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.