

Unified Basketball Timeline

2024-25 Season



NOVEMBER 2024 (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 Thomas Miranda at Thomas@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)
 - Wednesday, October 23rd – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- registration link: <https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjApcuGpqzwsHdME2Ydj-5BmlucETtiZ108j>

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 are held before the first regular-season scrimmage/game. Practices shall continue to be held at least once a week throughout the sports season.

REGULAR SEASON

- Reach out to schools in your area to schedule at least 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 2024 (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 2025 (1 Month Prior to Unified Sectionals)

Unified Sectionals (Area Competition) Registration

- Complete and submit Unified Sectionals Registration Paperwork
 - o SOAZ will send out registration paperwork in December.
 - o Registration paperwork will be due *3-4 weeks before* Unified Sectionals

Transportation Requests

- Submit transportation requests for Unified Sectionals

Practices

- Continue holding regular practice.

FEBRUARY 2025

Unified Basketball Sectionals

- Compete at a qualifying Unified Basketball Sectionals
 - o *Teams must compete in Unified Sectionals to qualify for the state tournament.*
- Thursday and Friday, January 30th & 31st

State Championship Registration / Planning

- Qualification Results will be posted on AZPreps365 by February 20-21, 2024.
 - o *The top 8 teams statewide will qualify for advancement to the State Championship (qualification will be based on the team's final score at Unified Sectionals)*
- Submit transportation request for State Championship

AIA State Basketball Championship

- **February 17th – 18th, 2025** (exact dates/times will be confirmed by mid-December)
- **Prescott Valley Event Center** – 3201 Main Street, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

