

ARTICLE 32**BEACH VOLLEYBALL****32.1 RULES**

- 32.1.1 Official rules for Beach Volleyball shall be the current rules of USA Beach Volleyball as approved by the NCAA with modifications.
- 32.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

32.2 SEASON OF SPORT

- 32.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.
- 32.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.
- 32.2.3 Spring Season Practice no sooner than the 31st week
 (Girls) Competition no sooner than the 34th week
 Championship to be concluded by the 42nd week
- 32.2.4 **Pre-Competition Practice** – Practice shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 14.17.2 – Heat Acclimatization Protocol, where applicable.

32.3 PRESEASON INTERSCHOOL VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

- 32.3.1 One preseason interschool varsity scrimmage may be played with the following guidelines:
- 32.3.1.1 No advertisement.
- 32.3.1.2 No official score kept.
- 32.3.1.3 Uniforms may not be worn.
- 32.3.1.4 AIA officials may be used.
- 32.3.1.5 Scrimmage shall be open to the public with no admission charge.
- 32.3.1.6 Unlimited substitutions.
- 32.3.1.7 Coaching permitted during play (unlimited time-outs).
- 32.3.1.8 Any other adjustments to the rules the coaches and officials agree on before the scrimmage begins.
- 32.3.1.9 Scrimmage length not to exceed two hours on court.
- 32.3.2 Schools may hold multi-school scrimmages while adhering to bylaw 32.3.

32.4 SCHEDULES

- 32.4.1 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

32.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

- 32.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 13 varsity matches, including one invitational which shall count as one match.
- 32.5.2 No school shall schedule more than 12 junior varsity matches.
- 32.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 13 matches during the season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

32.6 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

- 32.6.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.
- 32.6.2 Schools shall not have less than **12** players suit up, available to participate, or be listed on the roster of a school team for regular season matches or post-season tournaments.

32.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

- 32.7.1 Any school, regardless of Division, may compete with any other school in good standing.
- 32.7.2 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used.
- 32.7.3 Varsity matches will use rally scoring, best three out of five games. Games one through four shall be played to 25 points (no cap). Game five shall be played to 15 points (no cap). Freshman and JV matches will use rally scoring, best of three games. Games one and two shall be played to 25 points (no cap). Game three shall be played to 15 points (no cap).
- 32.7.4 Varsity pairs tournament matches will use rally scoring, best two out of three games. Games one and two shall be played to 25 points (no cap). Game three shall be played to 15 points (no cap).
- 32.7.5 Beach volleyball pairs in team competition shall compete with pairs on the opposing team with the same skill rank. When a regular team member is unable to participate in her established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman.

Note: See AIA Beach Volleyball State Tournament guide for substitution rules that prevent stacking.

32.8 COACHES / COACHING

- 32.8.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams **outside of the AIA defined season of sport.**
- 32.8.2 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.
- 32.8.3 **Attendance shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on the team for failing to attend the out-of-season activity.**

32.9 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- 32.9.1 School Transportation - School provided transportation for activities is a local option.

32.9.2 School equipment outside of the season of sport is a local option.

32.10 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

- 32.10.1 Post-Season Tournaments

NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.

- 32.10.1.1 Dates and Sites

32.10.1.1.1 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

- 32.10.1.2 There shall be a Girls Post-Season Volleyball Tournament.

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- 32.10.1.3 The type of tournament shall be determined by the AIA Executive Board.
 - 32.10.1.4 Only a National Federation approved volleyball shall be used for post-season tournaments.
 - 32.10.1.5 Seeding for the post-season tournament shall be based on AIA power ranking system if available and/or the AIA section qualifying process.
 - 32.10.1.6 Two AIA officials will be assigned to each court in the state tournament, four AIA Officials will be assigned to each court in the championship match.
- 32.10.2 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. (See Article 13, Section 13.1).
- 32.10.3 Practice on Site - 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

DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site. (Ex. Bd. 10/24/77)

32.10.4 Protests

- 32.10.4.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying match or post-season tournament, the decision of the AIA Sports Administrator shall be final.
- 32.10.4.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current rules of the USA Beach Volleyball as approved by the NCAA with modifications.

32.10.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events

- 32.10.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

