2.1 **Overall Excellence Point System** – The following point system shall be used for selection of the recipients for the Overall Excellence Award.

13.2.1.1 Game Management – 5 points

13.2.1.2 Sportsmanlike Conduct – 5 points

13.2.1.3 Award one point for each activity participation.

13.2.1.4 Athletic championship points are as follows:

13.2.1.4.1 If 75% or more of the schools in a Conference are participating in the varsity sport, the points are:

| State Champion | State Runner-Up | Region/Section Champion |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | 8 | 4 |

13.2.1.4.2 If less than 75% of the schools in the Conference are participating in the varsity sport, the points are:

| State Champion | State Runner-Up | Region/Section Champion |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | 4 | 2 |

13.2.1.5 In case of a tie in any category, duplicate points will be awarded.

13.2.1.6 Deduct 12 points for each incident where corrective action is necessary, and 2 points for each late report, tournament information, etc.

13.2.1.7 Any school placed on WARNING or PROBATION for a violation which occurred during the current school year will not be eligible for the Overall Excellence Award.

**13.3** **TONY KOMADINA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GIRLS' ATHLETIC PROGRAM** – The Tony Komadina Award For Outstanding Girls' Athletic Program is presented annually to two schools (a 1A-3A Conference school and a 4A-6A Conference school), which have demonstrated the greatest advocacy of, and progress in, girls' athletics. The criteria and selection process to determine award recipients shall be as established by the AIA Executive Board.

**13.4** **THE GLEN TREADAWAY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP** – The Glen Treadaway Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship is presented annually to a school from each of the six conferences, which have demonstrated great sportsmanship from their teams, student bodies and fans. The criteria and selection process to determine award recipients shall be established by the AIA Executive Board.

# ARTICLE 14

# GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 14.1 RULES / PROCEDURES

14.1.1 The AIA Constitution, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures shall govern contests in sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA.

## 14.2 PRACTICE

14.2.1 No practice, contest, chalk talk or films are permitted on **Sunday** during the school year.

14.2.1.1 The school year shall commence the first week of permissive football practice.

14.2.2 AIA member schools may only practice with or scrimmage against their own school team during the interscholastic season of that sport as set forth in the appropriate Article of the Sport Policy.

## 14.3 MAXIMUM TEAMS PER SPORT / STUDENT GRADE LEVEL FOR TEAM PARTICIPATION

14.3.1 A member school shall have only one varsity team per sport.

14.3.1.1 Only students in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades may participate on a varsity team.

14.3.2 A member school may have multiple junior varsity and freshman/sophomore teams per sport.

14.3.2.1 A junior varsity team shall be limited to 9th, 10th and 11th grade students, with the exception of the 1A Conference.

14.3.2.1.1 EXCEPTION: Open races/events at cross country and track and field invitationals are permissible.

14.3.2.2 A freshman/sophomore team shall be limited to 9th and 10th grade students.

## 14.4 NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

14.4.1 A student who is a member or becomes a member of a school team shall not practice, have practiced or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport, or derivative of that sport that is not already sanctioned by the AIA during the interscholastic season of competition. This rule applies to the following team sports: football, flag football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track relay and swimming relay teams. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin on the competition date as set in the policies and procedures of each sport and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.

*DETERMINATION: An individual student may take private lessons anytime except during the school day or during school practice sessions. For purposes of this rule, individual private lesson means, and is limited to, no more than two distinct students and one coach/instructor. Schools shall not pay for, arrange or in any way provide these individual private lessons. Individual private lessons shall not be used to circumvent or evade the non-school participation rule and any such use of private lessons will be considered a violation of the non-school participation rule. (Ex. Bd. 2/18/03)*

*DETERMINATION:*
*Q: May a student practice or compete for any non-AIA team after the schools first regularly scheduled high school game and retain that year's high school eligibility?*
*A: No. The player has participated with a non-AIA team after the first schedule high school game, so that player has forfeited that year's eligibility. (Ex. Bd. 2/17/04)*

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14.4.1.1 EXCEPTION: Athletes are permitted to tryout for and compete with the U. S. Soccer Federation national team training camps and/or matches, as well as training camps or matches as a roster player in the Olympic Development Program state, regional, and/or national team.

*DETERMINATION*:
*Q: May an unattached swimmer or runner participate on a relay team during the school season of competition?*
*A: No. The AIA Executive Board determined that participation on relay teams other than the high school relay team during the school season of sport would be in violation of Section 14.4 Nonschool Participation. Participants would be subject to forfeiture of their eligibility for the balance of the season. (Ex. Bd. 12/77)*

14.4.2 **Tryouts/Workouts** – A student is permitted to participate in a maximum of two tryouts/workouts in any sport during that sport's season of competition. For purposes of this rule, a tryout/workout is defined as one for a professional team, a collegiate program, or for a national team. If a student participates in more than two tryouts/workouts, he/she shall be ineligible for the remainder of that sport's season of competition. **(Emergency Legislation 4/15/19)**

*DETERMINATION: Any ID Camp that is sponsored and held at a college/university meets the definition of a Tryout/Workout. An ID Camp that is not sponsored and held at a college/university must clearly indicate the college coaches that will be present in order to be considered a tryout/workout.*

14.4.3 Attendance at out of season activities and summer activities shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on athletic teams for failing to attend.

**14.5 INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**

14.5.1 A student competing as an individual and in his/her name shall not be coached by, transported by, financed by, or chaperoned by the school or school personnel. He/She shall not be identified as a representative of the school. He/She shall not use any school equipment when competing.

14.5.2 Any swimmer or runner, who competes outside of their school team during the season of sport, must compete UNATTACHED from the school.

**14.6 SUSPENDED FOOTBALL GAME PROTOCOLS** – After further review of AIA bylaws, policy and NFHS rules, the AIA Executive Board on 13 September 2011 reviewed and addressed concerns related to games being interrupted because of event beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority. Games shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the game. In the event of a cancellation, postponement, termination, or forfeiture of a game due to inclement weather, the following guidelines will be applied and put in place to promote cooperation between the school administrators, coaches and officials promoting the safest environment at all AIA events.

**CATASTROPHIC OR POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC INJURY**

**(Game is stopped and player has a defined catastrophic injury, or evaluation is in process)**

1. Official(s) have determined that either a catastrophic injury has occurred, or that the injury sustained is potentially catastrophic (Decision reached following consultation with available medical personnel or trainers).
2. FB: Rule 3.3 and/or Rule 3.4 will be invoked. All other sports shall be handled as per the rulebook.

**FOOTBALL WEATHER RELATED SCENARIO**

1. In all sports, the NFHS "Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances", found in all sports rulebooks for outdoor sports, **will** be followed (Located in Rule Book Appendixes).
2. **The decision to stop play and resume play is determined by the officials. This decision can and should be made in consultation with school administrators and/or coaches.**
3. Pressure to complete or resume a game should never outweigh the safety of the players or fans.
4. **In the event that a Football Game has been suspended** and is in a weather related delay, the following options are available for conclusion of the event:
    a. Wait out the delay and complete the game when conditions warrant.
    b. Complete the suspended game from the point of interruption at a later date.
    c. One team forfeits to the other and statistics are nullified.
    d. The teams agree to terminate the contest at the point of interruption, keep the score, and the statistics up to the point of interruption shall count. The game is entered on www.aiaonline.org with the score of the game.
    e. In the case **where a game is tied and terminated during regulation play or OT**, the game will be recorded as a tie. The host school must notify the AIA staff that the game concluded as a tie so that the AIA staff may enter the result. The game will show as a tie result in the AIA system.
    f. Game is "cancelled", game is not used in the computation of ranking. The game is entered on www.aiaonline.org as cancelled.

**14.7 ALL-STAR COMPETITION**

14.7.1 **POSITION STATEMENT**
The member schools of the AIA oppose all-star competition during the school year and shall oppose all efforts of any organization, agency or individual to establish such competition.

14.7.2 During the school year, administrators and coaches shall decline any invitation to participate in all-star competition, shall refrain from recommending any student athlete for all-star competition and shall refuse to provide use of any high school facility for all-star competition, unless specifically sanctioned in advance by the Executive Board.

**14.8 COACHES / PLAYER PARTICIPATION** – Contest participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

**14.9 AIA PASSES** —The AIA Executive Board shall have the responsibility and authority to approve and issue all types of passes and may, at its discretion, issue any type of pass to any individual it deems deserving. An AIA pass which has been approved and issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 14, Section 14.9 of the AIA Bylaws shall grant admittance to any AIA sanctioned event. Should a pass be found in the possession of a person other than the named holder, said pass will be confiscated and the named holder will lose the privilege of an AIA pass for one year from the date of confiscation.

14.9.1 **Lifetime Pass** – A Lifetime Pass shall admit the name holder and one guest to any member high school interscholastic competition. The holder of a Lifetime Pass shall not be eligible for any other type of AIA pass.

An application for a Lifetime Pass shall be submitted on Form 14.9 (Request for Lifetime Pass).

14.9.1.1 **25 Years of Service** – Athletic administrators, coaches, officials, athletic trainers and spiritline sponsors who have completed 25 separate years of specific service or combined service as an athletic administrator, coach, official athletic trainer or spiritline sponsor at AIA member schools.

14.9.1.2 **AIA Executive Board Member** – A member of the AIA Executive Board who has served a full term of office.

14.9.1.3 **Meritorious** – A superintendent or principal of an AIA member school may submit a request for a meritorious Lifetime Pass on behalf of an individual he/she believes has contributed to the overall goals and objectives of the AIA on the **state level**. Such a request shall indicate the rationale for the request, including documentation of the individuals' contribution to Arizona's interscholastic athletic or activity programs.

14.9.2 **Complimentary Pass** – A Complimentary Pass shall admit the holder and one guest to any member high school interscholastic competition.

14.9.2.1 Each year member schools that have paid their annual dues and fees shall receive the number of complimentary passes specified below under their Conference classification:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1A Conference | Member School | 19 |
| 1A Conference | District Office | 15 |
| 2A Conference | Member School | 20 |
| 2A Conference | District Office | 15 |
| 3A Conference | Member School | 21 |
| 3A Conference | District Office | 15 |
| 4A Conference | Member School | 32 |
| 4A Conference | District Office | 20 |
| 5A Conference | Member School | 33 |
| 5A Conference | District Office | 20 |
| 6A Conference | Member School | 33 |
| 6A Conference | District Office | 20 |

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14.9.2.1.1 Upon receipt of a completed annual "Member High School Profile," the AIA office shall send, via email, the allowed number of complimentary pass codes. The member school and district office shall be responsible for determining which school personnel and governing board members are to receive a complimentary pass.

14.9.2.1.1.1 Any individual who has been issued a Lifetime Pass shall not be eligible to receive a Complimentary Pass. *(See Article 14, Section 11, Paragraph 1)*

14.9.2.1.1.2 Replacement of a Complimentary Pass - A request for replacement of a complimentary pass must be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

14.9.3 **Press Pass** – A Press Pass shall admit the named holder only to any member high school interscholastic competition. Media personnel assigned to cover interscholastic events may be provided a Press Pass. Media organizations shall submit a list of the employees they desire to hold a Press Pass for AIA Executive Board consideration.

**14.10 NATIONAL ANTHEM** – The AIA encourages the playing of the national anthem at all athletic contests.

**14.11 DISCRIMINATION**

14.11.1 A school may sponsor separate teams for members of each sex in a particular sport or a mixed-sex team in a particular sport, except that a school shall not offer the following sports on a mixed-sex team basis: softball / badminton / volleyball / flag football.

14.11.2 To compensate for the lack of opportunity for girls in interscholastic activities, the following sports shall be offered for girls only: badminton / softball / flag football.

14.11.3 A school may offer volleyball only for girls and not offer volleyball for boys.

14.11.4 Since boys historically have had ample opportunity for participation, and currently have available sufficient avenues for interscholastic participation, boys are not allowed to qualify for girls' teams in the following sports: badminton / softball / volleyball / flag football. To allow boys to qualify for girls' teams in these sports would displace girls from those teams and further limit girls' opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletics.

14.11.5 A school may offer badminton, flag football, softball, beach volleyball and volleyball for boys if sanctioned by the AIA membership in accordance with the AIA Constitution and Bylaws.

14.11.6 Whenever a school provides a team(s) for boys and a team(s) for girls in the same sport, girls shall not be permitted to qualify for the boys' team(s) in that sport, nor shall boys be permitted to qualify for the girls' team(s) in that sport.

DETERMINATION**:** *The Executive Board determined that baseball and softball are considered two separate sports and that the current AIA Constitution and Bylaws does not contain a rule, which excludes girls from participating in baseball. (Ex. Bd. 2/20/96)*

14.11.7 In the case of a mixed-sex team and a single-sex team, the mixed-sex team shall compete only against a boys' team or another mixed-sex team.

# ARTICLE 15

# STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

## 15.1 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

15.1.1 All participants in interscholastic activities must be in compliance with all student eligibility rules. The student eligibility rules are enumerated and presented in detail in Article 15 of the AIA Bylaws.

15.1.1.1 Failure to meet all eligibility requirements by all participants while participating in an interscholastic event may result in forfeiture or disqualification by the offending school and/or such other disciplinary action as the AIA Executive Board may impose. The disciplinary actions authorized in the event of a violation of the AIA rules and regulations are: Advisement, Warning, Probation, Disqualification and Forfeiture. (*See Article 16, Section 1)* The AIA Executive Board shall consider possible violations of the AIA rules and regulations at its regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting. A special meeting to hear a violation report may be called by the President of the AIA Executive Board at any time deemed necessary. The President shall call a special meeting when so directed by a majority of the AIA Executive Board. At the discretion of the AIA Executive Board, said special meeting may be held by telephone conference call.

## 15.2 APPLICATION OF STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

15.2.1 No part of the student eligibility rules shall be set aside, nor shall any attempt be made to set aside by mutual agreement of any participating schools or their agents, for any contest whatsoever. The student eligibility rules shall not be supplemented or supplanted in any contest under the jurisdiction of the AIA.

15.2.2 The student eligibility rules apply to all interscholastic competition in sports governed by the association and portions thereof to nonathletic activities, as applicable, and as set forth in Articles 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 of the AIA Bylaws.

15.2.3 Prior to participation, the school principal or his/her designated representative shall have determined that each participant is in compliance with all provisions of the eligibility rules as enumerated in Article 15.

## 15.3 ENROLLMENT RULE

15.3.1 Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition, team practices and tryouts. For purposes of this rule, a student's school of enrollment is defined as the school where the student's permanent grades/records are maintained and from which the student will be eligible to graduate.

15.3.1.1 EXCEPTION: A home school student may be eligible if said student is in compliance with A.R.S. §15-802.01.

15.3.1.2 Online Charter School Students – Notwithstanding any other bylaw, a student who is enrolled in an Arizona online charter school and who is domiciled within the attendance zone of a member school, may be allowed to try out for interscholastic athletics and activities on behalf of that member school, if permitted by the member school's governing board. On an annual basis, prior to the beginning of the school year, the member school governing board shall determine by formal board action whether it will permit online charter school students to try out for interscholastic athletics and activities and said board determination will remain in effect for that school year. If permitted, the member school may charge online charter school students additional fees to participate in interscholastic athletics and activities.

All other eligibility requirements shall apply to online charter school students consistent with requirements established for students enrolled in that member school, including but not limited to, that the online charter school shall submit to the member school written verification that, in a manner and timeline that is consistent with the member school's policies, the student is both: 1) receiving a passing grade in each course or subject being taught, and 2) maintaining satisfactory progress towards advancement or promotion.

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A student who is enrolled in an online charter school and who was previously enrolled in a school that is part of a school district is not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics or activities for the remainder of the school year during which the student was enrolled in a school that is part of a school district.

15.3.2 In order to establish eligibility for that season, a student's initial attendance shall be no later than the 14th official school day of the season. If a student's initial attendance occurs after the 14th official school day of the season, he/she is ineligible for that season.

*DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Director, as designee of the AIA Executive Board, may rule on the eligibility of a student who enrolls after the 14th official school day of a session.*

## 15.4 ACADEMIC RULE

15.4.1 A student must be enrolled in a minimum of five courses the first six semesters of high school and a minimum as determined by the district during the seventh and eighth semesters. The configuration and method of course delivery shall be as determined by the member school.

## 15.5 DOMICILE

15.5.1 Domicile – Except as otherwise stated in Article 15, a domicile is a place where a person has his/her true, fixed and permanent home, and to which, whenever absent, he or she has the intention of returning. A student shall have only one domicile for the purposes of these eligibility rules.

15.5.2 Special Domicile Placements

15.5.2.1 Ninth-Grade Enrollment – Except as stated in 15.15, an eighth-grade student graduate enrolling in the ninth grade for the first time may attend any member high school and be eligible for interscholastic activities. This recognizes the concept of open enrollment. Upon any transfer by the student after the initial enrollment in the ninth grade, the Transfer Rule applies.

15.5.2.2 Legal Guardian – Except in the case of a foreign exchange student or an international student under 15.15, a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction may be declared eligible at the school in attendance zone in which said legal guardian is domiciled by petitioning as outlined in the AIA Bylaws under Article 15, Section 15.14 Hardship. For purposes of this rule, a court of competent jurisdiction does not include courts outside the United States.

*DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Director, as designee of the AIA Executive Board, may rule on the eligibility of a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction.*

15.5.2.2.1 EXCEPTION: If a legal guardianship appointment has been in effect for at least two years prior to the student's participation in interscholastic competition, it shall not be necessary to petition the AIA Executive Board for domicile hardship eligibility.

15.5.2.2.2 The use in interscholastic competition of a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed, without compliance with the above requirements, shall constitute the use of an ineligible player.

15.5.2.2.3 Where it is determined by the Executive Board or the Executive Director that athletic motivation and/or circumvention of AIA domicile requirements is involved in the legal guardianship, this is sufficient in and of itself for denial of the hardship request (see 15.14.1.4).

15.5.2.3 Ward of the Court - A student who is a ward of the court or the state and is placed in a school by court order may become eligible for interscholastic competition at that school by petitioning for and receiving approval of the AIA Executive Board as outlined in the AIA Bylaws under Article 15, Section 14 Hardship.

15.5.2.4 Dual Enrollment - A student registered in dual enrollment or in special programs at a school outside the attendance zone within that school district in which his/her parents are domiciled is eligible to participate in interscholastic competition at the school where the student's permanent records are maintained. The student is eligible for interscholastic competition at that school only.

15.5.2.5 District Alternative School Students - Students attending a Cognia Commission on Accreditation & School Improvement accredited alternative school that is void of any AIA interscholastic activity programs are eligible to participate in such activities at their home school (school of domicile). All AIA and school district eligibility requirements must be met.

15.5.2.6 Deaf and Blind Students

15.5.2.6.1 A student enrolled in an AIA member school who also qualifies for enrollment at Phoenix Day School for the Deaf or Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall have primary interscholastic eligibility at the school in which he/she is enrolled. In the event the handicap precludes the student from participating in an activity at the school in which the student is enrolled, the student shall have eligibility at one of the aforementioned special program schools for that activity while maintaining enrollment and attendance at the school where enrolled.

15.5.2.6.2 If an Arizona state school for the deaf and blind does not offer a particular AIA sanctioned sport or activity, a student enrolled in said school may participate in that sport or activities at the AIA public member school nearest to the state school for the deaf and blind or at the AIA public member school in which the student's parents or legal guardians are domiciled. The student is not eligible under this provision without the mutual consent of the sending and receiving school principals.

15.5.2.7 First Time Enrollment from Out of State – Except as stated in 15.15, an out of state student whose parents/legal guardian have changed their domicile to and is attending high school for the first time in Arizona may attend any member high school without the transfer ineligibility period(s) provided under 15.10.1 and 15.10.2 be eligible for interscholastic activities and shall not be considered a transfer. A subsequent transfer will result in a period of ineligibility under 15.10.

15.5.2.7.1 If a first time from out of state transfer occurs during the season in which the student has practiced or participated for a team during the current season, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport. Excluding any military transfer students. *(Emergency Legislation – 9/19/2025)*
NOTE: The hardship appeal process may be utilized if deemed necessary by the member school.

## 15.6 AGE LIMIT / BIRTH RECORD RULE

15.6.1 Age Limits – If a student becomes 19 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of that school year.

15.6.2 Birth Records – Acceptable record of birth shall be submitted before a student's name is placed on an eligibility list for varsity participation. Acceptable records shall be:

15.6.2.1 Certified Birth Certificate – One certified by the appropriate state agency.

15.6.2.2 Acceptable Substitutes – Hospital Certificate of Birth with seal or appropriate signature; a Department of Commerce Certificate; a Bureau of Immigration Certificate; a Department of Justice Certificate; a Certificate of Indian Blood signed and sealed by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; a birth registration card issued by the State of Arizona Department of Health Services with seal; or a passport issued to a United States citizen (born in the United States or a naturalized citizen) by the State Department of the United States.

15.6.2.3 Verification of Birth – Verification of birth may also be established when three reputable sources of information acceptable to the AIA Executive Board all agree as to the date of birth (i.e., school records, immunization records, etc.). Such documents must demonstrate utilization of the birth date over an extended period of time (i.e., each document should reflect issue dates encompassing a number of years).

15.6.3 Birth Record Retention – A record of the certified birth certificate or an acceptable substitute shall be kept on file by the school. The certified birth certificate or acceptable substitute should be returned to the student.

**15.7 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE**

15.7.1 A student shall not be allowed to practice or compete in interscholastic athletics until there is on file with the principal or his/her designee a record of a preparticipation physical examination (PPE) performed by a doctor of medicine (M.D.), an osteopathic physician (D.O.), a naturopathic physician (N.D., N.M.D.), a certified registered nurse practitioner (N.P.) licensed to practice, a certified physician's assistant (PA-C) registered by the Joint Board Of Medical Examiners and the Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, or a certified chiropractic sports physician (CCSP). The physical examination for the following school year shall be given **on or after March 1**. The physical examination on file shall be signed by one of the aforementioned medical providers and shall state that, in the opinion of the examining provider, the provider did not find any medical reason to disqualify the student from practice or competition in athletic contests. The principal or his/her designee, if deemed advisable, may require a student to be reexamined.

15.7.2 Member schools shall utilize the physical examination forms provided by the AIA. There shall be four parts:

15.7.2.1 **Part One – Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation** – To be completed and signed by the parent or guardian and student athlete. (*See Form 15.7-A*).

15.7.2.2 **Part Two – Annual Preparticipation Physical Examination –** To be completed and signed by the examining medical provider. (*See Form 15.7-B*).

15.7.2.3 **Part Three – Annual Preparticipation Acknowledgement** – To be completed and signed by parent or guardian and student athlete. (*See Form 15.7-C*).

15.7.2.4 **Part Four – Annual Preparticipation Consent to Treat Form** – to be completed and signed by the parent or guardian and student athlete *(See Form 15.7-D).*

**15.8 PARENTAL OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT RULE** – Parental or legal guardian consent is required before a student can be eligible to practice or compete in interscholastic competition. All students shall have on file with the principal or his/her designee appropriate permission in which the parent or legal guardian authorized participation.

15.8.1 It is recommended that such authorization state:

I/We give our permission for _____ to participate in organized interscholastic athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports. I/We acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, the injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, quadriplegia or even death.

I/We acknowledge that I/we have read and understand this warning.

_____

Parent/Guardian

_____

Player

**15.9 MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION RULE** – After a student first enrolls in the ninth grade, he/she has a maximum of eight semesters of opportunity and a maximum of four seasons of opportunity in each sport or activity. **Semesters 1-8 must be consecutive.**

15.9.1 Enrollment for at least fifteen school days during any semester, or participation in any interscholastic contest, constitutes a semester of opportunity and a season of opportunity.

15.9.2 A student's ineligibility during any semester or season does not affect application of the Maximum Participation rule and does not extend the number of semesters of opportunity or seasons of opportunity.

15.9.3 During a school year a student shall be eligible to participate in only one season of competition per sport, except freshman/sophomore tennis.

15.9.4 Absence for Reason Other Than Confinement or Disabling Illness of Self or Immediate Family – A student absent from school for a period of more than ten consecutive school days for reasons other than a disabling illness or injury of himself/herself or a member of his/her immediate family shall be ineligible for the remainder of the semester or until he/she has been in attendance for the same number of days as he/she was absent. (*See Article 15, Section 3, Paragraph 5*).

15.9.5 Any period during which a student is not enrolled or is out of school due to suspension, expulsion or removal for disciplinary reasons shall be included for purposes of the Maximum Participation Rule.

**15.10** **TRANSFER RULE** – Except as stated in 15.10.6, after enrolling and attending one or more classes, a student changing enrollment from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) shall be considered a transferring student. For information and record keeping purposes, the receiving and sending school shall reasonably cooperate and complete Form 550.

15.10.1 In team sports, a student shall be ineligible for all power ranked contests at the varsity level until after the first 50% of the maximum allowable Power Rankings regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility. In sports permitting invitationals/tournaments, the student shall be ineligible for the first invitational/tournament no matter where the first invitational is in the regular season schedule. Participation is defined as a student participating in the sport during a regular season game as is specified by the AIA standardized calendar.

15.10.2 For individual sports, the student will be ineligible for 50% of scheduled opportunities, including invitationals/tournaments for that school.

15.10.3 In case of any subsequent transfer by the student, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school.

15.10.4 A transfer student who plays only in sub-varsity competitions shall have immediate eligibility but is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in regular season, tournaments, and post-season competitions for the season in that sport. A decision to participate only at sub-varsity levels must be made prior to the season of competition and prior to filing a hardship. If a decision is made to file a hardship, playing sub varsity is not an option. Sub-varsity as an option to all 9-11 grade transfers with the exception of a recruited player or player with prior contact (15.12), an in-season transfer that school year (15.10.5), or any athlete who has a hardship heard by the Hardship Appeals Committee (15.14).

15.10.5 If a transfer occurs during the season in which the student participated (competed) during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport. If the transfer occurs during the season in which the student has practiced or tried out for a team during the current season, the student is ineligible for the remainder of the season in that sport. The season of sport ending is defined by the end of the regular season of competition on the Quick Glance Calendar of the sending school in that sport.

15.10.6 A transfer from an AIA member school (sending school) to a non-AIA member school that does not offer any interscholastic athletics, will not be considered a transfer.

15.10.6.1 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school back to the sending school will also not be considered a transfer under 15.10.

15.10.6.2 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school to an AIA member school other than the sending school will result in a transfer rule period of ineligibility under 15.10.

15.10.7 (Form 550) - The sending school administration shall provide to the receiving school, via Form 550, the verification of activities in which a transferring student has participated. The receiving and sending school(s) shall **reasonably cooperate and complete Form 550.** Upon receipt by the receiving school of a completed Form 550, assuming all other eligibility requirements are met, the student becomes eligible for all interscholastic activities except for those activities in which the student has competed during the current or previous school year.

"Statement of Philosophy / Rationale for Transfer Rule"

- Promotes the educational philosophy that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege, which should not take a dominant role over academics;
- Recognizes the overwhelming administrative difficulty in attempting to determine the motives or reasons for each and every transfer, and, therefore, adopts a uniform objective standard to be followed by all member schools.
- Helps to protect opportunities for participation by students who attend school in the attendance zone of their domicile;
- Helps to protect and promote continuity of school programs;
- Serves as a deterrent to students running from or avoiding an athletic discipline that has been or may be imposed;
- Except as otherwise stated, this rule is intended to and shall encompass any and all transfer situations and shall apply to any and all member schools, be they public, private or parochial.
  *NOTE: The fact that a student may or may not have paid tuition has no bearing on the applicability of transfer rules.*

15.10.8 **For the purposes of 15.10.6**, a student enrolled at an AIA member school, who chooses to participate on a different team that competes in high school games during the AIA season of sport is considered a transfer. **This rule applies to the 12 months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility**.

