AIA Unified Basketball Timeline  
2019-20 Season

NOVEMBER 2019 (3 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)

Coaches Clearance / Training
- Complete all AIA requirements for Coaches’ Clearance per Article 17 of the AIA Bylaws & Constitution.
  - For an outline of all training and certification requirements specific to high school Unified Sports coaches, please visit: www.aiaonline.org/sports/unified
- Complete all district/school requirements for Coaches Clearance per district policy
- Complete Unified Basketball Coaches’ Training (specific to high schools)
  - Contact Katie DeVenuto at Katie@SpecialOlympicsArizona.org to schedule a training

Order Equipment
- Suggested equipment includes:
  - Basketballs (suggested: 6-12)
  - Ball Pump (suggested: 2)
  - Ball Bag (suggested: 1)
  - Cones (suggested: 25-50)
  - Reversible Jerseys/Pennies (suggested: 12)
  - Whistles (suggested: 1 per coach)

Attend/Organize Planning Meetings
- Attend MANDATORY Coaches’ Webinar (only need to attend one)
  - Thursday, November 14th – 4:00pm to 5:00pm
  - Saturday, November 16th – 9:00am to 10:00am
- Host Parent Informational Meeting

Verify ALL Student Eligibility and Clearance Requirements are completed
Athletes & Unified Partners must complete:
- AIA Annual Pre-participation Clearance Packet
  - Part One – Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Form 15.7-A).
  - Part Two – Annual Preparticipation Physical Examination (Form 15.7-B).
  - Part Three – Annual Preparticipation Acknowledgement (Form 15.7-C).
  - Part Four – Annual Preparticipation Consent to Treat Form (Form 15.7-D).
  - Part Five – Unified Sports Participant Release (Form 15.7-E).
- All district/school requirements for Student Eligibility and Clearance per district policy

Complete Season Schedule
PRACTICE
- Schedule practices accordingly to ensure a minimum of eight (8) practices at least sixty (60) minutes in duration are held prior to the first regular season scrimmage/game. Practices shall continue to be held at least once a week throughout the duration of the sports season.

REGULAR SEASON
- Reach out to schools in your area to schedule a minimum of two regular season games.
  - Suggestion: attend a Unified Basketball Invitational Tournament at which two or more schools are competing to fulfill this requirement in one day
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### DECEMBER 2019
(2 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)

**Practice**
- Practice 1
- Practice 2
- Practice 3
- Practice 4
- Practice 5
- Practice 6
- Practice 7
- Practice 8

**Regular Season Interscholastic Competition**
- Compete in a *minimum* of two interscholastic contests (games) against other high school Unified Basketball teams during the regular season
  - Regular Season Game #1
  - Date: ________  Time: __________  Location: ______________
  - Regular Season Game #2
  - Date: ________  Time: __________  Location: ______________

**Transportation Requests**
- Submit transportation requests for regular season games (must attend a minimum of two)

### JANUARY 2020
(1 Month Prior to Unified Sectionals)

**Unified Sectionals (Area Competition) Registration**
- Complete and submit Unified Sectionals Registration Paperwork
  - SOAZ will send out registration paperwork in December
  - Registration paperwork will be due 3-4 weeks prior to Unified Sectionals

**Transportation Requests**
- Submit transportation request for Unified Sectionals

**Practices**
- Continue holding regular practice

### FEBRUARY 2020

**Unified Basketball Sectionals (Area Competition)**
- Compete at a qualifying Unified Basketball Sectionals
  - *Teams must compete in Unified Sectionals to qualify for the state tournament*

**State Championship Registration / Planning**
- Qualification Results will be posted on AZPreps365 by February 7, 2020
  - The top 8 teams statewide will qualify for advancement to the State Championship (qualification will be based on team’s final score at Unified Sectionals)
- Complete State Championship Registration
  - Due February 10, 2020
- Submit transportation request for State Championship

**AIA State Basketball Championship**
- **February 17 - 18, 2020** *(exact dates/times will be confirmed by mid-December)*
- Prescott Valley Event Center – 3201 Main Street, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314