



# 2021 ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA

## Sideline Cheerleading Policies & Procedures

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**Event:** 2021 ASAA March Madness Alaska  
**Dates:** March 25-27 & April 1-3  
**Location:** Palmer HS, Wasilla HS, Colony HS, & Palmer Middle School

**Brackets/Game Schedule & Results:** All 3A/4A brackets and schedules can be found on [ASAA365.com](http://ASAA365.com). Updated brackets and results will be posted on the following medias:

- [ASAA.org](http://ASAA.org) Basketball Page
- [ASAA365.com](http://ASAA365.com)
- @ASAAORG Twitter page
- [ASAA.org](http://ASAA.org) & ASAA March Madness Alaska Facebook pages.

**Cheer Rules and Guidelines:** All cheer coaches/teams are required to follow the 2020-21 NFHS Spirit Rulebook.

**Mandatory Coaches Meeting:** On Tuesday, March 23rd at 6pm each teams head coach must attend the mandatory coaches meeting on Zoom. ASAA will send out the Zoom Meeting Link soon. We will go over your team roster, schedule, mitigation operations, facility, passes and more.

**Rosters:** ASAA is using Planet HS for its School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Schools will need to submit rosters and indicate which students have qualified for state through this system. Deadlines for submission are shown above. This can be done by accessing the cheer eligibility roster. Please indicate the students that are state qualifiers. In addition, the State Championship Cheer Entry Form must be submitted. Coaches must verify official rosters on Zoom prior to leaving the coaches meeting. Following the confirmation of your roster, no changes to roster personnel may be made.

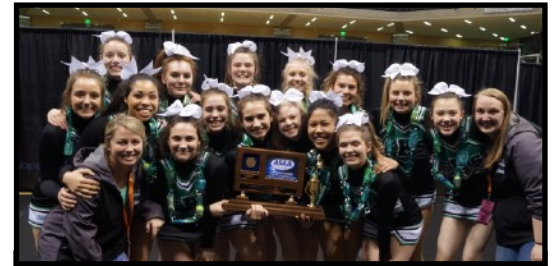
**Violations of Rules/Roster:** If any rules or roster submissions are violated the team will not be allowed to cheer as a squad in uniform for the remainder of that game and the rest of the tournament. From that time forward they will be spectators and charged regular admission price.

**Practices:** ASAA is not providing practice times for cheer teams.

**Forms:** The following forms need to be completed on the Cheer forms page at [asaa.org](http://asaa.org).

- State Championship Cheer Entry Form - Select the Activity Box choose Cheer (Sideline)
- State Championship Photo Upload
- State Championship Code of Conduct

**Sideline Cheer Area:** The sideline cheer area is located on the baseline on the far side from the teams bench. The baseline area is clearly marked. Cheer coaches will sit in the bleachers. You are allowed only 6 cheerleaders on the



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Basketball State Championships

3A/4A Tournament | March 25-27

### SATURDAY, MAR. 20 - 10:00 PM

- If your Conference tournament ends before this date please get qualifiers & info in as soon as possible!
- Conference Results & State Qualifiers submitted to email [championships@asaa.org](mailto:championships@asaa.org)

### SUNDAY, MAR. 21 - 2:00 PM

#### Sideline Cheer Squad Forms

- Eligibility Roster Finalized
- State Entry Form
- Team Photo/Logo Form
- Code of Conduct Form

### TUESDAY, MAR. 23 - 6:00 PM

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting via Zoom



floor at a time. If your squad has more than the allotted number there is an area in the bleachers. Only cheerleaders, while in uniform for their teams game, will be permitted in this area.

**Passes:** Each participating school will be issued passes for the state championships, based on the following guidelines.

- **Coaches:** Only certified coaches listed on the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) will receive a pass. Coaches must have on their person the pass while on the main floor. If not the school will be fined \$25.
- **Participants:** Sideline Cheerleaders will not be given passes. They must show up dressed ready to cheer. No locker rooms/space will be given to cheer teams.
- **Adult Medical Passes:** Schools medical team members must check in with ASAA staff or ASAA Medical Staff (OPA) at the state championship site prior to the game/competition to receive a medical pass.

**Event Supervision/School Administration:** Each participating school will be required to identify an administrator or other person approved in advance by the principal who is responsible for the conduct of its coaches, participants and fans throughout the contest, as defined in the ASAA bylaws Article 6, Section 4. A school admin pass will be available for your Principal, or Athletic Director, or Admin Designee. The person needs to be filled into the School Entry Form as the Event Admin. This person needs to email [isaiah@asaa.org](mailto:isaiah@asaa.org) to arrange a time for picking up the pass. ASAA will not have a Will Call because there are four sites on Thursday, March 25th.

**ASAA Statewide Passes:** Because of COVID-19 and the controlled crowd sizes, ASAA Statewide Passes will not be accepted at ASAA March Madness Alaska.