15.10.8.1 A return back to the student's original AIA member school program shall be considered a **first** transfer with an ineligibility period the same as described in 15.10.1.

15.10.8.2 A subsequent transfer of eligibility to an AIA member school other than the original school will result in the student being ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school.

15.10.9 School Closures / Drop of AIA Membership – Upon closure or drop of AIA membership by the governing board, students may transfer at the beginning of the following semester to another school in the district as approved by the governing board, to the public high school of another district closest to the domicile of the parents, or to a private, parochial or BIE school and be automatically granted athletic eligibility.

15.10.10 When Sport or Nonathletic Activity Is Dropped by School – When a sport or nonathletic activity is dropped, a student may transfer to a school that offers that sport or nonathletic activity and shall be eligible only in the sport or nonathletic activity that has been dropped at the school from which the student transferred. Said eligibility will be granted when the student enrolls in one of the following schools:

15.10.10.1 A private or parochial high school in the county in which the parents are domiciled.

15.10.10.2 The public high school within the same school district closest to the domicile of the parents.

15.10.10.3 In the event the district does not offer the sport or nonathletic activity in any of its schools, the student may transfer to the public high school of another district closest to the domicile of the parents.

15.10.10.4 The transfer rule shall apply to other interscholastic sports and activities in which the student participates.

15.10.11 Disciplinary Removal - A student suspended, expelled or otherwise removed for disciplinary reasons, athletically and/or academically as imposed by the school or state association, including revocation or non-renewal of open enrollment, from one high school shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition in any other high school for one year or until all conditions for re-admittance have been fulfilled at the high school where the suspension, expulsion, open enrollment revocation or removal for disciplinary reasons occurred, whichever occurs first. (Emergency Legislation – 9/19/2025)

## 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-athlete may benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness (NIL) provided the NIL is not connected to his/her AIA sanctioned high school team or activity program. NIL activities consistent with the guidelines in AIA bylaw 15.11.1.2 will not result in loss of amateur status. NIL activities may not be utilized to violate AIA bylaw 15.12 (Recruitment Rule). A student that is in violation of this bylaw 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 which violates the guidelines in AIA bylaw 15.11.1.2.

15.11.1.2 **NIL Guidelines:** A student-athlete may benefit from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL) provided:

15.11.1.2.1 The compensation is not contingent on athletic performance or achievement
15.11.1.2.2 The compensation is not an incentive to enroll in or remain enrolled at a specific school.

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15.11.1.2.3 The compensation is not provided by the school, a booster club, a collective, or any person/entity acting as an agent on behalf of the school or athletic program.

- No student-athlete may be a member of nor receive compensation or any other benefit from a Collective or NIL Club. A Collective is defined as any group organized or existing for the purpose of compensating or benefiting an individual student athlete or a group of student athletes of a member school. NIL Clubs are defined as a group of student athletes organized or existing for the purpose of soliciting funds or other benefits from fans, members or other sources, managing or promoting NIL activities of student athletes or otherwise providing funds or other benefits to an individual student athlete or group of student athletes.
- Booster Clubs are not considered Collectives or NIL Clubs if such Booster Club is operated under the supervision of a member school and provides monetary or other benefits to school athlete facilities, school athletic equipment, school team meals or other school team benefits rather than to an individual student athlete or group of student athletes.

15.11.1.2.4 Intellectual property - No "marks" may be used including, but not limited to, school or district name, logo, uniforms, mascots, or any AIA logo

15.11.1.2.5 No school or district apparel or equipment shall be worn or used that includes school or district name, logo, uniforms, mascots, or any AIA logo.

15.11.1.2.6 No AIA member school facility may be used for the purpose of NIL activities.

15.11.1.2.7 No activities in conflict with a member school's district policy may be endorsed. (Examples include, but are not limited to, tobacco products, alcohol products and controlled substances).

15.11.1.2.8 Within five (5) school days of entering into any NIL contract/agreement, a student, or the student's parents/guardians, must notify the school's Athletic Director of the agreement.

15.11.1.2.9 Students and their families should seek professional guidance regarding collegiate financial aid, NCAA clearinghouse, legal and/or tax implications, among other concerns.

15.11.2 An amateur athlete is one who has never used or is not using his/her knowledge of athletics or athletic skill in an athletic contest for financial gain.

*<u>DETERMINATION</u>: The AIA Executive Board determined that an amateur may receive merchandise awards that do not exceed the limit as set forth in Article 13, Section 1.*

15.11.3 A person who has lost his/her amateur standing in any AIA sanctioned sport loses his/her amateur standing in all sports in interscholastic competition for a maximum of one full calendar year from the date of discovery of the infraction or until reinstated by the AIA Executive Board.

15.11.4 Amateur athletes shall retain their amateur standing even though they participate during the summer vacation in schools or clinics sponsored by professionals. *(See Article 14, Section 9)*.

15.11.5 Individual students may receive monetary rewards for participation in luck-of-the-draw or lottery-type programs. This type of competition must be limited to individual type competition and not put one contestant against another. There is no limit on the amount of monetary award for this type of competition. (Examples: Shooting baskets at half-time at professional basketball games; shooting hockey pucks at goals during intermissions at hockey events).

15.11.6 Amateur athletes shall participate and always have participated under their own name

15.11.7 An amateur athlete shall not compete for money or other monetary compensation.

15.11.7.1 Amateur athletes may receive actual expenses for participating in out-of-town games. This amount shall not exceed the state of Arizona per diem.

15.11.7.2 Amateur athletes may receive a fee for officiating non-interscholastic high school and non-intercollegiate sports without jeopardizing their amateur standing.

15.11.7.3 Amateur athletes shall retain their amateur standing even though they receive compensation from private clubs for instructing students not enrolled in high school.

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15.11.7.4 Amateur athletes shall retain their amateur standing even though they receive compensation from state, county, city, parks or recreation departments.

15.11.7.5 Amateur athletes may enter a tournament with or against professionals without jeopardizing their amateur standing providing they do not receive, or anyone receives for them, any monetary awards, gift certificates or merchandise awards which exceed the limits as set forth in Article 13.1.4.

15.11.8 Except for a Letter of Intent to attend a college or university, amateur athletes shall not enter into any agreement with any corporation, association, partnership or individual for their services as an athlete until they have terminated their attendance in high school. This includes professional clubs and/or teams for training and competition.

15.11.9 An amateur athlete, or any member of his/her family, shall not receive remuneration, either directly or indirectly; such remuneration being given to influence the student or the family to reside in a given high school district for purposes of establishing the student's eligibility on a team and/or participation with a club and/or team in the form of a scholarship and/or room and board. *(See also Article 15, Section 12)*.

15.11.10 A student may participate and receive monetary awards in non-interscholastic and/or non AIA sanctioned activities/contests (such as rodeo, boxing, bowling, judo) and be classified as an amateur under AIA rules. *(See Article 11, Section 1, Paragraph 2*).

**15.12** **RECRUITMENT RULE** – There shall be no recruitment of athletes. Recruitment is defined as the act 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. No school administrator, athletic coach or employee of a high school district shall engage in recruitment either by direct contact with a student or indirectly through parents, legal guardians, common school employees, directors of summer athletic programs or other persons who are in a position to influence the student's choice of a school.

15.12.1 If the recruitment rule is violated, the student will not be eligible at a member school until reinstated by the AIA Executive Board.

15.12.2 If school personnel condone or actively engage in recruitment or a school uses a recruited student, the school shall be subject to disciplinary action by the AIA Executive Board. *(See Article 16, Section 1)*.

15.12.3 Contact procedures used in the soliciting of students to enroll in any public, private or parochial school shall be the same for all students.

15.12.4 Interpretations

15.12.4.1 Funds which have been donated to schools by clubs and individuals may be given as financial aid to students through the normal financial aid program of the school for all students, without regard to athletic potential. Financial aid based even partially on athletic potential or performance is not permitted from the school or from groups that exist because of or for the benefit of the school (e.g., booster clubs).

15.12.4.2 Individuals not exclusively representing athletic interests of a high school may make general presentations (not just athletic) to eighth grade students (not just athletes). There should be a variety of presenters, speaking on a variety of topics to students of all interests.

15.12.4.3 It is a violation of this section for a coach or any other unauthorized representative of a school to suggest or promise that any part of tuition will be waived for a prospective student for any reason, including financial need. The only person who may address the possibility of fee reduction is that person who has specific responsibility for admissions and financial aid policies and procedures.

15.12.4.4 If it is a faculty member's responsibility to recruit students (not just athletes) and that person makes such contact irrespective of athletic eligibility, such contact is permitted. However, anything done for an athlete that is not done in a comparable fashion for all students is a violation of the Recruitment Rule.

15.12.4.5 When a student at a junior high/middle school or other high school, or the parents of that student, contacts the coach about attending the coach's school, the coach shall refer the student or parent to the appropriate school personnel (those who have the responsibilities for seeking and processing prospective students).

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15.12.4.6 A high school coach may not initiate contact with a student at a junior high/middle school or other high school, or the parents of that student, about attendance at the school. It is not a violation for a coach to have normal community contact with a student who attends a junior high/middle school of the same system, which is a feeder to the high school.

15.12.4.7 It is a violation of the Recruitment Rule if coaches or their representatives call, send questionnaires, cards or letters or visit prospective athletes and their families for the purpose of evaluating and recruiting specific prospective athletes.

15.12.4.8 High school coaches or their representatives may not attend grade school or youth sports games (e.g., Pop Warner) for the purpose of evaluating and recruiting specific prospective athletes.

15.12.4.9 High school coaches and administrators may not request booster clubs, parents, players, former players or alumni from the high school to discuss the merits of their athletic program with prospective athletes or their parents by phone, in person or through letters.

15.12.4.10 Any high school may allow all students of any junior high/middle school to attend its athletic events without charge.

15.12.4.11 Persons "indirectly associated with the school" include, but are not limited to, parents of players and booster club members. Such persons are prohibited from providing or performing any of the examples of recruitment listed in this section and its interpretations.

15.12.4.12 Examples of recruitment shall include, but are not limited to:

15.12.4.12.1 Offer or acceptance of money or other valuable consideration such as free or reduced tuition during the regular year or summer school by anyone connected with the school.
15.12.4.12.2 Offer or acceptance of room, board or clothing or financial allotment for clothing.
15.12.4.12.3 Offer or acceptance of pay for work that is not performed or that is in excess of the amount regularly paid for such service.
15.12.4.12.4 Offer or acceptance of free transportation by any school connected person.
15.12.4.12.5 Offer or acceptance of a residence with any school connected person.
15.12.4.12.6 Offer or acceptance of any privilege not afforded to non-athletes.
15.12.4.12.7 Offer or acceptance of free or reduced rent for parents.
15.12.4.12.8 Offer or acceptance of payment of moving expenses of parents or assistance with the moving of parents.
15.12.4.12.9 Offer or acceptance of employment of parent(s) in order to entice the family to move to a certain community if someone connected with the school makes the offer.
15.12.4.12.10 Offer or acceptance of help in securing a college athletic scholarship.

15.12.4.13 **OPEN HOUSE** – The intent of an open house is to allow incoming students to gather information regarding curriculum, programs, and the admissions process. Coaches may provide general information to prospective incoming students but no specific details or enticements as to participation if they were to enroll.

15.12.4.14 **PRIOR CONTACT** – Prefatory statement: In an effort to preserve and promote competitive fairness, and consistent with the AIA's mission to ensure that academics remain the primary focus of its member schools, the Prior Contact rule is an effort to deter recruiting of student-athletes and minimize athletically motivated transfers. However, the rule applies regardless of whether there is any evidence of athletic motivation or recruitment.

Despite compliance with the other provisions of AIA Bylaws, a student who transfers from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) is ineligible in the sport involved for one year from the date of attendance at the receiving school, if any of the following circumstances existed during the one year preceding the transfer:

- The student participated or practiced as an individual, on a school team, or on a non-school team coached, directed, supervised, managed, coordinated, owned or operated by any of the receiving school's coaches (in the sport involved), administrators or parents.

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- The student participated or attended an open gym, open weight room, or open athletic facilities at the receiving school. For this circumstance, the sport involved is deemed to be any interscholastic sport in which the student has participated or practiced during the current or previous school year.

- A coach at the receiving school has served as a personal trainer, coach, conditioner or instructor for the student. For this circumstance, the sport involved is deemed to be any interscholastic sport in which the student has participated or practiced during the current or previous school year.

- The student participated or attended a camp, clinic, combine, showcase or similar event where a coach, trainer, or instructor in the sport involved at the receiving school worked, whether on a paid or volunteer basis.

As used in this rule, the term "coach" includes any person who coaches, volunteers, manages, administers, or assists in any capacity with the coaching or training of the school or non-school team, regardless of compensation or contract status. No personal relationship, individual instruction or direct contact between the coach and the student is required for application of this rule. For example, a coach of a football team, regardless of position or group he/she coaches, is considered to be a coach of the entire football team, at all levels (freshman, junior varsity, varsity), and this rule applies. ***(Emergency Legislation – 3/1/2019)***

15.12.4.14.1 <u>During Summer Enrollment</u> – Beginning with the week identified in the AIA calendar as summer and ending with the week that begins fall practice, a student is considered to have transferred when the student has demonstrated intent to enroll in the receiving school. Intent is identified by the school or school district.

**15.13 <u>ELIGIBILITY APPEAL PROCEDURES</u>**

15.13.1 In the case of an alleged hardship, a member school may appeal on behalf of a student his/her ineligibility by utilizing the process provided in AIA Bylaw 15.14, Hardship. (Form 15.10)

15.13.2 In all other cases, a member school may appeal on behalf of a student his/her ineligibility by notifying the Executive Director of the appeal in writing, setting out fully and completely the basis for the appeal. The Executive Director, utilizing the authority under AIA Bylaw 7.2.3.7, shall respond in writing within a reasonable time. Should the member school disagree with the determination of the Executive Director, it may ask that the matter be considered by the Executive Board (AIA Bylaw 7.2.3.7).

15.13.3 <u>Review of Prior AIA Hardship Appeals Decision</u> - The AIA Executive Board may review prior decisions regarding eligibility of a student at any regular or special meeting provided:

15.13.3.1 Substantially new and different information has been submitted in written form to the AIA Executive Director.

15.13.3.2 If, in the opinion of the AIA Executive Director, the information is not new and different, the item will not be placed on the agenda.

**15.14 <u>HARDSHIP (Form 15.10)</u>** - In individual hardship cases the AIA Executive Board or the Hardship Appeals Committee may, at their discretion and upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, waive or modify the Enrollment Rule (Article 15, Section 3, Paragraph 4 only), Domicile Rule (Article 15, Section 5), Maximum Participation Rule (Article 15, Section 9, Paragraph 1 only), Transfer Rule (Article 15, Section 10), and/or Recruitment Rule (Article 15.12.4.14 only), and/or the International Student Eligibility Rule (Article 15.15.2 only). The appeal shall initially be heard and decided by the Hardship Appeals Committee. The decision of the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be final unless appealed to the AIA Executive Board within five business days from the date of said decision. AIA Executive Board consideration of such appeals will take place only at regularly scheduled monthly meetings, unless otherwise scheduled by the Board. (*See Article 6, Section 3 regarding procedures for meetings of the AIA Executive Board.)* Procedures for appeals to the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

15.14.1 <u>Hardship Defined</u> - Each case is dependent upon its facts, but as a general guideline, the Executive Board will use the following criteria:

15.14.1.1 An unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition, or event, over which the student and his/her family has no control; and

15.14.1.2 Which has caused a severe burden upon the student or his/her family; and

15.14.1.3 Which has caused the student's noncompliance with the eligibility rule(s) involved.

15.14.1.4 Whether athletics plays a role in the circumstances involved in the hardship request.
*NOTE: Where it is determined that athletic motivation is present; this would be sufficient, in and of itself, for denial of the hardship request.*

15.14.1.5 Loss of eligibility in itself is not to be considered a hardship.

15.14.2 Burden of Proof - The burden of providing evidence of hardship shall be on the student. Full particulars must be given by the student and the school principal must certify that the information given is correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

15.14.3 Enrollment Limitation Hardship - A ninth grade student applying for admission or a student transferring who is denied enrollment because of lack of space may be declared eligible.

15.14.4 Age Rule Exemption - In individual cases the AIA Executive Board may, at their discretion and upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, waive or modify the age rule (15.6.1), utilizing the information and process set out in Form 15.14.

15.14.5 Upon request by the Executive Director or designee, the sending school shall provide a representative during the hardship appeal hearing(s) before the Hardship Appeals Committee and/or the Executive Board. Failure of the sending school representative to attend shall not prevent or otherwise delay any hearing or decision on the appeal, but the failure to appear SHALL be considered a violation of the AIA Bylaws and may result in sanction as determined by the Executive Board.

**15.15 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY** – Prefatory Statement: In an effort to preserve and promote interscholastic competitive opportunities for Arizona students and further the goals of competitive fairness, and recognizing the concerns of AIA member schools related to displacement of Arizona students by students from foreign countries, the following bylaw addresses the interscholastic eligibility status of international students attending an AIA member school:

15.15.1 **Foreign Exchange Students** – A foreign exchange student is a student that is in the U.S. under a J-1 Visa, and who is placed in a school by an educational exchange program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). A foreign exchange student is eligible at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed. A foreign exchange student must meet all other eligibility requirements and is eligible for a maximum of one school year.

15.15.2 **International Students** – An international student is a student who is in the U.S. under any Visa or document other than a J-1 Visa and who is attending an AIA member school. Except as stated below with regard to domicile, an international student must meet all eligibility requirements of any regularly enrolled student. An international student is eligible only for non-varsity level competition, which may include only 9th through 11th grade, and is not at any time of enrollment eligible for varsity level competition. With regard to domicile, an international student's non-varsity eligibility shall be at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed.

# ARTICLE 16

# PENALTIES AND APPEALS

## 16.1 PENALTIES

16.1.1 Should a violation of any AIA rule or regulation occur, the AIA Executive Board is authorized to impose any penalty specifically indicated in the rule or regulation violated and/or impose one or more of the following: (Form 16.4)

16.1.1.1 **ADVISEMENT** - A word of caution.

16.1.1.2 **WARNING** - Places school in jeopardy in that further violation of any rules or regulations may result in Probation. School is not eligible for the Overall Excellence Award during the period on Warning. *(See Article 13, Section 13.2)*.

16.1.1.3 **PROBATION** - School is ineligible for post-season play and shall not receive any award for achievement in that sport. School is not eligible for the Overall Excellence Award during the period on Probation. *(See Article 13, Section 13.2)*.

16.1.1.4 **DISQUALIFICATION** - School is ineligible to participate in a particular contest or tournament.

16.1.1.4.1 In cases where a violation has occurred and a disqualification(s) or forfeiture results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the disqualification(s) or forfeiture and present an alternative corrective action for the AIA Executive Board to consider in lieu of disqualification(s) or forfeiture. The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of disqualification(s) or forfeiture under one of the following conditions:

16.1.1.4.1.1 The administration and coaches of the offended member school(s) submit a written request to the AIA Executive Board that the disqualification(s) or forfeiture imposed against the offending member school be rescinded and, if applicable, be allowed to participate in post-season competition.

16.1.1.4.1.2 When a school employee(s) was responsible for the violation that caused a disqualification(s) or forfeiture, the offending member school shall submit a written request that the disqualification(s) or forfeiture be rescinded because appropriate corrective action(s) has been taken against said employee(s); such as, but not limited to, a letter of reprimand, dismissal or suspension.

16.1.1.4.2 In the event a student, parent or legal guardian files a false document with school authorities, which results in the playing of an ineligible participant, the member school may appeal the forfeiture of the contest(s) in which the ineligible player participated. After hearing the appeal, the AIA Executive Board may, at its discretion:

16.1.1.4.2.1 Waive imposing a penalty against the member school.

16.1.1.4.2.2 Declare the student involved ineligible in all sports for a maximum of 365 days from the date of the discovery of the false information.

16.1.1.4.2.3 After the period of ineligibility for filing a false document is satisfied, the student shall regain eligibility if all other eligibility requirements have been met.

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16.1.1.5 **FORFEITURE** - Automatic loss of contest.

16.1.1.5.1 A school that forfeits 25% or more of its regular season games/contests due to that schools violation of AIA Bylaws and/or AIA Policies will not be eligible for post season play in that sport for that school year.

16.1.1.5.2 In cases where a violation has occurred and a forfeiture(s) results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the forfeiture(s) and present an alternative corrective action for the AIA Executive Board to consider in lieu of forfeiture(s). The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of forfeiture(s) under one of the following conditions:

16.1.1.5.2.1 The administration and coaches of the offended member school(s) submit a written request to the AIA Executive Board that the forfeiture(s) imposed against the offending member school be rescinded and, if applicable, that the school be allowed to participate in post-season competition.

16.1.1.5.2.2 When a school employee(s) was responsible for the violation that caused a forfeiture(s), the offending member school shall submit a written request that the forfeiture(s) be rescinded because appropriate corrective action(s) has been taken against said employee(s); such as, but not limited to, a letter of reprimand, dismissal or suspension.

16.1.1.5.3 The member school in violation submits a written request to the AIA Executive Board that a forfeiture(s) be rescinded based on the school's voluntary withdrawal from all post-season competition.

16.1.1.5.4 In the event a student, parent or legal guardian files a false document with school authorities which results in the playing of an ineligible participant, the member school may appeal the forfeiture of the contest(s) in which the ineligible player participated. After hearing the appeal, the AIA Executive Board may, at its discretion:

16.1.1.5.4.1 Waive imposing a penalty against the member school.

16.1.1.5.4.2 Declare the student involved ineligible in all sports for a maximum of 365 days from the date of the discovery of the false information.

16.1.1.5.4.3 After the period of ineligibility for filing a false document is satisfied, the student shall regain eligibility if all other eligibility requirements have been met.

16.1.2 Should a violation of AIA rules and regulations or tournament procedures occur during a post-season tournament, the Tournament Games Committee or Tournament Director is authorized to disqualify a team or individual and/or cause a forfeiture of a contest(s).

## 16.2 INELIGIBLE PLAYER

16.2.1 When an ineligible player(s) participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player(s) participated.

16.2.1.1 In cases where a violation has occurred and a forfeiture(s) results, the member school shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal the forfeiture(s) and present an alternative corrective action for the AIA Executive Board to consider in lieu of forfeiture(s). The school's governing board may appeal the corrective action of forfeiture(s) under one of the following conditions:

16.2.1.1.1 The administration and coaches of the offended member school(s) submit a written request to the AIA Executive Board that the forfeiture(s) imposed against the offending member school be rescinded and, if applicable, be allowed to participate in post-season competition.

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16.2.1.1.2 When a school employee(s) was responsible for the violation that caused a forfeiture(s), the offending member school shall submit a written request that the forfeiture be rescinded because appropriate corrective action(s) has been taken against said employee(s); such as, but not limited to, a letter of reprimand, dismissal or suspension.

16.2.1.1.3 The member school in violation submits a written request to the AIA Executive Board that a forfeiture(s) be rescinded based on the school's voluntary withdrawal from all post-season competition.

16.2.1.2 In the event a student, parent or legal guardian files a false document with school authorities which results in the playing of an ineligible participant, the member school may appeal the forfeiture of the contest(s) in which the ineligible player participated. After hearing the appeal, the AIA Executive Board may, at its discretion:

16.2.1.2.1 Waive imposing a penalty against the member school.

16.2.1.2.2 Declare the student involved ineligible in all sports for a maximum of 365 days from the date of the discovery of the false information.

16.2.1.2.3 After the period of ineligibility for filing a false document is satisfied, the student shall regain eligibility if all other eligibility requirements have been met.

16.2.2 Restitution - If a student is ineligible according to AIA rules, but is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such AIA rules, but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or the AIA, and said restraining order or injunction is subsequently voluntarily or involuntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or it is finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, any one or more of the following actions may be taken against the school for which said student competed in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing schools:

16.2.2.1 Require that individual or team records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student be vacated or stricken.

16.2.2.2 Require that team victories be forfeited.

16.2.2.3 Require that team awards earned by the school for which the ineligible student competed or individual awards earned by the ineligible student be returned to the AIA.

## 16.3 SPORTSMANSHIP RULE

16.3.1 Ejection from a Contest – If an AIA contest official determines that a coach or player has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner during either a period or intermission, the coach or player may be ordered to leave the contest.

*NOTE: When a coach or player is ejected from a contest, his/her member school should complete an electronic ejection report and submit it to the AIA.*

16.3.1.1 Penalties for Ejection – A coach or player ejected from a contest for any reason shall be subject to the following without appeal:

16.3.1.1.1 First Ejection (Player Non-Fighting) – Ineligible for the next contest at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level.

16.3.1.1.1.1 Any person ejected from a contest shall not participate the remainder of that day.

16.3.1.1.2 Second Ejection (Player Non-Fighting) – Ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level.

16.3.1.1.2.1 Any person ejected from a contest shall not participate the remainder of that day.

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16.3.1.1.3 Third Ejection (Player) – A similar infraction of Article 16, Section 16.3, Paragraph 16.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws by the same player during the same season will result in cessation of the season for the player concerned.

16.3.1.1.4 Fighting Ejection – Ineligible for the next two or three contests (depending on sport) at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level.

16.3.1.1.4.1 Any Player ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for the next two contests in the following sports: badminton, cross country, football, flag football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, beach volleyball, and wrestling.

16.3.1.1.4.2 Any player ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for the next three contests in the following sports: baseball, basketball, volleyball, and softball.

16.3.1.1.4.3 Any player ejected for fighting must complete an NFHS sportsmanship course and provide a certificate of completion in order to regain eligibility.

16.3.1.1.4.4 Any person ejected from a contest shall not participate the remainder of the day.

16.3.1.1.5 Coaching Ejection – Ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level.

16.3.1.1.5.1 A coach ejected for fighting or flagrant contact with an official shall result in cessation of the season for the coach concerned.

16.3.1.1.5.2 Any coach ejected must complete an NFHS sportsmanship course and submit the certificate of completion to regain eligibility.

16.3.1.1.5.3 Any person ejected from a contest shall not participate the remainder of that day.

16.3.1.1.5.4 A third infraction of Article 16, Section 16.3, Paragraph 16.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws by the same coach during the same season will result in cessation of the season for the coach concerned.

16.3.1.1.6 End-Of-Season Ejection – If a penalty is imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty shall be enforced at the beginning of the subsequent season of competition in which the coach or player participates, regardless of the sport.

16.3.1.1.7 When a player is ejected from a contest that has a bearing on participation in a state championship tournament, or a player is ejected for fighting (regular season or post season), or a coach is ejected (regular season or post season), a responsible administrative officer of that school may appeal that ejection to the State Commissioner of Officials (Commissioner).

16.3.1.1.7.1 For purposes of this rule, a contest defined as one having a bearing on a state championship is as follows:
a) Last regular season contest
b) Regional/Sectional tournament
c) State tournament contest
d) **Only** the advancing team in a-b-c above

16.3.1.1.7.2 The procedure of hearing an appeal will be as follows:
a) Appeal must be filed within 24 hours of the contest
b) The initial Appeals Report must be submitted in writing by an authorized administrator from the member school to the AIA State Commissioner of Officials using an electronic ejection report.

