



# **2017 AIA State Basketball**

## **SITE DIRECTORS HIGH SEED SITES NEUTRAL SITES PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATOR/TEAM COACH STATE TOURNAMENT GUIDE**

**Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions**

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**AIA STATE BASKETBALL BRACKET INFORMATION**

For information regarding all AIA State Basketball site information for boys, go to the following link on AZPREPS365.com :

<http://www.azpreps365.com/championships/basketball-boys>

For information regarding all AIA State Basketball bracket information for boys, go to the boys basketball brackets link on AZPREPS365.com:

<http://www.azpreps365.com/brackets/basketball-boys>

For information regarding all AIA State Basketball site information for girls, go to the following link on AZPREPS365.com :

<http://www.azpreps365.com/championships/basketball-girls>

For information regarding all AIA State Basketball bracket information for girls, go to the girls basketball brackets link on AZPREPS365.com:

<http://www.azpreps365.com/brackets/basketball-girls>

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**HOW SCHOOLS QUALIFYING FOR THE AIA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

In order to qualify for AIA State Basketball Tournament consideration at any level, the school varsity team must have played a minimum of fourteen regular season games. The fourteen regular season games do not include any invitational games the school team may have played.

**Automatic Seeding Criteria For The AIA Conference Level State Basketball Tournaments**

**6A, 5A (16 team bracket):**

In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings, the top team in each region (except 6A Southern) will earn an automatic bid at minimum to the conference play-in tournament. The automatic bid in the 6A Southern will be the winner of the No. 1 Tucson division team vs. the No. 1 Yuma division team. The conference play-in tournament will match up teams ranked No. 9 through No. 24. Teams ranked No. 1 through No. 8, along with the eight winning teams from the conference play-in tournament, will make up the 16 team state tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams. The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 6A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8, and eight (8) conference play-in winners
- 5A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8, and eight (8) conference play-in winners

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### **4A, (16 team bracket):**

In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings (except 4A Grand Canyon), the top team in each region will earn an automatic bid to the state tournament. The 4A Grand Canyon will qualify their team from the region tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams. The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 4A: Eight (8) automatic bids, eight (8) at-large qualifiers based on ranking

### **3A, (24 team bracket):**

In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings (except 3A East), the top three teams in each region will earn an automatic bid to the state tournament. The 3A East will qualify their three teams from the region tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 24 teams. The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 3A: 18 automatic bids, six (6) at-large qualifiers based on ranking

### **2A (16 team bracket):**

In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings, the top team in each region will earn an automatic bid to the state tournament. The eight (8) second place team in each region along with eight (8) additional teams as determined by the 2A conference will play in a conference play-in tournament to determine the next eight (8) qualifier to the state tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams. The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 2A: Eight (8) automatic bids and eight (8) conference play-in winners

### **1A (16 team bracket):**

In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings, the top two teams in the 1A South will earn an automatic bid to the state tournament. The 1A East and 1A West top two qualifiers will come from the region tournament. In the 1A Central and 1A North, the regular season region champ and the region tournament winner will make up the two qualifiers; however, should the region tournament champ be the same as the regular season champ, the runner-up from the region tournament will be the second automatic qualifier. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams. The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 1A: 10 automatic bids, six (6) at-large qualifiers based on ranking

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### MEDIA CREDENTIAL POLICY

AIA has a Media Credential Policy that needs to be followed to protect the proprietary rights of the Association and to protect the student-athletes and coaches at region and state tournament events. The following link (<https://admin.aiaonline.org/public-forms/media-entity-requests>) is to the AIA Media Center which houses the AIA Media Credential Form and the AIA Approved Media List (those that have requested and been granted AIA media credentials). **Please download the AIA Media Credential Form and should a media member need access that is not on the media list, they will need to sign off on the form.** Please print out several of the Media Credential Forms so each media outlet fills out its own form. Should the media member refuse to sign off on the form, they will not be granted access to the region or state tournament event you're hosting.

AIA State Basketball Sectional site directors can download the current list of AIA approved media representatives by going to the following AIAonline.org link:

<http://aiaonline.org/files/14629/2016-2017-school-media-list-for-pass-gate.pdf>

At the conclusion of the event, please fax or mail those forms to the AIA so that we may follow up and credential those people the approved media list will be updated as forms are received and processed. Please download the AIA Approved Media List (which is constantly being updated) so that those members of the media that are already approved may be granted access. Please note that some members of the media might show up with Freelance Credentials. These have no pictures on them, but do allow for access to the event per the designated media outlet on the AIA Media Credential.

