



2020 AIA Badminton 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 & WARMUPS

• PREGAME

- Facilities for teams should be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to arrival.
- Before, during, and after the contest, players, coaches, team personnel and game administration should wash or sanitize their hands as often as possible.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times while on the court during pregame when possible.
- During warmups the home team will take the courts first followed by the visitors so that players can stay socially distanced and have space.

❖ RULE MODIFICATIONS

• PREMATCH CONFERENCE

- Rosters are submitted online prior to the match.
- Team introductions should only be Varsity players and not shoulder to shoulder but 6 feet apart.
- No handshakes prior to and following the matches.
- Home coach will cover the ground rules with the visiting coach and then he/she will relay the ground rules to their team

• TEAM BENCH AREA

- Home will number courts 1, 2, 3, etc. and then call players to the courts by number and not have them report to the head table.
- Do not share uniforms, towels, water bottles, and other apparel or match equipment.

• DECIDING SET PROCEDURES

- A coin or shuttle toss, will determine serve/receive.

• SHUTTLECOCKS

- The Shuttlecocks should be cleaned and sanitized throughout the contest. Each team brings their own birds to warm up with.
- If possible, have each player hold their own bird with their tip colored to play games so they do not have to touch the same bird as their opponent. When possible sanitize shuttle cocks before, during and after matches.
- Scorekeepers must maintain social distancing of 6 feet and only keep the score for the same court or if they switch courts the scoring numbers must be sanitized.

- **HEAD TABLE**
 - Limit to essential personnel, with a recommended 3-6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not considered essential personnel and may need to find an alternative location.

- **BETWEEN MATCHES AND INTERMISSION BETWEEN PERIODS**
 - Players and coaches should have their own beverage container that is not shared.
 - The time between matches and the intermission between sets may be extended in length for hydration and to sanitize game equipment.

- **BENCH PERSONNEL**
 - Persons on the bench should be restricted to players and coaches.
 - Coaches must wear face coverings.
 - Team benches maybe extended.

❖ **POSTGAME**

- **HANDSHAKE LINE**
 - No handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc. should occur pre or post-match. Racquets bumps are okay
 - Maintain social distancing when reporting the results of the match

❖ **GAME ADMINISTRATION**

- **PRIOR TO CONTEST & TRAVEL**
 - Contact the opponents Athletic Director prior to the day of the contest to discuss any logistics and guidelines for that particular school, district.
 - Bring your own equipment and towel. Do not share.
 - Bring your own container of water.
 - Arrive at the game site dressed if possible.

❖ **INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

- **Maximum of eight (8) teams per session***
- **Maximum of 48 players per session***
 - A session could be eight teams on day one and eight teams on day two or one group of eight in the morning session and one group of eight in the afternoon session. A session could be 48 individual players on day one and 48 individual players on day two or one group of 48 individual players in the morning session and one group of 48 individual players in the afternoon session. There should be no overlapping of the morning session and afternoon session teams/individual players. All other badminton modifications provided in this document should be administrated.

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