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c) The State Commissioner will form a committee to review the ejection and any evidence submitted. The appeals committee will be comprised of equal numbers of Athletic Directors and officials/AIA Staff, with the added stipulation that AD representatives deciding on an appeal cannot be from the same conference as the one appealing.
d) The decision of the appeal committee is final

16.3.2 Leaving Bench Area – When two or more persons (including coaches, nonplaying contestants and nonparticipating school personnel) leave their team's bench area to initiate a confrontation, or during an altercation in progress, the following shall occur without appeal:

16.3.2.1 The contest officials shall eject any person they determine to be in violation of Article 16, Section 16.3, Paragraph 16.3.2.

16.3.2.2 The contest officials may terminate the contest.

16.3.2.2.1 If the contest is terminated, the team(s) that left the bench area must forfeit the contest and record a loss.

16.3.2.2.2 If the contest is terminated during a tournament or post-season play, the offending team(s) will be removed from further tournament or post-season competition.

16.3.2.3 Further penalties may be imposed against the offending team(s) by the AIA Executive Board, as set forth in Article 16, Section 16.

16.3.3 **ENTERING SPECTATOR AREA PROHIBITED** – No player may leave the playing area and enter the spectator area of the facility to engage in any type of verbal or physical conflict. Notwithstanding any other rule in the Constitution and Bylaws, the MINIMUM penalties for violation of this rule are:

16.3.3.1 The player is ineligible to participate in all interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the school year, and;

16.3.3.2 The player's school shall immediately be on Probation pending an investigation and report by the school to the AIA detailing what occurred, what caused the occurrence, what was done by the school to diffuse what occurred, what school imposed disciplinary actions have occurred, and what corrective actions have been implemented by the school to prevent future violations. In the discretion of the Executive Director, a school's report may be rejected if deemed inadequate and the Probation shall remain in effect pending receipt of an adequate report.

16.3.3.3 Upon receipt of an adequate report, the Executive Board will review the matter and may impose any penalties set forth in Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws. The school shall remain on Probation until action by the Executive Board.

16.3.4 **Spectator Behavior** – In the event that spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel initiate or use profanity in cheers or cheers having the intent of sounding profane, single out opposing players personally and/or heckle them by directing derogatory or profane statements or chants at them, use racist remarks, direct offensive cheers/chants at opposing cheering sections, or engage in physical conflict or other threatening or aggressive behavior with school personnel, officials, players, coaches, or other spectators, the school(s) involved shall utilize all available law enforcement resources to prosecute such offenders, and shall take all reasonable actions to help ensure that future similar incidents do not occur, such as temporarily or permanently prohibiting the offender(s) from attending future contests.

16.3.4.1 Any adult spectator that has been removed from a contest shall be required to complete the NFHS sportsmanship course and provide a certificate of completion prior to attending future contests. Any subsequent removal of the same spectator shall result in the inability of that spectator to attend contests for the remainder of the season of sport.

## 16.4 REPORTED VIOLATION: DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

16.4.1 The AIA shall maintain a policy of self-policing by its member schools regarding violation of AIA rules and regulations. Therefore, it shall be the responsibility of member schools to report to the AIA any violation of AIA rules and regulations.

16.4.2 A member school shall investigate and ascertain those facts it considers necessary in making a determination of whether it has committed a violation. If a member school determines that it may have committed or did commit a violation, it shall immediately report the violation to the AIA. At that time, the member school shall also report any corrective action taken regarding the violation.

16.4.3 The initial report by a member school of its violation and the corrective action taken shall be in writing to the AIA using Form 16.4 (Report of Violation).

16.4.3.1 The initial report shall include the nature and circumstances of the violation and any information believed to be relevant for consideration by the AIA Executive Board.

16.4.3.2 In addition to submitting a written report, the member school may request the opportunity to appear at a meeting of the AIA Executive Board to discuss its violation and the corrective action taken.

*NOTE: See Article 6, Section 6.3 for the procedure to request that an item be placed on the AIA Executive Board agenda.*

16.4.4 Upon receiving a written report of violation from a member school, the AIA Executive Board shall determine whether the corrective action taken by said member school was adequate. Should the AIA Executive Board determine the corrective action taken was adequate, the member school shall be so notified in writing and no further action by the AIA Executive Board shall be taken.

16.4.5 Should the AIA Executive Board determine that the corrective action taken by a member school was not adequate for the violation reported, the AIA Executive Board shall impose disciplinary action and shall notify the member school by written notification to the member school upon completion of the official minutes for the AIA Executive Board meeting in which the disciplinary action was imposed. The written notification shall stipulate the disciplinary action and the right of the member school to appeal said decision. Said disciplinary action shall be effective immediately.

16.4.5.1 The member school shall have ten days from the date of the written notice from the AIA Executive Board to request an appeal. Should the member school not request an appeal within ten days, the disciplinary action taken by the AIA Executive Board shall become final.

16.4.5.2 Should the member school within said ten day period wish to appeal the disciplinary action taken by the AIA Executive Board, it shall then submit a request for an appeal hearing in writing to the AIA. Said request shall set forth the basis for the appeal and reasons why the decision of the AIA Executive Board should be reviewed and shall set forth any new and additional information believed to be relevant for consideration by the AIA Executive Board.

16.4.5.3 The member school may have an attorney present, may present witnesses, testimony, and any relevant evidence or information for consideration by the AIA Executive Board.

16.4.5.4 After hearing the appeal, the AIA Executive Board shall make its final decision as to the disciplinary action to be taken. The member school shall be notified in writing of the final decision of the AIA Executive Board.

16.4.6 At its discretion, the AIA Executive Board may consider a matter involving a possible violation of AIA rules and regulations at its regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting. At the sole discretion of the AIA Executive Board, said special meeting may be by telephone conference call.

*NOTE: For procedures regarding special meetings, see Article 6, Section 6.3.*

## 16.5 UNREPORTED VIOLATION: DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

16.5.1 Should a possible violation of AIA rules and regulations come to the attention of the AIA Executive Board from a source other than the member school believed to have committed the violation, the AIA Executive Board shall so notify the member school in writing. Sources other than the member school who report a possible violation must make the possible violation(s) known to the school involved and the AIA Executive Board without delay.

16.5.2 The member school shall investigate and ascertain those facts it considers necessary in making a determination of whether it has committed a violation. If a member school determines that it may have committed or did commit a violation, it shall immediately report the violation to the AIA. At that time, the member school shall also report any corrective action taken regarding the violation.

16.5.3 The initial report by a member of its violation and the corrective action taken shall be in writing to the AIA using Form 16.4 (Report of Violation).

16.5.3.1 This report shall include the nature and circumstances of the violation and any information believed to be relevant for consideration by the AIA Executive Board.

16.5.3.2 In addition to submitting a written report, the member school may request the opportunity to appear at a meeting of the AIA Executive Board to discuss its violation and the corrective action taken.

*NOTE: See Article 6, Section 6.3 for the procedure to request that an item be placed on the AIA Executive Board agenda.*

16.5.4 Upon receiving a written report of violation from the member school, the AIA Executive Board shall determine whether the corrective action taken by the member school was adequate for the violation reported. Should the AIA Executive Board determine the corrective action taken was adequate, the member school shall be so notified in writing and no further action by the AIA Executive Board shall be taken.

16.5.5 Should the AIA Executive Board determine that the corrective action taken by the member school was not adequate, the AIA Executive Board shall impose disciplinary action and shall notify the member school by written notification to the member school upon completion of the official minutes for the AIA Executive Board meeting in which the disciplinary action was imposed. The written notification shall stipulate the disciplinary action and the right of the member school to appeal said decision. Said disciplinary action shall be effective immediately.

16.5.5.1 The member school shall have ten days from the date of the written notice from the AIA Executive Board to request an appeal. Should the member school not request an appeal within ten days, the disciplinary action taken by the AIA Executive Board shall become final.

16.5.5.2 Should the member school within said 10 day period wish to appeal the disciplinary action by the AIA Executive Board, it shall then submit a request for an appeal hearing in writing to the AIA. Said request shall set forth the basis for the appeal and reasons why the decision of the AIA Executive Board should be reviewed and shall set forth any new and additional information believed to be relevant for consideration by the AIA Executive Board.

16.5.5.3 The member school may have an attorney present, may present witnesses, testimony, and any other relevant evidence or information for consideration by the AIA Executive Board.

16.5.5.4 After hearing the appeal, the AIA Executive Board shall make its final decision as to the disciplinary action to be taken. The member school shall be notified in writing of the final decision of the AIA Executive Board.

16.5.6 At its discretion, the AIA Executive Board may consider a matter involving a possible violation of AIA rules and regulations at its regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting. At the sole discretion of the AIA Executive Board, said special meeting may be by telephone conference call.

*NOTE: For procedures regarding special meetings, see Article 6, Section 3.*

## 16.6 EXECUTIVE BOARD INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION OF VIOLATION

16.6.1 At its discretion, if the Executive Board determines that circumstances warrant, the Executive Board may conduct its own investigation and any related proceedings it determines to be appropriate, in order to make a determination whether a member school has committed a violation of the constitution, bylaws or policies and procedures. If, based on its investigation and any related proceedings, the Executive Board determines that a violation has occurred, it shall promptly notify the member school in writing.

16.6.2 The member school shall have ten (10) days from the date of the Executive Board's written notification of violation to make a written request for an appeal. The school's written request for an appeal shall describe in detail the basis for the appeal and reason(s) why the determination of the Executive Board should be reconsidered.

16.6.3 Appeal procedures in each case shall be as determined by the Executive Board. As a general guideline the Executive Board appeal procedures shall be consistent with the relevant sections set out in bylaw 16.5 UNREPORTED VIOLATION: DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE. After considering the appeal, the decision of the Executive Board as to whether a violation has been committed shall be final and the member school shall be promptly notified in writing. If a violation is found, the member school shall then promptly notify the Executive Board of the corrective action taken by the member school regarding the violation. The procedures in bylaws 16.5.4 and 16.5.5 shall then apply.

16.6.4 If the member school does not appeal, it shall promptly notify the Executive Board of the corrective action taken by the member school regarding the violation. The process set out in 16.5.5 and its subsections shall then apply.

16.6.5 If a member school is found to have committed a violation as a result of the process set out under this bylaw (16.6), in addition to any sanction otherwise authorized by the bylaws, in the discretion of the Executive Board, the member school may be assessed the costs of the Executive Board's investigation and any related proceedings. If so assessed, the member school shall promptly pay the assessment or face further sanction by the Executive Board, including loss of its membership.

# ARTICLE 17

# COACHES AND COACHING

**17.1 COACHING QUALIFICATION –** All head and assistant coaches, whether paid or volunteer must complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course, or approved equivalent, within forty-five (45) days from the date of hire. Additionally, all head and assistant coaches, whether paid or volunteer, shall complete the NFHS online education course entitles "Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know" prior to starting coaching duties.

17.1.1 Coaches shall be approved in accordance with the personnel policies of the school district and in accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes.

17.1.2 All head varsity coaches shall have valid Arizona Teaching Certificate, Arizona Coaching Certificate, or have completed the National Federation of State High School Associations Level I Certification online at https://nfhslearn.com within forty-five (45) days from date of hire.

This certification shall be on file or recorded in the office of the principal or his/her designee.

*NOTE*: For the titles of valid Arizona Teaching Certificates, please refer to the Arizona Department of Education website https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/forms-and-information/certificates.

17.1.3 Any and all salary or remuneration shall be from the school district by which the coach is employed and no salary or remuneration for school coaching shall be from any outside source.

**17.2 COACHING DURING PRACTICE / COMPETITION**

17.2.1 During interscholastic practices or contests only school authorized coaches are to coach, except as stated in section 17.3, Paragraph 17.3.1 of this Article.

17.2.2 A School authorized coach shall be in attendance during all tournament warm-ups.

*DETERMINATION:*
*Q: May a high school speech team or individual be coached by other than school personnel?*
*A: No. The AIA Executive Board determined that speech directors and assistants shall comply with Article 17, Section 17.1.*

**17.3 COMPLETION OF CONTEST – EJECTION OF COACH**

17.3.1 When a coach is ejected from a contest, a properly constituted school administrator or assistant coach shall direct and supervise the team during the remainder of the contest. If no properly constitute school administrator or assistant coach is available to direct the team, the official shall declare the contest a forfeit.

17.3.1.1 The ejected coach shall immediately vacate the premises, meaning the coach must leave the stadium, gymnasium or other competition area.

17.3.1.1.1 Premises are defined as the total area of contest and spectators. The ejected coach may not remain to watch the contest.

## 17.4 COACH'S / SPONSOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

17.4.1 It shall be the responsibility of a coach to follow the directions provided in the following Coach's Code of Ethics. Violations of the first three items of the Code may result in a sanction to the offending school.

17.4.2 A COACH / SPONSOR SHALL:

17.4.2.1 Abide by the National Federation and AIA rules in both spirit and letter.

17.4.2.2 Ensure that the Recruitment Rule defined in Article 15, Section 12 is honored by everyone associated with their program.

17.4.2.3 Coaches and/or game management personnel will not manipulate or control the environment or game conditions to gain an advantage over an opposing team or individual.

17.4.3 A COACH / SPONSOR SHOULD:

17.4.3.1 Cooperate with others in the field of education.

17.4.3.2 Exemplify behavior that is a credit to the teaching profession.

17.4.3.3 Exercise patience, tolerance and diplomacy in relations with all players and co-workers, contest officials and spectators.

17.4.3.4 Adhere to high ideals of sportsmanship: quality of cooperation, courage, unselfishness and self-control; desires for clean, healthful living; and respect for wise discipline and authority.

17.4.3.5 Support all reasonable moves to improve athletic conditions, to provide for adequate equipment, and to promote the welfare of an increased number of participants.

17.4.3.6 Demonstrate high ideals, good habits and desirable attitudes in professional behavior, and demand the same standards of the players.

17.4.3.7 Not make statements to or use the news media in a manner that is not consistent with the principles and objectives of the AIA, which include promoting cooperation, friendship and good sportsmanship among member schools.

## 17.5 OPEN FACILITIES

17.5.1 The AIA Executive Board has established the following guidelines relative to open facilities programs conducted by member schools. These open facilities guidelines are not intended to restrict or limit member schools' ability to rent or lease their facilities.

17.5.1.1 Member schools may open their gymnasiums and other athletic facilities under the direction of the principal or designee for recreational activities to students without being in violation of AIA Bylaws under the following guidelines.

17.5.1.1.1 The facility is open to all students enrolled in that school for participation.

17.5.1.1.2 Students not enrolled in a school may not be permitted to participate in recreational activities offered by that school.

17.5.1.1.3 Supervision by school personnel is required.

17.5.1.1.4 Participation is free of charge, voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a team.

17.5.1.1.5 The school administration assumes the responsibility for making certain that there is adherence to these guidelines.

*DETERMINATION: Only students that are enrolled at that member school, and home school students that the member school reasonably believes are in compliance with ARS §15-802.01, may be allowed to use that member school's open facilities.*

# ARTICLE 18

# OFFICIALS

## 18.1 REGISTRATION, REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

18.1.1 Registration requirements include payment of fees and annual written examinations on the rules and regulations for the sport which the official wishes to officiate. Registration dues do not guarantee assignment of games, either by number, type, location, or level. All registrants are subject to a background investigation, including, but not limited to, a search of any criminal record. At the discretion of the Commissioner of Officials or his/her designee, any registrant may be declined based on information obtained through the background investigation or when it is determined to be in the best interest of the AIA. All registered officials, shall complete the NFHS online education course entitled "Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know". Prior to starting officiating duties, applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

18.1.2 Physical examinations are not required; however, it is highly recommended that officials have a thorough physical examination annually.

18.1.3 Registration Fees - Officials' registration fees will be set by the AIA Executive Board.

18.1.4 Unregistered - Except as otherwise provided in the AIA Bylaws, schools shall use officials assigned by the Commissioner of Officials or his/her designee. In localities in the state where it may be virtually impossible to secure AIA officials at all times, schools may seek temporary permission from the Commissioner of Officials to use unregistered officials. However, whenever it is determined to be reasonably possible for schools to secure AIA officials, the Commissioner of Officials may be expected to refuse permission.

18.1.5 Interstate Reciprocity - An official residing in a state bordering Arizona may qualify to officiate in Arizona providing:

18.1.5.1 The official is registered with that state's association.

18.1.5.2 The official has passed the written test of the National Federation of State High School Associations for the sport and has achieved the grade ranking required by the AIA Bylaws.

18.1.5.3 The official pays the current interstate reciprocity fee, as listed on the registration form, for dual state membership.

18.1.6 Classification

18.1.6.1 The classification of an official registered with the AIA shall be determined by the Commissioner of Officials.

18.1.6.2 The Commissioner of Officials may receive recommendations as to classification of an official from the Officials Association, Area Commissioners, observers and member schools.

18.1.6.3 There shall be four classifications of officials, each classification being dependent in part on the score of the open-book written examination. The requirements for each classification are as follows:

- Level (4) – An in-state official without experience (new official).
- Level (3) – An in-state or out-of-state official with experience.
- Level (2) - Must attend required meetings and mandatory clinic and attain a minimum test score of 85%.
- Level (1) Certified - Must attend required meetings and mandatory clinic and attain a minimum test score of 90%.

18.1.6.4 An official not attaining a passing grade for his/her current classification shall be permitted one retake of the examination. Retake examinations shall be given at the time and place designated by the Commissioner of Officials. Failure to attain the required score after two opportunities of testing shall result in reclassification to the applicable level.

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18.1.6.5 An official moving into Arizona with a minimum of two years of out-of-state officiating experience in a state high school association or college conference shall be required to have a letter of recommendation mailed directly from the association or conference to the Arizona Commissioner of Officials. The official's past experience shall be taken into consideration, along with the Arizona test score achieved and field, court or mat observation, in determining what classification shall be given.

18.1.6.6 An official's test score will be used to determine classification for the following year. All promotions and demotions shall take place after the close of the sports season.

18.1.6.7 Upon recommendation from a sufficient number of schools, and with the approval of the Commissioner of Officials, an official demonstrating quality officiating performance may be advanced to a higher classification, providing the minimum test score required is achieved and other criteria are met. An official's advancement in classification is predicated on his/her total overall performance.

18.1.7 Demotion / Suspension / Dismissal - The Commissioner of Officials may demote, suspend or dismiss an official based on, but not limited to, the following:

18.1.7.1 Returning two assignments without sufficient cause.

18.1.7.2 Failure to appear for assigned contests.

18.1.7.3 Late arrivals at contest sites.

18.1.7.4 Use of tobacco (smoking or chewing) on school grounds.

18.1.7.5 Use of profane language.

18.1.7.6 Use of drugs or alcoholic beverages prior to contest.

18.1.7.7 Failure to perform in accordance with the recognized standards found in the National Federation officiating manuals, including knowledge and interpretation of the rules, mechanics, personal appearance and physical conditioning.

18.1.7.8 Suspicion of being connected with any gambling interests.

18.1.7.9 Failure to cooperate with the AIA or its policies. An official shall not pursue a course of action which, in the opinion of the AIA Executive Board, is detrimental to the welfare, reputation or interest of the AIA or its members.

18.1.7.10 Failure to conduct oneself in a professional manner on or off the field, court or mat.

18.1.7.11 Failure to attain a minimum score on the written examination.

18.1.7.12 Where the Commissioner of Officials determines it is in the best interest of the AIA.

18.1.8 Reinstatement - Upon recommendation by the Commissioner of Officials, an official may be given the opportunity to be reinstated as a registered official.

18.1.9 Grievance Procedure – Officials may file a grievance through the State Commissioner as per procedures outlined in the Officials Handbook.

18.1.10 Official's Responsibility

18.1.10.1 An official shall be expected to perform in accordance with recognized standards and the manual developed for officiating. Included therein is knowledge and interpretation of the rules, mechanics, personal appearance and physical conditioning. An official's hair shall be neat, clean, and not impair his/her vision. Neatly trimmed mustaches and beards are permissible.

18.1.10.2 An official shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner at all times both on and off the field, court or mat.

**18.2** **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS** – It is the policy of the AIA that officials are Independent Contractors. This policy is consistent with the independent judgment, knowledge and skill required of all officials in the performance of their contest duties.

**18.3** **FEES / SCHOOLS – OFFICIAL'S RESPONSIBILITY**

18.3.1 Officials are entitled to receive only one fee per contest. Officials and schools are not permitted to negotiate with one another for fees. Member schools shall utilize the electronic payment and reporting tool designated by the Executive Board (presently "RefPay") and shall follow all policies and procedures related to RefPay as set out in the AIA Policies and Procedures Manual. **Emergency Legislation (Ex. Brd 4/16/18)**

18.3.2 Regular season contest and tournament fees shall be paid as set forth in this Article.

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIALS**
**REGULAR SEASON**

| | VARSITY | JV & FROSH | SCRIMMAGE FEE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baseball | $ 76.75 | $ 52.50 | 52.50 |
| Basketball | 84 | 52.50 | 52.50 |
| Beach Volleyball | 78.75 | 52.50 | 52.50 |
| Football | 89.25 | 52.50 | 52.50 |
| Flag Football | 63 | 52.50 | 52.50 |
| Soccer | 73.50 | 52.50 | 52.50 |
| Softball | 71.50 | 52.50 | 52.50 |
| Swimming | 52.50 | -- | |
| Track | 52.50 | 47.25 | |
| Volleyball | 63 | 42 | 52.50 |
| Wrestling | 66.25 | 47.25 | |

Volleyball/Softball/Baseball/Basketball/Soccer
Solo Assignments: 1 ½ TIMES THE REGULAR FEE WHEN OFFICIATING THE CONTEST SOLO

OFFICIALS SHALL RECEIVE ONE FEE PER CONTEST

OFFICIALS SHALL RECEIVE ONE FEE FOR COMPLETEING A SUSPENDED CONTEST

(1) Baseball/Softball - For a baseball/softball doubleheader, the second game fee shall be the same as the first game fee. If the first and/or second game of a scheduled doubleheader is not played for some reason, officials will be paid for one game only.

(2) Soccer - The National Federation Soccer Rules Book states: If there are two officials assigned, there will be two referees with concurrent authority; if three officials are assigned, there will be one referee and two linesmen.

(3) Volleyball - Two AIA officials assigned to the tournament, but not calling the game, shall be line judges and shall be paid $40.00 per match for sectionals, and JV/FR fee for championship match.

(4) Wrestling - For junior varsity and freshman multi-meets, officials will be paid $45.00 for the first dual meet and $3.21 for each additional match in the multiple. The varsity officials will be paid $63.00 for the first dual meet and $4.50 for each additional match in the multiple.

18.3.3 Tournament Fees - The following fee formula shall be used:

18.3.3.1 Regional/Sectional Contests
$1.25 x regular season fee
(Example: Basketball - $80.00 x $1.25 = $100.00)

18.3.3.2 Final Contests for State Championships
$1.50 x regular season fee
(Example: Basketball - $80.00 x $1.50 = $120.00)

18.3.3.3 Invitational Tournaments – Requests for officials for invitational tournaments will be made through Area Commissioners.

18.3.3.3.1 Area Commissioners may negotiate fees.

18.3.3.3.2 Area Commissioners will honor requests from schools regarding assignment of officials.

18.3.4 Wrestling Tournaments:

18.3.4.1 The following are the wrestling tournament fees:

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|---|---|
| Invitationals | $4.50 per match |
| Sectionals | $5.62 per match |
| State Championship | $6.75 per match |

18.3.4.2 An official shall be paid only for a match worked. Forfeitures shall be considered a match worked. A bye in an invitational, regional or championship meet is not a match worked.

18.3.4.3 Fees for officials working a tournament shall be computed by dividing the total number of matches worked by the number of officials assigned.

18.3.5 Official's regular season contest and tournament fee rate increase shall be recommended by the AIA Executive Board. Recommendations shall be made at the January Executive Board meeting to be approved by Legislative Council and go into effect July 1 of said year. Newly established rates shall be rounded to the nearest quarter. Rate increases shall not exceed 5% annually.

## 18.4 TRAVEL ASSIGNMENTS

18.4.1 Area Commissioners, whenever possible, shall assign officials so they travel common routes by shared transportation to contest sites.

18.4.2 Area Commissioners shall assign officials placing the proximity of schools and availability of officials as first considerations. Rotation of officials to schools is secondary.

18.4.3 Any school requesting officials other than those available in their area shall be assessed for the requested officials' mileage on a contest-to-contest basis.

18.4.3.1 Such requests for officials shall be submitted in writing to the AIA office a minimum of three weeks prior to the contest; requests to be signed by the appropriate high school administrator.

## 18.5 MILEAGE FEES

18.5.1 Mileage reimbursement rate shall be determined by the AIA Executive Board for the driver of the car and five cents per mile for each rider. Yearly rates shall be established at the May Executive Board meeting of each year and go into effect July 1 of said year.

18.5.1.1 EXCEPTION: Mileage reimbursement rate for officials who live in the Phoenix, Tucson, and Yuma metro areas and who are assigned a contest in their respective metro area shall be paid a flat fee of **$12.00** per assignment. *(See Form 18.5)*.

18.5.2 Duplicate claims for driver's mileage will not be permitted, unless specifically sanctioned by the Commissioner of Officials.

18.5.3 Varsity mileage to officials shall be paid by the AIA at the end of the season. *(See Article 9, Section 9.2).*

18.5.4 Junior varsity and freshman mileage shall be paid by the host school. Mileage fee shall be the same as for varsity contests.

*DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Board determined that when three officials (two varsity and one junior varsity/freshman) are assigned to work both varsity and junior varsity/freshman contests (i.e., basketball and volleyball), rider mileage shall be paid only to the junior varsity/freshman official. The varsity officials are compensated for their mileage at the conclusion of the sports season. (Ex. Bd. 7/78).*

18.5.5 Mileage for regional tournaments will be paid by the Region at the same rate and under the same conditions as for varsity contests.

18.5.6 Mileage for invitationals shall be paid by the host school.

**18.6 OFFICIALS COMMITTEE -** At the discretion of the Commissioner of Officials, there may be an Officials Advisory Committee or an officials' organization for each sport.

18.6.1 No officials' association/committee shall censure a school or a coach. All censures shall come from the AIA office.

**18.7 OFFICIALS / SCHOOLS – CONTRACT AND RESPONSIBILITY**

18.7.1 An official or replacement who does not honor a contract assignment or follow the turn back procedure shall be fined an amount equal to the contest fee. Such fine shall be paid within 14 days from the date of breach of contract.

18.7.2 Schools shall be responsible for notifying an assigned official(s) if a contest is cancelled. Notice shall be given to officials immediately if a contest is to be cancelled as a result of inclement weather.

18.7.2.1 If an official is not notified in ample time, the school shall be obligated to pay the scheduled fee and mileage.

18.7.2.2 Any extenuating cases may be submitted to the Commissioner of Officials for his/her decision.

18.7.3 Schools shall have the moral responsibility to protect officials and their property. Schools shall be obligated to provide dressing facilities with privacy and provide safety of the official's property. School personnel shall not invade the privacy of an official's dressing room.

**18.8 OFFICIAL'S UNIFORM**

18.8.1 Officials assigned by the Commissioner of Officials for each sport shall wear the uniform as indicated in the approved rule publication with modifications as prescribed by the AIA Executive Board for all varsity, junior varsity and freshman contests.

18.8.2 All members of an officiating team shall wear the same uniform.

**18.9 AREA COMMISSIONER – RESPONSIBILITIES**

18.9.1 Area Commissioners shall report all misconduct of officials, school personnel, students and spectators to the Commissioner of Officials.

