

HISTORY OF BASEBALL IN ALASKA

For many years, baseball was played as a preparation for American Legion Baseball. Teams in Anchorage and Fairbanks were basically feeder programs for the summer long club programs. As interest developed in more schools, ASAA created the first state tournament in 2000. At that time, there were about twelve schools in four regions in the state. Since then, the sport has been adopted by more schools--- in many cases as an “out-sourced” program as schools were unable to fund additional sports.

The first six state tournaments involved only the top team from four different conferences to play two semi-finals, a third place game and a championship. Starting with 2007, the tournament expanded into a regulation eight-team championship that included two teams from each of the four conferences. Presently, there are 26 schools with baseball programs throughout Alaska.

BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT RECORDS

2000

CHAMPION:	EAST ANCHORAGE	SCORE:
RUNNERUP:	JUNEAU	
ACADEMIC:	JUNEAU (3.45)	
SPORTSMANSHIP:	JUNEAU	
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:		
	Travis Babcock (East)	Allen Eddy (North Pole)
	Dylan Hickey (Juneau)	Garrett Schoenberger (Juneau)
	Tim Strode (Colony)	Erik Thompson (East)
	Eric Wiltse (North Pole)	Jeremy Wylie (East)
	Rodney Zigarlick (East)	

2001

CHAMPION:	SERVICE	SCORE:
RUNNERUP:	WASILLA	
ACADEMIC:	JUNEAU (3.45)	
SPORTSMANSHIP:	LATHROP	
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:		
	Grant Breager (Service)	Owen Butcher (Wasilla)
	Ryan Callaway (Service)	Shane Colegrove (Wasilla)
	Dylan Hickey (Juneau)	Jake Jensen (Wasilla)
	Ryan Shaver (Lathrop)	Mike Tremaine (Service)
	Mychael Varela (Service)	

2002

CHAMPION: JUNEAU SCORE:
RUNNERUP: LATHROP
ACADEMIC: HOMER (3.28)
SPORTSMANSHIP: EAST ANCHORAGE
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:

Grant Breager (Service)	Joe Ayers (Juneau)
Jared Baldwin (East)	David Drake (Homer)
Dylan Hickey (Juneau)	Brandon Lee (Lathrop)
Anton Maxwell (East)	Kinzey Reeves (Lathrop)
Casey Taggard (Lathrop)	Nick Wolf (Juneau)

2003

CHAMPION: JUNEAU SCORE:
RUNNERUP: BARTLETT
ACADEMIC: HOMER (3.39)
SPORTSMANSHIP: HOMER
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:

Doug Olson (Bartlett)	Jim Pollack (Homer)
Jerome Johnson (Lathrop)	Zach Kohan (Juneau)
Bud Baun (Juneau)	Nic Ridley (Bartlett)
Evan Scandling (Juneau)	Cody Crum (Homer)
Joe Ayers (Juneau)	

2004

CHAMPION: KODIAK SCORE: 3-2 (8 innings)
RUNNERUP: CHUGIAK
ACADEMIC: KODIAK (3.19)
SPORTSMANSHIP: KODIAK
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:

Aaron Cross (West Valley)	Sergio Magallanes (Juneau)
CJ Keyes (Juneau)	Mark Putney (Kodiak)
Erich Simpson (Kodiak)	Justin Simpson (Kodiak)
Conor Spink (Chugiak)	Luke Sorenson (Chugiak)
Michael Johnson (Chugiak)	

2005

CHAMPION: SITKA SCORE: 9-6 (14 innings)
RUNNERUP: HOMER

ACADEMIC: **HOMER (3.43 GPA)**
SPORTSMANSHIP: **HOMER**
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:
Keenan Mulvaney (West Valley) Nick Nading (East)
Aaron Gilbert (Homer) E.B. Crow (Sitka)
Bryn Calhoun (Sitka) Luke Gilbert (Homer)
Matt Way (Sitka) Alex Triewieler (Homer)
Chance Allen (Sitka)

2006

CHAMPION: **SITKA** SCORE: 8-3
RUNNERUP: **CHUGIAK**
ACADEMIC: **KODIAK (3.40 GPA)**
SPORTSMANSHIP: **KODIAK**
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:
Curtis Catt (Kodiak) E.B. Crow (Sitka)
Zach Gonzalez (Lathrop) Tyler Hollister (Lathrop)
Matt Loucks (Sitka) Jake Simpson (Kodiak)
David Sorenson (Chugiak) Conor Spink (Chugiak)
Tom Stonebreaker (Sitka)

2007

CHAMPION: **SITKA** SCORE: 6-2
RUNNERUP: **JUNEAU-DOUGLAS**
THIRD PLACE: **NORTH POLE**
FOURTH PLACE: **KODIAK**

ACADEMIC: **SOUTH ANCHORAGE (3.40 GPA)**
SPORTSMANSHIP: **SITKA**

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:
Johnny Watry (Homer) Clae Baker (Juneau)
Matt Callahan (Sitka) Ricky Culver (North Pole)
Ross Venneberg (Sitka) Shawn Ibesate (Juneau)
Jeremiah Olsen (Kodiak) Kyle Odom (Dimond)
Nate Darrow (N. Pole) Trevor Allred (South)
Bryn Calhoun (Sitka) Brian Hunt (North Pole)

2008

CHAMPION: **JUNEAU-DOUGLAS** SCORE: 9-2
RUNNERUP: **SITKA**

THIRD PLACE: **COLONY**
FOURTH PLACE: **CHUGIAK**

ACADEMIC: **DIMOND (3.26 GPA)**
SPORTSMANSHIP: **SITKA**

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:

Ty Griffith (Chugiak)	Colter Paterson (Colony)
Dax Lauwers (Dimond)	Mike McAllister (North Pole)
Kyle Lester (West Valley)	Ross Venneberg (Sitka)
Sean Bavard (Juneau)	Jess Coltharp (Sitka)
Aaron Cohen (Juneau)	David Reynolds (Sitka)
Corey Mahar (Juneau)	Joe Kohan (Juneau)