

ARTICLE 8

TEAMS, SCRIMMAGES, REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS, TOURNAMENTS and ALL-STATE TEAMS

8.1 TEAMS *(also Article 4)*

- 8.1.1 VARSITY. A member school may only enter one varsity team in any sport.
- 8.1.2 JUNIOR VARSITY. If the league does not offer a JV division for a specific sport, a member school may enter the JV team in the varsity division.
 - 8.1.2.1 League will provide a schedule for a JV team playing in a Varsity division.
 - 8.1.2.2 Only the varsity team (Team #1) is eligible to make postseason tournaments.
 - 8.1.2.3 JV teams may schedule varsity-level games for any sport if both teams agree to play.

8.2 SCRIMMAGES

- 8.2.1 Scrimmages are NOT allowed after the official start date for that season's regular season games.
- 8.2.2 No scrimmages are allowed during the season against CAA teams or non-CAA teams.
- 8.2.3 Information regarding scrimmages can be found in the Appendix section of the Constitution.

8.3 REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS

- 8.3.1 Scrimmages are NOT allowed after the official start date for that season's regular season games.
- 8.3.2 The home team is responsible for providing the necessary individuals to administer a CAA Contest, including but not limited to: an official scorebook, a scorebook keeper, a timekeeper, scoreboard operator and a chain crew for football.
 - 8.3.2.1 All individuals listed in 8.3.2 must be an adult over the age of 18 for high school games or a well-qualified high school student for junior high games.
 - 8.3.2.2 Any home team that cannot provide qualified individuals to perform the activities listed in 8.1.2 must allow the away team to be the official book, or upon agreement of both teams, allow responsible individuals to perform the activities.
- 8.3.3 FORFEIT TIME. Game Time is Forfeit time at the High School Level. For Junior High, a 10-minute grace period will be granted before a forfeit is declared.
- 8.3.4 VENUES. All sports and levels that are meant to be played indoors must be played indoors. (volleyball, basketball, wrestling, etc.) The League reserves the right to declare a venue unsafe and/or unsuitable to host a CAA sanctioned event. A Member School can complete a Game Management Report and submit to the League if they have an issue with the venue being used for a CAA sanctioned contest
- 8.3.5 The Athletic Director is responsible for posting all scores into the CAA website within 24 hours after the game was played regardless of when the game was played (e.g. weekend, holiday, etc.). A \$25 fine for each delinquent score will be assessed to schools that do not comply. Any school that is considered delinquent will meet with the Executive Board for possible action.
- 8.3.6 All mandatory league games must be entered into the CAA website and in ArbiterSports) by all participating schools by the deadline posted on the CAA website calendar.
 - 8.3.6.1 In the event that a game/event is cancelled 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.
- 8.3.7 GAME CANCELLATIONS/FORFEITS.
 - 8.3.7.1 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 school's control), no member school will be responsible to reimburse the other member school(s) or referees for any costs incurred because of the change or cancellation of a game. Both schools must actively pursue a reschedule and must make all possible efforts to get the game rescheduled. If the school cancelled upon can demonstrate the impossibility of a reschedule, the school that originally cancelled must forfeit. (2018)
 - 8.3.7.2 If a school cancels a game within the allotted 48-hour period (M-F), not due to weather or issues beyond school's control, it is the responsibility of that school to reschedule the game at the leisure of the school cancelled upon. Both schools must actively pursue a reschedule and must make all possible efforts to get the game rescheduled. If the school cancelled upon can demonstrate the impossibility of a reschedule, the school that originally cancelled must forfeit.

- 8.3.7.2.1 Team cancelling a game within 48 hours of the agreed upon scheduled game (not due to weather or issues beyond school's control), must reschedule the game and may be subject to the following penalties:
- 1st Offense – a \$25 Service Fee plus responsible for compensating the officials. In addition, they will be responsible for any reimbursable expenses incurred by the opponent and will be paid directly to that school. (2019)
 - 2nd Offense - \$25 Service Fee plus responsible for compensating the officials. In addition, they will be responsible for any reimbursable expenses incurred by the opponent and will be paid directly to that school. PLUS, the school must meet with the Executive Board (2019)
- 8.3.7.2.2 Team **CHANGING** a game (time and/or venue) within 48 hours (M-F) of the agreed upon upon scheduled game:
- No guarantee that the game change requested can be accommodated.
 - If game change is made, school making the change will be assessed a \$25 Service Fee. (2019)
- 8.3.7.3 Two or more forfeitures in a season will leave the team ineligible for post-season play.

8.3.8 TEAM CANCELATIONS OR 3+ FORFEITS IN A SEASON *(also Article 9.3.4).*

If a team cancels their season:

- After the schedules have been released but before the 1st day regular season games can be played:
 - Fine of \$250. No Participation Fee will be assessed. (2019)
- After the 1st day regular season games can be played:
 - Fine of \$200 along with the sport's Participation Fee will be assessed. (2019)
 - Team will be placed in an Independent Conference for the following season and will responsible for scheduling their own games.
- If a school cancels more than 1 teams in a school-year, school administrators will need to meet with Executive Board to discuss their actions and provide a corrective-action plan. (2018)
- Team is also responsible for the League's Participation Fee

If a team cancels has (3+ forfeits in a season):

- Team is ineligible for the Post-Season Tournament
- Team will be placed in an Independent Conference for the following reason and will responsible for scheduling their own games.