18.9.2 Whenever possible, controversies involving school personnel, students or spectators and misconduct of officials shall be handled by the Area Commissioner, with a complete report to the Commissioner of Officials.

18.9.3 Area decisions or rulings may be appealed to the Commissioner of Officials. Controversies, which cannot be resolved at the area level, shall be referred to the Commissioner of Officials.

18.9.4 Misconduct of officials will also be handled by Area Commissioners whenever possible, with advice and consent of the local committee for that particular sport.

18.9.5 Any decisions reached (including any disciplinary action to be taken) must have the approval and consent of the Commissioner of Officials before any action is taken by the Area Commissioner.

**18.10 ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS**

18.10.1 Number Of Football Officials

18.10.1.1 Four officials may be assigned to all regular season freshman and junior varsity football contests.

18.10.1.2 At least four officials shall be assigned to all regular season varsity football contests. Five officials may be assigned by Region request.

18.10.1.3 At least four officials shall be assigned to all post-season football contests.

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18.10.2 Tournament Assignment Procedures - The AIA Executive Board approved the following procedures concerning assignment of officials to work tournaments leading to and including Post-Season Championship playoffs:

18.10.2.1 The number of officials needed to work a given tournament, total number of officials registered statewide by sport, and total number of officials registered in each area(s) by sport shall be determined.

18.10.2.2 The total number of officials registered statewide shall be divided into total number of officials registered in each separate area(s) in order to establish a percentage (%) figure for each area(s).

18.10.2.3 The percentage (%) figure times (x) number of officials needed to work a given tournament shall establish the number of officials needed from each area(s).

18.10.3 Selection of Tournament Officials

18.10.3.1 AIA Responsibility and Authority - Final responsibility for all qualifying tournaments leading to a Post-Season Championship above the Conference level shall be vested in the AIA Executive Board. Mechanics and procedures for such tournaments will be determined by the AIA.

18.10.3.2 Selection Procedure for Post-Season Tournaments - Additions and qualifying criteria to be considered and implemented by the Commissioner of Officials when making final tabulations and selections for sports officials to officiate in the post-season tournament shall be as follows**:**

18.10.3.2.1 Selection Procedure

The Commissioner of Officials takes into consideration recommendations from coaches, Area Commissioners, officials' organizations and AIA observers when making the selection of officials to work tournaments leading to and including Post-Season Championship play-offs. Each Area Commissioner will submit the names of those officials who qualified from their particular area. The qualifying procedure will not be changed.

A "pool" system currently used by many college and professional conferences when assigning officials to their tournament contests will be implemented. Names of tournament officials will be put into the pool. The Commissioner of Officials, considering all available information involving the post-season tournament structure, will make the contest assignments. The Commissioner of Officials will match the contest with the officials in the pool.

18.10.3.2.2 Classification - Only Level 1 - Certified AIA registered sports officials will be considered for post-season tournament contests. Officials from bordering states who work in Arizona during the regular season will not be considered for post-season tournament assignments.

18.10.3.2.3 Number of Regular Season Contests to Qualify - The following minimum game guidelines will be used as part of an official's qualifications to officiate at the post-season tournament level.

| Regular Season Varsity Contests | | Minimum Number of Contests |
|---|---|---|
| Baseball | 20 | 14 |
| Basketball | 20 | 14 |
| Football | 10 | 07 |
| Soccer | 11 | 07 |
| Softball | 20 | 14 |
| Volleyball | 20 | 14 |
| Wrestling | 12 | 08 |

18.10.4 Invitational Tournaments - Schools, athletic directors and/or coaches may request specific officials to work their invitational tournaments. Those officials requested will be assigned where and when possible.

## 18.11 OFFICIAL'S CODE OF ETHICS

18.11.1 Schools have entrusted officials to assist them in the educational development of their youth through athletics. The proper operation of such a process requires that officials be independent, impartial and responsible to the people they serve.

18.11.2 In recognition of these expectations, it shall be the responsibility of an official to follow the directions provided in the following Official's Code of Ethics. Violation of the Official's Code of Ethics will be a violation of AIA Bylaws and may result in a sanction to the offending party.

18.11.3 Official's Code of Ethics

18.11.3.1 An Official Should:

18.11.3.1.1 Place the welfare of the individual athlete above all other considerations.

18.11.3.1.2 Maintain confidence and control from start of an assignment to finish.

18.11.3.1.3 Devote time, thought and study to the rules of the contest and the mechanics necessary to carry out these rules so that one may render effective and creditable service in a fair and unbiased manner.

18.11.3.1.4 Work with fellow officials and the Arizona Interscholastic Association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue.

18.11.3.1.5 Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself.

18.11.3.1.6 Under all circumstances avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group of persons other than the athletes we serve.

18.11.3.1.7 Constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the avocation in all personal conduct and relations with the student athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues and the public, and to be a worthy example to the athletes under one's jurisdiction.

18.11.3.1.8 Be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations, and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the contest.

18.11.3.1.9 Remember and recognize that it is important to honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.

18.11.3.1.10 Not make statements to the news media critical of any school administrator, school, team, coach, player, or other contest official or the AIA.

18.11.3.1.11 Not smoke or use any form of tobacco on or in the vicinity of the playing area, nor drink any alcoholic beverages or use any drugs on the day of the contest.

18.11.3.1.12 Carry a responsibility to act in a manner becoming to a professional person. The conduct of any official influences the attitudes of the public toward the profession in general as well as toward the official in particular.

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## ARTICLE 19

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### 19.1 VIOLATIONS

19.1.1 A member school shall abide by all rules, policies, regulations and procedures of the AIA. A violation of AIA rules, policies, regulations or procedures, subjects the member school to possible disciplinary action as set forth in Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws.

### 19.2 OFFICIAL RULES

19.2.1 Official rules shall be those published in the current edition of the NFHS Rules Books for the sports of Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Softball, Spiritline, Swimming, Track & Field, Volleyball and Wrestling.

19.2.2 Official rules for Badminton shall be those published in the current edition of the United States Badminton Association "Official Rules of Play".

19.2.3 Official rules for Golf shall be the current edition of "The Rules of Golf" as approved by the United States Golf Association.

19.2.4 Official rules for Tennis shall be the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis and will apply in all matches.

19.2.5 Official rules for Beach Volleyball shall be the current rules approved by the AIA Executive Board.

19.2.6 Official rules for Chess shall be those of the US Chess Federation.

19.2.7 The SDAC shall publish the AIA Speech and Debate Tournament Rules Book. The Tournament Rules book shall be updated annually with current rules and regulations. The Tournament Rules Book will include: official rules of conduct, tournament management procedures and descriptions and rules for specific events, and awards to be presented to participants.

19.2.8 The TAC shall publish the AIA Theatre Festival Rules Book. The Festival Rules Books shall be updated annually with current rules and regulations. The Festival Rules Book will include: official rules of conduct, Festival management procedures, descriptions and rules for specific events, and awards to be presented to participants.

### 19.3 REMOVAL OF TEAM

19.3.1 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field, prior to completion of the contest.

### 19.4 SEASON OF SPORT

19.4.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

19.4.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with the school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

19.4.3 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 43.6 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

## 19.5 VARSITY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

19.5.1 A tournament sanctioning fee will be assessed for the following sports:

- Baseball
- Basketball – Boys & Girls
- Beach Volleyball
- Soccer – Fall & Winter / Boys & Girls
- Softball
- Volleyball – Boys & Girls
- Wrestling

19.5.1.1 The sanctioning fee is based on the number of participants, and is as follows:

- Up to 8 teams $25*
- 9 to 16 teams $50*
- 17 to 32 teams $100*
- Greater than 32 teams $200*

**These fees will double if the tournament hasn't been sanctioned or if the games haven't been built at least three weeks prior to the start of the tournament.*

19.5.2 Tournament Requirements and Restrictions:

19.5.2.1 The officials assigning fee will be $5.00 per game

19.5.2.2 The tournament start date and end date must be within nine (9) calendar days

19.5.2.3 Member schools can only host one in-season tournament in the sport per year

19.5.2.4 Host school will be billed by AIA finance department

19.5.2.5 Member schools will be locked out form making changes to the tournament when it is within three weeks of the tournament start date; however, the tournament host can still update the participants for the games

## 19.6 GAME CHANGE FEE

19.6.1 The member school that cancels or requests a change to the game opponents, date, time, and/or location after the schedules lock for the season will be charged $20 per cancellation/change when that cancellation/change is not related to weather or things beyond the schools' control (i.e. transportation issues on the way to the game).

## 19.7 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

19.7.1 AIA Responsibility and Authority – Final responsibility, mechanics and procedures for all tournaments shall be vested in the AIA Executive Board.

## 19.8 EXCEPTIONS

19.8.1 A conference committee may request or the Executive Board may make exceptions to sport Policies and Procedures. Those requests must be presented to the AIA Executive Board for approval, provided there is no contradiction to the NFHS Rules Book for that sport.

# ARTICLE 20

# BADMINTON

## 20.1 RULES

20.1.1 Official rules for badminton shall be those published in the current edition of the United States Badminton Association "Official Rules of Play".

20.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

## 20.2 SEASON OF SPORT

20.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

20.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20.2.3 | Fall Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 6th week |
| | | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 8th week |
| | | Championship | to be concluded by the | 23rd week |

## 20.3 SCHEDULES

20.3.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 20.4 NUMBER OF MATCHES IN SEASON

20.4.1 No school shall schedule more than 16 varsity matches, including three invitationals, each of which counts as one match.

20.4.2 No school shall schedule more than 14 junior varsity matches.

20.4.3 No player shall participate in more than 16 badminton matches per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

20.4.4 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

20.4.4.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

20.4.4.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms shall not be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- AIA officials may be used;
- Unlimited substitutions and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

20.4.4.3 Limits:

20.4.4.3.1 Scrimmage shall not exceed two (2) hours in length.

20.4.4.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 20.4.

## 20.5 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

20.5.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 20.6 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

20.6.1 An interschool match shall consist of six singles matches followed by three doubles matches. Players may play singles, doubles, or both singles and doubles within each of the various levels (varsity or junior varsity).

20.6.2 A lesser number of matches may be agreed upon prior to the date of play, should a team fail to appear with six players for any of the matches, a default will be granted for each individual match not played.

20.6.3 Badminton players shall compete with players on the opposing team with the same rank. The line-up shall always be based on order of ability. When a regular team member is unable to participate at her established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman. When a regular team member is unable to play in her established doubles position, that position shall be filled by a direct line substitution, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman. Player movement, including a doubles team, within the team ladder is restricted to one position up or down from one match to another.

20.6.4 The host school shall furnish shuttlecocks for the matches. The shuttlecock shall meet the shuttlecock specifications as defined in the United States Badminton Association "Official Rules of Play".

## 20.7 COACHES / COACHING

20.7.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

20.7.2 Coaches / Players - Contest participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

20.7.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 20.8 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

20.8.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

20.8.2 School equipment outside the season of sport is a local option.

## 20.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

20.9.1 Post-Season Tournament

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

20.9.1.1 Dates and Sites

20.9.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

20.9.1.2 There shall be individual and team championships.

20.9.1.2.1 The Team Badminton Post-Season Championship shall be determined by a state team play-off format.

20.9.1.2.2 Schools must play a minimum of eight (8) matches in order to qualify for post season play.

20.9.2 Awards – The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 13.1)*.

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20.9.3 Practice on Site – A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly schedule contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the State Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may practice at the site only if that is their regular practice sit. (Ex. Bd. 10/77)*

20.9.4 Protests

20.9.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during the post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sport Administrator and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be final.

20.9.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled by the AIA and/or designated official.

20.9.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

20.9.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**20.10 UNIFIED BADMINTON** a joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Badminton programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

20.10.1 Official rules for Unified Badminton shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 21

# BASEBALL

## 21.1 RULES

21.1.1 Official rules for baseball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Baseball Rules Book.

21.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to the completion of a contest.

21.1.3 Regulation Game, Completed Game, Suspended Game

21.1.3.1 Regulation Game – A legal game is a game that fulfils the requirements outlined in the National Federation Baseball Rule Book. (4 ½ or 5 innings).

21.1.3.2 Completed Game – A completed game is a game that meets regulation game status and meets one of the following criteria:

21.1.3.2.1 Has played out the required number of innings (7)

21.1.3.2.2 Has been **called** (ended) by the umpires following a "game under suspension"

21.1.3.3 Suspension – A game under suspension is a game that has been delayed due to weather or field conditions that will be completed at a later time.
*NOTE*: A regular season varsity contest may not result in a tie, even if it went 5 innings. It must be played to a concluding contest win for one of the competing teams following the "**suspended**" game protocol.

21.1.3.4 Suspended Game Protocol

21.1.3.4.1 Games suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption and played until satisfying a regulation game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest. Pitch count guidelines shall be in effect and apply at the time when the game is resumed. Suspended games shall be replayed on the first available agreed upon date for both teams.

21.1.3.4.2 A game that has gone beyond 4 ½ or 5 innings and after suspension leaves the contest in a tie, shall be resumed at point of interruption, and played until satisfying a completed game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest. Pitch count guidelines shall be in effect and apply at the time when the game is resumed.

21.1.4 Speed-up Rules

21.1.4.1 Runners – The National Federation speed-up rules, outlined in the current rules book, will be adopted.

21.1.4.2 10-Run Rule – A baseball game shall end any time after five innings, or after four and one-half (4-1/2) innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

21.1.4.3 15-Run Rule – With the agreement of both schools participating, 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.

21.1.4.4 Time Limit – no new inning shall begin after 2 hours for a non-varsity game and if necessary, the home team can complete their at bat.

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21.1.5 No pitcher shall exceed the daily maximum number of pitches per the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines limit and required rest recommendations. (***Emergency Legislation 12/5/16***) Coaches at all team levels are required to follow the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines protocol.

| YEAR | MAX PITCHES | REQUIRED REST BASED ON PITCHES THROWN | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0 DAYS | 1 DAY | 2 DAYS | 3 DAYS | 4 DAYS |
| FRESHMAN | 95 | 1-20 | 21-35 | 36-50 | 51-65 | 66+ |
| SOPHOMORE | 95 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76+ |
| JUNIOR | 105 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76+ |
| SENIOR | 105 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76+ |

21.1.6 By mutual consent of the school/teams involved, sub-varsity baseball games may have a time limit of no new inning being allowed to start after the conclusion of one hour and 45 minutes. A game shall be considered regulation, no matter how many innings have been played, after one hour and 45 minutes have been played and the inning in progress when the time expires is completed or immediately when time expires if the team last at bat is batting and is ahead in score. If the game is tied when time expires and the inning in progress is completed, it will remain a tie score. If the game is tied at the end of seven (7) innings and time has not expired, the game will continue into extra innings until a winner is decided or time expires - whichever comes first. If the game is still tied when time expires in extra innings, and the inning in progress is completed, it will remain a tie score. Time shall begin at the end of the pre-game conference at home plate between coaches, captains, and umpires.

## 21.2 SEASON OF SPORT

21.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

21.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with the school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21.2.3 | Spring Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 32nd week |
| | | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 34th week |
| | | Championship | to be concluded by Tuesday of the | 46th week |

## 21.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

21.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

21.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

21.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- There shall be at least two (2) AIA officials on the field;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

21.3.1.3 Limits:

21.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage shall consist of no more than seven innings;
21.3.1.3.2 Offense and defense may switch when five runs are scored in one inning;
21.3.1.3.3 Pitchers shall throw no more than six (6) outs or 45 pitches

21.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages with adhering to Article 21.3.

**21.4 SCHEDULES**

21.4.1 The AIA will provide the minimum schedule to school varsity teams through the approved computerized scheduling process. The remainder of the schedule, within the parameter of the bylaw 21.5.1, may be scheduled through school to school agreement.

21.4.2 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one game. The additional game shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

**21.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

21.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.

21.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 19 junior varsity or freshman games per team.

21.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 20 baseball games per season, excluding post-season tournaments.

21.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 3A, 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.

**21.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION**

21.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

**21.7 COACHES / COACHING**

21.7.1 A coach in the coach's box must wear a helmet.

21.7.2 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

21.7.3 Coaches / Players - Game participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

21.7.4 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

**21.8 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

21.8.1 School Transportation – School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

21.8.2 School equipment outside the season of sport is a local option.

**21.9 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION**

21.9.1 AIA rated umpires shall be used in all varsity games.

21.9.2 A student may represent his high school in baseball while playing outside softball during the same season, since regulation baseball and softball are different sports.

**21.10 RECRUITING BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL** – Any AIA member school whose employees or official encourages or collaborates in conducting negotiations for a professional baseball contract for a player not yet graduated from high school may be subject to suspension from the AIA and/or suffer such penalty as the AIA Executive Board may impose. (*See Article 16, Section 1*).

## 21.11 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

21.11.1 Post-Season Tournaments

21.11.1.1 Dates and Sites

21.11.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

21.11.1.2 There shall be individual and/or team post-season tournaments as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

21.11.1.2.1 Schools must play a minimum of twelve (12) games in order to qualify for post season play.

21.11.1.3 Single or double elimination tournaments may be used to determine each championship as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

21.11.1.4 Post-season tournament bracketing shall be determined by the AIA.

21.11.1.5 No more than **25** players shall suit up, participate, or be listed on the roster of a school team for a post-season tournament.

21.11.1.6 The post-season tournaments shall be considered as a separate tournament.

21.11.2 Awards – The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 13.1)*.

21.11.3 Practice on Site – A practice or competition on the site of the post-season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly schedule contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the post-season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may practice at the site only if that is their regular practice site. (Ex. Bd. 10/77)*

21.11.4 Protests

21.11.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying tournament or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator, Tournament Coordinator and AIA Commissioner of Officials shall be final.

21.11.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Baseball Rules Book.

21.11.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

21.11.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

# ARTICLE 22

# BASKETBALL

## 22.1 RULES

21.1.1 Official rules for baseball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Basketball Rules Book.

21.1.2 For girls' contests, all Conference shall use the women's size basketball.

21.1.3 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

21.1.4 Basketball coaches will use the 28' coaching box as allowed by the National Federation Basketball Rules Book.

21.1.5 **Mercy Rule** – When at the conclusion of the third quarter, or any point thereafter, when a point differential of 30 or more points is reached, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game, regardless of the score with the following exceptions; during:

- Time outs
- Any injury (clock stopped by official)
- Technical fouls

The running clock shall continue until one (1) minute remains in the game. At that time, the game will conclude using regulation clock rules. This applies to all levels of play.

## 22.2 SEASON OF SPORT

22.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

22.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with the school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22.2.3 | Winter Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 18th week |
| | | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 20th week |
| | | Championship | to be concluded by the | 36th week |

## 22.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

22.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

22.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

22.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used except for timing purposes;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- AIA officials may be used;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

22.3.1.3 Limits:

22.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage is limited to no more than six (6) eight (8) minute quarters.

22.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages with adhering to Article 22.3.

**22.4 SCHEDULES**

22.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one game. The additional game shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

**22.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

22.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.

22.5.2 No Conference school shall schedule more than 19 junior varsity or freshman games per team.

22.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night

22.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 2A/1A, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of quarters/night during the season.

**22.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION**

22.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

**22.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION** – White jerseys will be worn for home games; dark color jerseys for away games.

**22.8 COACHES / COACHING**

22.8.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

22.8.2 Coaches / Players - Game participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

22.8.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

**22.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

22.9.1 School Transportation – School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

22.9.2 School equipment outside the season of sport is a local option.

22.9.3 Boys' and girls' basketball shall utilize a shot clock for the 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Conferences.

**22.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

22.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.

22.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

22.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

22.10.1.2 There shall be team post-season tournaments as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

22.10.1.2.1 Schools must play a minimum of twelve (12) games in order to qualify for post season play.

22.10.1.3 Single elimination tournaments may be used to determine each championship.

22.10.1.4 The AIA is responsible for determining pairings.

22.10.1.5 No more than **15** players shall suit up, participate, or be listed on the roster of a school team for a post-season tournament.

22.10.1.6 Boys' and girls' basketball shall utilize the shot clock for the 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A Conferences, the Copper Division and the Open Division. If a high see site does not have use of a shot clock, that game must be moved to a site with a shot clock.

22.10.2 Awards – The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 13.1)*.

22.10.3 Practice on Site – A practice or competition on the site of the State Championship Tournament, except for a regularly schedule contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the post-season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may practice at the site only if that is their regular practice site. (Ex. Bd. 10/77)*

22.10.4 Protests

22.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying tournament or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator.

22.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Basketball Rules Book.

22.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

22.10.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**22.11 UNIFIED BASKETBALL** – A joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Basketball programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

22.11.1 Official rules for Unified Basketball shall be those published by the SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 23

# CROSS COUNTRY

## 23.1 RULES

23.1.1 Official rules for all cross-country competition shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book.

23.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

## 23.2 SEASON OF SPORT

23.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

23.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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| 23.2.3 | Fall Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 5th week |
| | | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 8th week |
| | | Championship | to be concluded by the | 23rd week |

23.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 43.6 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

## 23.3 SCHEDULES

23.3.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one meet. The additional meet shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

23.3.2 Junior varsity and freshman teams may schedule multiple meets.

## 23.4 NUMBER OF MEETS IN SEASON

23.4.1 No team shall schedule more than 12 varsity meets per season.

23.4.2 No school shall schedule more than ten junior varsity or freshman meets per season per team.

23.4.3 No runner shall compete in more than 12 meets per season.

23.4.3.1 EXCEPTION: 2A Conference schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a runner to participate in 15 meets per season.

23.4.4 No team may compete in two different meets on the same day.

## 23.5 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

23.5.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 23.6 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

23.6.1 Runners may compete in Sectional qualifying meets as members of a team, or as individuals. A team shall consist of at least five and not more than seven runners.

23.6.2 There may be unlimited entries during the regular season of cross country meets for freshman and junior varsity teams only.

23.6.3 Freshman and junior varsity teams are permitted to have multi-school competitions.

23.6.4 All runners must be in school uniform. Violating teams shall be disqualified.

## 23.7 COACHES / COACHING

23.7.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

23.7.2 Coaches / Players - Contest participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

23.7.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 23.8 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

23.8.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

23.8.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

## 23.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

23.9.1 Post-Season Tournaments

NOTE: *See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

23.9.1.1 Dates and Sites

23.9.1.1.1 Conferences may recommend the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

23.9.1.1.2 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

23.9.1.1.3 No sectional meet or tournament shall be held at the same site on the same day as a post-season championship tournament.

23.9.1.2 There shall be individual and/or team post-season tournaments as determined by the Executive Board.

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.

23.9.1.3.1 If the sixth and seventh place finishers' time is better than any of the first five of any opposing team, it will result in an increased score for the opposing team.

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.

23.9.1.4 The top team and top runner shall be declared the Division Post-Season Cross Country Champion Team and the Post-Season Cross Country Champion Runner, respectively.

23.9.1.5 50% of all teams that complete the sectional meet advance to the State Championships. In additional the top 7 individuals from non-qualifying teams in a sectional meet will advance to the State Championship meet.

23.9.2 Tournament Games Committee - The Conferences shall give the Tournament Director the authority to appoint a Tournament Games Committee made up of a representative from each of the Conferences involved at the State Cross Country Meet. The Tournament Games Committee shall assist the Tournament Director at the state tournament.

23.9.3 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 13.1)*.

23.9.4 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Sectional or Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Sectional or Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site. (Ex. Bd. 10/77)*

*(Section 23.9 cont'd on next page)*

23.9.5 Protests

23.9.5.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying tournament or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be final.

23.9.5.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Track And Field and Cross Country Rules.

23.9.6 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

23.9.6.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

# ARTICLE 24

# FOOTBALL

## 24.1 RULES

24.1.1 Official rules for all football competition shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Football Rules Book.

24.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the field prior to completion of the contest.

24.1.3 The National Federation overtime procedure will be used to resolve ties in all varsity level games in all divisions.

24.1.4 A 2-yard buffer boundary will be established around the football field as per field diagram in NFHS rule book.

24.1.5 FOOTBALL SPEED-UP RULE – Special timing rules will apply anytime a team is ahead of an opponent by 42 or more points in the first half OR 35 or more points in the second half. The game clock will continue to run unless the game is stopped for:

- A team timeout
- An official's timeout (including injury)
- Following a score
- A change in possession
- Following a legal kick play

In the cases listed above, the referee will start the clock on the ready for play signal.

Regular timing rules shall apply in the last two minutes of the game or when the score returns to less than 42 points in the first half. The speed up rule will remain in effect if the score returns to less than 35 points in the second half.

## 24.2 SEASON OF SPORT

24.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

24.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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| Fall Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 4th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 7th week |
| | **OR school/conference may opt to use** | | |
| | Practice | no sooner than the | 5th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 8th week |
| | **OR school/conference may opt to use** | | |
| | Practice | no sooner than the | 6th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 9th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by the | 23rd week |

24.2.4 No school may schedule a varsity football game prior to Thursday of the first week of competition.

24.2.5 All schools shall complete their regular Conference schedules prior to the post-season tournament.

24.2.6 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with Bylaw 43.6 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol.

24.2.7 **Contact Rule**

Pre-Season – During the preseason, no more than ½ of the practice time may be contact practice.

Regular Season – During the regular season, no more than 1/3 of practice time may be contact practice.

Definition of Contact – Padded athletes in contact with each other.

*(Section 24.2 cont'd on next page)*

The following drills are not permitted;

1. Any drill that promotes one-on-one tests of strength within an artificially confined area that does not permit the defensive player to angle their approach, shed the blocker, or otherwise avoid unnecessary direct contact;
2. Any Bull Rush drill in which players begin more than four yards apart. If used for instructional purposes, the drill should be conducted only at walk-through or no greater than one-half speed;
3. Any head-on blocking or tackling drill in which players line up more than four yards apart. These drills should not be conducted at full speed and, if used for teaching, should be limited to walk-through or no greater than one-half speed; and
4. Drills such as, but not limited to, Bull in the Ring/King of the Circle, Oklahoma Drill, and Offensive Line/Defensive Line In-Line Run Blocking/Board Drill that create unnecessary head-on collisions or emphasize vertical displacement without an opportunity for the defender to evade the block, should be eliminated from practice or modified to be conducted only at walk-through or no greater than one-half speed.

**24.3 <u>PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE</u> (Please refer to Bylaw 24.2.6 and 43.6)**

24.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

24.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least ten practice sessions and completed the requirements of AIA Bylaw 43.6 – Heat Acclimatization.

24.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- There shall be at least four (4) AIA officials on the field;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

24.3.1.3 Limits:

24.3.1.3.1 There are no: Kickoffs
Punts
Bands, Spiritlines, etc.

24.3.1.3.2 There are 60 offensive plays for each team conducted in the following manner:

- On offense, one team starts and has ten plays in a row starting from their own 40 yard line.
- If the offense scores, the ball comes back to the 40 yard line until the ten plays are used.
- An accepted foul will give the offensive team the right to replay the down.
- A down is over if the defensive team gains possession of the ball.
- The second team will have ten offensive plays; this continues until each team has 60 offensive plays. The teams may elect to run fewer than 60 offensive plays if agreed upon by both coaches.
- Coaches exchange information on their basic offenses and defenses so that players will be to align themselves at the start of each play.

24.3.1.3.3 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 24.3.

