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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FALL TOURNAMENT SEASON KICKS-OFF FRIDAY

PHOENIX, AZ (October 17, 2007) – The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) state championship tournaments are set to begin Friday, Oct. 19, and include the 1A State Football Tournament, the 4A State Swim and Dive Tournaments, and the 4A and 5A State Badminton Team Tournaments.

In a new playoff format for 1A football, the No. 1 seeds from the four regions earn a bye and will meet the winners of the first round games slated for Friday. The second round games will be played one week later on Friday, Oct. 26. First and second round games will be played at the sites of the high seeds at 7 p.m.

The 4A Division I and II swim and dive preliminary rounds will be held at Mona Plummer Aquatic Center on the campus of Arizona State University on Friday. The competition begins at 9:45 a.m. On Saturday, Oct. 20, the championships will be held beginning at 1 p.m.

The 4A and 5A badminton team tournaments begin on Saturday, with the No. 1 and 3 seeds (*Shadow Mountain will host as the No. 3 seed as the No. 2 seed Chaparral's gymnasium is under construction*) in the 4A tournament hosting the first round. In the 5A tournament, the No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 seeds will host the first and second rounds on Saturday.

The semi-final and championship matches of the 4A badminton team tournament will be held at Independence High School. The semi-finals will be played on Tuesday, Oct. 23, followed by the championship on Thursday, Oct. 25. In the 5A badminton team tournament, the semi-final and championship matches will be held at Dobson High School. The semi-finals are set for Monday, Oct 22, with the championship match scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The 1A state football semi-finals and championship will be played at Apache Junction High School. The semi-finals will be played on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 4 and 7 p.m., and the 2007 AIA 1A State Football Championship, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, will be played on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m.

To view the brackets and heat sheets from the 1A State Football Tournament, the 4A State Swim & Dive Tournaments, and the 4A and 5A State Badminton Team Tournaments, visit the brackets section of the AIA website: <http://www.aiaonline.org/athletics/brackets.php>

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