### AIA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ADMISSION FEES

**All Rounds at All Game Sites:**  
**Students with High School ID: \$5.00**  
**Children age 6 through 13: \$5.00**  
**Adults: \$10.00**

### **Prescott/Prescott Valley Basketball State Tournament Sites**

**All Day Adult Pass: \$15.00**

**High School age or younger are able to re-enter with their ticket stub at all 1A/2A**

### **Prescott/Prescott Valley Basketball State Tournament Sites**

#### **FREE ADMISSION**

Children five or under

Fifteen participating Basketball Team Members entering with a maximum of five School Board approved basketball coaching staff

Team Support Staff (one bookkeeper, two statisticians, one Certified Athletic Trainer)

Twenty Spirit Line (in uniform) with their Sponsor(s)

School Pep Band (prior arrangement required by band director with sectional site director)

All AIA State Basketball event staff

Media with proper credentials

AIA Lifetime Pass Holder and One Guest

AIA Complimentary Pass and One Guest

***Photo ID required for AIA Pass Holder and all AIA Complimentary Passes***



**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**STATE HIGH SEED/ TOURNAMENT SITE DIRECTORS**

**EMERGENCY/MEDICAL HOST SITE REQUIREMENTS**

- Every school must have an emergency action plan in place and submitted to the AIA in order to host a post season tournament. Please go to link for the **Anyone Can Save A Life - Emergency Action Plan** at:

<http://www.greatapes.com/acsa/eap/course/1.php>

Per AIA Executive Board approved policy, AIA Member schools must engage a qualified medical professional (QMP) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for all AIA State Basketball games at high seed site locations.

At all AIA managed State Basketball games at neutral site locations, the AIA has the responsibility to engage a qualified medical professional (QMP) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at the neutral site.

**IF THERE IS NO QMP OR EMT AT THE GAME, THE GAME WILL NOT BE PLAYED.**

QMP means:

- ATC - Certified Athletic Trainer
- MD - Medical Doctor
- DO - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
- NP - Licensed Nurse Practitioner
- PA - Licensed Physician's Assistant

*(QMP as defined by Arizona Revised Statute 15-341)*

- If a school does not have a QMP or EMT and the opposing school does, in order for the game to proceed, the QMP or EMT agrees to cover the opposing school as well as their own school.

**Method of Payment for QMP/EMT:**

- Refer to <http://aiaonline.org/about/procedures-manual> QMP/EMT Coverage/Protocol instructions.
- **NOTE: If ONLY an EMT is at the game, any player removed due to suspected head injury or concussion will not be allowed to enter or re-enter the game based on an EMT evaluation. Return to play or practice can only be based on evaluation by a QMP (Arizona Revised State Statute 15-341).**

**Required 48 hours Notice:**

- If you are unable to provide for a Qualified Medical Professional (MD, DO, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner or Certified Athletic Trainer) or an EMT to be at your game, please contact AIA Office Assistant Jessica Garcia (602-385-3810 X201) ([jegarcia@aiaonline.org](mailto:jegarcia@aiaonline.org)) for assistance.

### **State Basketball Tournament Budget**

All State Tournament Site Directors must comply with the pre-determine AIA State Basketball State tournament budget that is posted for their conference level for State Tournament event they are hosting. To see the pre-determine AIA State Basketball State tournament budget that is posted for their conference level go to the following link:

<http://aiaonline.org/athletics/budget-expense>

Any additions to the pre-determine AIA State Basketball State tournament budget must be approved a minimum of 24 hours prior to the day of the event. Contact Ron Halbach regarding additions to the budget.

All state basketball budgets must be e-mail as an attachment to Ron Halbach, AIA Tournament Coordinator ([rhalbach@aiaonline.org](mailto:rhalbach@aiaonline.org)) after you include the cost for police for the site event

The AIA State Compensation for AIA event staff at the AIA State Basketball State Tournament are posted on the pre-determine AIA State Basketball State tournament budget forms.

### **State Tournament Score Reporting**

**Post-Season Results- immediately at the conclusion of the game:**

Two hours prior to start of your state tournament game, an email will be sent to the visiting and host school athletic director, as well as the host high school venue (if a neutral site) with a score reporting link. **At the conclusion of the game, any of the three mentioned above may click on the score reporting link to be taken to the scores portion of their admin (upon logging into the system) to enter the game result. The goal is to have the result reported and posted immediately at the conclusion of the game.**

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

No more than 15 players shall suit up, participate or be listed on the roster of a school team for State Tournament teams. (AIA Bylaw; Article 21.10.2.5)

If possible, each team should have two sets of uniforms, one of light color and the other dark. The **light color uniforms are for the home team**. The team that violates this policy should change. If there is doubt, the officials should request the home team to change; on a neutral floor the officials decide. (National Federation Basketball Rule 3, Section 4, Art. 1 C). The AIA recommends that the designated home team participating in a state playoff (neutral site) game bring two sets of jerseys.

Only **two school statisticians** and **one scorebook recorder** will be admitted free. Statisticians must enter with the team and coaches as support staff. Statisticians and scorebook recorder will be assigned a place to sit adjacent to the team's assigned bench area.

The **home team** bench at all State games will be to the right side of the scores table facing the basketball floor.