**24.4 <u>SCHEDULES</u>**

24.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one game. The additional game shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 24.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

24.5.1 No school shall schedule more than ten varsity games.

24.5.2 No school shall schedule more than nine junior varsity or freshman games per team.

24.5.3 No player shall participate in more than five (5) quarters per week, 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.

## 24.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

24.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 24.7 COACHES / COACHING

24.7.1 Except as provided in 24.8.1, the AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

24.7.2 Coaches / Players - Game participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

24.7.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 24.8 OUT-OF-SEASON FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES

24.8.1 Instruction is limited to non-contact activities and the only school equipment which may not be used out-of-season is helmets and shoulder pads.

24.8.2 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

24.8.3 With school district governing board approval, weight training or other activities may be conducted in school athletic facilities.

24.8.4 Self-compliance, under the responsibility of the school principal, must be practiced.

## 24.9 SPRING FOOTBALL INSTRUCTION

24.9.1 A coach may instruct candidates for the high school's football squad for 18 practices, commencing on the 43rd week of the AIA standardized calendar and concluding in the 46th week.

24.9.2 Student athletes attending spring football instructions shall have parental or legal guardian consent and a current physical examination on file. It is recommended that insurance coverage be provided as stated in Article 14, Section 14.15.

24.9.3 Attendance at spring football instructions shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the football squad for failing to attend the out-of-season football instructions.

## 24.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

24.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

*(Section 24.10 cont'd on next page)*

24.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

24.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

24.10.1.2 There shall be team post-season tournaments as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

24.10.1.2.1 Schools must play a minimum of eight (8) games in order to qualify for post season play.
**EXCEPTION** – 1A schools must play a minimum of six (6) games in order to qualify for post season play.

24.10.1.3 Single elimination tournaments shall be used.

24.10.2 Awards – The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

24.10.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION*: *The host school may practice at the site only if that is their regular practice site. (Ex. Bd. 10/77)*

24.10.4 Protests

24.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator shall be final as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Football Rules Book.

24.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Football Rules Book.

24.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

24.10.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**24.11** **UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL** a joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Flag Football programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

24.11.1 Official rules for Unified flag football shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 25

# FLAG FOOTBALL

## 25.1 RULES

25.1.1 Official rules for Flag Football shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Flag Football Rules Book.

25.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the field prior to completion of the contest.

25.1.3 Schools shall utilize a field that is either 360 feet (length) by 120 feet (width) or 300 feet (length) by 120 feet (width). The team boxes shall be positioned between the 25-yard lines. Goal posts are required.

25.1.4 Schools shall utilize one-piece quick release flag belts (Triple Threat). The flags shall be a minimum of 2" wide and 14" long when measured from the edge of the belt. The flag must have a spring-loaded clip.

25.1.5 Standard halftime length shall be ten minutes and may be extended to no greater than twenty minutes for a special ceremony (homecoming, senior night, etc).

25.1.6 Varsity games ending in a tie at the end of regulation play shall utilize the following overtime procedures:

- A coin toss will begin the first overtime. The team winning the coin toss shall be given the choice of offense or defense first, or designate the end of the field at which the ball will be put into play. The team losing the coin toss may choose the remaining option.
- Possession begins on the opposing 10-yard line., 1st & Goal. Each team has one set of downs to score (unless a live ball foul is accepted that includes an automatic first down).
- The same end of the field shall be used by both teams during the two sets of downs to ensure equal game conditions.
- The team scoring the greater number of points in the overtime shall be declared the winner.
- If the score remains tied after each team has been given one series of downs in an overtime period, then the procedure shall be repeated with other overtime periods until a game winner is determined. In this case, there shall be an intermission of two minutes. At the subsequent meeting of team captains, the loser of the first overtime coin toss will be given first choice of the options. If additional overtime periods are required, then first option will be alternated with no additional coin toss.
- When the defensive team gains possession of the ball, the down and series immediately end for the offensive team.
- Each team is allotted one time-out per overtime period. Unused timeouts do not carry over.
- The line to gain is always the goal line, regardless of whether or not a penalty enforcement places the ball more than 10 yards from the goal line to start a new series.

25.1.7 Mercy Rule – The clock will continue to run once a team is ahead by at least 28 points, except during time-outs (official's, team, or injury). Mercy rules remail in effect for the remainder of the contest.

25.1.8 The kicking of place kicks (field goals and kick trys) is approved.

## 25.2 SEASON OF SPORT

25.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition, and the conclusion of post-season competition.

25.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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| 25.2.3 | Fall Season (Girls) | Practice | no sooner than the | 6th week |
| | | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 11th week |
| | | Championship | to be concluded by the | 25th week |

25.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 43.6 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

## 25.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

25.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

25.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions and completed the requirements of AIA Bylaw 43.6 – Heat Acclimatization.

25.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school.
- Scoreboards shall not be used.
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported.
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used.
- AIA officials may be used.
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players.
- Coaching is permitted during play.
- Timeouts are unlimited.
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

25.3.1.3 Limits:

25.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage length shall not exceed two (2) hours on the field.

25.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 25.3.

## 25.4 SCHEDULES

25.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 25.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

25.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 13 varsity games, including one invitational which shall count as one game each.

25.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 12 junior varsity or 12 FR/SO games per team.

25.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

## 25.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

25.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 25.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

25.7.1 Any school, regardless of Division, may compete with any other school in good standing.

25.7.2 The football to be used shall meet the requirements found in the National Federation Flag Football Rules Book.

## 25.8 COACHES / COACHING

25.8.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

25.8.2 Coaches / Players - Game participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

25.8.3 Attendance shall be voluntary, and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

**25.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

25.9.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

25.9.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

**25.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

25.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

25.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

25.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

25.10.1.2 There shall be team post-season tournament(s) as approved by the Executive Board.

25.10.1.2.1 School must play a minimum of eight (8) games in order to qualify for post season play.

25.10.1.3 The type of tournament shall be determined by the AIA Executive Board.

25.10.1.4 The football to be used shall meet the requirements found in the National Federation Flag Football Rules Book.

25.10.1.5 Seeding for the post-season tournament shall be based on AIA power ranking system if available and/or the AIA section qualifying process.

25.10.1.6 Single elimination tournament(s) shall be used.

25.10.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

25.10.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school**.**

*DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

25.10.4 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events.

25.10.4.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**25.11 UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL** – A joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Flag Football programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

25.11.1 Official rules for Unified Flag Football shall be those published by the SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 26

# GOLF

## 26.1 RULES

26.1.1 All golf competitions will be conducted using the current edition of "The Rules of Golf" as approved by The United States Golf Association.

26.1.2 The Games Committee for:

26.1.2.1 Matches – Shall be the coaches of the teams competing.
Chairman: The coach from the host school.

26.1.2.2 Invitational Tournaments – Shall be determined by the host school.
Chairman: The coach from the host school.

26.1.2.3 Post-Season Tournaments – Shall be the Chairman (Tournament Coordinator in charge or the tournament/Tournament Director) and members of the Golf Games Committee.

26.1.3 The Rules Committee in charge of the event may adopt some local rules, which are necessary to allow the competition to be conducted fairly. The necessity for local rules is usually determined by the golf course management.

*NOTE: See Article 15, Section 15.11 regarding amateur standing.*

26.1.4 In the event of a question or a protest during the qualifying match or post-season tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be final.

## 26.2 SEASON OF SPORT

26.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

26.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

26.2.3

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| Fall Season<br>**Division I & II** | Practice<br>Season of Competition<br>Championship | no sooner than the<br>begins Monday of the<br>to be concluded by the | 5th week<br>6th week<br>23rd week |
| Spring Season<br>**Division III** | Practice<br>Season of Competition<br>Championship | no sooner than the<br>begins Monday of the<br>to be concluded by the | 32nd week<br>34th week<br>45th week |

## 26.3 NUMBER OF MATCHES IN SEASON

26.3.1 No school shall schedule more than 14 varsity matches.

26.3.1.1 Division schools shall not exceed five invitationals. An invitational shall count as one match.

26.3.1.2 No player may participate in more than 14 matches per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

26.3.1.3 Division III - No school shall schedule more than ten junior varsity matches per team.

## 26.4 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

26.4.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 26.5 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

26.5.1 Golf matches may be two-way, three-way or four-way matches.

26.5.2 A match is either nine or eighteen holes. An 18-hole match will count as two qualifiers and two matches.

26.5.3 Scores will be determined by counting the lowest 4 of 5 scores. If a team fails to post 4 scores, they will be disqualified. When a team is disqualified, its individuals may still post a score.

26.5.4 Distance Measuring Devices, per USGA and local association guidelines, are permitted in all high school play (including regular season matches and tournaments as well as the State Tournament).

## 26.6 COACHES / COACHING

26.6.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

26.6.2 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

26.6.3 Coaching will be permitted as per USGA Rules of Golf, Rule 24.4. Each team may have one designated coach per match / tournament. Coaches may not be on the greens or in the bunkers.

## 26.7 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

26.7.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

26.7.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

## 26.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

26.8.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

26.8.1.1 Dates and Sites

26.8.1.1.1 A Rules Committee for each post-season championship should:

26.8.1.1.1.1 Make the pairings.

26.8.1.1.1.2 Determine the responsibility for on-course rules decisions.

26.8.1.1.1.3 Determine any adjustments (local rules) which are necessary to conduct the tournament fairly and prepare an information sheet explaining these changes as well as each player's responsibilities during the tournament.

26.8.1.1.2 A Games Committee for each post-season championship should:

26.8.1.1.2.1 Rule on any disputes and violations arising from the interpretations of the AIA Bylaws related to Article 26.

26.8.1.1.2.2 Determine how score will be taken and reported.

26.8.1.1.2.3 Make the final decision on any misconduct penalties and disqualifications.

26.8.1.2 There shall be individual and/or team post-season tournaments as determined by the Executive Board.

26.8.1.3 Each school may qualify one team consisting of a minimum of four or a maximum of five players. Schools must complete a minimum of 7 state qualifying events to compete in state.

26.8.1.4 In order for an individual to represent a school in the post-season tournament, that school must have a regularly organized program and have compete in a minimum of 7 state qualifying events to qualify for state.

26.8.1.5 Post-Season tournament competition shall consist of 36 or 18 holes of stroke play over one or two days.

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26.8.1.6 No motorized carts or caddies are to be used by participants. Each player must carry his/her own clubs or pull his/her own cart.
*DETERMINATION: The Executive Board or the Executive Director, may in individual cases, upon written request by the member school, waive or modify 26.9.1.6 when it is determined that:*

1. *The student has a disability as defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act; and*
2. *Waiver or modification would constitute a reasonable accommodation for the disability; and*
3. *Waiver or modification would not result in a competitive advantage to the student.*

*If requested by the Executive Board or the Executive Director, the student shall submit to a medical examination by a physician selected and paid for by the Association, and/or shall provide to the Association medical records for review by said physician or other experts, as the Association deems appropriate.*

26.8.1.7 An AIA qualified coach must accompany the school team.

26.8.1.8 Tie – Teams

26.8.1.8.1 In the event of a tie in team scores at the completion of Regulation play (four out of five scores counted each day), the winner shall be determined by comparing the fifth score posted on the second day from each involved in the tie. If a tie still remains, then the same procedure will be used by comparing the firth score posted on the first day of competition. If a tie remains after both scores have been compared, the teams will be declared co-champions.

26.8.1.8.2 Individual Tie – in the case of a tie for the medalist championship at the conclusion of regulation play, the individuals tied for the championship will proceed to a hold designated by the tournament games committee as the first play-off hole. Play will continue from designated holes until a champion is determined. (In case of darkness co-champions will be declared).

26.8.1.9 The four low individual scores from each team each day shall count toward the team total. The team with the lowest two-day team total shall be the Post-Season Champion. Low medalist will be the person with the lowest two-day total.

26.8.1.10 Players are to wear appropriate golf attire as established by the AIA rules at all times on the golf course. It is recommended that teams wear matching shirts (identifying uniforms).

26.8.1.11 Inappropriate behavior (club throwing, abusive or profane language, mistreatment of the golf course, etc.) will be dealt with by the Games Committee. A player may be disqualified from the tournament.

26.8.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

26.8.3 Practice On-Site

26.8.3.1 Post-Season Tournaments - A practice (including walking of the course) or competition on the site of the state tournament, is not permitted beginning with the Sunday prior to the week of the state tournament.

26.8.4 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

26.8.4.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**26.9 UNIFIED GOLF** – A joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Golf programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

26.9.1 Official rules for Unified golf shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 27

# SOCCER

## 27.1 RULES

27.1.1 Official rules for soccer shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Soccer Rules Book.

27.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

27.1.3 Any coach, non-playing contestant, or non-participating school personnel who leave the team's bench area and engage in violent conduct against their opponent or game officials shall cause the game to be terminated.

27.1.3.1 The game will be declared a forfeiture to the offended team. If both teams engage in violent conduct against each other or game officials, the game will be terminated and each team will be charged with one loss.

27.1.3.2 If the above occurs during tournament play, the offending team(s) will be removed from further tournament competition.

27.1.3.3 Further sanctions may be imposed by the AIA Executive Board.

27.1.4 Varsity regular season, and Post-Season tournament progression soccer games, which are tied after the completion of regulation play, shall be resolved in the following manner: The teams shall play two ten-minute overtime periods. *In regular season varsity play the games, if tied at the end of the second overtime period, shall* ***remain*** *a tie and no kicks from the mark shall be played.* In Post-season tournament progression soccer games only, the winner shall be determined by the Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match as outlined in 27.1.5.

27.1.4.1 The interval between the fourth period or second half and the first overtime period shall be five minutes during which time a coin toss shall be held. The interval between the first overtime period and the second overtime period shall be two minutes.

27.1.5 Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match

27.1.5.1 Regular Season Games – Two ten (10) minute overtime periods shall be played. If the score is still tied at the end of the two overtime periods, the result will be recorded as a tie. (NO Kicks from the Mark).

27.1.5.2 Mercy Rule – A soccer game shall end any time after the 60th minute of play when a team is 8 or more goals behind.

27.1.5.3 Invitational Tournaments – Individual invitational tournaments may set game ending procedures.

27.1.5.4 State Tournament (Play in Games through Semi-Finals) – Two ten (10) minute overtime periods shall be played. If the score is still tied at the end of the two overtime periods, the “Kicks from the Mark” procedure shall be utilized to determine a winner.

27.1.5.5 State Championship – Two ten (10) minute overtime periods shall be played. If the score is still tied at the conclusion of the two overtime periods, the “Kicks from the Mark” procedures shall be utilized to determine a winner.

## 27.2 SEASON OF SPORT

27.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

27.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

27.2.3

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| Fall Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 4th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 7th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by the | 23rd week |

**Pre-Competition Practice (Fall ONLY)** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 43.5.1 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

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| Winter Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 18th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 21st week |
| | **OR schools/conferences may opt to use** | | |
| | Practice | no sooner than the | 19th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 22nd week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by the | 34th week |

27.2.4 Contact Rule/Heading Training – Definition of Contact Rule/Heading Training – Specific activities wherein the student-athlete(s) actively heads the ball consistently as a manner of technical training. Contact/Heading during the course of simulated match activities does not constitute specific heading training (i.e. heading a ball from a cross, heading a punted ball during a simulated game, etc).

Pre-Season – During the pre-season, no more than 15 minutes of practice time each day with no more than two training sessions each week may include specific heading activities.

Regular Season/Post-Season – During the regular season and post-season, no more than 15 minutes of practice time each day and no more than 2 practices each week may include specific heading activities.

27.2.4.1 For all pre-season, regular season and post-season practices, specific heading activities shall not be conducted on consecutive days.

## 27.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

27.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games:

27.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

27.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used.

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used except for timing purposes;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- There shall be at least two (2) AIA officials on the field;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy

27.3.1.3 Limits:

27.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage shall be limited to four 20 minute quarters; the teams may play fewer minutes or quarters if agreed upon by both coaches.

27.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 27.3.

## 27.4 SCHEDULES

27.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one game. The additional game shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 27.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

27.5.1 No school shall schedule more than **14** varsity games, two of which may be invitational tournaments.

27.5.2 No school shall schedule more than **12** junior varsity or freshman games per team.

27.5.3 No player shall participate in more than **14** soccer games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

27.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 3A, 2A and 1A school, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in and unlimited number of games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

## 27.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

27.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 27.7 COACHES / COACHING

27.7.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

27.7.2 Coaches / Players - Game participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

27.7.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 27.8 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

27.8.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

27.8.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

## 27.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

27.9.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

27.9.1.1 Dates and Sites

27.9.1.1.1 Conferences may recommend the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

27.9.1.1.2 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

27.9.1.2 There shall be a team post-season tournaments as determined by the Executive Board.

27.9.1.2.1 Schools must play a minimum of eight (8) games in order to qualify for post season play.

27.9.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 13.1)*.

27.9.3 Practice On-Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Region or Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Region or Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may practice at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

27.9.4 Protests

27.9.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying game or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be final.

27.9.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Soccer Rules Book.

27.9.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

27.9.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**27.10** **UNIFIED SOCCER** a joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Soccer programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

27.10.1 Official rules for Unified Soccer shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 28

# SOFTBALL

## 28.1 RULES

28.1.1 Official rules for girls' softball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Softball Rules Book.

28.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

28.1.3 Regulation Game, Completed Game, Suspended Game

28.1.3.1 Regulation Game – A legal game is a game that fulfils the requirements outlined in the National Federation Softball Rule Book. (4 ½ or 5 innings).

28.1.3.2 Completed Game – A completed game is a game that meets regulation game status and meets one of the following criteria:

28.1.3.2.1 Has played out the required number of innings (7)

28.1.3.2.2 Has been **called** (ended) by the umpires following a "game under suspension"

28.1.3.3 Suspension – A game under suspension is a game that has been delayed due to weather or field conditions that will be completed at a later time.

*NOTE*: A regular season varsity contest may not result in a tie, even if it went 5 innings. It must be played to a concluding contest win for one of the competing teams following the "**suspended**" game protocol.

28.1.3.4 Suspended Game Protocol

28.1.3.4.1 Games suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption and played until satisfying a regulation game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest. Suspended games shall be replayed on the first available agreed upon date for both teams

28.1.3.4.2 A game that has gone beyond 4 ½ or 5 innings and after suspension leaves the contest in a tie, shall be resumed at point of interruption, and played until satisfying a completed game criterion. All lineups, substitutions, and score shall be continued from the suspended contest.

28.1.4 10-Run Rule - A softball game shall end any time after five innings, or after four and one-half (4-1/2) innings when a team is ten or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

28.1.5 15-Run Rule – With the agreement of both schools participating, a softball 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.

28.1.6 Time Limit – No new inning shall begin after 2 hours for a non-varsity game and if necessary, the home team can complete their at bat.

28.1.7 Invitational softball tournaments may impose a time limit and/or the tie-breaker procedure described in Article 28.1.6 as procedures for ending games.

28.1.7.1 Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective inning being placed on second base (e.g. if the number four batter is the leadoff batter, the number three batter in the batting order will be placed on second base.) This procedure will be followed until a winner is determined in a complete inning. Should the player scheduled to be put on second base be a player who has left the game and an out is being called for her time at bat, no out shall be called and the player put on second shall be the player who precedes the one being called out in the batting order.

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28.1.8 By mutual consent of the school/teams involved, sub-varsity softball games may have a time limit of no new inning being allowed to start after the conclusion of one hour and 45 minutes. A game shall be considered regulation, no matter how many innings have been played, after one hour and 45 minutes have been played and the inning in progress when the time expires is completed or immediately when time expires if the team last at bat is batting and is ahead in score. If the game is tied when time expires and the inning in progress is completed, it will remain a tie score. If the game is tied at the end of seven (7) innings and time has not expired, the game will continue into extra innings until a winner is decided or time expires - whichever comes first. If the game is still tied when time expires in extra innings, and the inning in progress is completed, it will remain a tie score. Time shall begin at the end of the pre-game conference at home plate between coaches, captains, and umpires.

## 28.2 SEASON OF SPORT

28.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

28.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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| 28.2.3 Spring Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 32nd week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 34th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by Tuesday of the | 46th week |

*Q: May a student on the high school softball team practice with another softball team before her high school season of competition is completed?*
*A: No. (See Article 14, Section 14.4)*

*DETERMINATION: Slow pitch and fast pitch softball are different sports but, because of similarities in slow pitch and fast pitch softball, AIA interpretation is they are considered the same sport and no competitor may compete in slow pitch and fast pitch softball at the same time during the season of competition.*

## 28.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

28.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games:

28.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

28.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- There shall be at least two (2) AIA officials on the field;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

28.3.1.3 Limits:
28.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage shall consist of no more than seven innings;
28.3.1.3.2 Offense and defense may switch when five runs are scored in one inning

28.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 28.3.

## 28.4 SCHEDULES

28.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one game. The additional game shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 28.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

28.5.1 No school shall schedule more than **20** varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.

28.5.2 No school shall schedule more than **19** junior varsity or freshman games per team.

28.5.3 No player shall participate in more than **20** softball games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

28.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 3A, 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.

## 28.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

28.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 28.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

28.7.1 Each team will be limited to a ten-minute warm up on the field

## 28.8 COACHES / COACHING

28.8.1 A coach in a coach's box must wear a helmet.

28.8.2 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

28.8.3 Coaches / Players - Game participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

28.8.4 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 28.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

28.9.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

28.9.2 School equipment outside the season of sport is a local option.

## 28.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

28.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

28.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

28.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

28.10.1.2 There shall be a team post-season tournament as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

28.10.1.2.1 Schools must play a minimum of twelve (12) games in order to qualify for post season play.

28.10.1.3 All post-season tournaments may be single or double elimination as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

28.10.1.4 Post-season tournament bracketing shall be determined by the AIA.

28.10.2 No more than 22 players shall suit up, participate or be listed on a roster for a post-season tournament game.

28.10.3 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

28.10.4 Practice On-Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championships, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may practice at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

28.10.5 Protests

28.10.5.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be final.

28.10.5.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Softball Rules Book.

28.10.6 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

28.10.6.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**28.11 UNIFIED SOFTBALL** – A joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Softball programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

28.11.1 Official rules for Unified Softball shall be those published by the SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 29

# SWIMMING

## 29.1 RULES

29.1.1 Official rules for swimming and diving shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules Book.

29.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the tournament.

29.1.3 All dual meet scoring and reporting sheets shall be from the National Federation Official Swimming and Diving Score Book. An original copy of the official scoring/reporting sheet for dual and tri-meets should be made available by each participating school.

29.1.3.1 The conversion factors accepted by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) for converting meters to yards will be the standard conversion factors which are used by coaches when submitting seeding times at regional and other seeding meetings.

## 29.2 SEASON OF SPORT

29.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

29.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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| 29.2.3 | Fall Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 6th week |
| | | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 9th week |
| | | Championship | to be concluded by the | 23rd week |

29.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Prior to competition, individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

## 29.3 SCHEDULES

29.3.1 In the absence of a master schedule, a school must have a regularly organized program to qualify for the post-season tournament. *(See Article 12)*.

29.3.2 Regular-season, varsity schedules will be created through an appointed committee. Schools will be scheduled up to 7 regular-season, varsity meets. Schools without facility availability to host varsity, regular-season meets will be scheduled for up to 3 meets.

## 29.4 NUMBER OF MEETS IN SEASON

29.4.1 No school shall schedule more than eleven varsity meets, including four invitationals, which count as varsity meets.

29.4.2 No player shall participate in more than eleven swimming meets, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

## 29.5 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

29.5.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 29.6 COACHES / COACHING

29.6.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

29.6.2 Coaches / Players - Meet participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

29.6.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 29.7 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

29.7.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

29.7.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

## 29.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

29.8.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

29.8.1.1 Dates and Sites

29.8.1.1.1 Conferences may recommend the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

29.8.1.1.2 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

29.8.1.1.3 Boys and girls post-season swimming meets shall be held no later than the third Saturday in November.

29.8.1.2 There shall be individual and/or team state tournaments as determined by the Executive Board.

29.8.1.3 In championship tournaments a competitor officially becomes a participant in an individual event when the official entry form bearing that swimmer's first and last name and submitted time is delivered to the Tournament Director at the designated time and place.

29.8.1.4 Post-Season tournament records may be set only in AIA Post-Season Championship Tournaments for boys and girls.

29.8.1.5 National records on the proper forms, according to the National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules Book and National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association, must be submitted for all national records and for any All-American qualifying times.

29.8.1.6 Boys/Girls Participants
The top 40 automatic or provisional qualifiers per individual event will advance to the post-season meet. The top 30 automatic or provisional relay qualifiers will advance to the post-season.

29.8.1.7 Boys and girls Post-Season Swimming Tournaments will take place concurrently. The standard order of events will be followed with boys and girls alternating in each event; i.e., boys heats and girls heats for the event, then move on to the next event.

29.8.1.7.1 The order shall rotate each year. On even years, boys swim first; on odd years, girls swim first.

29.8.1.8 The schedule for competition shall be determined by the Tournament Coordinator to facilitate the tournament needs for that year.

29.8.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

29.8.3 Protests

29.8.3.1 In the event of a question or a protest during the post-season tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be final.

29.8.3.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules Book.

29.8.4 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

29.8.4.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**29.9** **UNIFIED AQUATICS** - A joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Aquatics programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

29.9.1 Official rules for Unified Aquatics shall be those published by the SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 30

# TENNIS

## 30.1 RULES

30.1.1 The rules in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis & Cases and Decisions will apply in all matches.

30.1.1.1 EXCEPTION: USTA age groupings do not apply.

30.1.1.2 EXCEPTION: The following exceptions to the USTA Conduct Rule shall apply:

- First offense is point penalty.
- Second offense is game penalty.
- Third offense is disqualification.
- There is no carry over from one match to another.

30.1.1.3 EXCEPTION: The following exceptions to the USTA Injury Rule shall apply:

- Five minute to get trainer (or coach) to court.
- Two minutes to diagnose injury or illness.
- Three minutes to treat.
- Ninety seconds on changeover does not count towards the above minutes.
- Lack of conditioning injuries are included in this rule.

*DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Board recommends school administrators advise coaches to adhere to USTA regulations during any interscholastic tennis competition. Coaches, through their administrators, should report any violations to the AIA Office. (Ex. Bd. 4/78).*

30.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

30.1.3 See Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules regarding amateur standing.

## 30.2 SEASON OF SPORT

30.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

30.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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| Fall Season (Frosh/Soph) | Practice | no sooner than the | 6th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday the | 9th week |
| Spring Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 32nd week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 34th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by the | 45th week |

## 30.3 PRE-SEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

30.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

30.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

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30.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used except for timing purposes;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- AIA officials may be used;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy

30.3.1.3 Limits:

30.3.1.3.1 Any individual player is limited to three sets, any combination of singles and doubles play; a pro-set is a set.

30.3.1.3.2 Scrimmage shall not exceed two (2) hours in length.

30.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 30.3.

## 30.4 SCHEDULES

30.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 30.5 NUMBER OF MATCHES IN SEASON

30.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 16 varsity matches, including two invitationals, each of which shall count as one match.

30.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 16 junior varsity or 16 freshman matches per team.

30.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 16 matches per season, excluding post-season tournaments. During regular season play vs the same opposing school, a player may participate in one singles match and one doubles match regardless of level and this would be considered one complete match toward the maximum of 16 opportunities.

30.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: Division III 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.

## 30.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

30.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 30.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

30.7.1 Any school may play any other school in the state which is in good standing.

30.7.2 An interschool match shall consist of six singles matches and three doubles matches. Players may play singles, doubles, or both singles and doubles within each of the various levels (varsity, junior varsity and freshman).

