



2018 AIA State Baseball

ADMINISTRATOR/TEAM COACH TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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GENERAL INFORMATION

AIA MEMBER SCHOOLS COMPETING IN BASEBALL

To see the AIA member schools that compete in baseball, please go to the following links (team are sorted by conference level and region):

6A: <http://www.azpreps365.com/teams/baseball/6a>

5A: <http://www.azpreps365.com/teams/baseball/5a>

4A: <http://www.azpreps365.com/teams/baseball/4a>

3A: <http://www.azpreps365.com/teams/baseball/3a>

2A: <http://www.azpreps365.com/teams/baseball/2a>

1A : <http://www.azpreps365.com/teams/baseball/1a>

State Tournament Qualifying for Baseball:

6A, 5A, 4A (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 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. In addition, any 4A region champion in the play-in tournament will be reseeded to be at minimum a No. 16 seed to be guaranteed a home game. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams, and will be double elimination with a single game championship.

- 6A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8 and and eight (8) conference play-in winners
 - **Seeding link: <http://www.azpreps365.com/rankings/baseball/6a>**
- 5A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8 and and eight (8) conference play-in winners
 - **Seeding link: <http://www.azpreps365.com/rankings/baseball/5a>**
- 4A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8 and and eight (8) conference play-in winners
 - **Seeding link: <http://www.azpreps365.com/rankings/baseball/4a>**

3A (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 each region will earn an automatic bid at minimum to the conference play-in tournament. 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 will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 3A: Twelve (12) automatic bids and four (4) at-large qualifiers based on ranking
 - **Seeding link: <http://www.azpreps365.com/rankings/baseball/3a>**

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State Tournament Qualifying for Baseball (continued):

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 state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams; however, the region champions will be guaranteed as the designated home team in the first round even if the region champion is the lower seed in the matchup (if the first round game is between two region champions, the higher seed will be the designated home team). The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 2A: Eight (8) automatic bids and eight (8) at-large qualifiers based on ranking
- **Seeding link:** <http://www.azpreps365.com/rankings/baseball/2a>

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 each region will earn an automatic bid to the state tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams, and will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 1A: Ten (10) automatic bids and six (6) at-large qualifiers based on ranking
 - **Seeding link:** <http://www.azpreps365.com/rankings/baseball/1a>

STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

For information regarding the following AIA State Baseball Tournament information, go to the link provided below:

- **Neutral Site Locations**
- **State Tournament Schedules**
- **Admission Fees**
- **AIA365.com Live Streaming of games**

<http://www.azpreps365.com/championships/baseball>

Brackets:

For up to date conference bracket information, click on the following link:

<http://www.azpreps365.com/brackets/baseball>

GAME RULES

Rules shall be those of the current National Federation Baseball Rule Book, the AIA Constitution and Bylaws and these tournament instructions.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

TEAM ROSTER

A team roster of no more than twenty-five (25) players shall constitute a team (AIA Policies/Procedure; Article 21.11.1.5).

There shall be no substitutions in the original roster during any single tournament (AIA Policies/Procedure; Article 21.11.1.6.1)

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ASSIGNING OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

- The Commissioner of Officials will assign tournament officials.

GAME INTERRUPTION

- If a game is “called” after five (5) innings have been played, and a winner cannot be determined according to the National Federation Baseball rules, the game will be declared a “suspended game.”
- Suspended Game Protocol
 - 21.1.3.4.1 Games suspended in “mid-inning” revert back to the last completed inning, and the game is restarted from that point (IF TIED).

21.1.4 SPEED-UP RULES

- AIA bylaw; article 21.1.4.1,
 - Runners –At anytime the team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and/or the catcher as soon as they reach base. The same individual runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances – National Federation Baseball Rule Book,
- AIA bylaw; article 21.1.4.2, 10-Run Rule
 - A baseball game shall end any time after five innings, or after four and one-half (4-1/2) innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

UNIFORMS

- All players and coaches on a team shall wear uniforms that shall conform to the National Federation Baseball Rule Book, Rule 1-4. Also, see Rule 3-2-1.

GAME BALLS

- High Seed Game Sites – Each school in the state tournament series will be responsible for furnishing game balls to the umpire at the start of each game at any site hosted by the high seed.
- All game balls used must, per NFHS Rule 3.3.1, have the NFHS authenticating mark.
- Wilson game balls will be provided by the AIA at all neutral sites. The Wilson A 1010 will be the game baseball used at each site hosted by AIA staff.

DUGOUTS

- Dugouts (At Neutral Sites): Home team shall be on the side of third base. Visiting team shall be on the side of first base.
- Due to liability, non-varsity team members nor any children under high school age may not be on the field or in the dugout.

BATTING PRACTICE

- There will be no batting practice at any neutral site of the state tournament; therefore, teams should make arrangements for batting practice at an off-site facility.

