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 colleges 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.