

AIA Football  
2017  
Emergency Legislation  
**SEASON OF SPORT CHANGE**  
**DATE FIRST OFFICIAL FOOTBALL PRACTICES MAY START**

AIA Bylaw; article 23.2.3  
AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1

On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, after hearing AIA Executive Board agenda requests from the 1A and 4A regarding standardizing the start date for football their conferences and receiving feedback from the AIA staff, the AIA Executive Board approved emergency legislation that changed AIA bylaw; article 23.2.3, AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1 and eliminated AIA bylaw; article 23.2.3.1.

From page #5 of the Executive Board Minutes from Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

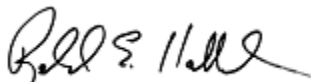
*\*\*NOTE: The Executive Board has approved any school to participate in zero week at their discretion. Practice may begin no sooner than the 4<sup>th</sup> week with competition beginning no sooner than the Wednesday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week. **Emergency Legislation 5/15***

**Effect of the emergency legislation that changed AIA bylaw; article 23.2.3 and eliminated AIA bylaw; article 23.2.3.1 for 2017 AIA Football**

- **All schools at all conference levels may start official 2017 football practice for all team levels (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman) on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**
- All 1A conference level schools have nine weeks to play eight games.
- All 2A/3A/4A/5A/6A conference level schools have eleven weeks to play ten games.
- All Conference levels may schedule a varsity scrimmage against another AIA member school varsity team **after fourteen days of official fall practice** (AIA bylaw; article 23.3.1).
- **A football player must have completed the requirements of AIA bylaw; article 14.17.1 and practiced fourteen days before participating in an interschool varsity scrimmage.**
- **All Conference levels may schedule a varsity scrimmage against another AIA member school varsity team after fourteen days of official fall practice.**
  - A team's varsity scrimmage must take place, if one is going to be held, prior to the school's first game.

Note: If two schools that **do not** have a zero week football game want to move a game from weeks one through ten to zero week, it can only move with the mutual consent of both schools.

If you have any questions, please contact me



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