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25-26 Basketball Preseason Memo #1- October 22, 2025

The beginning of the 2025-26 girls basketball season is almost 2 weeks away!!

Below are important reminders and information for coaches and athletic administrators related to the upcoming girls basketball season. **PLEASE READ THRU!**

Coaches Online Rules Meeting: The Coaches Rules Meeting will be available on Bound and must be completed by November 21st (first competition date). ALL head varsity coaches must view the Rules Meeting by the deadline. Failure to view the Rules Meeting by the deadline may result in that head coach not being allowed to coach their team during the 2026 postseason tournament series. **The online rules meetings will be live on Monday, October 27, 2025.**

Coordinator of Officials: Chuck Brittain is serving as the IGHSAU Coordinator of Officials. Chuck has arranged for evaluators throughout the state to observe, give feedback to officials, and provide information to assist in the assignment of the post-season officials. If you need to contact Chuck related to officials or basketball rules, please email him at chuck@ighsau.org.

Foreign Exchange Student: If you have a Foreign Exchange Student who is planning on participating in basketball, be sure to complete the Application Form on our website. Go to IGHSAU website- scroll down to Documents and Forms- click on Foreign Exchange Students. Or click [here](#).

Athlete Eligibility: Please make sure each student-athlete is eligible to participate. Grade check (their semester grade from last year or 1st trimester grades from this year), physicals, concussion forms. If you have a new student in your school, be sure you have completed the [Transfer Eligibility Checklist](#).

Classifications: The preliminary classification for girls basketball has been posted on the IGHSAU basketball website. Please double-check and let me know if there are any changes tonya@ighsau.org by Friday, November 14th. If you have a cooperative agreement with another school(s) please make sure that is accurate. **We will post the Final Classification by Monday, November 17th.**

Basketball Prospectus: Coaches, please complete the 2025-2026 prospectus. This can be found on the IGHSAU basketball page or [click here](#). Complete and send back to Jason Eslinger at jasoneslinger@ighsau.org. This helps us know who is returning for your team, who is new, etc. **Please complete by November 14th.**

Rankings: The pre-season rankings for all five classes will be posted by Friday, November 21. Rankings during the season will come out each Wednesday.

Site Availability: If your school is interested in hosting post-season games, please remember to submit your request to host on Bound. Please be accurate on requested info.

Jamborees/Scrimmages: A reminder that you are allowed one jamboree at the varsity level prior to your first game and 3 three additional scrimmages during the season. If you have been approved to play in an Achieve Challenge game, that would count as one of your three scrimmages.

Bound Schedules: Please make sure your schedules are accurate by **October 31st**. Hudl will use these schedules to assist in setting up the statewide pool.

Bound Rosters: Please enter your **rosters by November 19th**. Rosters include name, number, grade, height and position.

Bound Stats: You will be expected to enter your stats weekly by Noon every Tuesday. First stat check will be on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

Basketball Scoresheets/Covers – you can download them from the IGHS AU Basketball website by clicking [here](#). Scoresheets- 100 at a cost of \$5.00 plus shipping. Scorebook covers- \$15 plus shipping per cover with 20 scoresheets included.

Hudl: The IGHS AU will be requiring all varsity girls basketball teams to be part of the Statewide Girls Basketball HUDL Pool (one pool that HUDL will set up). Video from the previous night will be required to be entered by 10:00 am the next morning. Saturday contests are to be entered by 10:00 am on Monday morning. If schools do not have the HUDL package for basketball, they will be given “Free Exchange” to the statewide HUDL pool which will allow those teams to download and upload games.

Teams that have the HUDL basketball package will be part of the statewide HUDL pool and download and upload games in addition to the other features of having the basketball HUDL package.

On the IGHS AU Basketball website you can find directions on “How to upload film to Hudl”.

Basketball Task Force: Please click on following links to learn more about the basketball task force and what they have been doing to help grow the game of girls basketball and increase participation numbers.

[Task Force Committee Summary & June Meeting Minutes](#)

[IBCA “Growing the Game” Coaches Round Table Discussion-Notes](#)

[IBCA Coaches Round Table Discussion Summary](#)

[Task Force & IGHS AU Basketball Advisory Members](#)

IGCA Mentor Program: The IGCA's mentoring program is designed for new or newer coaches and it pairs them up with a retired, or recently finished coach so that they can get support, have regular contact, etc. If you participated in the program, you'll receive a survey from [Curt Klaahsen, Mentoring Chair](#). Please take some time and complete this survey. If you're interested in the program this year, talk to your AD. They can connect you with us. We are working to continue to expand the program to support more experienced coaches as well. Contact [Curt Klaahsen, Mentoring Chair](#) with the IGCA for questions or if you're interested.

Here is a link to the [25-26 Basketball Regular Season Manual](#)

If you have any questions, please contact me at tonya@ighsau.org Have a great season!

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