

WHAT IS THE WPI?

The WPI stands for **Winning Percentage Index**. It is a measure of strength of schedule and how a team does against that schedule. It does not consider things like margin of victory or where a game is played--only whether or not a team won. It is similar to the calculation of the RPI (ratings percentage index) which is used by the NCAA as one of the factors in deciding which teams to invite to the NCAA tournament and where to seed them.

The basic formula of the WPI is the following:

50% team winning percentage
50% opponents' winning percentage

The WPI is used only at the 4A classification level, but in 2010-11, the 3A Classification will also use this procedure for seeding. Only games against other Alaskan schools in your classification are counted in the WPI. Therefore, games played with other teams outside the state or outside your classification are not included. The main reason for omitting these games is the inability to accurately gather those other teams records or those of their opponents and their opponents' opponents.

The formula's strength is only as good as the accuracy of its reporting. ASAA has WPI reporters who report scores of games. But it is the responsibility of the school and head coach to ensure that all the scores have been reported.

A school page listing all the scores for that school is being developed and should be active online soon. Coaches are requested to check those scores on **February 1** and **March 1** in order to ensure their accuracy. If any scores are missing, then ASAA needs to be contacted no later than March 3. After that date, the scores will be considered official.

Following the conference tournaments on the first weekend of March, the WPI will be calculated with those additional games and the state tournament brackets will be seeded.