



2026-2027 UNIFIED SPORTS TIMELINE BY SPORT



Fall Season Badminton

2026

Practice Start Date

Monday, August 10, 2026

Regular Season Competition Start Date

Monday, August 17, 2026

Regular Season Competition End Date

Thursday, September 17, 2026

MANDATORY Coaches Meeting (only required to attend one)

Thursday, August 13th @ 4:00 PM

Registration Link:

<https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/18pFxCNCYS6iD9iuHXHQ5A>

2025 Sectionals (Qualification) Tournament

*****Schools can attend either the Sectionals Tournament, regardless of where their school is located*****

- Tuesday, September 15th (East Valley)
 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - *Westwood High School*
 - 945 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Mesa, AZ 85201
- Thursday, September 17th (West Valley)
 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - *Glendale High School*
 - 6216 W Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301
- Tuesday, September 22nd (East Valley)
 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - *Westwood High School*
 - 945 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Mesa, AZ 85201

2026 AIA State Championship

- Thursday, October 1st, 2026
 - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - *Westwood High School*
 - 945 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Mesa, AZ 85201



Fall Season Flag Football

Practice Start Date

Regular Season Competition Start Date

Regular Season Competition End Date



2026

Monday, August 17th, 2026

Monday, August 24th, 2026

Thursday, October 29th, 2026

MANDATORY Coaches Meeting (only required to attend one)

Wednesday, August 12th @ 4:00 PM

Registration Link:

<https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/ocgXypibSgSPCXd9hCa6lQ>

2026 Sectionals (Qualification) Tournament

****Schools can attend either the Sectionals Tournament, regardless of where their school is located****

- Thursday, October 29th
 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - *Estrella Foothills High School*
 - 13033 S Estrella Pkwy, Goodyear, AZ 85338

2026 AIA State Championship

- Thursday, November 12th
 - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - *Arizona Cardinals*
 - TBD

Winter Season Basketball

Practice Start Date

Regular Season Competition Start Date

Regular Season Competition End Date

MANDATORY Coaches Meeting (only required to attend one)

2026

Monday, October 26th, 2026

Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 2026

Friday, Jan. 29th, 2027



Wednesday, October 21st @ 4:00 PM

Registration Link:

https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/_V-gysz9RPGfht8Wc--8aw

2026 Sectionals (Qualification) Tournament

****Schools can attend either the Sectionals Tournament, regardless of where their school is located****

- January 29th, 2027
 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - *American Sports Center*
 - 755 N 114th Ave, Avondale, AZ 85323

2027 AIA State Championship

- Tuesday, February 16th, 2027
 - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - Mesa High School
 - 1630 E Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85204

Winter Season Soccer

2026

Practice Start Date

Monday, October 26th, 2026

Regular Season Competition Start Date

Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 2026

Regular Season Competition End Date

Friday, Feb. 5th, 2027

MANDATORY Coaches Meeting (only required to attend one)

Thursday, October 23rd @ 4:00 PM

Registration Link:

<https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/X05JSyXgTmmOwuGjkZUPdA>

2026 Sectionals (Qualification) Tournament

****Schools can attend either the Sectionals Tournament, regardless of where their school is located****

- Friday, February 5th
 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - *Buckeye High School*
 - 1000 E Narramore Ave, Buckeye, AZ



2027 AIA State Championship

- Thursday, Feb 18th, 2027
 - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Sunrise Mountain High School
 - 21200 N 83rd Ave, Peoria, AZ 85382

Spring Season Track & Field

2027

Practice Start Date

Thursday, Feb 4th, 2027

Regular Season Competition Start Date

Wednesday, Feb 17th, 2027.

Regular Season Competition End Date

Tuesday, April 20th, 2027

MANDATORY Coaches Meeting (only required to attend one)

Wednesday, February 3rd @ 4:00 PM

Registration Link:

<https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/Au5C4trwTEmcxJLRntq-yA>

2027 Sectionals (Qualification) Tournament

****Schools can attend either the Sectionals Tournament, regardless of where their school is located****

- April 20th (East Valley)
 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - *Mesa Mountain View High School*
 - 2700 E Brown Rd, Mesa, AZ 85213
- April 19th (West Valley)
 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - *Buckey High School*
 - 1000 E Narramore Ave, Buckeye, AZ

2027 AIA State Championship

- Thursday, April 29th, 2027
 - 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
 - Westwood High School
 - 945 W Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa, AZ 85201



Spring Season Volleyball

2027

Practice Start Date

Monday, Feb 8th, 2027

Regular Season Competition Start Date

Monday, Feb 22nd, 2027

Regular Season Competition End Date

Friday, March 5th, 2027

MANDATORY Coaches Meeting (only required to attend one)

Thursday, February 5th @ 4:00 PM

Registration Link:

<https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/zQMh3ExpRDWixlN3JlIQRQ>

2027 Sectionals (Qualification) Tournament

*****Schools can attend either the Sectionals Tournament, regardless of where their school is located*****

- March 5th (West Valley)
 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
 - *Glendale High School*
 - 6216 W Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301

2027 AIA State Championship

- Friday, April 9th, 2027
 - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Ironwood High School
 - 6051 W Sweetwater Ave, Glendale, AZ 85304