30.7.3 Should a team fail to appear with six players for the individual matches, a default will be granted for each individual match not played.

30.7.4 Tennis players shall compete with players on the opposing team with the same rank. The line-up should always be based on order of ability. When a regular team member is unable to participate in his/her established singles position, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman. When a regular team member is unable to play in his/her established doubles position, that position shall be filled by a direct line substitution, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman.

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30.7.4.1 Player movement, including a doubles team, within the team ladder is restricted to one position up or down from one match to another.

30.7.5 Freshman tennis players may also participate in junior varsity or varsity competition during the school year.

30.7.6 The home team shall furnish two new official USTA balls for each individual varsity match.

30.7.7 Individual matches for boys and girls shall consist of no more than three sets. The match score for freshmen tennis will be the 8 game no-ad method.

## 30.8 COACHES / COACHING

30.8.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

30.8.2 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

30.8.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 30.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

30.9.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

30.9.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

## 30.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

30.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

30.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

30.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

30.10.1.2 There shall be Individual Champions and Team Champions for both boys and girls.

30.10.1.2.1 There shall be individual and/or team post-season tournaments as determined by the Executive Board.

30.10.1.2.2 Team Tennis Champions

30.10.1.2.2.1 The Division I, II, III Team Tennis Championship shall be determined by a post-season team playoff format.

30.10.1.2.2.2 Schools must play a minimum of eight (8) matches in order to qualify for post season play.

30.10.1.2.3 Spectators shall not be permitted inside the fenced area.

30.10.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

30.10.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

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30.10.4 Protests

30.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying match or post-season tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director and/or Committee shall be final.

30.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis & Cases and Decisions.

30.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

30.10.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

# ARTICLE 31

# TRACK

## 31.1 RULES

31.1.1 Official rules for track shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Track And Field and Cross Country Rules Book.

31.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

31.1.3 Schools shall qualify a relay team, not the individual runners on the team.

31.1.3.1 Being listed as a member of a relay team does not count as an event unless the individual actually runs in the event.

31.1.4 In each division, schools may enter four athletes per school per event provided they have met the qualifying mark for the state tournament.

## 31.2 SEASON OF SPORT

31.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

31.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31.2.3 | Spring Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 32nd week |
| | | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 34th week |
| | | Championship | to be concluded by Tuesday of the | 45th week |

31.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Prior to competition, individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

## 31.3 SCHEDULES

31.3.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 31.4 NUMBER OF MEETS IN SEASON

31.4.1 No school shall schedule more than **13** varsity meets.

31.4.2 No school shall schedule more than **10** junior varsity or **8** freshman matches per team.

31.4.3 No player may participate in more than **13** meets per season, excluding the state tournaments.

31.4.4 Schools may send individuals to only one non-scoring invitational without counting the meet as one of the 13 varsity meets. Schools can additionally send athletes to one non-scoring specialty meet without counting the meet as one of the 14 varsity meets. These meets would include distance classics, throws meets or a field event only meet.

*DETERMINATION: A school sending a member or a relay team to a scoring track meet shall consider the meet as one of the school's allowable 13 varsity meets.*

31.4.5 Freshman and junior varsity teams may schedule multiple school meets.

## 31.5 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

31.5.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

## 31.6 COACHES / COACHING

31.6.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

31.6.2 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

31.6.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 31.7 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

31.7.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

31.7.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

31.7.3 High school athletes may wear school uniforms and use school equipment while participating in the following athletic competition:

- Meet of Champions (Track)
- State Decathlon Championship

## 31.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

31.8.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

31.8.1.1 The top 26 automatic and provisional qualifiers for each individual event will advance to the state tournament. The top 18/16 (based on venue) automatic and provisional relay teams will advance to the state meet. (Refer to rule 31.1.4)

31.8.1.2 Dates and Sites

31.8.1.2.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

31.8.1.3 There shall be Individual Champions and Team Champions for both boys and girls.

31.8.1.4 Preliminaries shall be considered a part of the finals and any records set in the preliminaries shall be considered a state record.

31.8.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

31.8.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

31.8.4 Protests

31.8.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying meet or post-season tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be.

31.8.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book.

31.8.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

31.8.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**31.9** **UNIFIED TRACK** and field is a joint effort between the AIA and SOAZ to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified track and field programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

31.9.1 Official rules for Unified track and field shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 32

# VOLLEYBALL

## 32.1 RULES

32.1.1 Official rules for volleyball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Volleyball Rules Book.

32.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

## 32.2 SEASON OF SPORT

32.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

32.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Fall Season (Girls) | Practice | no sooner than the | 6th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 9th week |
| | | **OR by school adoption** | |
| | | Wednesday of the | 8th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by the | 23rd week |
| Spring Season (Boys) | Practice | no sooner than the | 32nd week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Wednesday of the | 34th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by the | 45th week |

## 32.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

32.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

32.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

32.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used except for timing purposes if required;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- AIA officials may be used;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

32.3.1.3 Limits:
32.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage length shall not exceed two (2) hours on the court.

32.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 32.3.

## 32.4 SCHEDULES

32.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 32.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

32.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity matches, including three invitationals which shall count as one match each.

32.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 19 junior varsity or 19 freshman matches per team.

32.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) sets/night (for regular season matches only).

32.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 2A and 1A schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 8 sets/night (for regular season matches only).

32.5.3.2 EXCEPTION: 3A Volleyball players that compete only on the varsity will be allowed up to ten (10) sets for regular season competition if a varsity volleyball doubleheader match has been scheduled. 3A volleyball players that compete on either a freshman and/or junior varsity team in addition to the varsity will continue to only be allowed six (6) sets of volleyball per night.

## 32.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

32.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

32.6.2 Schools shall have no more than **18** players suit up, participate, or be listed on the roster of a school team for post-season tournaments.

## 32.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

32.7.1 Any school, regardless of Conference, may compete with any other school in good standing.

32.7.2 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used.

32.7.3 Varsity matches will use rally scoring, best three out of five games. Games one through four shall be played to 25 points (no cap). Game five shall be played to 15 points (no cap). Freshman and JV matches will use rally scoring, best of three games. Games one and two shall be played to 25 points (no cap). Game three shall be played to 15 points (no cap).

## 32.8 COACHES / COACHING

32.8.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

32.8.2 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

32.8.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 32.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

32.9.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

32.9.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

**32.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

32.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

32.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

32.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

32.10.1.1.2 The Post-Season Girls Volleyball Tournament shall conclude prior to Thanksgiving.

32.10.1.1.3 The Post-Season Boys Volleyball Tournament shall conclude by the 45th week.

32.10.1.2 There shall be a Girls and Boys Post-Season Volleyball Tournament.

32.10.1.2.1 Schools must play a minimum of twelve (12) matches in order to qualify for post season play.

32.10.1.3 The type of tournament shall be determined by the AIA Executive Board.

32.10.1.4 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used for post-season tournaments.

32.10.1.5 Seeding for the post-season tournament shall be based on AIA power ranking system and section qualifying process.

32.10.1.6 Two AIA officials assigned to the tournament, but not calling the game, shall be line judges and shall be paid $30.00 per match.

32.10.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

32.10.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school

*DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

32.10.4 Protests

32.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying match or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator shall be final.

32.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Volleyball Rules Book.

32.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

32.10.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**32.11 UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL** – A joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Volleyball programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

32.11.1 Official rules for Unified Volleyball shall be those published by the SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 33

# BEACH VOLLEYBALL

## 33.1 RULES

33.1.1 Official rules for Beach Volleyball shall be the current rules approved by the AIA Executive Board.

33.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

## 33.2 SEASON OF SPORT

33.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

33.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

33.2.3

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fall Season (Boys) | Practice | no sooner than the | 6th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 10th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by Friday of the | 22nd week |
| Spring Season (Girls) | Practice | no sooner than the | 32nd week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 34th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by Tuesday of the | 46th week |

## 33.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

33.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

33.3.1.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

33.3.1.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used except for timing purposes if required;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- AIA officials may be used;
- Unlimited substitution and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy

33.3.1.3 Limits:

33.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage length shall not exceed two (2) hours on the court.

33.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 33.3.

## 33.4 SCHEDULES

33.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

**33.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

33.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 15 varsity matches, including three invitationals which shall count as one match each.

33.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 12 junior varsity matches.

33.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 15 matches during the season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

**33.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION**

33.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

**33.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION**

33.7.1 Any school, regardless of Division, may compete with any other school in good standing.

33.7.2 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used.

33.7.3 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. A sixth varsity pair may be played but does not count towards the final score. Freshman/Sophomore and JV team matches will be played best two out of three pairs.

33.7.4 Beach volleyball pairs in team competition shall compete with pairs on the opposing team with the same skill rank. The line-up shall always be based on order of ability. 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. If a regular team member is out of the lineup for a significant amount of time (at least 3 matches) she may return to any position based on her skill rank. 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.

Any violation of the anti-stacking policy shall result in forfeiture of the entire match.

**33.8 COACHES / COACHING**

33.8.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

33.8.2 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

33.8.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

**33.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

33.9.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

33.9.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

**33.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

33.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

33.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

33.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

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33.10.1.2 There shall be a Post-Season Volleyball Tournament.

33.10.1.2.1 School must play a minimum of eight (8) matches in order to qualify for post season play.

33.10.1.3 The type of tournament shall be determined by the AIA Executive Board.

33.10.1.4 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used for post-season tournaments.

33.10.1.5 Seeding for the post-season tournament shall be based on AIA power ranking system if available and/or the AIA section qualifying process.

33.10.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*

33.10.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

33.10.4 Protests

33.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying match or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator shall be final.

33.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current rules of the USA Beach Volleyball as approved by the NCAA with modifications.

33.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

33.10.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

# ARTICLE 34

# WRESTLING

## 34.1 RULES

34.1.1 Official rules for wrestling shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Wrestling Rules Book.

34.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

34.1.3 A wrestler will be allowed to compete in the sectional and post-season tournament at the lowest certified weight. The Executive Board shall establish a date in which a student-athlete may begin the weight certification process.

34.1.4 Weight Certification Models

34.1.4.1 The AIA and its member schools will use the following guidelines based on the National Wrestling Coaches' Association (NWCA) Weight Certification Model:

- Minimum body fat of 7% for males and 12% for females, determined by bio-impedance weighing;
- Body hydration level (specific gravity) equal to or less than 1.025 g/ml. Urine test is *pass/fail*.
- Establish an "*alpha*" *weight* (weight at time of bio-impedance initial assessment) for each wrestler;
- If a wrestler's body fat is *less* than 7% (male) or 12% (female) at the initial weight certification, and the wrestler passes the hydration test, their "*alpha" weight* will be the lowest competitive weight allowed;
- Collection and input of testing data into the NWCA Weight Certification Model will be done by AIA approved assessors.

34.1.4.1.1 Appeal Process - Any athlete who disagrees with the Initial Assessment may appeal the assessment results ONE time by having a second assessment within 14 calendar days and performed prior to the athletes first Regular Season wrestling Contest. This shall be consistent with the athlete's weight loss decent plan and the results obtained at the Second assessment shall supersede the Initial Assessment; therefore no further appeal by any party shall be permitted. The second assessment shall utilize either Air Displacement Plethysmography (Bod Pod) or Hydrostatic Weighing testing to determine body fat percentage. All costs incurred in the second assessment shall be the responsibility on those appealing the initial Assessment.

34.1.5 Weight loss may not be more than 1.5% of the "alpha" weight (weight at time of certification) per week. Wrestler will follow the prescribed weight loss process of the NWCA weight certification model (nwcaonline.com).

*DETERMINATION: Coaches or their designees (athletic director or school assessor) MUST print out a weigh-in sheet for every weigh-in their school participates in for the AIA wrestling season. It is required that each school presents minimally two copies of their weigh-in sheets at weigh-ins, one for themselves and one for their opponents. In events of multiple schools, multiple copies of this sheet must be made available for each opponent. No wrestling may occur until the team can produce an NWCA Performance Calculator weigh-in sheet. A school cannot deny an opponent or visiting school from using their computer system to access the NWCA Performance Calculator if they so request. (Ex. Bd. 10/19/09)*

34.1.6 Certification Data – A wrestler must have certified his lowest competitive weight *before* representing a school in any wrestling match.

34.1.7 Growth Allowance – A two-pound growth allowance will take effect on January 1st.

34.1.8 In a tournament, all entries must weigh in on the first day of the tournament which will be the qualifying weight for that tournament.

## 34.2 SEASON OF SPORT

34.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

34.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

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| 34.2.3 Winter Season | Practice | no sooner than the | 18th week |
| | Season of Competition | begins Monday of the | 20th week |
| | Championship | to be concluded by the | 33rd week |

34.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Prior to competition, individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

## 34.3 COACHES / COACHING

34.3.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

34.3.2 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

34.3.3 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

## 34.4 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

34.4.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

34.4.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

## 34.5 SCHEDULES

34.5.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

## 34.6 NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITES (MEETS) IN SEASON

34.6.1 No school shall schedule more than 12 boys' varsity meets, including five invitationals.

34.6.2 No school shall schedule more than 12 girls' varsity meets, including eight invitationals.

34.6.3 No school shall schedule more than 12 junior varsity or freshman meets per team, including five invitationals.

34.6.4 No wrestler shall participate in more than 12 wrestling meets per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

34.6.5 Multiple meets may be scheduled in lieu of dual meets. Multiple meets shall count as one meet opportunity. No awards will be given at multiple meets.

*DETERMINATION: Intent is to allow dual meets to be combined into multiple meets for geographic convenience and to decrease loss of school time. Multiple meets must be run as dual meets and conducted in a dual meet format. (See Article 31, Section 31.7, Paragraph 31.7.4)*

34.6.6 An invitational tournament shall count as one wrestling meet regardless of the number of times a wrestler competes in the tournament.

34.6.7 Multiple meets will not exceed one day of competition.

34.6.8 Freshman and junior varsity invitational tournaments will not exceed one day of competition. No official team scores will be kept or awards given. Each school entered would be allowed multiple entries in each weight class.

**34.7** **DUAL MEET MULTI-ENTRIES -** There may be multi-entries in the same classification at all levels of competition during a regularly scheduled dual wrestling meet. Schools electing to use the multi-entries exception, by mutual consent of the coaches, shall:

34.7.1 Make a written record of all multi-events in the score books.

34.7.2 Hold a maximum of 14 matches only at any scheduled meet.

34.7.3 Conform with all AIA and National Federation rules and regulations.

34.7.4 All multi-entry participants shall count the participation as one of their wrestling meets.

**34.8** **CONTEST PARTICIPATION**

34.8.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

**34.9** **POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

34.9.1 Post-Season Tournaments

*NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.*

34.9.1.1 Dates and Sites

34.9.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

34.9.1.2 There shall be individual and/or team post-season tournaments as determined by the Executive Board.

34.9.1.3 The type of tournament shall be as specified in the current edition of the National Federation Wrestling Rules Book.

34.9.1.4 The Post-Season Wrestling Tournament shall be comprised of brackets in accordance with the National Federation rules and regulations.

34.9.1.5 Officials will be present at the weigh-ins and will judge whether or not each contestant meets the approved AIA health, sanitary and safety measures to compete.

34.9.1.5.1 If a contestant is notified by the official that he/she fails to meet the approved AIA health, sanitary and safety measures to compete, he/she must make necessary corrections, as determined by the official, prior to his/her weigh-in at post-season tournament site.

34.9.1.6 If a contestant qualified for the post-season tournament by participating in a qualifying tournament and is unable to participate in the post-season tournament, no contestant either from his/her own school or from another member school participating in the qualifying tournament shall be certified to take his/her place in the bracket of the post-season tournament. His/Her opponent in the first round of the post-season tournament bracket shall receive a forfeit and advance into the second round.

34.9.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*

34.9.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

*DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site.*

34.9.4 Protests

34.9.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying meet or post-season tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director and/or Head Official shall be final.

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34.9.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

34.9.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

# ARTICLE 35

# UNIFIED SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

**35.1** **UNIFIED SPORTS** is a joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ unified athletes and partners to compete in AIA sanctioned athletics and activities. Unified programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

**35.2** **ELIGIBILITY** – All participants must adhere to the Physical Examination Rule (Article 15, Section 7) and complete the appropriate pre-participation packet per the AIA Executive Board as recommended by the AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. All students participating in Unified Sports shall utilize the forms provided by the AIA, which include four parts:

- Part One – Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (See Form 15.7-A)
- Part Two – Annual Preparticipation Physical Examination (See Form 15.7-B)
- Part Three – Annual Preparticipation Acknowledgement (See Form 15.7-C)
- Part Four – Unified Sports Participant Release (See Form 15.7-E)

All participants must adhere to the Parent or Legal Guardian Consent Rule (Article 15, Section 8) and shall have on file with the principal or his/her designee appropriate permission in which the parent or legal guardian authorized participation.

35.2.1 Unified Athlete Eligibility

35.2.1.1 Any enrolled student with an intellectual disability who meets both the Unified Athlete eligibility statement outlined below and all requirements of the AIA and school district clearance policy shall be eligible to participate as an SOAZ unified athlete:

35.2.1.1.1 A person is considered to have intellectual disabilities for purposes of determining his or her eligibility to participate in Unified Sports ® if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:

- The person has been identified by an agency or professional has having intellectual disabilities as determined by their localities; or
- The person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measures such as intelligent quotient or "IQ" testing or other measures which are generally accepted within the professional community in that accredited program's state as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay; or
- The person has a "closely related development disability" meaning the individual has functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as in recreation, work, independent living, self-direction, or self-care).

*NOTE: Person whose functional limitations are based solely on a physical behavioral, or emotional disability, or a specific learning or sensory disability, are not eligible to participate as Special Olympics athletes, but may be eligible to participate as a unified partner*.

35.2.1.1.2 In order to further participation in the Unified Sports initiative, participation by SOAZ unified athletes will have the following exceptions to AIA eligibility requirements:

- Exception to the **Enrollment Rule** and **Domicile Rule** (Article 15, Section 3.1 and 5): SOAZ unified athletes may participation in a cooperative program among member schools for the purposes of creating combined school teams.
- Exception to the Academic Rule (Article 15, Section 4.1): SOAZ unified athletes participating will follow the guidelines as set forth in their individual educational plans (IEP).
- Exception to the Age Limit Rule (Article 15, Section 6): SOAZ unified athletes will be eligible per age limitations of SOAZ and AIA rules for Unified Sports and activities.
- Exception to the Maximum Participation Rule (Article 15, Section 4.1): SOAZ unified athletes shall be eligible to participate as long as they are enrolled at a member high school.
- Exception to the Concussion Education Rule (Article 15, Section 14.4): SOAZ unified athletes shall be accommodated in accordance with the guidelines set forth in their individual educational plans (IEP) when completing the required Brainbook online concussion education course. All SOAZ unified athletes must complete the course in his/her own name.

35.2.2 Unified Partner Eligibility

35.2.2.1 Any enrolled student who meets all requirements of the AIA and school district eligibility and clearance policy is eligible to participate as a Unified Partner in the AIA Unified Sports.

35.2.2.1.1 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS – Any student participating in an individual sport (i.e. Swim, Track & Field) ***IS*** eligible to participate as a Unified Partner in the same sport, **EXCEPT** during the following circumstances:

- Any sanctioned state qualifier at which the student is attempting to qualify for advancement to a state championship in any non-Unified event.
- Any state championship at which the student is competing in any non-Unified events.

35.2.2.1.2 TEAM SPORTS – Any student participating in a team sport (i.e. Flag Football and Basketball) at the **varsity level** at any time during the season is ***NOT*** eligible to compete as a Unified Partner in the ***same sport***.

- Example – a varsity soccer player *CANNOT* compete on the Unified Soccer team.
- Example – a varsity soccer player *CAN* compete on the Unified Basketball team.

**35.3** **RULES AND SANCTIONING** – Official rules and regulations for all Unified Sports and Activities shall be those published by the AIA Special Olympics Arizona prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board.

- The following sports are sanctioned as ***competitive Unified Sports***: Badminton, Basketball, Football (Flag), Floorball, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, and Track and Field and Volleyball.
- The following sports are ***sanctioned as recreational Unified*** Sports: Bocce
- The following sports are ***sanctioned as Unified Activities***: Robotics, Spiritline, ESports

**35.4** **PRACTICE** – Prior to participation in an interscholastic contest or tournament, all Unified Sports players must complete a minimum of eight (8) practices each of which shall be at least sixty (60) minutes in duration. Practices shall be held at least once a week throughout the duration of the sports season.

**35.5** **NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION** – Participation by SOAZ unified athletes and partners will have the following exception in regards to the Nonschool Participation Rule (Article 14, Section 4):

**35.5.1** Students participating in interscholastic sports are allowed to concurrently participate in outside SOAZ sports programming.

- Example – A unified athlete participating on his/her high school Unified Basketball team can also participate on a city or community-based Unified Basketball team.

# ARTICLE 36

# ACTIVITIES

**36.1** **RULES AND REGULATIONS** – The Cognia Commission and Accreditation & School Improvement has designated the AIA as the agency to formulate regulations and procedures for monitoring activities for Arizona high schools.

**36.2** **APPROVAL OF DATES FOR EVENTS**

36.2.1 Unless the date has been approved by the AIA Executive Board, member schools shall not participate in activities which are under the jurisdiction of the AIA and involve more than four schools.

36.2.2 Requests for date approval should be made in writing to the AIA Executive Board on or before July 1 preceding the school year in which the activity is to be scheduled. *(See Appendix for applicable request form).*

**36.3** **LIST OF APPROVED DATES**

36.3.1 All dates approved by the AIA Executive Board will be sent to each member school on or before October 1 each year.

36.3.2 Dates approved after the Master Calendar has been adopted will appear in the minutes for the regular monthly meeting of the AIA Executive Board.

**36.4** **APPROVAL OF EVENTS**

36.4.1 The principal, with approval of the superintendent and school district governing board, shall make the decision of participation in all activities based on the contribution made to the educational objectives of the school and interpretation of school district governing board policy.

36.4.2 It is recommended that:

36.4.2.1 Time involved for pupils and teachers in preparation for participation in the activity not infringe on the regular school day.

36.4.2.2 Participation in activities, which are excessively disruptive to the daily schedule, be denied.

36.4.2.3 Students and school organizations are not to be used for commercial advertising or promotional purposes.

36.4.2.4 All school-sponsored activities be provided with qualified sponsors who are employees of the school.

36.4.2.5 No student may participate in activities on a national level (defined as involving more than six states) unless the event appears in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Bulletin of National Contests and Activities.

36.4.2.6 When an out-of-state or Canada activity involves more than eight schools, the activity shall be sanctioned by the National Federation and each state association.

36.4.2.7 AIA member schools may schedule dual competitions with any out-of-state school without requesting AIA Executive Board approval, providing the school is a member of its state association.

# ARTICLE 37

# CHESS

**37.1** **CHESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The Chess Advisory Committee, an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board, shall be comprised of nine members consisting of the following:

37.1.1 State Executive Director of Arizona Chess Coaches Association (ACCA).

37.1.2 State Recording Secretary of ACCA.

37.1.3 State Treasurer of ACCA.

37.1.4 State Newsletter Editor of ACCA.

37.1.5 Regional Directors – Five members.

**37.2** **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS** – Arizona State Chess Sponsors Association

37.2.1 Member schools of each Region will elect a Director who must be a certified teacher in an AIA member school. The term of office shall be two years.

37.2.2 Upon recommendation of the ACCA and approval of the AIA Executive Board, a non-voting representative shall be selected from the Chess Association of Arizona, an affiliate of the U. S. Chess Federation, to serve as a consultant in the area of chess. The term of office shall be two years.

37.2.3 The State Executive Director will be elected from the ACCA. The term of office shall be two years.

**37.3** **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

37.3.1 It shall be the duty of the State Executive Director to supervise the administration of all phases of chess activity at the state level and preside at meetings of the ACCA.

37.3.2 It shall be the duty of the Regional Director to supervise the administration of all phases of chess activity at Region tournaments, attend all meetings called by the State Executive Director, and forward all necessary information from the Regional Director to the State Executive Director.

**37.4** **PURPOSE** – To establish a framework, which will provide the opportunity for AIA members to participate in Region and State Chess Tournaments with the following educational values in mind:

- Provide the skills for playing chess.
- Develop an appreciation for the game of chess.
- Develop principles of self-discipline, logic and concentration for a lifelong carry-over activity.

**37.5** **MEMBERSHIP** – Any member school is eligible to participate in chess activates sponsored and sanctioned by the AIA.

**37.6** **ORGANIZATION** – The state will be divided into five regional areas. Any exception to this alignment must be recommended by the Arizona State Chess Sponsors Association (ACCA) Executive Committee and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

**37.7** **FINANCES**

37.7.1 The State Treasurer shall be responsible for the accounting of the funds and records for all state-sponsored chess contests. The records shall be audited annually by the AIA.

37.7.2 The Regional Director shall be responsible for the accounting of all funds and records for all Region sponsored chess contests. These records shall be audited annually by the AIA.

37.7.3 As far as feasible, the cost of all regional and post-season contests shall be fairly distributed among the participating schools.

**37.8 ELIGIBILITY**

37.8.1 All students participating in chess contests sponsored by the AIA must meet domicile and academic requirements.

37.8.2 In order to compete in a tournament, each participating student must be at the tournament site at the start of the first round unless the tournament director is notified in advance by the student's coach.

*DETERMINATION:*
*Q: May a coach of the chess team be a non-certified person?*
*A: A coach of a chess team may be either a classified or certified person employed in that district (Ex. Bd. 5/77)*

37.8.3 To be eligible to play in qualifiers for the Post-Season Team Tournament or the Post-Season Individual Chess Tournament, a player must play at least six games of AIA chess competition, varsity or junior varsity, within the Region or individual tournament.

37.8.4 In a given calendar year, a chess player attending chess tournaments shall not receive more in awards than the tournament expenses expended in attending chess tournaments.

**37.9 RULES** – Unless otherwise stated herein, the official rules for chess matches shall be those of the U.S. Chess Federation.

**37.10 SEASON OF CHESS** – the season of practice is the school year and the season of competition shall begin the third weekend of August and conclude no later than the third weekend of December.

**37.11 SCHEDULES**

37.11.1 Each Region will develop its own schedule as provided for in the AIA Bylaws. Region schedules are recommended when feasible.

37.11.2 All Region schedules shall be in the AIA office 30 days prior to the first match.

**37.12 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION**

37.12.1 Any school, regardless of Conference or membership classification, may compete with any other school in the state.

37.12.2 Competition is open to both boys and girls.

37.12.3 Teams shall consist of five players seeded on boards one through five. Junior varsity players will be seeded beginning with board six.

37.12.4 When a regular team member is declared unable to participate in his/her established position by the Tournament Director, that position shall be filled by the advancing all team member below. When a player misses a round or a tournament, it will be handled within USCF rules.

A team member may be declared unable to participate by the Tournament Director when he/she has missed a round and is not present to participate at the start of the next round.

When a player misses a round of a tournament in team competition, that position in the starting line-up will be filled by advancing each player one board spot and filling in board five with an alternate player. If a player, who has missed one or more rounds, returns to play in a subsequent round, that player will be placed in his/her original board position, and the alternate player will be dropped from board five and re-enter the alternate section. All of this must be arranged with the tournament director in advance, in accordance with USCF rules.

37.12.5 A current ranking board order must be presented by the sponsor at each interschool competition.

37.12.6 Composite teams should be ranked in order of rating and play "exhibition" for rating only unless the composite has three members from the same school.

