



2020 AIA Basketball Modifications

This document provides guidance and match modifications for schools, administrators, coaches, and players to follow in accordance with NFHS, state and local restrictions and recommendations. Game Administration is responsible for informing all participants of local guidelines for participation.

❖ PREGAME, TRAVEL AND FACILITIES:

- **DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES, TRAVEL & PREGAME:**
 - Dressing facilities for game officials and teams should be large enough for them to use social distancing protocols and should be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their arrival.
 - Before, during and after the contests players, coaches, game officials, team personnel and game administration should wash or sanitize their hands as often as possible, but at a minimum of each time they move to a new locations (locker room to court, beginning of game, back to the locker room at halftime, after halftime and the end of the game).
 - When possible, maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times while on the sidelines and on the court during pregame when possible.
 - All bench personnel including all coaches and players must wear a face covering at all times.
 - Players must wear a face covering during travel, pregame when possible and post-game.

- **PREGAME PROTOCOL:**
 - Suspend the captains meeting and replace with a coaches meeting
 - Coaches meeting should be conducted with both head coaches and the referee at the division line in front of the scorer's table.
 - All individuals must maintain a social distance of 3 to 6 feet
 - Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference

- **TEAM BENCHES:**
 - Place team benches opposite spectator seating, if possible.
 - Add bench/chairs to allow bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet (Extend past end line and expand the coaching box line, if necessary. If possible, stagger and offset the team benches).
 - Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.
 - All bench personnel including all coaches and players must wear a face covering at all times.

- **SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURES**
 - Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the substitute, officials and or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur between the team 28' mark and the division line.

- **OFFICIALS TABLE:**
 - If possible, place officials table sufficiently away from the sideline to allow for additional space for substitutions.
 - Limited to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommended distance of 3 to 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, PA announcer etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative locations unless the scorer table can accommodate.
 - All personnel must be wearing a face covering at all times.

- **TIME OUT AREA:**
 - 30-second time-out – only the players on the floor shall stand and be involved in the huddle, bench personnel (exception – manager, assistant coaches) shall remain on the bench.
 - Players and coaches should have their own beverage container that is not shared.
 - A single charged time-out may be extended in length for hydration and to sanitize game equipment without permitting coaches gamesmanship.

- **PRE AND POST GAME CEREMONY:**
 - Suspend the pregame introduction handshakes
 - Suspend post-game handshakes

❖ **BASKETBALL RULES INTERPRETATIONS:**

- **EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES**

- Cloth face coverings are permitted

- **LEGAL UNIFORM:**

- Long sleeves are permissible (3-6)
- Long pants are permissible (3-5)
- Under garments are permissible by rule but must be of a similar length for the individual and solid like color for team. (3-5-3b)

- **THROW-IN:**

- In the front court end line throw-in, the official may stand 3-6 feet away from the thrower and bounce the ball to that player.

❖ **FREE THROW ADMINISTRATION:**

- The lead officials shall stand on the end line and bounce the ball to the free thrower.

❖ **INTERMISSION BETWEEN PERIODS:**

- The intermission may be extended between the first, third and OT periods for hydration and to sanitize game equipment, without permitting coaches gamesmanship.

❖ INVITATIONALS:

- One invitational will be permitted with the following guidelines:
 - Any school hosting or participating in the invitational must be on winter break.
 - Invitationals may be multi-day however teams must remain at the same school/site/facility in which they start each day. Teams may change school/site/facility the next day.
 - No more than eight (8) schools permitted per school/site/facility.
 - Teams are only permitted to participate in one (1) contest per day.
 - All games must be played on non-adjacent courts/fields (Adjacent is defined as side by side).
 - No out of state schools are permitted

❖ OFFICIALS UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT:

- Long-sleeved black shirts are permissible
- Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited)
 - Choose a whistle whose tone will carry outside
 - Fox 40 Mini
 - Fox 40 Unisex Electronic – 3 tone
 - Spalding – Vodeson (3 tone) – little smaller than Fox 40 Unisex – orange
 - Windsor – (3 tone)
 - Check the market for other choices
- Cloth face coverings are permissible.

❖ OFFICIALS PRIOR TO CONTEST AND TRAVEL:

- Contact the AIA office if you have a temperature or are not feeling well. Do NOT attempt to travel to or work a game sick.
- Officials should contact the host Athletic Director prior to the day of the contest to discuss logistics and requirements for that particular school, district or municipality.
 - Officials must follow any additional requirements imposed by the school or municipality.
- Drive yourself to the contest when possible. If carpooling is necessary, wear a face covering and limit the amount of people in a single vehicle.
- Bring your own container of water
- Bring your own equipment and towel. Do not share.
- Arrive at the game site dressed, if possible.

❖ OFFICIALS PREGAME:

- Social distance during pregame as best as possible.
- Consider holding pregame in the gym if necessary.

❖ FACE COVERINGS AND GLOVES:

- Officials must wear a face covering while on campus (whenever not actively engaged in officiating a contest including while observing warmups).
- The wearing of a cloth face covering and gloves while officiating is permissible.

Should the conditions warrant, these modifications will be adjusted. Any further update will be posted on aiaonline.org.