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GAME TIMES

- Games will start at the designated time, unless delayed by a prior game, in which case the tournament director will assign warm-up times.
- Please check the AIA Division bracket for correct start times for all 2017 AIA State Baseball Tournament games

WARM-UP

- Each team shall have 10 minutes for on field warm-up; home team first.

OFFICIAL SCORE BOOK

- The official score book will be that of the home team. The official score book at each conference championship game will be the scorekeeper, who will score the game and located next to the public announcer.

DRESSING FACILITIES

- Dressing facilities will not be available at any sites away from high schools. It is recommended that schools in the tournament playoff contests must call the high seed host site or a local high school for permission to use their locker room facilities to dress or to take batting practice.

ICE & DRINK

- Each school is responsible for their own “injury treatment ice”, water cooler and cups at games played at high school sites.
- Coolers (for water and sport drink), cups will be provided at all neutral game sites.

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.

SITE ADMINISTRATOR HOST SITE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The basic responsibility of the host school is to take every possible measure at any athletic or nonathletic activity to assure courteous, friendly, safe and fair treatment to visiting players, school representatives, fans and game officials per AIA bylaw; article 2.6.2.1.

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/acsal_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) for assistance.

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High Seed Site Pre-determined Approved Budgets

4A/5A/6A

Please go to this link for the pre-approved budget for all high seed sites. Any change requires phone contact with the tournament coordinator:

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

AIA GAME TICKETS

AIA will provide game tickets to all high seed sites.

ADMISSION FEES- State Baseball

All Rounds at All Game Sites:

- Students with High School ID: \$5.00
- Children age 6 through 13: \$5.00
- Adults: \$10.00

FREE ADMISSION

Children five or under

Players in uniform entering with their School Board approved coaching staff

Team Support Staff (score book/one high school age bat boy score book)

All tournament workers

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

Non varsity roster players, such as junior varsity or freshman team members are not allowed to enter the stadium free or be in the team dugout with the varsity participating team.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

CONTROL OF SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

During all post season and/or play-off competition held at a neutral site an administrator or administrator's designee from each participating school shall be in attendance per AIA bylaw; article 2.6.2.2.

Note: Please check in with the AIA Site Director at the game location upon arrival.

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 12, Section 1).

AIA Bylaw; Article 16.3.4 stipulates that student spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel that initiate or use profanity in cheers or chants 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 state tournament contests, participating school's administrators have the responsibility to control their fan behaviors, either student or adult.**

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CONTROL OF SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR (continued):

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. (National Federation Rule 12, Section 3).

2018 AIA STATE BASEBALL PROGRAMS

AIA State Baseball Tournament programs are available free online at AIA365.com/programs.

To get access to the 2018 **AIA State Baseball Tournament program, go to the following link:**

<http://www.azpreps365.com/programs/baseball>

The school team rosters can be gathered by going to the <http://www.azpreps365.com/> Link and go to the specific division level team to click the link to their roster.

2018 AIA STATE BASEBALL SOUVENIRS

Kukulski Brothers is the official supplier for AIA Programs and Souvenirs. *Sale or distribution of AIA State Tournament related 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.*

Playoff programs, t-shirts, caps, etc. will be available at as many sites as possible.

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.

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:

Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director
Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc.
7007 North 18th Street
Phoenix, Arizona, 85020
602-385-3811
jpaddock@aiaonline.org

NEUTRAL SITE STADIUMS RULES RESTRICTIONS

Tempe Diablo Stadium/Complex

Regulations

In order to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for our fans the following will be enforced at all Tempe Diablo Stadium events:

- Firearms or deadly weapons are prohibited in City facilities. (per ARS 13-3102)
 - No Smoking anywhere within the Tempe Diablo Stadium. (per ARS 22-50)
 - Guests are prohibited from bringing in beverages and alcohol into Tempe Diablo Stadium. Except for 1 Liter of factory sealed bottled (must be plastic) water per person.
 - Consumption of alcoholic beverages within Tempe Diablo Stadium's parking lot is prohibited.
 - Food is not allowed to be brought into the Facility in Bulk Quantities. ([see food & beverage policy](#))
 - No Large Bags (anything larger than 16" x 16" x 8"), Lawn Chairs, Lawn or Golf Umbrellas are not allowed to be brought into the stadium. Towels and blankets are permitted for lawn seating.
 - Strollers, Diaper bags and baby formula are allowed as long as they accompany an infant.
 - All bags and strollers are subject to search.
 - Guests are prohibited from carrying cans, glass bottles, thermoses, ice chests, or hard containers of any size into Tempe Diablo Stadium regardless of content.
 - Tailgate parties are restricted to permitted areas and charcoal grills are prohibited. No outside caterers are allowed.
 - Animals are not permitted within Tempe Diablo Stadium with the exception of certified service dogs for fans with disabilities.
- Peddling and soliciting is prohibited on City owned property.
- Resale of tickets within 200 feet of Tempe Diablo Stadium Complex property is prohibited. (per ARS 13-3718).
 - Any guest two (2) years of age or older must have a ticket to enter Tempe Diablo Stadium.
 - Any other food items, containers, or objects deemed hazardous by Tempe Diablo Stadium Staff or Security will also not be permitted.