**Home & Visiting Team:** The Home Team is the team listed on the TOP LINE and wears WHITE. When facing the court at the scorers table the HOME TEAM sits on the RIGHT SIDE. The Visiting Team is the team listed on the BOTTOM LINE and wears DARK colors. When facing the court at the scorers table the VISITING TEAM sits on the LEFT SIDE.

**Full Timeouts:** Cheer squads are encouraged to cheer for their team alternating between the two cheer squads during full timeouts. Be sure to visually check with the announcer in case of a special presentation or sponsor acknowledgement.

#### **Facility Arrival & Access**

- Teams will be able to enter the site for their game 30 minutes before their scheduled time.
- Teams must enter as a team. If players and coaches arrive separately they must wait in their vehicles so everyone can enter as a team.
- Once the team arrives, check in at the gate and security so rosters can be reviewed.
- Cheerleaders MUST come in uniform.

**Looker Rooms/Area:** Will not be available for cheer teams.

**Sportsmanship:** Cheer coaches and athletes must maintain high standards of sportsmanship and demonstrate positive crowd leading skills at all times. Negative sportsmanship will be dealt with based on ASAA Code of Conduct.

**Halftimes:** Cheer squads are encouraged to do a halftime performance at their teams game.

- Performances are NO MORE THAN 2:30 MINUTES ON & OFF for each squad.
- Music for any routine must be on a smart phone with headphone jack.



•ASAA Staff will notify you if there is a special activity during a half-time of your game.

**Medical:** Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage (OPA) is the official ASAA State Championships Medical provider. They will be onsite during the entire championship tournament to help provide medical help for injuries. Each team must provide all their own materials and supplies - including tape - if athletes are going to be taped.

**Warm Up Music:** All music played for warm-ups and during the game is provided by ASAA and local high schools. Teams may not submit music to be played.

**Towels and Water:** Each team is responsible to provide their own bench towels and water bottles. A location to fill up water bottles for team managers will be provided if needed during your game.

**Hospitality:** Hospitality room for coaches will not be provided this year.

**ASAA Sponsors Player & Cheerleader of the Game:** Every game at ASAA March Madness Alaska will have a Player of the Game from each team. A committee will select one player from each team for the award. The certificate will be awarded to both players at the end of the game. Any game that have sideline cheerleading teams, a tournament committee will select a Cheerleader of the Game from each team. Coaches will be handed these awards after the game so they can give them to their players. Winners will also be announced in the gym by the announcer.

**Championship Results:** All results will be posted on [ASAA365.com](http://ASAA365.com), through the MaxPreps Mobile App, @ASAAORG (Twitter) and Facebook. Individual and team stats along with results will be updated after the games are final.

**Yearbook Photos:** These individuals must remain in the spectator areas. Special and limited arrangements can be made for a school yearbook staff student if you contact Isaiah Vreeman ([isaiah@asaa.org](mailto:isaiah@asaa.org)) on the Monday prior to the event, if not, access will not be allowed. School Yearbook staff includes the yearbook teacher and a student enrolled in yearbook class. Yearbook teachers must have a yearbook student with them at all times. Only ASAA Credentialed Media are allowed to be outside the spectator area and designated media locations unless otherwise approved by Isaiah Vreeman.

**Broadcast Media:** The NFHS Network will be webcasting ALL games live on the [nfhsnetwork.com](http://nfhsnetwork.com). Also, various radio stations will be broadcasting based on media requests.

**School Signs:** Schools are allowed to hang signs that are positive and directed only towards the schools team. Signs are ONLY ALLOWED TO BE HUNG USING BLUE PAINTERS TAPE. School signs will be removed if hung over sponsor, exit, or other ASAA signs. *Please remove your signage after each game.*

**Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers:** Because yelling and cheering are discouraged artificial noise makers that do not interfere with the official's whistle are allowed. No use of airhorns or megaphones.

**Public Picture/Video:** Individuals are encouraged to take pictures and video clips of the games and entertainment that will be happening throughout the event. People who are not ASAA Credentialed Media/Temp Media must stay in spectator areas. Spectators are not allowed onto the floor to picture/video of the games. Event security and ASAA staff will remove individuals who are in areas spectators are not allowed. LIVE STREAMING DURING ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!! ASAA has the granted broadcast rights to this whole event. Any rebroadcast or republication of this event and event programming LIKE FACEBOOK LIVE without the express written



consent of A-S-Double A is strictly prohibited. Security or other tournament staff see live streaming of games you will be asked to shut it down. ASAA will be monitoring social media platforms for violations.

**Parents/Fans/Spectators:** Teams are allowed a maximum of 125 tickets for their spectators per game. The ticket purchasing link will be provided from GoFan to your Athletic Director/Activities Principal. Use that GoFan ticket link to purchase your tickets.

