

Greetings basketball enthusiasts! Included are a few items of note as the regional tournament approaches.

Regional Basketball Tournament Information

Class 1A, 2A, and 3A regional girls' basketball pairings will be released on Monday, Jan. 25, in the late afternoon. Class 4A and 5A pairings will be released late afternoon on Monday, Feb. 1. Please remember that 1A/2A/3A regional finals will all be played on neutral courts. 4A/5A regional finals will be held at the site of the higher ranked of the two competing teams in each region – based on the final IGHS AU regular season rankings.

The regional basketball tournament manual is posted on the IGHS AU website in the Basketball section - <http://ighsau.org/2016/01/22/2015-16-regional-basketball-manual/>. Tournament managers and coaches, please thoroughly review this manual and let me know any questions.

The absolute prohibition on signs and banners at regional contests has been removed. Instead, as long as signs or banners are not profane, obscene, sexual, vulgar, or otherwise offensive, they will be permitted.

Also, please remember that site managers are no longer to call scores into the IGHS AU. Instead, upon completion of each contest, the site manager (or his/her designee) must enter the final score directly into Tourney Machine. This will automatically update the regional bracket and update the score page. Entry credentials and instructions will be sent in the regional host site packets.

Knee Sleeves

Please remember that all sleeves and/or tights must be the same color among teammates. This includes knee sleeves that contain an integrated knee pad such as the one pictured.



IGHS AU Basketball Officiating Patches

After multiple production delays, the good news is the new IGHS AU basketball officiating patches are finally in production. The bad news is that barring a shipping miracle, the patches will not arrive in time for the majority of the regional tournament. These patches are the same size and material as the NCAA tournament patches. They are backed with a super fabric adhesive so that the patch may be applied to the officiating shirt prior to taking the court, and then removed and placed back on the adhesive paper after the game. Striped shirts with the IGHS AU logo on it are no longer being produced. I will communicate when the patches are in stock.



Length of Season & Junior High Participation with High School Basketball Team

The IGHSAU high school girls' basketball season is 17 weeks long. Many programs have the junior high basketball team practicing with the high school team either occasionally or on a regular basis. IGHSAU policy states that the junior high season may not be longer in total length than the high school season. As such, many junior high teams whose seasons started prior to the high school season start date – Nov. 9 – will have to cease participation in high school practices over the coming weeks. Athletic directors, please count your weeks and ensure that your junior high students are not participating after the 17-week maximum is reached.

The season is going very well so far. Keep up the great work through the home stretch!

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