Unified Basketball Timeline
2021-22 Season

NOVEMBER 2021 (3 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)

Coaches Clearance / Training
- Complete all AIA requirements for Coaches’ Clearance per Article 17 of the AIA Bylaws & Constitution.
  - For an outline of all training and certification requirements specific to high school Unified Sports coaches, please visit: www.aiaonline.org/sports/unified
- Complete all district/school requirements for Coaches Clearance per district policy
- Complete Unified Basketball Coaches’ Training (specific to high schools)
  - Contact Thomas Miranda at Thomas@SpecialOlympicsArizona.org to schedule a training

Order Equipment
- Suggested equipment includes:
  - Basketballs (suggested: 6-12)
  - Ball Pump (suggested: 2)
  - Ball Bag (suggested: 1)
  - Cones (suggested: 25-50)
  - Reversible Jerseys/Pennies (suggested: 12)
  - Whistles (suggested: 1 per coach)

Attend/Organize Planning Meetings
- Attend MANDATORY Coaches’ Webinar (only need to attend one)
  - Wednesday, November 10th – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Registration Link: https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqce6urT8sHddql8oyen2Wi6NaANioONfX
  - Saturday, November 13th – 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- Registration Link: https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsfuqrpzIuHdEPvFDN02A6yjaaMUyeIdhN
- Host Parent Informational Meeting

Verify ALL Student Eligibility and Clearance Requirements are completed
Athletes & Unified Partners must complete:
- AIA Annual Pre-participation Clearance Packet
  - Part One – Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Form 15.7-A).
  - Part Two – Annual Preparticipation Physical Examination (Form 15.7-B).
  - Part Three – Annual Preparticipation Acknowledgement (Form 15.7-C).
  - Part Four – Annual Preparticipation Consent to Treat Form (Form 15.7-D).
  - Part Five – Unified Sports Participant Release (Form 15.7-E).
- All district/school requirements for Student Eligibility and Clearance per district policy

Complete Season Schedule
PRACTICE
- Schedule practices accordingly to ensure a minimum of eight (8) practices at least sixty (60) minutes in duration are held prior to the first regular-season scrimmage/game. Practices shall continue to be held at least once a week throughout the duration of the sports season.

REGULAR SEASON
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☐ Reach out to schools in your area to schedule a minimum of two regular season games.
  - Suggestion: attend a Unified Basketball Invitational Tournament at which two or more schools are competing to fulfill this requirement in one day

DECEMBER 2021  (2 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)
Practice
☐ Practice 1  ☐ Practice 2  ☐ Practice 3  ☐ Practice 4
☐ Practice 5  ☐ Practice 6  ☐ Practice 7  ☐ Practice 8

Regular Season Interscholastic Competition
☐ Compete in a minimum of two interscholastic contests (games) against other high school Unified Basketball teams during the regular season
  - Regular Season Game #1  Date: ________  Time: ________  Location: __________
  - Regular Season Game #2  Date: ________  Time: ________  Location: __________

Transportation Requests
☐ Submit transportation requests for regular season games (must attend a minimum of two)

JANUARY 2022  (1 Month Prior to Unified Sectionals)
Unified Sectionals (Area Competition) Registration
☐ Complete and submit Unified Sectionals Registration Paperwork
  - SOAZ will send out registration paperwork in December
  - Registration paperwork will be due 3-4 weeks prior to Unified Sectionals

Transportation Requests
☐ Submit transportation request for Unified Sectionals

Practices
☐ Continue holding regular practice

FEBRUARY 2022
Unified Basketball Sectionals
☐ Compete at a qualifying Unified Basketball Sectionals
  - Teams must compete in Unified Sectionals to qualify for the state tournament
  - Tuesday, February 8th

State Championship Registration / Planning
☐ Qualification Results will be posted on AZPreps365 by February 14, 2022
  - The top 8 teams statewide will qualify for advancement to the State Championship (qualification will be based on team’s final score at Unified Sectionals)
☐ Submit transportation request for State Championship

AIA State Basketball Championship
- February 21st – 22nd 2022  (exact dates/times will be confirmed by mid-December)