

ARTICLE 11

SCHEDULING OF CONTESTS AND SCHEDULE CONTRACTS

11.1 NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTEST

- 11.1.1 Any activity not identified in the sports Bylaws is not sanctioned by the AIA.
- 11.1.2 A student may participate and receive monetary awards in non-interscholastic contests in sports which are not enumerated in the sports Bylaws.

11.2 SCHEDULING OF CONTESTS

- 11.2.1 The maximum number of regular season contests to be scheduled for all Conferences/Divisions is identified in each sport.
 - 11.2.1.1 Schedules may be increased by one contest if scheduling difficulties occur. The additional contest shall be with the approval of the AIA Executive Board.
- 11.2.2 The AIA Executive Board may increase the number of existing scheduled varsity contests to provide new schools assigned in the middle of a two-year block the opportunity to qualify for Conference/Division or Region/Section Championships. However, the additional number of contests may not exceed the existing scheduled contests by more than two contests.
 - 11.2.2.1 For those schools approved, a player may participate in two additional contests per season, excluding qualifying and state contests.
- 11.2.3 Freshman and junior varsity tournaments (invitationals) and championships are not sanctioned. (For exceptions, see Cross Country, Track and Wrestling).
- 11.2.4 Associate member schools may schedule member, associate member or nonmember schools.
 - 11.2.4.1 Associate member schools shall not participate in any AIA conference/division, region/section, or state athletic championship tournaments.
 - 11.2.4.2 Associate member schools may participate in invitational athletic contests.
 - 11.2.4.3 Associate member schools may participate in clinics, festivals or contests sanctioned by the AIA.
 - 11.2.4.4 Out-of-state associate member schools that desire to schedule an AIA member school in any sport shall meet the eligibility rules of their state association.
- 11.2.5 For purposes of creating regular season schedules, member schools **may** use, as a management tool, a computer scheduling program adopted and approved by the Executive Board.
- 11.2.6 In order to assist 8-man football teams, other junior varsity teams may schedule games with the 8-man football teams. A school electing to assist the 8-man football teams may schedule one additional game.
- 11.2.7 Refer to Article 10, Section 10.1 for interstate scheduling.
- 11.2.8 Refer to AIA Standardized Calendar approved by the AIA Legislative Council on April 22, 1980.
- 11.2.9 It is the responsibility of each school to provide contest management, submit reports, and abide by all AIA rules and regulations. Member schools not in compliance with this regulation may be subject to disciplinary action.

- 11.3 METHODS FOR SHORTENING CONTESTS** – Schools desiring to shorten a contest for the safety of the players should consult the official rulebook for that sport.

11.4 **SCHEDULE CONTRACTS – VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY / FRESHMAN**

- 11.4.1 To facilitate the preparation of master schedules for all sports, a school must commit by March 15 of the current school year as to whether or not it will participate in a particular varsity sport the following school year.
- 11.4.2 **Master Schedules** - A master schedule shall be considered a valid contract between the schools on that master schedule.
- 11.4.3 **Invitational Tournaments** – An invitation to attend an invitational tournament from one school and acceptance by another school shall be considered a valid contract between those schools. In the case of a school's failure to fulfill its contractual obligation to hold or attend an invitational tournament as agreed, the procedure under 11.4.4.2 and 11.4.4.2.1 shall apply.
- 11.4.4 **Cancellation or Postponement - Contest or Program**
- 11.4.4.1 A varsity contest or program which could have a bearing on a regional or state play-off shall not be cancelled or forfeited without prior approval by the AIA Executive Board.
- 11.4.4.1.1 To request AIA Executive Board approval to cancel or forfeit a varsity contest or program which could have a bearing on a regional or state play-off, the school requesting the cancellation or forfeiture shall originate and transmit a Form 11.4-B to the other school(s) involved for a signature of consent. The executed Form(s) 11.4-B shall then be attached to a completed Form 11.4-A and forwarded to the AIA office for placement on the next AIA Executive Board meeting agenda.
- 11.4.4.2 When a school finds it impossible to fulfill a varsity master schedule obligation which does not have a bearing on a regional or state play-off, it must notify the other school(s) involved as soon as possible. Any such cancellation or postponement must be by mutual consent of the school(s) involved.
- 11.4.4.2.1 In the event there is not a mutual consent between schools in the cancellation of a contest (varsity only), the school cancelling the contest shall be fined \$1,500.00. Appealable to the AIA Executive Board within 10 days of cancellation.
- 11.4.4.2.2 The fine will be paid to the AIA and within 10 days upon receipt of the payment, AIA will send those funds to the school whose game was cancelled.
- 11.4.4.2.3 In the case where a school cancels more than 20% of the games in a season (varsity only – with or without mutual consent), the school will be excluded from post-season play in that sport for that season.
- 11.4.4.3 **Cancellation of Officials** - If officials have been requested for a varsity, junior varsity or freshman contest that is cancelled or postponed (or a program that is cancelled) it is the responsibility of the school of the home team to notify the AIA Commissioner of Officials of the cancellation or postponement. (*Form 11.4-C*)

- 11.5 **REPORTING RESULTS** – It shall be the responsibility of the HOME TEAM athletic administrator or assistant to report the regular season game results through the administrative options available at www.aiaonline.org within 72 hours from the scheduled start time of a contest. In the case of a regional tournament, it shall be the responsibility of the HOST SCHOOL to report via e-mail all tournament results within **24** hours of the tournament concluding. If regular season, region games or tournament results are not reported within the required time, a reminder e-mail will be sent to the school as will be done as each subsequent level is reached. Failure to report an accurate result will cause the following progressive sanction(s) process per sport for each individual incident and in the time stated:

- 1st Level – **Cautionary Letter** (after 120 hour period)
 2nd Level – **Advisement** to that program (personal contact to school Athletic Director after 144 hour period)
 3rd Level – **Warning** to that program (after 168 hour period)
 4th Level – **Probation** to that program (after 192 hour period)

- 11.5.1 In the case where a member school is competing out of Arizona, it will be the responsibility of that school to report the result of the contest(s).