ARTICLE 32

VOLLEYBALL
(BOYS VOLLEYBALL)
(GIRLS VOLLEYBALL)

32.1 RULES

32.1.1 Official rules for volleyball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Volleyball Rules Book.

32.1.2 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.

32.2 SEASON OF SPORT

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

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

32.2.3	Fall Season (Girls)	Practice	no sooner than the	6th week
		Season of Competition	begins Monday of the	9th week
		OR by school adoption		
			Wednesday of the	8th week
		Championship	to be concluded by the	23rd week
	Spring Season (Boys)	Practice	no sooner than the	32nd week
		Season of Competition	begins Wednesday of the	34th week
		Championship	to be concluded by the	45th week

32.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

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

32.3.1.1 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.

32.3.1.2 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 if required;
- 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.

32.3.1.3 Limits:
32.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage length shall not exceed two (2) hours on the court.

32.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 32.3.

32.4 SCHEDULES

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

32.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

32.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity matches, including three invitationals which shall count as one match each.

32.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 19 junior varsity or 19 freshman matches per team.

32.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) sets/night (for regular season matches only).

32.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 2A and 1A schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 8 sets/night (for regular season matches only).

32.5.3.2 EXCEPTION: 3A Volleyball players that compete only on the varsity will be allowed up to ten (10) sets for regular season competition if a varsity volleyball doubleheader match has been scheduled. 3A volleyball players that compete on either a freshman and/or junior varsity team in addition to the varsity will continue to only be allowed six (6) sets of volleyball per night.

32.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

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

32.6.2 Schools shall have no more than **18** players suit up, participate, or be listed on the roster of a school team for post-season tournaments.

32.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

32.7.1 Any school, regardless of Conference, may compete with any other school in good standing.

32.7.2 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used.

32.7.3 Varsity matches will use rally scoring, best three out of five games. Games one through four shall be played to 25 points (no cap). Game five shall be played to 15 points (no cap). Freshman and JV matches will use rally scoring, best of three games. Games one and two shall be played to 25 points (no cap). Game three shall be played to 15 points (no cap).

32.8 COACHES / COACHING

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

32.8.2 Coaches / Players - Match 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.

32.8.3 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.

32.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

32.9.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

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

32.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

32.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

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

32.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

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

32.10.1.1.2 The Post-Season Girls Volleyball Tournament shall conclude prior to Thanksgiving.

32.10.1.1.3 The Post-Season Boys Volleyball Tournament shall conclude by the 45th week.

32.10.1.2 There shall be a Girls and Boys Post-Season Volleyball Tournament.

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

32.10.1.3 The type of tournament shall be determined by the AIA Executive Board.

32.10.1.4 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used for post-season tournaments.

32.10.1.5 Seeding for the post-season tournament shall be based on AIA power ranking system and section qualifying process.

32.10.1.6 Two AIA officials assigned to the tournament, but not calling the game, shall be line judges and shall be paid $30.00 per match.

32.10.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 1)*.

32.10.3 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled 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 participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site.

32.10.4 Protests

32.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying match or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator shall be final.

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

32.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

32.10.5.1 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 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.

32.11 UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL – 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 Volleyball 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.

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