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Basketball Tournament Guide

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Information for spectators including admission pricing, the digital ticketing process, programs, souvenirs, venue information & schedules can be found at: [AZPREPS](#)

Media information, including policies, credential requests, broadcasting & media rights agreements can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/host-media-info>

ADA Compliance information can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/files/14160/committees-ada-compliance.pdf>

Emergency personnel protocols & information related to AIA postseason competitions can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/files/17188/qmp.pdf>

School conference/ division/ section alignments can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/alignments/2024>

All rules as stated in the National Federation Rules Book for this sport, along with the AIA Constitution & Bylaws as well as these tournament instructions apply.

Note: Playoff games are subject to time and date changes and/or venue relocation. Factors include, but are not limited to: location of high seed, contractual obligations, broadcast commitments, seating capacity, and travel considerations of participating schools.



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General Information

Game Balls

Only the official AIA game ball is permitted for use at all post-season games. The Wilson EVO NXT will be used for all post season contests. AIA managed neutral sites will provide practice balls.

Team & Spectator Supervision

A school-board/district-approved coach shall be in attendance & providing team supervision at all times while teams are on site, including all pre-game warm-up sessions.

AIA Bylaws stipulate that student spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel that initiate or use profanity in cheers or cheers having the intent of sounding profane, single out opposing players personally and/or heckle them by directing derogatory or profane statements or chants at them, use racist remarks or direct offensive cheers /chants at opposing individuals, teams or fans are in violation of the AIA sportsmanship rules. At all contests, including region and state tournament contests, participating school's administrators have the responsibility to control their fan behaviors, either student or adult.

Any spectator conduct that becomes unruly or interferes with the orderly progress of the game will result in the suspension of the game until offending spectator(s) are removed from the game site. Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at state playoff venues. If any artificial noisemaker is brought into a game site, the item will be confiscated. The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during pre-game, time-outs, intermission and post-game and will be under the control of the site game announcer. Signs are not permitted at any indoor tournament event and will be confiscated.

Bench/ Sideline Occupants

A maximum of five (5) coaches are allowed entry and the ability to site courtside with the team. No more than 15 players shall suit up, participate or be listed on the roster of a school team for State Tournament teams. Only two school statisticians and one scorebook recorder will be admitted free. Statisticians must enter with the team and coaches as support staff. Statisticians and scorebook recorder will be assigned a place to sit adjacent to the team's assigned bench area.

The home team bench at all State (neutral site) games will be to the right side of the scorer's table (facing the floor).

Filming/ Team Cameras

Team video cameras must be placed well away from the playing surface. All personnel operating/ filming must be school-board/ district-approved with appropriate credentials.

Cameras (with no flash) are permitted. Hand held video cameras are permitted at high school sites by parents of participants. Please notify parents that tripod equipment is not permitted in the stands.

Practices

A practice or competition on the site of the Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school or approval from the tournament director.



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Spirit Lines/ Bands/ Student Groups

Spirit Lines, cheerleaders, pom and pep bands must enter (in uniform) as a group accompanied by their sponsor, faculty member, or coach.

Official rules for spirit lines shall be of those of the current edition of the National Federation Spirit Rules Book and the AIA Constitution and Bylaws.

High-Seed Locations

High-seed games may be moved to a neutral site that is closer to the high seed to accommodate crowd size if necessary.

Pre-Game Procedures

Pregame meeting: A safety and protocol meeting will be held prior to tip off. Required attendees include: participating school admin, head coaches, head official, AIA site admin, security and/or police at site.

High-Seed Host Responsibilities

Schools are responsible for ensuring enforcement of all tournament rules & guidelines; noncompliance may lead to a sanction against the school.

High Seed Site Pre-Determined Approved Budgets

Please go to this [LINK](#) for the pre-approved budget for all high-seed sites. Any change that exceeds the budget requires approval from the tournament director.

Score Reporting

Two hours prior to the start of state tournament games, an email will be sent to the visiting and host school athletic director, as well as the host high school venue (if a neutral site) with a score reporting link. At the conclusion of the game, any of the three mentioned above may click on the score reporting link to be taken to the scores portion of their admin (upon logging into the system) to enter the game result. It is expected that scores will be reported by the schools and posted immediately at the conclusion of the game.

Shot Clock

To host a 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A or Open State tournament game, the host school is required to have a shot clock installed and operational. If a high seed site does not have a shot clock, the game will be moved to an alternate site.