

**ARTICLE 8:
SCRIMMAGES, REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS, TOURNAMENTS**

8.1 Scrimmages

8.1.1 Scrimmages are not allowed after the official start date for that season's regular season games.

8.1.2 Limited to two scrimmages only per team.

8.1.3 Information regarding scrimmages can be found in the Appendix section of the Constitution.

8.2 Regular Season Contests

8.2.1 Once the mandatory schedule is released to the member schools the following procedures should be followed.

8.2.1.1 Athletic Director will be responsible for communicating and scheduling all mandatory games.

8.2.1.1.1 Failure to schedule a mandatory game will result in postseason ineligibility

8.2.1.1.2 Refer to Article 10 for further penalties

8.2.1.2 Once a game has been agreed upon then the athletic director will enter his home games into the CAA Gamesource.

8.2.1.3 This process must be accomplished by the deadline posted on the CAA Calendar

8.2.1.4 Any contest vs. a CAA member school will count toward overall standings and state rankings

8.2.2 In the event that a game is canceled or changed from what is on the published CAA schedule, a member school Athletic Director must notify the CAA Directors and the other schools involved.

8.2.3 The home team is responsible for providing the necessary individuals to administer a CAA Contest.

8.2.4 VENUES. All sports and levels that are meant to be played indoors must be played indoors.

8.2.4.1 A Member School can complete Form I-8 and submit it to the CAA if they have an issue with any venue declared.

8.2.5 Forfeit Time A 10-minute grace period will be allotted for all regular season games.

8.2.6 Score Reporting The Athletic Director is responsible for posting all scores on the Game Source website within 24 hours after the game was played

8.3. Game Cancellations/Forfeits.

8.3.1 If a change/cancellation is made more than 48 hours (M-F) prior to the date and time of the originally scheduled game (not due to weather or issues beyond the school's control), no member school will be responsible for reimbursing the other member school(s) or referees for any costs incurred because of the change or cancellation of a game.

8.3.1.1 Both schools must actively pursue a reschedule of the contest, all possible efforts should be made. If the schools can't agree, both member schools must file a general appeal form within 72 hours of the original cancellation.

8.3.2 If a school cancels a game within 48 hours (M-F) of game time.

8.3.2.1 A team canceling a game within 48 hours of the agreed-upon scheduled game (not due to weather or issues beyond the school's control), must attempt to reschedule the game, pay the officials fee(s) and a fine will be assessed per Article 10.

8.3.2.2 Both schools must actively pursue a reschedule of the contest, all possible efforts should be made. If the schools can't agree, both member schools must file a general appeal form within 72 hours of the original cancellation.

8.4 Cancellations In a Season (also Article 10).

8.4.1 If a school cancels a team during the season, school administrators will need to meet with the Executive Board to discuss their actions and provide a corrective action plan.

8.4.1.1. Or a team has (3+ cancellations without rescheduling in a season)

8.4.1.2 Executive Board review - Possible sanctions:

8.4.1.2.1 Contest Forfeited - Board approval

8.4.1.2.2 Team is ineligible for the Post-Season Tournament

8.4.1.2.3 Team is placed as an independent for the following season.

8.4.1.2.4 Further sanctions may be placed upon school under Article 10

8.5 REGION AWARDS (Regular season). Region winners will receive an award. To be considered eligible for a Region award, schools must play the minimum number of games as established by CAA for that sport. Region winners will be determined by the best in-region win percentage as determined by games played against region opponents.

If there is a tie, then the tiebreaker system will come into effect.

8.5.1 The first tie breaker for a Region winner is head to head wins and losses.

8.5.2 The second tie breaker for the Region winner is rankings.

8.6 NUMBER OF CONTEST -

Each sport has a different minimum required number of games that will be set by the staff of the CAA prior to each season. This schedule will be the minimum mandatory for postseason eligibility.

8.6.1 High School - Max 24 games in all activities except:

- 8.6.1.1 Football - Max 12 games
- 8.6.1.2 Cross country - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.1.3 Track and Field - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.1.4 Swimming - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.1.5 Wrestling - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.1.5 Tennis - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.1.6 Cornhole - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.1.7 Junior Varsity - see article 5

8.6.2 Junior High School - Max 16 games in all activities except:

- 8.6.2.1 Football - 8 games
- 8.6.2.2 Cross Country - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.2.3 Track and Field - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.2.4 Swimming - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.2.5 Wrestling - 12 invitationals
- 8.6.2.6 Tennis - 12 invitationals

8.7 Number of Contests Against Non-CAA Teams.

8.7.1 Teams may only play 2 non-conference games/tournaments/Classics/Showcases against teams OUTSIDE the state of Arizona. (Except for Open Division)

8.7.2 Member schools that request to play a non-CAA school within AZ, will need to submit form US 85.

8.7.2.1 The Executive Director will review and rule on a request to play.

8.7.2.2 Non-CAA team/school is limited to playing only 2 games against CAA teams.

8.8 In-Season Tournament

8.8.1 Member schools may host their own in-season tournaments/invitationals/meets.

8.8.1.1 For all events hosted by a CAA member school, the host school must submit Form US 93 for approval. Tournament may be posted on the CAA website.

8.8.1.2 School is responsible for the administration of the tournament along with all expenses.

8.8.1.3 Trophies are recommended to be presented and are at the expense of the host school.

8.8.1.4 Only CAA Officials are to be assigned and will be assigned through the Director of Officials or another CAA staff member.

8.9 POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT

8.9.1 The CAA is responsible for organizing post-season tournaments, which include creating tournament brackets, rules, and securing venues and officials.

8.9.1.1 Only CAA Officials are to be assigned and will be assigned through the Director of Officials or another CAA staff member.

8.9.1.1 High Schools and Junior High Schools may be required to host a tournament game (i.e., Round of 16, Play-In Game, or Quarter-Final Game).

8.9.1.1.1 Host schools will be responsible for all referee fees associated with the game.

8.9.1.1.2 Refer to Article 4 for the host school's responsibility

8.9.1.1.3 Junior High Football will split referee service fees for all state playoff games up to the state championship game.

8.9.1.2 Information regarding State playoff hosting document will be Form I-40

8.9.1.3 CAA will host, at a minimum, State Championship games.

8.9.2 The association will set the number of teams to qualify for postseason play at the beginning of the season, but this number can be reduced to teams canceling games or dropping sport. The final number of teams that qualify for postseason play will be set at least 3 weeks prior to the end of the season. .

8.9.3 A player can only play in one postseason tournament, per sport (i.e. a junior high student who plays in the junior high tournament cannot be brought up to play in the varsity tournament).

8.9.4 To be considered eligible for tournament entry, schools must play the minimum number of mandatory games as detailed on the team's schedule prepared by the CAA staff.

8.8.4.1 Independent schools are NOT eligible for postseason consideration unless appealed to the Executive Board of the CAA.

8.9.5 Teams removed from the post-season tournament will not receive a refund for their participation fee.

8.9.6 State Tournament brackets will be created according to CAA approved power rankings.

8.9.7 Game Time is forfeit time.

8.10 SANCTIONED EVENTS

8.10.1 In sports and activities that are governed by CAA, member schools shall only participate with or against other CAA Member schools unless league approval is requested and granted. Violation of this rule subjects the offending member school to loss of all privileges of membership for one year and/or such penalty as the Executive Board is authorized to impose under Article 10.3