Turnstiles open approximately one hour prior to event time.

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Goodyear Ballpark Complex Policies

In order to accommodate the desires of fans / guests at Goodyear Ballpark, while also recognizing the need to maintain maximum safety and comfort levels, the following Ballpark regulations have been established.

Items Allowed

The following items are permitted provided they do not interfere with other guests' enjoyment of the game. All items are subject to search:

- Food and beverage policy allows:
 - Factory sealed, pre-packaged single serving snack items
 - One factory-sealed plastic water bottle (non-carbonated and colorless water only) not exceeding 1 liter in size per fan
 - Children's single serving juice drinks in factory sealed box or pouch package
 - Baby formula and baby food
- Small bags not exceeding 16" X 16" X 8"
- Foam seat cushions (no frames)
- Small umbrellas not exceeding 36" in diameter – must not interfere with other guests' enjoyment of the game
- Baby strollers and diaper bags
- Non commercial cameras and video recorders
- Blankets or towels
- Banners that do not include obscene, political, or commercial messages and do not interfere with the game or block the view of any other guest

Items Not Allowed

The following items are prohibited from entering into the Ballpark:

- Cans, glass, hard-sided coolers, beverage containers, squeeze bottles, thermos bottles, and large bags or packages
- Firearms or deadly weapons in accordance with A.R.S. § 13-3102.
- Noisemaking devices or laser pens
- Action sports equipment such as skateboards, roller blades, scooters, bicycles, and shoe skates
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs
- Large umbrellas and lawn chairs
- Commercial cameras or video recording devices, tripods
- Animals and pets (except for certified service dogs for guests with disabilities)
- Food and beverage items not outlined in the Ballpark food and beverage policy
- Obscene or indecent clothing

Ballpark Ground Rules

- No smoking within the Goodyear Ballpark. A.R.S. § 36-601.01 and Goodyear City Code 11-1-18(C)(4).
- No trespassing on the field at any time.
- Peddling or soliciting is prohibited.
- Foul, abusive language or obscene gestures will not be tolerated. A.R.S. § 13-2904.
- Guests will refrain from displays of affection inappropriate in a public setting.
- Intervention with impaired or intoxicated guests will be handled in a prompt and safe manner.
- Guests interfering with the process of the game or going onto the field will be ejected and subject to arrest.

**SURPRISE STADIUM
FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY**

In order to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for our guests, the following will be enforced:

- **Surprise Stadium allows food to be brought into the stadium. The food must be presented in a clear, sealed (factory, Ziploc, etc) plastic bag and must be able to fit under a standard stadium seat. One clear, sealed one (1) liter plastic water bottle or empty plastic water/sports bottles will be allowed, as will single serving juice boxes, baby food and formula. No beverages, other than water or boxed fruit juices will be allowed.**

**Beware of objects leaving the playing field.
Guests are responsible for insuring their own safety while at the stadium.
The City of Surprise
is not responsible for objects leaving the field during the course of play.**

Mesa Hohokam Stadium

Regulations

In order to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for our fans the following will be enforced at all Mesa Hohokam Stadium events:

- Firearms or deadly weapons are prohibited in City facilities. (per ARS 13-3102)
 - No Smoking anywhere within the Mesa Hohokam Stadium. (per ARS 22-50)
 - Guests are prohibited from bringing in beverages and alcohol into Mesa Hohokam Stadium. Except for 1 Liter of factory sealed bottled (must be plastic) water per person.
 - Consumption of alcoholic beverages within Mesa Hohokam Stadium's parking lot is prohibited.
 - Food is not allowed to be brought into the Facility in Bulk Quantities.
 - No Large Bags (anything larger than 16" x 16" x 8"), Lawn Chairs, Lawn or Golf Umbrellas are not allowed to be brought into the stadium. Towels and blankets are permitted for lawn seating.
 - Strollers, Diaper bags and baby formula are allowed as long as they accompany an infant.
 - All bags and strollers are subject to search.
 - Guests are prohibited from carrying cans, glass bottles, thermoses, ice chests, or hard containers of any size into Mesa Hohokam Stadium regardless of content.
 - Tailgate parties are restricted to permitted areas and charcoal grills are prohibited. No outside caterers are allowed.
 - Animals are not permitted within Mesa Hohokam Stadium with the exception of certified service dogs for fans with disabilities.
- *Peddling and soliciting is prohibited on City owned property.
- Resale of tickets within 200 feet of Mesa Hohokam Stadium Complex property is prohibited. (per ARS 13-3718).
 - Any guest two (2) years of age or older must have a ticket to enter Mesa Hohokam Stadium.
 - Any other food items, containers, or objects deemed hazardous by T Mesa Hohokam Stadium Staff or Security will also not be permitted.

Turnstiles open approximately one hour prior to event time.