



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Potential school host of a 2023-24 basketball game involving an Australian team

**FROM:** Cindy Adsit, Assistant Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** International competition

All conditions of WIAA handbook rule 17.24.2 and 17.24.3, international sanction, must be completed by potential hosts of games involving visiting Australian teams. "International competition must be approved by the Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA), the WIAA, and the National Federation (NFHS)."

Any contests played against international teams who have not been approved by the WSCA, the WIAA, and the NFHS are unauthorized contests.

To provide all classifications of WIAA member schools an opportunity to host visiting international teams, the WIAA Executive Board determined that schools could host an international team annually if within the 20 game season limit, and could play a 21st game once every three years, contingent upon all conditions of 17.24.2 having been met.

The Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association (WIBCA), a subgroup of the WSCA, has authorized Tim Kelly, boys basketball coach at Curtis High School, to coordinate the paperwork, billing and collection of fees on behalf of the association. Tim can be reached at [tkelly@upsd83.org](mailto:tkelly@upsd83.org).

It is imperative that all steps of WIAA handbook rule 17.24.2 be cleared immediately. If you have any questions regarding the sanctioning of the game(s), please call me at 425-282-5232 or email [cadsit@wiaa.com](mailto:cadsit@wiaa.com).

Thanks for your cooperation in the matter.

cc Tim Kelly, WIBCA

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Dear Coach/Athletic Director;

Please read carefully and comply with the International Tour required by WIAA handbook rule 17.24.2.

- Step 1: Online sanctioning through the NFHS has been completed by the visiting Australian team. NFHS sanction fees vary depending upon date of sanction. [sanctioning@nfhs.org](mailto:sanctioning@nfhs.org)
- Step 2: Sanctioning through USA Basketball must be completed by the visiting Australian team at least 30 days prior to your scheduled game.
- Step 3: **\$70 fee, required by WIBCA, must be paid prior to the scheduled game or tournament** for each game to be played against a visiting Australian team. For tournaments involving an Australian team, the host school is responsible to pay \$70 for each game the visiting Australian team may play (for example: \$140 if two (2) games are guaranteed; \$210 if three (3) games are possible.)

***This notification also serves as an invoice.***

**SEND CHECK TO:**

**Tim Kelly - WIBCA Tours Chairman  
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University Place WA 98467**

**(253) 564-3059 home  
(253) 232-8018 cell  
[tkelly@upsd83.org](mailto:tkelly@upsd83.org)**

**When Steps 1, 2 and 3 have been completed**, your participation as a host school will be confirmed and your team will be allowed to play a game against a visiting Australian team, whether within the 20-game schedule or as a 21st game as allowed once every three (3) years.

Host schools will receive a roster of visiting teams (which will also include any support groups and coaches), a trip itinerary, and a contact list of all schools on the schedule.

**After the game or tournament:**

Please send the score of the game(s) and any appropriate comments concerning how the exchange experience was received in your community.

Tournament host must notify Tim Kelly of any school that played against the Australian team in the tournament and may collect the \$70 fee from each of those schools.