ARTICLE 33

BEACH VOLLEYBALL
(BOYS BEACH VOLLEYBALL)
(GIRLS BEACH VOLLEYBALL)

33.1 RULES

33.1.1 Official rules for Beach Volleyball shall be the current rules approved by the AIA Executive Board.

33.1.2 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.

33.2 SEASON OF SPORT

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

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

33.2.3	Fall Season (Boys)	Practice	no sooner than the	6th week
		Season of Competition	begins Monday of the	10th week
		Championship	to be concluded by Friday of the	22nd week
	Spring Season (Girls)	Practice	no sooner than the	32nd week
		Season of Competition	begins Monday of the	34th week
		Championship	to be concluded by Tuesday of the	46th week

33.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

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

33.3.1.1 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.

33.3.1.2 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

33.3.1.3 Limits:

33.3.1.3.1 Scrimmage length shall not exceed two (2) hours on the court.

33.3.1.4 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to Article 33.3.

33.4 SCHEDULES

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

33.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

33.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 15 varsity matches, including three invitationals which shall count as one match each.

33.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 12 junior varsity matches.

33.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 15 matches during the season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

33.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

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

33.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

33.7.1 Any school, regardless of Division, may compete with any other school in good standing.

33.7.2 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used.

33.7.3 Beach volleyball matches will use rally scoring, best two out of three sets played to 21, 21, (15). With rally scoring a set must be won by two points. A sixth varsity pair may be played but does not count towards the final score. Freshman/Sophomore and JV team matches will be played best two out of three pairs.

33.7.4 Beach volleyball pairs in team competition shall compete with pairs on the opposing team with the same skill rank. The line-up shall always be based on order of ability. Player movement within the team lineup is restricted to one position up or down from one event (dual or tournament) to another.

When a regular team member is unable to participate in her established position, that position shall be filled by inserting a substitute or advancing all team members, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman. In subsequent events, when the replaced team member returns, she must return to the position she last played. If a regular team member is out of the lineup for a significant amount of time (at least 3 matches) she may return to any position based on her skill rank. When a regular pair is unable to participate in their established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all other pairs, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman.

Any violation of the anti-stacking policy shall result in forfeiture of the entire match.

33.8 COACHES / COACHING

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

33.8.2 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.

33.8.3 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.

33.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

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

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

33.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

33.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

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

33.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

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

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33.10.1.2 There shall be a Post-Season Volleyball Tournament.

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

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

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

33.10.1.5 Seeding for the post-season tournament shall be based on AIA power ranking system if available and/or the AIA section qualifying process.

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

33.10.3 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.

33.10.4 Protests

33.10.4.1 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.

33.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current rules of the USA Beach Volleyball as approved by the NCAA with modifications.

33.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

33.10.5.1 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.