37.12.7 Pre-tournament publicity must be published at least twenty-eight (28) days in advance of state events or seven (7) days in advance of region events. The publicity must include the date, time, location, and registration instructions for the event. The publicity may specify deadlines that need to be met to participate in the event and the penalties that may be assessed if deadlines are missed.

## 37.13 RATINGS

37.13.1 AIA chess ratings are based on the Thomas Rating System. Non-USCF new players to AIA chess start with a rating of 400. The Coach and Region Director may establish a more appropriate AIA rating if the AIA player has a "Current Published USCF Rating." The Coach may change any new AIA player's rating one time, to more clearly reflect that player's "Current Published USCF Rating." Prior to the start of each AIA season, the Coach may petition the Region Director for an adjustment to the AIA rating of any returning player based on that player's "Current Published USCF Rating." To make a rating change of a returning player, the Coach must submit USCF rating verification to the Region Director. The formula should be: the student's last published USCF rating times .4+125. Provisional USCF ratings are not eligible. If two high school players agree to play their scheduled AIA game for a U.S.C.F. (U.S. Chess Federation) rating, they must make their request in writing to a U.S.C.F. Tournament Director at the tournament site before the start of the round. The players' U.S.C.F. rated game will not affect AIA pairings or results. No player rating shall fall below "300" which is established as the "Floor Rating" for all AIA players.

37.13.2 Individual player ratings shall be updated prior to each major tournament.

37.13.3 All team members are to be placed in board order according to ratings and must play in that order throughout the tournament. Players may be out of rating order by the following points:

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| August/September | 75 |
| October/November/December | 50 |

## 37.14 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS – INTER-REGIONAL / INVITATIONAL

37.14.1 Dates and Sites

37.14.1.1 The time, dates and sites for the regional qualifying tournament and the post-season tournament will be recommended by the ACCA Committee and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

37.14.1.2 A schedule of recommended chess tournaments for the following school year shall be submitted to the AIA by the ACCA Committee no later than August 1.

37.14.1.3 A school desiring to host a tournament for the following school year shall apply to the ACCA Executive Committee by May 1.

37.14.1.4 In recommending a tournament(s), the ACCA Executive Committee will consider regional areas.

37.14.1.5 The post-season individual and team tournaments must be concluded by the third weekend in December.

37.14.2 Registration Fees and Records

37.14.2.1 Registration fees shall be recommended by the ACCA Committee and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

37.14.2.2 Permanent records shall be maintained for team and individual results.

37.14.3 Match and League Regulations

37.14.3.1 Schedule – ACCA recommends the scheduling of quadrangular chess matches to be held on Saturdays.

Dual matches need not be cleared with the AIA but must be submitted in writing to a Regional Director and postmarked prior to the match.

37.14.3.2 Limitations – No school shall be involved in more than 12 Saturdays of competition, excluding the post-season tournament.

37.14.3.3 Leagues – Leagues must be formed within a Region.

37.14.3.3.1 ACCA recommends a home-away schedule to count for League Championships or a league meet format.

37.14.3.3.2 Trophies may be awarded for League Championships and runner-up.

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37.14.3.3.3 If trophies are to be awarded, the League must be assessed the expense equally and the monies collected and distributed by the Regional Director or his/her designee.

37.14.3.4 Match Play Regulations – No adjudications shall be made.

37.14.3.4.1 Time Control – Game to be 60 minutes total "for each player", 55 minutes with a five second time delay clock.

USCF sudden-death rules shall apply during the last five minutes of time control.

37.14.3.4.2 Tie-Break Systems Order

- Team Tie-Breaks - U. S. Team System. For each round, the final score of the opposing team is multiplied by the number of points scored against that team. For example; if Team A scores 3.5:1.5 against Team B, which finished with three match points, Team A's tie-breaks for that round is 3.5 x 3 = 10.5 for that round. If a composite team is in the tournament, calculate team tie-breaks by multiplying the total team tie-breaks by the number of rounds versus non-composite teams.
- Game (or match) points.
- Average of the opponents' initial rating.
- The tie-break system for individual board awards at a team tournament, the first average opponent progressive ratings, second average opponents opening round ratings.

37.14.3.4.3 Team Discipline – Only coaches can notify Directors of a line change.

- Teams must identify member by colored name tags with number, by dress, or uniform.
- Tournament Directors may penalize a team for undue noise by deducting three tie-break points after the first warning. A second penalty action will be five additional tie-break points. The third penalty is the forfeiture of one game point. The fourth penalty will be team disqualification.

37.14.3.4.4 Team Tie-Breaks in Individual Tournaments

- Game points of a team's top five finishing players.
- Cumulative game points of a teams' top five finishing players.
- Total cumulative game point totals of the opponents of a team's top five finishing players.
- Final total rating points of the opponents of a team's top five finishing players.

37.14.4 Invitational Tournament

37.14.4.1 There shall be at least one team swiss-paired and at least one individual swiss-paired Open (Inter-Regional) Invitational Tournament per school year.

37.14.4.2 Each Region is limited to one open invitational per school year.

37.14.4.3 Dates for open invitationals shall be Friday evenings and Saturdays between September 10 and November 10 – rotating basis.

37.14.4.4 Regions may have closed (intra-regional) invitationals; entry fees/awards must meet ACCA/AIA criteria:

37.14.4.4.1 If an out-of-state or out-of-region team is needed to bring the tournament to a minimum of eight teams, an appeal may be made to the ACCA Executive Committee.

37.14.4.4.2 If a region starts its season with a closed individual tournament, there shall be two sections:

- Open: Any eligible AIA player.
- Alternate: Sections rated at the discretion of the tournament director.

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37.14.4.5 Officials Protests at ACCA Tournaments – The Tournament Director may be advised by an ACCA Ad Hoc Committee of any three members selected from: ACCA Executive Officers, Regional Director at the tournament sites, Tournament Registrar (host).

37.14.4.5.1 In the event one or two of the above possible committee members are involved in the protest, the remaining members shall be selected from the ACCA Regional Officers in tournament attendance.

37.14.5 Post-Season Tournament Rules – Team

37.14.5.1 Each school must have an organized program in chess.

37.14.5.2 A team must play in at least six team match games within the Region of AIA competition in order to be eligible to participate in a qualifier or post-season tournament.

37.14.5.3 Preregistration for a team plus alternates must be submitted to the host school or tournament director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the start of round one, and any individual changes may be made as necessary at the tournament director's discretion.

37.14.5.4 Teams must be accompanied by their sponsors to verify line-ups and/or substitutions.

37.14.5.5 Regional tournament play is to qualify the **26** teams for the post-season finals.

37.14.5.5.1 The top two teams from each Region shall be invited to the post-season tournament. In the event that a region has fewer than seven teams who participate during the season, said region shall have only the top team invited to the state tournament. Said region shall still qualify for at-large teams as outlined in the subsequent rules.

37.14.5.5.2 There are at-large teams who will also qualify for the post-season tournament. These teams will be prorated on the basis of the total number of teams participating in a full season of regional play and include 2 additional teams according to rank at the State Team Invitational.

- A full season shall be at least six matches within the Region, to be completed by December 1. A team playing fewer than six matches shall count as a proportional fraction.
- The total number of teams participating in the post-season finals will be **26.**
- The first place team and the runner up team from the state team invitational will be granted invitation to compete at the state championships as "wild card" teams. In the event that a team qualifies within their region, the third place team from the State Team individual invitational. Wild Card qualifications will continue in a similar manner through the Team Invitational final placing until both wild card bids are filled or the number of teams at the team invitational is exhausted. In the event that the number of teams for the state team invitational is exhausted, the remaining wild cards sports will remain vacant.

37.14.5.5.3 If a Region plays a round-robin season schedule, selection of teams qualifying for the post-season tournament may be based on the ranking from the season schedule play.

37.14.5.5.4 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of inter-regional and post-season tournaments.

37.14.5.5.5 Opening round pairings in the Post-Season Team Tournament will be by the rating system. Subsequent rounds will pair teams of equal score groups by team entering ratings, following USCF (Harkness) pairing rules.

37.14.5.6 The location of the annual post-season team tournament will rotate between the five regions, with each region hosting the tournament once every five years. At the end of each season, the ACCA will publish the rotation for the following season. If the region assigned to host the event is unable or unwilling to do so, the tournament may be hosted anywhere in the state, at a location selected by the ACCA.

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37.14.6 Post-Season Tournament Rules – Individual

37.14.6.1 Each individual must have completed at least six games of competition, varsity or junior varsity, within the Region or invitational tournament during the school year in order to qualify for the Regional Individual Tournament.

37.14.6.2 Individuals must be accompanied by their sponsors to verify board positions.

37.14.6.3 The Regional Individual Tournament will be a swiss-style individual of a least three rounds.

37.14.6.4 Pairings will seed the players by the rating system following U.S.C.F. (Harkness) pairing rules.

37.14.6.4.1 Each Region will send its top four scorers to the post-season tournament.

37.14.6.4.2 Forty (40) at-large entrants will qualify for the Post-Season Individual Tournament.

37.14.6.4.3 The number of at-large entrants for each region in the state AIA Individual Chess Tournament will be calculated by that region's percentage of the combined regions' total number of entrants in the five regional AIA individual qualifiers in calculating which percentage of the forty (40) at-large berths each region receives, rounded off to the next nearest whole number. In case of a tie, the higher rated entrant will qualify.

37.14.6.4.4 If the prorating involves a decimal rounding-up problem, those Regions which send the most teams to the post-season tournament will get an extra man consideration.

37.14.6.4.5 The top four finishers from the State Individual Qualifier will be granted invitation to compete at the state championships as "wild card" individuals. In the event that an individual qualifies within their region, the next placed individual will be granted the invitation. Wild card qualifications will continue in a similar manner through the final placing until all wild card bids are filled or the number of individuals at the individual qualifier is exhausted.

37.14.6.5 The Post-Season Individual Tournament will be a 64-entry, swiss-style individual of six rounds.

37.14.6.6 The host school for the Post-Season Individual Tournament will be the highest ranking school in the scheduled Region from the post-season team finals of the previous year.

37.14.6.6.1 The location of the annual post-season individual tournament will rotate between the five regions, with each region hosting the tournament once every five years. At the end of each season, the ACCA will publish the rotation for the following season. If the region assigned to host the event is unable or unwilling to do so, the tournament may be hosted anywhere in the state, at a location selected by the ACCA.

37.14.6.6.2 This rotation sequence shall continue in subsequent years. In the event the scheduled school no longer has a chess program, the host school will be the next highest-ranking school in the same scheduled Region.

37.14.7 Awards – The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. (*See Article 13, Section 1*).

37.14.7.1 Regional and State Team

37.14.7.1.1 Plaques will be awarded to each Region Champion.

37.14.7.1.2 Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams in the state tournament.

37.14.7.1.3 Medals will be awarded to team members of the first and second place teams at Regionals, and the first through fifth teams at the Post-Season Team Tournament.

37.14.7.1.4 Medals will be awarded to the top board one through five players at the post-season team tournament.

37.14.7.2 Regional and Post-Season Individual

37.14.7.2.1 Medals will be awarded to the top four players in each Region.

37.14.7.2.2 Certificates will be awarded to all at-large entrants who play in the post-season tournament.

37.14.7.2.3 Trophies will be awarded to the Post-Season Champion and to the runner-up. Medals will be presented to the third, fourth and fifth place individuals.

# ARTICLE 38

## JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (J.R.O.T.C.)

**38.1** **PURPOSE** – To establish the framework for the JROTC Programs of Arizona to participate in both curricular and competitive JROTC Programs are a partnership between their respective school districts and the specific service branch of the US Armed Forces that provides support to the program. The US Army, US Navy, US Air Force and the US Marine Corps all support JROTC Program within the Arizona Educational Community.

**38.2** **PHILOSOPHY** – While it is a partnership, the home school district has the final word on what JROTC Programs may or may not do. All activities are to advance the JROTC mission of improving the educational success of the program's cadets. All JROTC Programs participate in curricular and competitive events, though each service branch has specific regulations that detail how programs will conduct these activities.

38.2.1 Required curricular activities. Because of service requirements, an activity is required by the curriculum can also be a competitive event (i.e. color guard may be curricular in presenting the National Colors at a community event and competitive at a drill meet where there is judging and awards).

38.2.2 Voluntary competitions. All JROTC Programs are encouraged to participate in competitions that enhance the program's educational goals. The AIA approved activities/events are listed in paragraph 36.8 EVENTS.

**38.3** **MEMBERSHIP** – Any JROTC Program, regardless of Region membership, may participate in program-related events with any or all other JROTC Programs.

**38.4** **PARTICIPATION** – Member schools may have program-related competitive events with one another under the following conditions:

38.4.1 All events involving three or more programs will be sanctioned by the AIA. Generally, these events will be submitted to the AIA during the spring semester, to included in the AIA's Sanctioned Events Calendar for the next school year.

38.4.2 All participants must be regularly enrolled JROTC cadets at a school having a JROTC program and must comply with the academic requirements of the AIA.

38.4.3 The primary intent is to ensure participation by the widest number of cadets. While there may be a small number of JROTC Cadets who compete in several categories of JROTC events similar to three sport athletes, their level of participation shall not be at the exclusion of other cadets nor exceed that of other multi-sport athletes at that school.

38.4.4 JROTC events will be self-funded.

**38.5** **SEASON** – Generally, the season for JROTC activities is the academic school year which spans all three traditional sport season, fall, winter and spring. However, there are unique events that occur outside the school year, sponsored by external organizations that are curricular in nature, and are of no cost to the school district. These activities will be approved with a case-by-case evaluation by the concerned school district, and coordinated with the AIA.

**38.6** **JUDGES** – Judges for competitive events will be unpaid volunteers from organizations that have expertise in the various skills and events being evaluated.

**38.7** **AWARDS** – Awards will normally be paid for by JROTC funds or donated by Veteran/Military organizations. Awards of the following nature may be presented:

38.7.1 Rotating event trophies not to exceed **$100.00** each in value.

38.7.2 Retained event trophies or plaques not to exceed **$50.00** in value.

38.7.3 Individual awards or plaques, medals, ribbons or certificates not to exceed **$25.00** each in value.

**38.8** **EVENTS** – There are three main categories of JROTC events which encompass a vast area of expertise, competitive conditions, and evaluations: Drill & Ceremonies, Marksmanship, and Field Activities/Physical Fitness. These events may be both JROTC curricular and competitive, depending on the situation and must meet the specific requirements and limitations on how their JROTC programs may participate in these areas as stipulated by each Military Service. Additionally, each Military Service stipulates minimum expectations for the number of events in each category in which a program must participate.

Any events not listed above must be sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board.

38.8.1 Drill & Ceremonies: Broadly, the definition of Military Drill & Ceremonies is derived from the relevant service manuals (i.e., US Army FM 3-21.5) and the Standing Operations Procedures (SOP) of each organization. Community support events (parades, presentation color guards, honor guards) are distinct from competition Drill Meets which involve judging and awards.

38.8.2 Marksmanship: All shooting activities fall within this area, whose relevant regulations are derived from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Association (NRA). Critical for all shooting activities is the teaching of safety and the maintaining of safe firing conditions.

38.8.3 Field Activities/Physical Fitness: This area includes activities that are the most physical in nature: Field Activities: Orienteering, Mountaineering, Leadership Reaction Courses, etc.; Physical Fitness: Fitness Tests (Presidential and Military), Running (Track and Cross Country), Team/Relay Events, etc.

# ARTICLE 39

# SPEECH AND DEBATE

**39.1** **SPEECH AND DEBATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The Speech and Debate Advisory Committee (SDAC) shall be an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board.

39.1.1 Members will be as follows:

39.1.1.1 Division Directors – Must be an AIA member school speech or debate coach. The term of office shall be three years.

Division Directors shall be elected as follows:

Division 1 - 4 Members
Division 2 - 4 Members

39.1.1.2 President of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

39.1.1.3 Chairperson of the Arizona District of the National Speech and Debate Association.

39.1.1.4 The Vice-President of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

39.1.1.5 The Treasurer of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

39.1.1.6 The Secretary of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association, who will act as the Recording Secretary of the committee.

39.1.1.7 The Public Relations Officer of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

**39.2** **PURPOSE** – To establish the framework which will provide the opportunity for AIA member schools to participate in State Speech and Debate Tournaments with the following educational values in mind:

39.2.1 Develop the skills of communications.

39.2.2 Develop appreciation of literature and drama.

39.2.3 Promote the teaching of speech and debate in secondary schools.

**39.3** **MEMBERSHIP** – Any member school is eligible to participate in AIA sponsored speech and debate activities.

**39.4** **ORGANIZATION** – The state will be divided into two Speech and Debate Divisions, as determined by the SSDAC during the regular AIA reorganization timeline. Any exception to this alignment must be recommended by the SDAC and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

39.4.1 The SDAC may elect ad hoc nonvoting members to serve on the Committee for one year; renewable term.

39.4.2 The President of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association shall serve as the chairperson of the SDAC.

39.4.3 The Post-Season Tournament Committee will be the members of the SDAC.

39.4.4 Duties of Chairperson and Directors

39.4.4.1 It shall be the duty of the SDAC Chairperson to:

39.4.4.1.1 Serve as spokesperson for all phases of speech and debate activity at the state level.

39.4.4.1.2 Preside at meetings of the SDAC.

39.4.4.1.3 Coordinate the planning and administration of the various Division Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments. He/She shall designate the Directors of each Division tournament.

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39.4.4.1.4 Attend and assist the Directors in the management of one of the Division Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments.

39.4.4.1.5 The SDAC Chairperson or a designee shall be responsible for the records of the Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments.

39.4.4.1.6 The SDAC Chairperson or a designee shall be responsible for all tournament related revenue and expense accounting in accordance with the AIA Operations Handbook.

39.4.4.2 Duties of All Members of the SDAC:

39.4.4.2.1 Serve as spokesperson for all phases of speech and debate activity at the Division level.

39.4.4.2.2 Attend all meetings called by the SDAC.

39.4.4.2.3 Forward all necessary information from the Division to the SDAC.

39.4.4.2.4 Division Directors shall serve as Directors of their respective Division Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments.

39.4.4.2.5 Division Directors shall be responsible for all tournament related revenue and expense accounting in accordance with the AIA Operations Handbook.

39.4.4.2.6 Serve as committee of their respective Division Tournaments.

**39.5 EVENTS NEEDING SANCTION** – Speech and Debate events may be held at the following level:

39.5.1 High school (e.g. Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association), college or university invitational tournaments and/or festivals:

39.5.1.1 Only AIA member schools may participate.

39.5.1.2 Each host school shall assume control and responsibility for the types of activities and for the rules and governing these activities.

39.5.1.3 Each host school shall clear dates for such events with the SDAC and obtain AIA approval.

39.5.2 All contests other than these herein enumerated must be listed as approved in the AIA Master Calendar. If a contest is not listed in the Master Calendar, coaches, or principals shall communicate with the AIA office.

**39.6 OFFICIAL RULES** – The SDAC shall publish the AIA Speech and Debate Tournament Rules Book. The Tournament Rules Book shall be updated annually with current rules and regulations. The Tournament Rules Book will include: official rules of conduct, tournament management procedures, descriptions and rules for specific events, and awards to be presented to participants.

**39.7 SEASON OF COMPETITION** – The season of competition shall begin September 1 and end April 30.

**39.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

39.8.1 Speech and Debate Post-Season Tournaments shall be held in the following manner:

39.8.1.1 There will be a Division I and Division II post-season tournament held in February or [March] as determined by the SDAC. If there is a religious holiday conflict, then the tournament weekend will be changed to the nearest non-conflict weekend.

39.8.1.2 All schools will advance to their respective Division post-season tournaments. Rules for advancing to post-season tournaments will be set forth in the AIA Speech and Debate Rules.

39.8.2 Financing – Tournament expenses shall be covered by entry fees which shall be set by the SDAC and specified in the AIA Speech and Debate Tournament Rules and shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

**39.9 ELIGIBLITY** – All students participating in contests sponsored or sanctioned by the AIA must meet transfer and academic requirements. (*See Article 15*)

# ARTICLE 40

# SPIRITLINE

**40.1** **SPIRITLINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The Spiritline Advisory Committee shall be an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board.

**40.2** **FUNCTION OF THE SPIRITLINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The function of the Spiritline Advisory Committee will include, but not be limited to, the following:

40.2.1 Advise on the administration of an AIA Spiritline Post-Season Competition.

**40.3** **PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITLINE**
Spiritline shall serve as a support group for the interscholastic athletic program within the school and, as such, play a very important role in the administration of athletics/activities contests. Each squad should strive to boost school spirit, promote good sportsmanship, develop positive crowd involvement, and help student participants and spectators achieve the most worthwhile educational objectives of the interscholastic program.

Spiritline (cheerleading/pom-pom) activities should center on "leading" or "directing" the cheering of student and adult fans. In this role, cheerleaders/pom-pom can become the school's most effective student leaders. Spiritline activities should be focused on: creating a cooperative spirit among the cheerleader/pom-pom squads, athletes, student bodies, school administrators and the communities; recognizing outstanding plays and examples of good sportsmanship on the part of both teams; and aiding the school and contest officials in the promotion of good sportsmanship and in the administration of the contest.

Being the most recognizable representatives of a school, spirit groups are in a position of great influence; therefore, high standards of conduct are essential. Positive personal behavior and squad cohesiveness demonstrate these standards. Appropriate behavior will help earn the respect of the student body, which is the core of developing effective school spirit and student involvement.

**40.4** **RULES / REGULATIONS** – Official rules for spiritline shall be those of the current edition of the National Federation Sprit Rules Book and the AIA Bylaws.
40.4.1 Spiritline will be separated into cheer and dance.

**40.5** **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** – Spiritline will be required to meet eligibility requirements stipulated in Article 15 of the AIA Bylaws, with the exception of the Transfer Rule.

**40.6** **SEASON OF ACTIVITY** – The season of activity shall begin the first week of football practice allowed by AIA bylaw and shall end the last day of the school year.

40.6.1 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Individual athletes must have participated in at least eight practice sessions prior to competing.

**40.7** **PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES** – Members of spiritline squads shall be permitted to participate on athletic activity teams at the discretion of the local campus or district administrations.

**40.8** **ATTENDANCE AT CLINICS** – Spiritline shall be permitted to attend noncompetitive clinics sponsored by AIA member schools or outside organizations during the season of activity. Any outside organization must certify and guarantee compliance with National Federation and AIA rules and regulations.

**40.9** **COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES** – The following criteria shall be used for spiritline competition activities:

40.9.1 Activity Participation in AIA Sanctioned Invitationals or Post-Season Competition – Spiritline is an AIA activity in which member schools may choose to participate in AIA sanctioned invitationals and/or an annual AIA post-season competition.

40.9.2 Competition sponsored by organizations external to the school will be permitted providing the sponsoring organization certifies and guarantees compliance with National Federation and AIA rules and regulations.

40.9.3 Competition is open to both male and female members of a spiritline.

**40.10** **COACHES / COACHING**

40.10.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning spiritline coaches coaching their own school squad outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

40.10.2 Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.

40.10.3 The head coaches of spiritline shall be exempt from Article 17 of the AIA Constitution (which states that a head coach must have an Arizona Teaching Certificate). (See Article 17, Section 2)

40.10.4 Requirements:

40.10.4.1 **Cheer:**

- Head Coach and Lower Level/Assistant Coaches
  - Complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course
  - Complete the AIA preseason online Information Courses
  - Pass the NFHS Cheer Safety Exam with a minimum score of 75%

40.10.7.2 **Dance:**

- Head Coach and Lower Level/Assistant Coaches
  - Complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course
  - Complete the AIA preseason online Information Course
  - Pass the NFHS Dance Safety Exam with a minimum score of 75%

**40.11** **SCHOOL EQUIPMENT** – Use of school equipment during the summer vacation period shall be at the discretion of the local campus or district administration.

40.11.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

**40.12** **UNIFIED SPIRITLINE** a joint effort between the AIA and SOAZ to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools re cognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified spiritline programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

40.12.1 Official rules for Unified spiritline shall be those published SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. (See Article 35).

**40.13** **SUNDAYS AT NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**: Competition/Performances on Sundays during National Competitions is permitted.

# ARTICLE 41

# THEATRE

**41.1** **THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The Theatre Advisory Committee (TAC) shall be an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board.

41.1.1 Members will be as follows:

41.1.1.1 Conference Directors – Must be an AIA member school theatre coach. The term of office shall be two years.

Conference Directors shall be elected as follows:

North Conference - 2 Members
Central Conference - 2 Members
South Conference - 2 Members
Western Conference - 2 Members

41.1.1.2 State Chairperson of the International Thespian Society (Arizona Thespians).

41.1.1.3 Northern Area Representative.

41.1.1.4 Central Area Representative.

41.1.1.5 Southern Area Representative.

41.1.1.6 Western Area Representative.

41.1.1.7 State One Act Chairperson.

**41.2** **PURPOSE** – To establish the framework which will provide the opportunity for AIA member schools to participate in Theatre Festivals with the following educational values in mind:

41.2.1 Develop the skills of communications.

41.2.2 Develop appreciation of literature and drama.

41.2.3 Promote the teaching of drama in secondary schools.

**41.3** **MEMBERSHIP** – Any member school is eligible to participate in AIA sponsored theatre activities.

**41.4** **ORGANIZATION** – The state will be divided into four Theatre Conferences, consisting of North Conference schools, Central Conference schools, South Conference schools and Western Conference schools. Any exception to this alignment must be recommended by the TAC and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

41.4.1 The TAC may elect ad hoc nonvoting members to serve on the Committee for one year, renewable term.

41.4.2 The Chairman of the Thespian Society (Arizona Thespians) shall serve as the chairperson of the TAC or the committee shall select a Chairman.

41.4.3 The Post-Season Tournament Committee will be the members of the TAC.

41.4.4 Duties of Chairperson, Directors and Area Representatives

41.4.4.1 It shall be the duty of the TAC Chairperson to:

41.4.4.1.1 Serve as spokesperson for all phases of theatre activity at the state level.

41.4.4.1.2 Preside at meetings of the TAC.

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41.4.4.1.3 Coordinate the planning and administration of the various Conference Theatre Festivals (Northern AZ Acting Festival, Central AZ Acting Festival, Southern AZ Acting Festival, and Western AZ Acting Festival) with the Area Representative.

41.4.4.1.4 Attend and assist the Directors and Area Representatives in the management of one of the Area Acting Festivals.

41.4.4.1.5 The TAC Chairperson or a designee shall be responsible for the records of the Area Acting Festivals and the State One Act Festival.

41.4.4.1.6 The TAC Chairperson or a designee shall be responsible for all tournament related revenue and expense accounting in accordance with the AIA Operations Handbook.

41.4.4.2 Duties of all members of the TAC:

41.4.4.2.1 Serve as spokesperson for all phases of theatre activity at the Conference level.

41.4.4.2.2 Attend all meetings called by the TAC.

41.4.4.2.3 Forward all necessary information from the Conference to the TAC.

41.4.4.2.4 Area Representatives shall serve as Directors of their respective Acting Festivals.

41.4.4.2.5 Area Representatives shall be responsible for all acting festivals related revenue and expense accounting in accordance with the AIA Operations Handbook.

41.4.4.2.6 Serve as committee of their respective Conference Festivals.

**41.5 EVENTS NEEDING SANCTION** – Theatre events may be held at the following level if approved by TAC:

41.5.1 High school (e.g. Forensic League of Arizona, International Thespian Society), college or university invitational tournaments and/or festivals:

41.5.1.1 Only AIA member schools may participate.

41.5.1.2 Each host school shall assume control and responsibility for the types of activities and for the rules governing these activities.

