

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.
- 20.2.3 Fall Season
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| Practice | no sooner than the | 6 th week |
| Competition | no sooner than Monday of the | 8 th week |
| Championship | to be concluded by the | 23 rd week |
- 20.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 41.4.1 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

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 A member school shall be permitted to schedule one (1) interschool varsity scrimmage.
- 20.4.4.1 Game uniforms shall not be worn.
- 20.4.4.2 Scorebooks may be used for purposes of evaluation only.
- 20.4.4.3 No scores called into the newspaper.
- 20.4.4.4 Unlimited amount of substitutions and reentry of players.
- 20.4.5 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to bylaw 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. When a regular team member is unable to participate at her established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members (Varsity or Junior varsity).
- 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 TOURNAMENTS20.9.1 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.

20.9.2 Awards – The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. (See Article 13, Section 13.1).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.

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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 34.

