ARTICLE 19

BADMINTON

19.1 RULES

19.1.1 Official rules for badminton shall be those published in the current edition of the United States Badminton Association "Official Rules of Play".

19.1.1.1 EXCEPTION: Traditional badminton scoring will be used for all regular season and post season play.

19.1.2 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.

19.2 SEASON OF SPORT

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

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

19.2.3 Fall Season	Practice	no sooner than the	6th week
	Competition	no sooner than Monday of the	8th week
	Championship	to be concluded by the	23rd week

19.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 14.17.2 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

19.3 SCHEDULES

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

19.4 NUMBER OF MATCHES IN SEASON

19.4.1 No school shall schedule more than 16 varsity matches, including two **i**nvitationals, each of which counts as one match.

19.4.2 No school shall schedule more than 14 junior varsity matches.

19.4.3 No player shall participate in more than 16 badminton matches per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

19.4.4 A member school shall be permitted to schedule one (1) interschool varsity scrimmage.

19.4.4.1 Game uniforms shall not be worn.

19.4.4.2 Scorebooks may be used for purposes of evaluation only.

19.4.4.3 No scores called into the newspaper.

19.4.4.4 Unlimited amount of substitutions and reentry of players.

19.4.5 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to bylaw 19.4.

19.5 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

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

19.6 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

19.6.1 An interschool match shall consist of six singles matches followed by three doubles matches. Players may play singles, doubles, or both singles and doubles within each of the various levels (Varsity or Junior Varsity).

19.6.2 A lesser number of matches may be agreed upon prior to the date of play, should a team fail to appear with six players for any of the matches, a default will be granted for each individual match not played.

19.6.3 Badminton players shall compete with players on the opposing team with the same rank. When a regular team member is unable to participate at her established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members (Varsity or Junior varsity).

19.6.4 The host school shall furnish shuttlecocks for the matches. The shuttlecock shall meet the shuttlecock specifications as defined in the United States Badminton Association "Official Rules of Play".

19.7 COACHES / COACHING

19.7.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams during the summer vacation period. Summer vacation period shall be identified as beginning with the last day of school and extending to the first day of football practice allowed by AIA bylaw.

19.7.2 Coaches may coach their own teams and/or team members beyond the first day of football practice, providing the team is participating in a summer league playoff match or tournament.

19.7.3 Coaches / Players - Contest 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.

19.8 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

19.8.1 The only school equipment which may be used out-of-season is weightlifting equipment, nets, standards, rackets, shuttlecocks and gyms.

19.8.2 School Transportation During Summer - School provided transportation for summer activities is a local option.

19.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

19.9.1 Post-Season Tournament

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

19.9.1.1 Dates and Sites

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

19.9.1.2 There shall be individual and team championships.

19.9.1.2.1 The Team Badminton Post-Season Championship shall be determined by a state team play-off format.

19.9.2 Awards – The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. *(See Article 13, Section 13.1)*.

19.9.3 Practice on Site – A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly schedule contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the State Championship, except in the case of the host school.

DETERMINATION: The host school may practice at the site only if that is their regular practice sit. (Ex. Bd. 10/77)

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19.9.4 Protests

19.9.4.1 In the event of a questions or a protest during the post-season tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Games Committee shall be final.

19.9.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled by the AIA and/or designated official.

19.10 **UNIFIED BADMINTON** a joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Badminton programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

19.10.1 Official rules for Unified Badminton shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board.

19.10.2 All participants must have the appropriate pre-participation packet completed including the pre-participation physical per the AIA Executive Board as recommended by the AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for the respective participants (Article 15, Section 15.7).

19.10.3 In order to further participation in the Unified Sports initiative, participation by SOAZ athletes will have the following exceptions to AIA eligibility requirements:

19.10.3.1 Exception regarding enrollment and domicile (Article 15, Section 15.3.1 and 15.5): SOAZ athletes may participate in a cooperative program among member schools for the purpose of creating combined school teams.

19.10.3.2 Exception to the Academic rule (Article 15, Section 15.4.1): SOAZ students participating will follow the guidelines as set forth in their individual educational plans.

19.10.3.3 Exception to the age limit (Article 15, Section 15.6): SOAZ athletes will be eligible per age limitation of SOAZ and AIA rules for Unified Badminton.