41.5.1.3 Each host school shall clear dates for such events with the TAC and obtain AIA approval.

41.5.2 All contests other than those herein enumerated must be listed as approved in the AIA Master Calendar. If a contest is not listed in the Master Calendar, coaches or principals shall communicate with the AIA office.

**41.6 OFFICIAL RULES** – The TAC shall publish the AIA Theatre Festival Rules Book. The Festival Rules Book shall be updated annually with current rules and regulations. The Festival Rules Book will include: official rules of conduct, Festival management procedures, descriptions and rules for specific events, and awards to be presented to participants.

**41.7 SEASON OF COMPETITION** – The season of Festivals shall begin September 1 and end April 30.

**41.8 STATE ONE ACT FESTIVAL**

41.8.1 State One Act Festival shall be held in the following manner:

41.8.1.1 There will be one State Festival held in November. If there is a religious holiday conflict, then the festival weekend will be changed to the nearest non-conflict weekend.

41.8.1.2 Rules for advancing to State One Act Festival will be set forth in the AIA Theatre Rules.

41.8.2 Financing – Festival expenses shall be covered by entry fees which shall be set by the TAC and specified in the AIA Theatre Festival Rules and shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

41.8.3 Eligibility – All students participating in contests sponsored or sanctioned by the AIA must meet domicile and academic requirements as stated by AIA rules.

# ARTICLE 42

# ESPORTS

**42.1** **ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The Esports Advisory Committee shall be an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board.

42.1.1 The Esports Advisory Committee will provide recommendations on Esports games to be included for competition and post season play.

42.1.2 Members of the Esports Advisory Committee will include Athletic Directors and Esports Coaches.

**42.2** **PURPOSE** – To establish the framework which will provide the opportunity for AIA member schools to participate in Esports competition with the following core values in mind:

42.2.1 Character Development

42.2.2 Increased participation

42.2.3 STEM Engagement

**42.3** **MEMBERSHIP** – Any member school is eligible to participate in AIA sponsored Esports activities with the contracted partner of the AIA.

**42.4** **TEAM REGISTRATION** – Coach and player registration will be handled by the contracted partner of the AIA.

**42.5** **OFFICIAL SEASON** – Although a Fall exhibition season may be offered by the AIA, the official championship season will take place during the Spring semester.

42.5.1 Start Date – Practice and scrimmages may begin the Monday of week 29. The season ends when a school is eliminated from or does not qualify for the postseason.

42.5.2 Schedule / Matches – each school will play a minimum of 10 matches, with a maximum of 11 matches, beginning in week 31. One match will be played each week during the regular season (unless reschedules require more than one to be played during a week). The AIA will work with it's Esports provider to create a full schedule prior to the season. The AIA and it's Esports provider will determine the format of each match, based on the game title being played (i.e. single game, three games within each match, five games within each match, etc.).

42.5.3 Reschedules / Forfeits – schools will follow the rescheduling and forfeit policies established by the AIA's Esports provider. During extraordinary circumstances, the AIA will work with its Esports provider and impacted schools to determine final rulings.

42.5.4 Playoffs will be placed in week 42 and 43. The championship will conclude no later than the Saturday of week 43.

**42.6** **APPROVED GAMES** – All games for AIA sanctioned Esports competition must be approved by the AIA Executive Board. The approved games can be found at www.aiaonline.org/activities/esports and www.azpreps365.com/esports

42.6.1 Games to be approved will only be considered if rated T for Teen or lower by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).

**42.7** **RULES** – All game rules will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.

**42.8** **GAMEDAY PROCEDURES**

42.8.1 A coach or administrator must be present during team competition.

42.8.2 All participants must be in the same room to compete as a team.

**EXCEPTION**: In the event that an Esports team has to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19, the team can request to play from home for the duration of their quarantine period. The request must be submitted to the AIA, via email, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the match starting and will be in effect for the duration of the quarantine period. Upon approval, the Esports team will notify the other competing teams of the granted exception. At the end of the quarantine period, the Esports team will resume competition as outline in Article 42.8.2.

42.8.3 All other game day procedures will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.

**42.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

42.9.1 The number of state championship tournaments per game will be dependent on the number of teams/players competing and will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.

42.9.2 Qualification to the state championship tournament will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.

**42.10 UNIFIED ESPORTS** – A joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Esports programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

42.10.1 Official rules for Unified Esports shall be those published by the SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.

# ARTICLE 43

# SPORTS MEDICINE

## 43.1 DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO

### 43.1.1 AIA POSITION STATEMENT – SUPPLEMENTS, DRUGS AND PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) views sports, and the participation of student-athletes in sport, as an activity that enhances the student-athlete's well-being by providing an environment and stimulus that promotes growth and development along a healthy and ethically based path.

- It is the position of the AIA that a balanced diet, providing sufficient calories, is optimal for meeting the nutritional needs of the growing student-athlete.
- It is the position of the AIA that nutritional supplements are rarely, if ever, needed to replace a healthy diet.
- Nutritional supplement use for specific medical conditions may be given individual consideration.
- The AIA is strongly opposed to "doping", defined as those substances and procedures listed on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List (www.wada-ama.org).
- It is the position of the AIA that there is no place for the use of recreational drugs, alcohol or tobacco (e-cigarettes) in the lifestyle of the student-athlete. The legal consequences for the use of these products by a student-athlete are supported by the AIA.

In pursuit of Victory with Honor, the AIA promotes the use of exercise and sport as a mechanism to establish current fitness and long-term healthy lifestyle behaviors. It is the position of the AIA that the student-athlete, who consumes a balanced diet practice sport frequently and consistently, and perseveres in the face of challenges, can meet these goals.

43.1.2 At least annually, each member school shall communicate to its students participating in interscholastic activities the AIA Position Statement on the use of supplement, drugs and performance enhancing substances. (See Form 14.13)

43.1.3 Any coach or competitor using tobacco, alcoholic beverages or misusing drugs while participating in interscholastic competition shall be disqualified from the contest or tournament.

**43.2** **OPIOID EDUCATION** - All student athletes shall complete the Opioid online education course prior to participation in practice or competition. The Opioid online education course must be completed by a student-athlete only once.

**43.3** **CONCUSSION EDUCATION** – All student athletes shall complete the Brainbook online education course prior to participation in practice or competition. The Brainbook online education course must be completed by a student-athlete only once.

**43.4** **HAZING EDUCATION** – All student athletes shall complete the Hazing online education course prior to participating in practice or competition. The Hazing online education course must be completed by a student-athlete only once.

## 43.5 CONCUSSION POLICY

43.5.1 Education

43.5.1.1 All AIA Participating schools must have a concussion policy on file: The policy must address the following:

- Concussion Education
- Removal from Play
- Return to Play
- Return to Academics

43.5.1.2 Parents and athletes must sign a form acknowledging education regarding concussion.

43.5.2 Mechanics and Criteria for Removal from Play

43.5.2.1 An athlete, coach, licensed athletic trainer, team physician, official or parent can remove an athlete from play.

43.5.2.2 Only an appropriate health care professional can refute the diagnosis of a concussion.

43.5.3 Return to Play Criteria

- No athlete should return to play (RTP) or practice on the same day of a concussion.
- Any athlete suspected of having a concussion should be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day.
- Any athlete with a concussion should be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition.
- After medical clearance, return to play shall follow a step-wise protocol with provisions for delayed return to play based as directed by an appropriate health-care professional.
- Return to play should only occur after an athlete has returned to full school attendance without academic accommodations.

43.5.4 Appropriate Health-Care Professionals for Return to Play

An appropriate health-care professional is defined as the following:

- Licensed Athletic Trainer
- Physician (MD/DO)
- Licensed Nurse Practitioner
- Physician's Assistant

43.5.5 Return to Academics

- Cognitive rest, including reduced screen time, may be recommended for the first 24-48 hours.
- Student-athletes can engage in sub-symptom cognitive activities as tolerated.
- Cognitive exertions should be stopped if concussion symptoms exacerbation is more than mild and brief and may be resumed once symptoms have returned to their prior level. Mild symptom exacerbation is typically brief and does not delay recovery.
- Schools should have policies to facilitate academic support, especially those that address factors that may prolong return to the classroom (e.g. High symptom burden, social determinants of health).
- Not all student-athletes will need academic support or a return to learn strategy.
- While return to learn and return to sport strategies can occur in parallel, student athletes should complete return to learn before unrestricted return to sport.
- Returning an athlete to the classroom following a concussion should follow a return to learn progression.

43.5.6 Other

43.5.6.1 At the beginning of a game, the coach must certify to the official that the equipment is in compliance with safety regulations and properly fitted.

43.5.6.2 If a helmet comes off or becomes dislodged during play, must remain out for one play or call a time out to have the equipment reassessed.

## 43.6 HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION & EXERTIONAL HEAT ILLNESS MANAGEMENT POLICY

43.6.1 **Definitions**

Exertional heat illness includes the following conditions, ordered from the least to the most dangerous:

a) **Exercise associated muscle cramps**: an acute, painful, involuntary muscle contraction usually occurring during or after intense exercise, often in the heat, lasting approximately 1-3 minutes.

b) **Heat syncope**: also known as orthostatic dizziness, it refers to a fainting episode that can occur in high environmental temperatures, usually during the initial days of heat exposure.

c) **Exercise (heat) exhaustion**: the inability to continue exercise due to cardiovascular insufficiency and energy depletion that may or may not be associated with physical collapse.

d) **Exertional heat stroke**: a severe condition characterized by core body temperature >40°C (105°F), central nervous system (CNS) dysfunction, and multiple organ system failure induced by strenuous exercise, often occurring in the hot environments.

43.6.2 **Prevention**

It is the position of the AIA that prevention is the best way to avoid exertional heat stroke.

**1. Education**

Athletes and coaches should be educated on how to properly hydrate and minimize risk of exertional heat illness. This may be done through team lectures, educational handouts, guest speakers, or any other means created by the institution and Athletic Trainer.

Athletes and coaches should receive education on how to monitor hydration and rehydration needs by obtaining a weight pre and post activity, and how to recognize and treat someone suspected of exertional heat stroke. Athletes should understand the importance of being well hydrated prior to starting any activity.

Athletic Trainer, coaches, administrators, athletes, and should be aware of individuals with pre-existing conditions that increase the risk of heat illnesses. This may be acknowledged on per-participation exams or brought to the attention of the individual.

*Examples of conditions that would increase the risk of heat illness include but are not limited to: a history of heat illness, sickle cell trait/disease, those with known recent illness, individuals who are obese, individuals taking medications and those known to have recently relocated from a more moderate climate.*

School personnel should be educated on the signs and symptoms of heat illness and monitor student athletes for any signs of a heat illness throughout practice. These signs and symptoms include (but are not limited to) the table below.

| | |
|---|---|
| Rectal temperature greater than 105 (40°C) at time of incident. | Rapid pulse, low blood pressure, quick breathing |
| Headache | Dehydration, dry mouth, thirst |
| Confusion or just look "out of it" | Decreasing performance or weakness |
| Disorientation or dizziness | Profuse sweating |
| Altered consciousness, coma | Collapse, staggering or sluggish feeling |
| Nausea or vomiting | Muscle cramps, loss of muscle, function/balance, inability to walk |
| Diarrhea | Irrational behavior, irritability, emotional instability |

2. **Hydration Strategies**
Each institution should develop an appropriate process for hydration distribution. This should include who is responsible for preparing, distributing, refilling, and cleaning hydration means for both practices and games. Different types of fluids may be available depending on institution resources. Fluids should help to offset sweat loss, maintain hydration, and avoid overdrinking.

3. **Equipment Considerations**
   - Wear loose-fitting, light colored and absorbent/moister wicking clothing
   - During hot or humid conditions minimize the amount of equipment and clothing worn. (Football: reduce the amount of equipment worn, i.e. helmet and/or shoulder pads)

4. **Practice Structure and Time Considerations**
   - Direct sunlight and high temperatures are most common between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm. During extreme heat, it is best to avoid activities during this timeframe. Always follow guidelines for environmental monitoring for activity modifications.
   - As temperatures rise the athlete's ability to counteract a potential rise in body temperature is reduced increasing their risk of heat illness. In order to offset this risk, practice should be shortened when indicated by current environmental conditions.

5. **Heat Acclimatization Protocol:**
   - **This applies to all football and outdoor fall sports teams**
   - **A team may not choose to conduct their acclimatization training in a less sever climate.**
   - Other sports should follow a heat acclimatization protocol if practicing when the **average WBGTs are in the orange-red zones.**

**Day 1-5 of Formal Practice**

| Criteria | Restrictions |
|---|---|
| Total Practices per Day | 1 practice per day |
| Inclement Weather/Heat Restrictions | - If a scheduled practice is cancelled due to inclement weather the corresponding acclimatization stage must be completed prior to progressing to the next stage. |
| Total Practice Time Allotted | Should NOT exceed 3 hours in any single day |
| Walk-Through Regulations | - Maximum of 1 hour.<br>- Must have a 3-hour recovery period between practice and walk-through (or vice versa). |
| Walk-Through Definition | - Individuals should not exert themselves to the point in which they cannot hold a conversation<br>- No contact with other individuals, dummies, sleds, or shields |
| Equipment & Contact Restrictions | **Day 1-3 All sports:** Helmet only.<br>Shields and dummies only as a *non-contact* teaching tool.<br><br>**Day 4-6 Football:** Helmet & Shoulder Pads only.<br>Contact with blocking sleds and tackling dummies may begin.<br>**Days 7-14 Football:** All protective equipment may be worn.<br>Full contact can begin. |

**Days 6-14 of Formal Practice**

| Criteria | Restrictions |
|---|---|
| Total Practices per Day | Double-practice days must be followed by a single-practice day |
| Single Practice Days | 1 walk-through is allowed, separated from the practice by at least 3 hours of continuous rest. |
| Double Practice Days | - Double practice day must be separated by a rest day.<br>- Neither practice should exceed 3 hours.<br>- Maximum total practice time: 5 hours<br>- Each practice must be separated by a minimum of 3 continuous hours of rest in a cool environment<br>- Warm-up, stretching, cool-down, walkthrough, conditioning and weight-room activities are included in practice time. |

6. **Environment Monitoring and Activity Modification**

Recommended Equipment:

- Use a WBGT device equivalent to **Kestrel 5400**

Measurement Guidelines:

- WBGT will be obtained on the same playing surface as the practice/event site
- Anytime it is warm outside, specifically anytime it is over 80° F with high humidity
- All environmental monitoring & recommendations should be documented
- May all be utilized for indoor facilities, when not temperature controlled

Monitory Frequency:

- Take WBGT every 30 minutes or as needed due to significant change in weather

Activity Modification:

- Based on WBGT ranges with Arizona being identified as Region 3
  - *See resource: https://ksi.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1222/2018/08/RegionalWBGT_2015_AppliedGeography.pdf*
- Practice modifications are flexible and based on the current environmental conditions: stricter under more oppressive temperatures and relaxed as conditions improve
- Activity modifications based on WBGT readings apply to all sports and training activities. With the exception of in-water activities for aquatic sports (swim/dive). **Aquatic sports** coaches should consider water temperature and availability of shade, ice and water when deciding appropriate mitigation strategies and/or activity modifications. Any dry land training will following the outlined guidelines as directed for all sports.

| WBGT | Activity Guidelines |
|---|---|
| < 82.0 | Activity: Normal<br>Rest Breaks: minimum of 3-minute break every 20 minutes of activity |
| 82.1 - 86.9 | Activity: use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise<br>Rest Breaks: minimum of 4-minute break, every 20 minutes |
| 87.0 - 90.0 | Activity: maximum practice time is 2 hours<br>Rest Breaks: minimum of 4-minute break every 15 minutes<br>Equipment Restrictions: Helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice.<br>If the WBGT reaches this zone after practice has started: players may continue in pants |
| 90.1 - 91.9 | Activity: Maximum practice time is 1 hour. No conditioning activities.<br>Rest Breaks: minimum of 5-minute break every 15 minutes<br>Equipment Restrictions: NO protective equipment to be worn<br><br>Off campus sports: a designated adult is within line of sight to all athletes to monitor signs of heat illness and activate an emergency action plan if needed. |
| ≥ 92.0 | No outdoor workouts. Delay practice until a cooler WBGT is reached. |

43.6.3 **Exertional Heat Strock Treatment: This is a medical emergency.**

1. Recognition
   - Any athlete with signs of central nervous system dysfunction during exercise in the heat should be suspected to be suffering from EHS. Please see table above to review additional signs and symptoms of exertional heat stroke.
   - Immediately active EMS and site-specific exertional heat stroke protocol
   - It is important to emphasize that during and following intense exercise in the heat, temporal, aural, oral, skin, axillary and tympanic temperature are not valid and should never be utilized in diagnosis of a potential exertional heat stroke. Rectal temperature is the only valid measuring tool sensitive enough to accurately diagnose exertional heat stroke.

2. Cooling
   - The patient must be cooled immediately.
   - If accessible, move to a cooler environment
   - Remove excess clothing and equipment
   - Utilize one or more of the acceptable immersive cooling methods:
     - Cold-water immersion (35-59°F) tub up to the neck if possible
     - Tarp Assisted Cooling Oscillation (TACO)

   *If immersive techniques are unavailable utilize other cooling means such as Ice bags/towels on the groin, neck, and axilla until EMS arrives and can immediately transport to a higher level of care.*

   *See Resources: PowerPoint Presentation (nata.org) or untitled (nata.org)*

   - Vital signs should be monitored every 5 minutes throughout cooling process

   Cool First, Transport Second
   - When a patient is diagnosed with EHS, the principle of Cool First, Transport Second should be used when immersive cooling is available.
   - Patient should be kept in immersive cooling until reaching a core temperature of **~102°F** measured via rectal thermometry

43.6.4 **Exertional Heat Stroke Return to Play**

- Refrain from exercise for at least 7 days following the acute event
- Prior to beginning a return to exercise, anyone suspected of suffering from a heat stroke must receive clearance by a physician or advanced practice provided (MD, Do, NP, PA-C)
- Upon clearance by a provided:
  - Begin exercise in a cool environment and gradually increase the duration, intensity, and heat exposure over 2 weeks to acclimatize and demonstrate heat tolerance.
- Refer for follow up with provider if unable to complete a full return after 2 weeks of acclimatization

## 43.7 MEDICAL INTERVENTION PROCEDURE

43.7.1 Medical interventions which increase the risk of disease exacerbation or additional injury are never appropriate on the day of competition, or on any other day, for a high school student-athlete. There are three steps of decision making for the basis of the Return to Play decision. These include evaluation of health risks, participation risks, and any factors in decision modification. If a disease process or injury is not adequately controlled by the day of competition to allow safe clearance for play with full function, then invasive medical procedures on the day of competition, performed with the sole purpose of enabling the student-athlete to participate, are philosophically inappropriate and shall not be performed on site. These prohibitive procedures are to include IV's, joint injections, and prescription strength medications not prescribed appropriately to the student athlete.

## 43.8 EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

43.8.1 An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for each practice and competition site, used by the school, shall be completed annually by each member school. The EAP must be kept on file at the school and shared with the appropriate coaches and staff. The emergency action plan should be comprehensive and practical, yet flexible enough to adapt to any emergency situation.

43.8.2 The Emergency Action Plan should contain the following information and/or components:

- Emergency plans must be written documents and should be developed in concert with the member schools' certified athletic trainer(s).
- Emergency plans must be written documents and should be distributed to team and attending physicians, athletic training students, institutional and organizational safety personnel, institutional and organizational administrators, and coaches.
- The emergency plan should be developed in consultation with local emergency medical services personnel.

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- An emergency plan for athletics identifies the personnel involved in carrying out the emergency plan and outlines the qualifications of those executing the plan.
- Sports medicine professionals, officials, and coaches should be trained in automatic external defibrillation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and prevention of disease transmission.
- The emergency plan should specify the equipment needed to carry out the tasks required in the event of an emergency. In addition, the emergency plan should outline the location of the emergency equipment. Further, the equipment available should be appropriate to the level of training of the personnel involved.
- Establishment of a clear mechanism for communication to appropriate emergency care service providers and identification of the mode of transportation for the injured participant are critical elements of an emergency plan.
- The emergency plan should be specific to the activity venue. That is, each activity site should have a defined emergency plan that is derived from the overall institutional or organizational policies on emergency planning.
- Emergency plans should incorporate the emergency care facilities to which the injured individual will be taken. Emergency receiving facilities should be notified in advance of scheduled events and contests. Personnel from the emergency receiving facilities should be included in the development of the emergency plan for the institution or organization.
- The emergency plan specifies the necessary documentation supporting the implementation and evaluation of the emergency plan. This documentation should identify responsibility for documenting actions taken during the emergency, evaluation of the emergency response, and institutional personnel training.
- The emergency plan should be reviewed and rehearsed annually, although more frequent review and rehearsal may be necessary. The results of these reviews and rehearsals should be documented and should indicate whether the emergency plan was modified, with further documentation reflecting how the plan was changed.
- All personnel involved with the organization and sponsorship of athletic activities share a professional responsibility to provide for the emergency care of an injured person, including the development, implementation and regular, periodic evaluation of an EAP.

**43.9 STUDENT INSURANCE**

It is recommended that each student athlete have on file with the principal or his/her designee proof of insurance coverage or a waiver prior to practice.

**43.10 POST SEASON EVENT PROTOCOL**

43.10.1 Applies for the following AIA Post Season Events:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Baseball
- Softball
- Spiritline

43.10.2 An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) must be filed with AIA in order to host a post season tournament.

43.10.3 Qualified Medical Profession (QMP)/EMT Coverage.

43.10.3.1 All ATC/QMP/EMT services at AIA Post Season Events will be paid or reimbursed by the AIA. (Note: “Region” events are not AIA events – ATC/QMP/EMT is not paid by AIA)

43.10.4 AIA State Tournaments at High Seed Sites:

43.10.4.1 Member schools must engage a qualified medical professional (QMP) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). One of the following three protocol options must be followed or payment may not be issued:

43.10.4.2 If there is no QMP or EMT at the game, the game shall not be played.

43.10.4.2.1 QMP as defined by Arizona Revised Statute §15-341:

- ATC – Certified Athletic Trainer
- MD – Medical Doctor
- DO – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
- NP – Licensed Nurse Practitioner
- PA – Licensed Physician’s Assistant

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43.10.4.2.2 If a school does not have a QMP or EMT and the opposing school does, in order for the game to proceed, the QMP or EMT agrees to cover the opposing school as well as their own school.

43.10.4.3 If ONLY an EMT is at the game, any player removed due to suspected head injury or concussion will not be allowed to enter or re-enter the game based on an EMT evaluation. Return to play can only be based on evaluation by a QMP.

43.10.5 AIA State Tournaments at Neutral Sites:

- AIA Staff will secure QMPs that will be contracted through the AIA or a third-party vendor.
- If the QMP is a Certified Athletic Trainer, **the ATC must provide the AIA with a certificate of professional liability insurance** and be familiar with the AIA/ATC protocol.

**43.11 TITLE IX PARTICIPATION** - If made in compliance with Title IX and A.R.S. 15-120.02, a school may make a request on behalf of a student utilizing the procedure in the link below. If the student has been granted eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with Title IX and A.R.S. 15-120.02, the eligibility is granted for the duration of the student's participation and does not need to be renewed every sport season or school year. All discussion and documentation will be kept confidential, and the proceedings will be sealed unless the student and family make a specific request.
Title IX Participation Request

**43.12 AIA POLICY AND PROCEDURE RELATED TO DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION (SECTION 504 AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITYES ACT)**

It is the policy of the AIA not to discriminate based on disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, and activities.
Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation(s) or modification(s) by making a written request to the AIA Compliance Officer (Compliance Officer) named below. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow adequate time to consider and arrange for any accommodation or modification. An individualized inquiry will be made to determine whether a specific accommodation or modification for a particular person's disability is reasonable under the circumstances as well as necessary for that person and does not fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity. The Compliance Officer will consult with and obtain input from the requestor's school/district regarding the reasonableness of the accommodation or modification request. A written response to the request will be provided by the Compliance Officer within ten (10) business days, with a copy of that written response provided to the relevant school/district. Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information should be directed to the Compliance Officer.
The designated Compliance Officer, and contact information, is:

Dr. Jim Dean, Executive Director
7007 N. 18th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85020
(602-385-3811)
Email: jdean@aiaonline.org

Any person who believes she or he has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability may file a grievance under the following procedure. It is against the law for AIA to retaliate against anyone who files a grievance or cooperates in the investigation of a grievance.

**Procedure:**

Grievances must be submitted to the Compliance Officer within thirty (30) days from the date the person filing the grievance becomes aware of the alleged discriminatory action;

A grievance must be in writing, containing the name and address of the person filing it, and must state with specificity the problem or action alleged to be discriminatory and the remedy or relief sought;

The Compliance Officer shall conduct an investigation of the grievance. This investigation may be informal, but it will be thorough, affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to the grievance;

The Compliance Officer will issue a written decision after completion of the investigation, within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the grievance, unless extenuating circumstances require additional time, and in such case the Compliance Officer will communicate with the complainant concerning the need and reasons for an extension. The written decision will be provided to the complainant and relevant member school/district;

The person filing the grievance may appeal the decision of the Compliance Officer by writing Dr. Jim Dean, AIA Executive Director, 7007 N. 18th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020 (email: jdean@aiaonline.org) , within twenty (20) days from the date of the decision of the Compliance Officer. The Executive Director shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the appeal. The written decision will be provided to the complainant and relevant member school/district.

The above policy and procedure is posted on AIA's website, aiaonline.org, including the identification of and contact information for the Compliance Officer.

# ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION

# FORMS

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING AIA FORMS

Available forms are located on the AIA website at www.aiaonline.org
Forms noted with an "*" are only found on the AIA Dashboard

All forms are user-friendly:
To type directly on the forms - open document and save to your desktop/computer. Forms can be emailed after they are filled out and saved.

These are the only forms which will be provided.

If you have questions concerning the proper use of these forms, please contact the AIA Office.

| FORM NUMBER | FORM TITLE |
|---|---|
| 5.1 | Proposed Amendment of AIA Constitution, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures |
| 10.1-C | **Online** Application to NFHS for Sanction of Interstate Athletic Event |
| 11.4-A | Request to Cancel Program * |
| 11.4-B | Request to Cancel Contest * |
| 11.4-C | Contest Schedule Change Form * |
| 11.4-D | Cancellation Fee Structure * |
| 11.4-E | Request to Add/Exceed Contest * |
| 14.9 | Request for Lifetime Pass * |
| 15.5.2 | Request for Eligibility - Legal Guardianship / Ward of Court * |
| 15.7-A | Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation |
| 15.7-B | Annual Preparticipation Physical Examination |
| 15.7-C | Annual Preparticipation Acknowledgement |
| 15.7-D | Consent to Treat Form |
| 15.7-E | Unified Sports Participant Release Form |
| 15.10 | **Online Only** - Hardship Appeal Form * |
| 15.14 | Age Rule Hardship Appeal * |
| 16.4 | Report of Violation * |
| 18.5 | Officials' Mileage Reimbursement Fees / Phoenix and Tucson Metro / Yuma |
| 550 | **Online Only** - Transfer Student Eligibility * |

**OTHER FORMS ONLINE**

AIA Membership Application Form
Committee Nomination Form
Scholar Athlete / Activity Individual and Team Award Application (*GPA Award*)