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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.