**Spectator Etiquette:** All spectators are restricted to the spectators areas. ASAA staff and officials are empowered to remove anyone displaying unacceptable conduct from the area and may temporarily suspend the championships, if necessary.

**Pep Bands:** No Pep Bands will be allowed at the event this year.

**ASAA March Madness Alaska Merchandise:** During ASAA March Madness Alaska Northwest Designs Inc will be set up at Palmer and Wasilla High Schools. Northwest Designs is the Official State Merchandise Vendor. NWD will have a large variety of apparel and features on-site printing with customized made to order commemorative items. You can download the program for FREE at [ASAA365.com](http://ASAA365.com), and after the conclusion of March Madness Alaska you can order a totally completed souvenir program with results, tournament teams, are more. You can also access the Northwest Designs online web store at [ASAA365.com](http://ASAA365.com).

**Awards:** For classifications that have at least three cheer squads there will be a Cheer All-Tournament Team. This team will be awarded based on their performance during ASAA March Madness Alaska. 1A/2A/3A/4A awards will be given to the head coach or mailed to the school after the tournament is completed.

**Participation Fee:** The Board of Directors has authorized the assessment of a participation fee for all state championships. The fee for athletic teams will be \$10 per student participant. After the coaches meeting the roster will be considered final and schools will be invoiced that amount following the event.



## MARCH MADNESS ALASKA GAME PROTOCOL

### PRIOR TO GAME TIME

**Warm-Ups:** Each team is guaranteed 15 minutes of warm-up time prior to the game start. If the tournament is ahead of schedule, that time will be extended to the proper beginning game time. No game will begin before its scheduled time.

#### Team Introductions:

- First Game: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their game. All non-starters from each team will be announced first. Then starters from both teams alternating with visitor first, and home second.
- Rest of Games: Only the STARTERS will be introduced.
- State Championship Games: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their game.
- Teams will not be allowed to high five, or shake hands with the other team.

**National Anthem/Color Guard:** The National Anthem will be preformed at the times below. Teams on both courts will stand at attention for the National Anthem performance. After the anthem, please remain at attention until the color guard has left the court.

#### 3A/4A & 1A/2A Tournament

Thursday: 3:00pm at all sites.

Friday: 10:00am and 2:00pm at all sites.

Saturday: 1:00pm (3A/1A Girls Champ), & 5:45pm (4A/2A Girls Champ)

**Late/Absent Team Procedure:** If a team is late to their scheduled game time due to weather or travel difficulties, arrangements will be made by tournament staff for the appropriate rescheduling of that game if at all possible. After the first day, if a team did not arrive by the end of the scheduled contests, that team will forfeit their game and be placed in the consolation round. If a team is late due to other reasons not related to weather or travel, the game may be delayed for a maximum of 15 minutes. After that period of time, if the team has not appeared and has not contacted ASAA, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit. A team arriving 0-15 minutes after their scheduled time of play will have a maximum of 5 minutes of warm up time.

**Semifinal Games:** The winning coach of the semifinal game will be asked to give a short interview on the NFHS Network.

### DURING THE GAME

**Media Timeouts:** There will be one (1) 90 second media timeout at the first dead ball after the 4:00 minute mark of ALL quarters of every game.

**Medical Procedure:** Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage are the Official Medical Provider for all ASAA state championship events. They will be present at all games throughout ASAA March Madness Alaska. OPA staff will wait to attend an athlete on the floor until they are called by a coach or official. OPA will wander over to your team side and be available to help. If there is a catastrophic injury or something very obviously wrong OPA will not wait for an official or coach to call them out. This is up to OPA.



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**Halftimes:** All halftimes will not be longer than 10 Minutes each. When the clock shows 4 minutes remaining, teams may return to the court for warm-ups. It is the responsibility of team personnel to notify teams when it's time to take the floor. If your team is not on the court, you will forfeit part of that warm-up time. All teams must return to their benches with one minute remaining.

**Mercy Rule:** The mercy rule is in effect during the entire tournament. Upon reaching a 40 or more point differential any time during the game, a running clock will be used. Once begun, the running clock will be stopped only for team, official, or injury time outs, and for technical fouls.

### **AFTER THE GAME - Players and coaches WILL NOT shake hands with the other team.**

- Teams must clean up the bench area of all personnel items including jerseys, warm-ups, water bottles, towels, etc.
- Teams playing next shall wait to take their bench until:
  - Teams prior have cleaned their bench of personal items, jersey's, warm ups, etc.
  - Cleaning staff have sanitized the bench area
- Media will be allowed to approach teams after the game is over, and award presentations are completed. Media will have to get permission from the team coach or school admin before they are allowed to interview any players.
- After championship games, both teams who just played will remain on the floor at their respective benches for a very brief awards ceremony.
- Fans, spectators will not be allowed onto the court following any game and championship games. No liquid including water is permitted to be dumped onto the floor. Spray string is not allowed on the court. Any other celebratory material must be cleaned up by the winning team.