8.3.9 REGION AWARDS. 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-conference record as determined by games played against conference opponents. If there is a tie, then the tie breaker system will come into effect.

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

8.3.9.2 The second tie breaker for Region winner is power rankings.

8.3.10 # OF CONTESTS A PLAYER CAN COMPETE IN.

8.3.10.1 For all high school competitions (except football, track and cross country) a varsity or junior varsity player is only eligible to participate in a maximum of 24 games during the season with no more than two tournaments, not including the end of the season state tournaments.

8.3.10.2 A junior high team is only eligible to participate in a maximum of 16 games during a season with no more than two (2) tournaments, not including the end of the season state tournament.

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

- If a request to play a non-CAA school within AZ, approval is needed using the appropriate form and non-CAA school must pay a \$250 Associate Participation Fee for that sport.
 - This non-CAA team/school is limited to playing only 4 games against CAA teams. (2019)

8.4 IN-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

- 8.4.1 Game Time is Forfeit time for both Junior High and High School.
- 8.4.2 A team (JH or HS) is only eligible to participate in no more than **two (2) tournaments and/or Showcases/Classics**, not including the end of the season State Tournament.
- 8.4.3 Team cancelling participation in a CAA administered tournament after committing are subject to the following fines:
- Team drops out 14-5 business days prior to the tournament start date, team assessed \$150 fine.
 - Team drops out 5 business days or less prior to the tournament start date, NO REFUND.
- 8.4.4 Member schools may host their own in-season tournaments/invitationals/meets.
- 8.4.4.1 For all events hosted by a CAA member school, the host school must submit the CAA Tournament Application for approval. Tournament may be posted on CAA website.
- 8.4.4.2 School is responsible for the administration of the tournament along with all expenses. School must submit an End-of-Tournament Form to the league within 72 hours upon completion of the tournament.
- 8.4.4.3 Trophies should be presented and are at the expense of the host school.
- 8.4.4.4 Only CAA Officials are to be assigned and will be assigned through the Director of Officials or another CAA staff member.

8.5 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

- 8.5.1 The CAA is responsible for organizing post-season tournaments which includes creating tournament brackets, rules and securing venues and officials.
- 8.5.1.1 Schools may be required to host a tournament game (i.e. Play-In or Quarter-Final Game). Usually this will be a requirement for the school if their team is the higher seed. Information regarding Responsibilities of Hosting a State Game will be sent to school
- 8.5.2.1 CAA will host at a minimum all Semi-Final and State Championship games.
- 8.5.2 The League Office will set the number of teams to qualify for post-season play at the beginning of the year, but this number can be reduced to teams cancelling games or dropping sport. The final number of teams that qualify for post-season play will be set at least 3 weeks prior to the end of the season.
- 8.5.3 Fees charged at individual events will be decided upon at the annual Constitution meeting.
- 8.5.4 A player can only play in one post season tournament (i.e. a junior high student who plays in the junior high tournament cannot be brought up to play in the junior varsity and/or varsity tournament).
- 8.5.5 To be considered eligible for tournament entry, schools must play the minimum number of required games as detailed on the team's schedule prepared by the CAA League Office. Independent schools are NOT eligible for post-season consideration.
- 8.5.6 Teams opting out of the post-season tournament will not receive a refund for the participation fee.
- 8.5.6.1 Teams forfeiting or cancelling their post-season game AFTER the brackets have been announced are subject to a fine of \$400 in accordance in Article 10.
- 8.5.7 Teams removed from the post-season tournament will not receive a refund for their participation fee.
- 8.5.8 Tournament brackets will be created according to standings from power rankings.
- 8.5.9 A Team and/or school that is currently on probation or is not current is ineligible for tournament play.
- 8.5.10 **Teams/schools who owe the league any outstanding fees and/or dues for that season 2 weeks prior to the start of the State Tournament, will NOT be eligible for post-season play. (2019)**
- 8.5.11 Game Time is Forfeit time.

8.6 SANCTIONED EVENTS

- 8.6.1 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.
- 8.6.2 A high school team requesting to play a tournament or game outside the association and during the CAA regular season, the member school must submit the Request to Play a Non-CAA Team form to the the League Office at least 14 days prior to the event date for approval.
- 8.6.2.1 CAA will provide a decision within two business days to the member school.



8.7 ALL-STATE TEAMS

8.7.1 The CAA will recognize high school student-athletes for the following CAA varsity sports: baseball, basketball, football, soccer softball, volleyball.

8.7.2 Only high school student-athletes (students in grades 9-12) are eligible to be recognized on these teams even though student-athletes in grades 7 and 8 can play on HS varsity teams.

8.8 Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 8 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 10.