

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What sports are offered at NPA?

High School Offerings Fall (The Official season begins approximately the second week of August)

Cross Country	Soccer	Volleyball	Swimming
Varsity Boys	Varsity Boys	Freshman	Varsity Boys
Varsity Girls	Varsity Girls	Junior Varsity	Varsity Girls
		Varsity	

Winter (The Official season begins the second Monday of November)

Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Wrestling
* Freshman	Varsity	Varsity (Coed)
Junior Varsity	Junior Varsity	
Varsity		

Spring (The Official season begins the first second week of February)

Baseball	Softball	Track	Golf	Tennis
Varsity	Varsity	Varsity Girls	Varsity (Coed)	Varsity Girls
		Varsity Boys		Varsity Boys

* For any sport other than “Varsity,” having a team will depend on the number of student’s who try out. Many seasons NPA will only have a “Varsity” team that plays in a specific sport.

Middle School Offerings (NPA Coed soccer competes in the I-40 soccer league and the basketball, boys' & girls' soccer and volleyball teams in the Flagstaff city schools tournaments, while cross country competes in a variety of invitationals).

Fall	Winter (begins January)	Spring (begins March)
Coed Soccer	Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball
Boys Soccer		Girls Soccer
Boys & Girls Cross Country		
Girls Volleyball		

2. Does NPA charge a “pay-to-play” fee & what does it cover?

- *Yes. \$60.00 per sport.*
- *Athletic Fees are deposited directly into that sports specific budget, and therefore can be used to cover uniform costs.*
- *Some sports may charge a fee for items that can't be collected at the end of the season, i.e., socks, belts, t-shirts, and rentals from using certain facilities. These fees are extra and not covered by the athletic fee.*

3. What division are we in and why are some sports in different divisions?

For a complete list of NPA sports and the Divisions and Sections assigned, go to:

<http://www.aiaonline.org/schools/school.php?id=79&x=33&y=5>

Baseball: Division IV, Section IV
Basketball - Boy's: Division III, Section III
Basketball - Girl's: Division III, Section III
Cross Country - Boy's: Division IV, Section I
Cross Country - Girl's: Division IV, Section I
Golf (Spring D-III): Division III, Section V
Soccer - Boy's (F): Division IV, Section III
Soccer - Girl's (F): Division IV, Section II
Softball: Division IV, Section IV
Swim/Dive - Boy's: Division II
Swim/Dive - Girl's: Division II
Tennis - Boy's: Division III, Section I
Tennis - Girl's: Division III, Section I
Track - Boy's: Division IV
Track - Girl's: Division IV
Volleyball - Girl's: Division IV, Section IV
Wrestling: Division IV, Section I

The reason some sports are assigned to different Divisions has to do with the number of schools playing that specific sport as well as the population of the school. The AIA makes every attempt to keep the number of schools even within a specific sport.

4. What is a section as compared to a division?

Divisions include all schools within the state. Divisions are then broken down into “geographical” Sections, and therefore are combined to make Divisions. For a complete listing of all Division and Section alignments through 2015, please go to:

<http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/>

[AIA Divisions Sections Initial Section Placement by Sport School 2013 2015 1355251775.pdf](#)

8. Are home school students able to play and would they get priority over an NPA athlete if they are really good?

Arizona Revised Statute 15-802.01 states that homeschooled children are eligible to participate in a public school within their attendance area are “...allowed to try out for interscholastic activities on behalf of the public school in the same manner as a pupil who is enrolled in that public school.”

9. If home school kids can play, then why can't other charter school kids play for NPA?

Except for homeschool students (see above), as stated in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws (15.3.1), “Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition.”

10. If my child played at another school last year and just came to NPA, can they play? How about if they attended another school but didn't play or only played another sport than the one they are interested in for NPA participation?

Yes, as long as they did not play for another high school here in town — in the sport they are trying out for. If they did, then the only way they could play would be to file a hardship with the AIA per rule 15.10 — the Transfer Rule (AIA Constitution and Bylaws).

11. Will my child play if he comes to all practices even if he is a learner?

In middle school, every effort is made to provide equal playing time to all members of a team — unless it is in the final tournament championship bracket. In high school, the head coach decides who starts and how much playing time any specific athlete may get — no one is guaranteed playing time.

12. What are the academic requirements to participate and how are they checked? If there is a deficiency for participation how long to they have before a game or tournament to correct this?
- *In order to be academically eligible, high school students cannot have two D's or an F at any time during their quarter grades. Grades are checked every two weeks and once a student-athlete is determined to be ineligible, then they must not practice or play until the next grade check (two weeks). This would include attending practices or accompanying the team to games.*
13. Can kids drive to games themselves from school or can I drive them? Can they get rides with their peers or other parents?
- *Student's are not permitted to drive to events. They may however drive themselves to after-school practices, with their parent's permission. At no time are students allowed to drive with other students. Parents may only drive other students if they have been placed on the schools insurance (see pp. 6-7 of the Athletic Handbook on how to get covered by NPA insurance).*
14. Does a separate athletic packet have to be completed for each different sport in the same year?
- *NO. The Athletic Packet contains important contact and insurance information that all coaches are required to carry on them during practices and games, for the purpose in case of emergencies. It is required to be updated each school year, but not for each season — unless contacts or insurance coverage change.*
15. What should the student-athlete or parent do if they have concerns with the coach, the program, etc.?
- *First Step: Student contacts Coach and / or Head Coach*
 - The student should present the conflict / issue to the coach as soon as possible. It is always best for students to become their own advocates (life-long lesson). It is expected that the majority of concerns will be resolved at this first meeting.
 - *Second Step: Parent contacts Coach and / or Head Coach*
 - If needed, a parent may contact the coach directly – but not just before, during, or just after a practice or game. A parent should email or call the coach to set up an appropriate time to discuss the conflict / issue.
 - *Third Step: Contacting the Athletic Director*
 - If a satisfactory solution is not reached through direct contact with the coach, the student and / or parent should contact the Athletic Director. The Head Coach should be informed that this contact is going to be made. If

needed, a meeting may be scheduled involving all concerned parties in an attempt to reach a satisfactory resolution. The AD will respond to students and parents in a timely manner as to the disposition of their concerns.

- *Fourth Step: Contacting the Principal*
 - If there is not a satisfactory resolution, the student or parent may contact the Principal. While there can be no guarantee that all parties will agree with all resolutions or finding, a thorough, respectful airing of different perceptions and experiences can lead to more productive relationships and clearer understandings in the future (Athletic Handbook, p. 10-11).

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16. What forms do all student-athletes need to be cleared to participate?

High school athletes, transferring into NPA, after 9th Grade will need to fill out:

Form 520

<http://www.aiaonline.org/520/>

Form 530

<http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/>

[Form 530 Student Sports Participation 1404165528.pdf](#)

Everyone also will need to fill out the following:

Athletic Packet (which can be accessed off our NPA Athletics Home Page

<http://www.northlandprep.org/athletics/>

Physical forms (there are now **THREE**)

Here are the three links:

Filled out by Parent & Student-Athlete:

<http://aiaonline.org/files/10800/form-157-a-annual-preparticipation-physical-evaluation.pdf>

Filled out by the physician:

<http://aiaonline.org/files/107/form-157-b-annual-preparticipation-physical-examination.pdf>

Annual Statement and Acknowledgement Form filled out by the parent & Student:

<http://aiaonline.org/files/11978/form-157-c-annual-preparticipation-acknowledgement.pdf>