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- All State Sites will use a **Wilson ball** that has the “National Federation of State High School Associations” stamp on it. The state site has been issued the Wilson Basketball that will be in use at all AIA State Basketball Tournament playoff games..  
**Note:** The ball that will be in use for all neutral site games will be the Wilson Solution Basketball (girls-B0701, boys-B0700) game ball.

A QMP is **on duty** 15 minutes before each game and will be at courtside for the entire game. **Pre-game taping is the responsibility of each school’s team.** A coach shall be in attendance during all pre-game warm-up sessions. Each state site will provide water for both teams courtside adjacent to the bench of the team.

### **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CONTROL OF SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR**

The National Federation of High School Associations disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances. (National Federation Rule 10, Section 4, article 1 D).

AIA Bylaw; Article 16.3.4 stipulates that student spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel that initiate or use profanity in cheers or cheers having the intent of sounding profane, single out opposing players personally and/or heckle them by directing derogatory or profane statements or chants at them, use racist remarks or direct offensive cheers /chants at opposing individuals, teams or fans are in violation of the AIA sportsmanship rules. At all contests, including region and state tournament contests, participating school’s administrators have the responsibility to control their fan behaviors, either student or adult.

Any spectator conduct that becomes unruly or interferes with the orderly progress of the game will result in the suspension of the game until offending spectator(s) are removed from the game site. Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at state playoff venues. If any artificial noisemaker is brought into a game site, the item will be confiscated. The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during pre-game, time-outs, intermission and post-game and will be under the control of the site game announcer.

**AIA state high seed site and neutral site game directors should work with the competing team participating school team administrators to assist the site staff with control of fans. Each site director should have a proactive game management plan in place to prevent any and all fans from coming onto the game court during or after any state playoff basketball game.**

### **TOURNAMENT SIGNS/ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS**

**Signs are not permitted at any indoor tournament sponsored by the AIA. (AIA Bylaw 12.1.4)**

**Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at state or sectional playoff venues. If any artificial noisemaker is brought into a game site, the item will be confiscated. The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during pre-game, time-outs, intermission and post-game. (NFHS rule 1-18)**

### **CAMERAS**

- Cameras (with no flash) are permitted.
- Hand held video cameras are permitted at high school sites by parents of participants filming their own child’s performance. Please notify parents that tripod equipment is not permitted in the stands.



## **TOURNAMENT PROGRAMS**

**AIA State Basketball Tournament programs are available free online at:**

<http://www.azpreps365.com/programs/basketball-boys>

<http://www.azpreps365.com/programs/basketball-girls>

## **SOUVENIRS**

Kukulski Brothers is the official supplier for AIA Souvenirs. ***Sale or distribution of AIA State related game t-shirts or any other souvenirs by any individual or company other than the Kukulski Brothers at any AIA State Tournament playoff site or game is prohibited.***

State Tournament t-shirts, caps, etc. will be available at **some** of the centralized state tournament sites.

**Note: state tournament souvenirs may be ordered online during or after the state tournament by going to: <http://www.kukulskibrothers.com>**

Please call David Kukulski or Dan Kukulski at (480) 921-1975 if you have any questions regarding the purchase of state tournament programs or souvenirs.

## **SPIRITLINES**

Spirit Lines, cheerleaders, and pep bands are permitted to perform only in designated areas; Please, no amplifiers. For safety reasons, if a spiritlines and cheerleaders need to practice or stretch at the sectional basketball game site, the squad's coach should ask the sectional site director to receive direction for a safe and appropriate space. Official rules for spiritlines (cheerleaders) shall be those of the current edition of the National Federation Spirit Rules Book and the AIA Constitution and Bylaws.

- **Specific information for spiritline coaches and teams can be found in the Spiritline Conduct Guide, which is available on the AIA Spiritline specific page on AIAonline.org.**
- <http://aiaonline.org/files/8397/spiritline-basketball-conduct-guide.pdf>

## **HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT**

- Home team: the spiritline may perform the first three minutes of half time.
- Visiting team: the spiritline may perform the next three minutes of half time.
- Total half-time performance(s) will be six minutes.
- If a school has more than one performance group (spiritline and pom squad), they would share the three minutes of allotted half time performance time.
- It is expected that spiritline, cheerleaders and pep bands will demonstrate respect and good sportsmanship by not disrupting the half-time presentation of their competitor.
- Any taped music to be used at half-time should be marked, ready to play at the appropriate place on the CD or tape and should be given to the Site Director at the beginning of the game at high school sites, and to the person checking you in at any of the three arena sites. It is suggested that two copies of the tape be provided.

**ADA COMPLIANCE NOTICE**

**ADA NOTICE:**

It is the policy of the Arizona Interscholastic Association not to discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services and activities, or in its hiring and employment practices.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as sign language interpreter, by making a request to the office staff. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

**AIA ADA COMPLIANCE OFFICER:**

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information may be forwarded to the AIA ADA Compliance officer:

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