

**ARTICLE 16:
GENERAL**

16.1 RULES / PROCEDURES

16.1.1 The CAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations shall govern contests in sports and activities sanctioned by the CAA.

16.2 PRACTICE

16.2.1 No practice, contests, chalk talk or films are permitted on Sunday during the school year.

16.2.2 The school year shall commence the first week of permissive football practice.

16.2.3 CAA member schools may only practice with or scrimmage against their own school team during the interscholastic season of that sport. The interscholastic season for each individual sport is as set forth in the appropriate Article of the CAA Bylaws.

16.3 SUSPENDED FOOTBALL GAME PROTOCOLS – After further review of CAA bylaws, policy and NFHS rules, the CAA Executive Board reviewed and addressed concerns related to games being interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority. Games shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the game.

16.3.1 In the event of a cancellation, postponement, termination, or forfeiture of a game due to inclement weather, the following guidelines will be applied and put in place to promote cooperation between the school administrators, coaches and officials promoting the safest environment at all CAA events.

16.4 CATASTROPHIC OR POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC INJURY

(Game is stopped and player has a defined catastrophic injury, or evaluation is in process)

16.4.1 Official(s) have determined that either a catastrophic injury has occurred, or that the injury sustained is potentially catastrophic (Decision reached following consultation with available medical personnel or trainers).

16.4.2 FB: Rule 3.3 and/or Rule 3.4 will be invoked. All other sports shall be handled as per the rulebook.

16.5 FOOTBALL WEATHER-RELATED SCENARIO

16.5.1 In all sports, the NFHS “Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances”, found in all sports rulebooks for outdoor sports, will be followed (Located in Rule Book Appendixes).

16.5.2 The decision to stop play and resume play is determined by the officials. This decision can and should be made in consultation with school administrators and/or coaches.

16.5.3 Pressure to complete or resume a game should never outweigh the safety of the players or fans.

16.5.4 In the event that a Football Game has been suspended and is in a weather related delay, the following options are available for conclusion of the event:

16.5.4.1 Wait out the delay and complete the game when conditions warrant.

16.5.4.2 Complete the suspended game from the point of interruption at a later date.

16.5.4.3 One team forfeits to the other and statistics are nullified.

16.5.4.4 The teams agree to terminate the contest at the point of interruption, keep the score, and the statistics up to the point of interruption shall count.

16.5.4.5 In the case where a game is tied and terminated during regulation play or OT, the game will be recorded as a tie. The host school must notify the CAA staff that the game concluded as a tie so that the CAA staff may enter the result. The game will be shown as a tie result in the CAA system.

16.5.4.6 Game is “canceled”, game is not used in the computation of ranking. The game is entered on www.azcaapreps.com as canceled.

16.6 ALL-STAR COMPETITION

16.6.1 POSITION STATEMENT

The member schools of the CAA promote all-star competition during the school year and shall promote all efforts of any organization, agency or individual to establish such competition.

16.7 CLINICS / SUMMER CAMPS – A student may receive financial assistance to attend summer camps to improve his/her individual skills. Schools providing transportation for summer activities is a local option.

16.8 COACHES / PLAYER PARTICIPATION – Contest 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.

16.9 COMPLIMENTARY PASS- A request for the replacement of a complimentary pass must be approved by the CAA Executive Board.

16.10 PRESS PASS- A Press Pass shall admit the named holder only to any member high school interscholastic competition. Media personnel assigned to cover interscholastic events may be provided a Press Pass. Media organizations shall submit a list of the employees they desire to hold a Press Pass for CAA Executive Board consideration.

16.11 NATIONAL ANTHEM – The CAA encourages the playing of the national anthem at all athletic contests. This may be accomplished through the use of tapes, recordings or live groups.

16.12 DISCRIMINATION

16.12.1 A school may sponsor separate teams for members of each sex in a particular sport or a coed team in a particular sport, except that a school shall not offer the following sports on a coed team basis: softball/badminton/volleyball/beach volleyball.

16.12.2 To compensate for the lack of opportunity for girls in interscholastic activities, the following sports shall be offered for girls only: softball/beach volleyball

16.12.3 A school may offer volleyball only for girls and not offer volleyball for boys.

16.12.4 Since boys historically have had ample opportunity for participation, and currently have available sufficient avenues for interscholastic participation, boys are not allowed to qualify for girls' teams in the following sports: badminton/softball/volleyball/beach volleyball. To allow boys to be eligible for girls' teams in these sports would displace girls from those teams and further limit girls' opportunities for participation in interscholastic athletics.

16.12.5 A school may offer badminton, softball and volleyball for boys if sanctioned by the CAA membership by the CAA Constitution and Bylaw.

16.12.6 Whenever a school provides a team(s) for boys and a team(s) for girls in the same sport, girls shall not be permitted to qualify for the boys' team(s) in that sport, nor shall boys be permitted to qualify for the girls' team(s) in that sport.

16.12.6.1 DETERMINATION: The Executive Board determined that baseball and softball are considered two separate sports and that the current CAA Constitution and Bylaws does not contain a rule, which excludes girls from participating in baseball.

16.12.7 In the case of a coed team and a single-sex team, the coed team shall compete only against a boys' team or another coed team.

16.13 TRANSGENDER POLICY GENDER IDENTITY PARTICIPATION – If made in compliance with A.R.S. 15-120.02, a school may make a request on behalf of a student utilizing the procedure described below. Suppose the student has been granted eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the athlete's gender identity. In that case, the eligibility is granted for the duration of the student's participation and does not need to be renewed every sport season or school year. All discussion and documentation will be kept confidential, and the proceedings will be sealed unless the student and family make a specific request.

16.13.1 NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL: the student and/or parents shall contact the school administrator or athletic director indicating that the student has a consistent gender identity different than the sex listed on the student's school registration records, and that the student desires to participate in activities in a manner consistent with the student's gender identity.

16.13.2 NOTICE TO THE CAA: The school administrator shall contact the CAA office, which will assign a facilitator (Executive Director) who will assist the school and student in preparation and completion of the CAA General Appeal Form.

16.13.3 FIRST LEVEL OF REVIEW The appealing student should provide the CAA with a form that includes the following:

- a) A student request to participate on an athletic team(s) that differs from their sex assigned at birth:
- b) Support from the student's parent or guardian.
- c) Support from a school administrator
- d) A copy of the PPE, signed by a qualified health care provider The CAA shall schedule a meeting with the Executive Board, as expeditiously as possible after receipt of all required documentation. The Executive committee may request an in person meeting with the student and parents and/or guardian if there are any additional questions or concerns by the committee after review of above documentation. If the Executive Board, upon review of the above documentation, finds that the student's request is appropriate and is not motivated by an improper purpose and there are no adverse health risks to the athlete, then a supportive recommendation shall be made by the CAA Executive Board.

16.13.4 SECOND LEVEL OF APPEAL Per CAA Bylaws Article 11, in all other cases, a member school may appeal on behalf of a student his/her ineligibility by notifying the Executive Director of the appeal in writing, setting out fully and completely the basis for the appeal. The Executive Director shall set up an arbitration hearing with the CAA arbitrator.

16.14 MAXIMUM TEAMS PER SPORT

16.14.1 A member school shall have only one varsity / one junior high team per sport.

16.14.2 A member school may have multiple junior varsity or junior high 2nd teams per sport.