ARTICLE 22

BASKETBALL
(BOYS BASKETBALL)
(GIRLS BASKETBALL)

22.1 RULES

22.1.1 Official rules for basketball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Basketball Rules Book.

22.1.2 For girls' contests, all Conference shall use the women's size basketball.

22.1.3 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.

22.1.4 Basketball coaches will use the 28' coaching box as allowed by the National Federation Basketball Rules Book.

22.1.5 **Mercy Rule** – When at the conclusion of the third quarter, or any point thereafter, when a point differential of 30 or more points is reached, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game, regardless of the score with the following exceptions; during:

- Time outs
- Any injury (clock stopped by official)
- Technical fouls

The running clock shall continue until one (1) minute remains in the game. At that time, the game will conclude using regulation clock rules. This applies to all levels of play.

22.2 SEASON OF SPORT

22.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

22.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with the school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

22.2.3	Winter Season	Practice	no sooner than the	18th week
		Season of Competition	begins Wednesday of the	20th week
		Championship	to be concluded by the	36th week

22.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

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

22.3.1.1 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.

22.3.1.2 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 except for timing purposes;
- No official score may be kept (recorded) or reported;
- Game uniforms may be worn; numbered jerseys may be used;
- AIA officials may be used;
- Unlimited substitution 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.

22.3.1.3 Limits:
22.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage is limited to no more than six (6) eight (8) minute quarters.

22.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages with adhering to Article 22.3.

22.4 SCHEDULES

22.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one game. The additional game shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

22.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

22.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.

22.5.2 No Conference school shall schedule more than 19 junior varsity or freshman games per team.

22.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night

22.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 2A/1A, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of quarters/night during the season.

22.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

22.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

22.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION – White jerseys will be worn for home games; dark color jerseys for away games.

22.8 COACHES / COACHING

22.8.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport.

22.8.2 Coaches / Players - Game 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.

22.8.3 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.

22.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

22.9.1 School Transportation – School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

22.9.2 School equipment outside the season of sport is a local option.

22.9.3 Boys' and girls' basketball shall utilize a shot clock for the 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Conferences.

22.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

22.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.

22.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

22.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

22.10.1.2 There shall be team post-season tournaments as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

22.10.1.2.1 Schools must play a minimum of twelve (12) games in order to qualify for post season play.

22.10.1.3 Single elimination tournaments may be used to determine each championship.

22.10.1.4 The AIA is responsible for determining pairings.

22.10.1.5 No more than **15** players shall suit up, participate, or be listed on the roster of a school team for a post-season tournament.

22.10.1.6 Boys' and girls' basketball shall utilize the shot clock for the 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A Conferences, the Copper Division and the Open Division. If a high see site does not have use of a shot clock, that game must be moved to a site with a shot clock.

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

22.10.3 Practice on Site – A practice or competition on the site of the State Championship Tournament, except for a regularly schedule contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the post-season 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 site. (Ex. Bd. 10/77)

22.10.4 Protests

22.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying tournament or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator.

22.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the National Federation Basketball Rules Book.

22.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

22.10.5.1 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 restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

22.11 UNIFIED BASKETBALL – 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 Basketball programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

22.11.1 Official rules for Unified Basketball shall be those published by the SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board. See Article 35.