ARTICLE 20

BADMINTON
(GIRLS)

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	Practice	no sooner than the	6th week
		Season of Competition	begins Monday of the	8th week
		Championship	to be concluded by the	23rd week

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 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be held; this scrimmage is considered a practice and shall not count toward the allowable number of games.

20.4.4.1 The varsity scrimmage shall be scheduled the week prior to the AIA date of competition; individual players must have participated in at least eight practice sessions.

20.4.4.2 The following guidelines shall be used:

- Scrimmage is open to the public, charging admission is at the discretion of the host school;
- Scoreboards shall not be used;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms shall not be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- AIA officials may be used;
- Unlimited substitutions and re-entry of players;
- Coaching is permitted during play;
- Timeouts are unlimited;
- Other adjustments mutually agreed upon by coaches and officials before the scrimmage begins; adjustments cannot be less restrictive than the guidelines or sport policy.

20.4.4.3 Limits:

20.4.4.3.1 Scrimmage shall not exceed two (2) hours in length.

20.4.4.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 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. The line-up shall always be based on order of ability. When a regular team member is unable to participate at her established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman. When a regular team member is unable to play in her established doubles position, that position shall be filled by a direct line substitution, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman. Player movement, including a doubles team, within the team ladder is restricted to one position up or down from one match to another.

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 TOURNAMENTS

20.9.1 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.

20.9.1.2.2 Schools must play a minimum of eight (8) matches in order to qualify for post season play.

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)*.

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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.

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 35.