



# 2021 ASAA/First National Bank Tennis State Championships Policies & Procedures

**Date:** Thursday October 7 - Saturday, October 9, 2021  
**Location:** Alaska Club East | Anchorage

The safety and well-being of our participants has always been at the forefront of ASAA's decision making process. Since respiratory droplets are a factor in the spread of COVID-19, ASAA may be implementing mitigations to protect those attending state championship events. These mitigations may include, but are not limited to:

- Screening prior to entering an event.
- Decreasing the amount of fans allowed to attend.
- Requiring everyone to wear a mask except when they are actively competing.

In doing so, ASAA believes state competitions can be done in a safe manner. We respectfully ask your assistance in making this happen.

## State Championship Berths & Qualifiers:

Regions have the following state berths for each of the 5 divisions. State Qualifiers must participate in the division they qualified in.

- Region 3 - 2 State Berth
- Region 4 - 4 State Berths
- Region 5 - 1 State Berth
- Region 6 - 2 State Berths

## Schedule:

Tuesday Oct. 5	6:00 PM	Brackets Posted at <a href="http://asaa.org">asaa.org</a>
Wednesday Oct 6	6:00 PM	Coaches Meeting Alaska Club East
Thursday Oct. 7	12:00 PM	Play Begins at Alaska Club East
Friday Oct. 8	8:00 AM	Play Continues at Alaska Club East
Saturday Oct. 9	10:00 AM	Play Continues at Alaska Club East

**Roster / Entry:** ASAA is using PlanetHS for its School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Schools will need to indicate which students have qualified for state. This can be done by accessing the tennis varsity roster and indicating the student is a state qualifier. In addition, the State Championship Tennis Entry Form must be submitted. Both submissions are due by Sunday October 3rd.

**Match Format:** Main bracket matches will be the best 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring, with a 10 point match tie-breaker deciding the third set. Elimination bracket matches will be 4 game sets with regular tie-breakers starting at 4-4. Competitors will switch sides after every 6 points in all tie-breakers. The Championship Match will be the best 2 out of 3 sets with a full third set.

## Tennis State Championships

October 7-9  
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### Saturday October 2- 10:00 PM

- Email State Qualifiers to [championships@asaa.org](mailto:championships@asaa.org)

### Sunday, October 3 - 2:00pm

- Eligibility Roster Finalized
- State Entry Form
- Code of Conduct Form
- Photo Upload Form
- Good Sport Selection Form
- Seeding Form

### Wednesday, October 6 - 6:00 PM

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Alaska Club East

## 2021 TENNIS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

**Seeding:** A seeding committee made up of individuals (non-coaches) knowledgeable in high school tennis will be appointed by ASAA. Each coach will submit a seeding form (online) for any possible seeded athletes. Under normal circumstances two competitors per division will be seeded. However, up to four competitors per division may be seeded. The rest will be randomly drawn into the bracket. Seeding will be conducted in general accordance with ASAA Tennis State Tournament Seeding Guidelines.

**Rules:** USTA rules will be utilized with some ASAA Rule modifications.

**Scoring:** The top five places for each event will be scored. The total points will determine the state championship team and runner up.

**Substitution:** In the event a qualified contestant is unable to compete due to extenuating circumstances (illness, injury, ineligibility), it is the responsibility of the school of the indisposed contestant(s) to notify ASAA, by 4:00pm on Tuesday, October 5th. Once notified ASAA will invite the next qualifier from that region. After the deadline, if someone is not able to compete, that spot will not be filled.

**Mandatory Coaches Meeting:** Coaches meeting Wednesday October 6th at 6:00 PM at the Alaska Club East. All COVID-19 mitigations and state policies and procedures will be reviewed.

**Facility:** All matches will be played on the Alaska Club East's 4 courts. Only state qualifiers and coaches will be allowed in the tennis area. ONLY COACHES are allowed behind the curtain.

**Court Assignments:** Tennis courts for all the matches are assigned by the tournament director.

**Check-in Time:** Scheduled times are approximate so, players need to check in with the tournament director and be ready to play one hour prior to the scheduled time of their match.

**Participant Tardiness:** If a player or team is late for the scheduled start of his/her match, or does not have the proper attire, a game penalty may be assessed by the official as follows:

5 minute delay = 1 game forfeit

10 minute delay = 2 game forfeit

15 minute delay = 3 game forfeit and loss of service.

16 minute delay = match forfeit.

**Warm-up Time:** Warm-ups are limited to **5 minutes** from the time the athletes receive their balls for the match. In doubles, both balls should be used simultaneously.

**Coaching:** While players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults or players. Coaching is permissible during the break between sets (two minutes maximum) in a location that does not disrupt or distract play on other courts.

**Conduct:** Appropriate court behavior is expected at all times. The Tournament Director, upon consultation with the Board of Control, may disqualify players at any time for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**Officials:** There will be a court monitor on the courts when matches are in progress. Matches will not have line judges. A court monitor will oversee all third sets.

**Board of Control:** The Board of Control is comprised of three individuals, including an ASAA Staff member, to address unforeseen situations that may occur during the tournament.

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**Attire:** Participants must come dressed to participate. They are required to wear a shirt that has their school name or logo on it for identification purposes. It is recommended that all team members have identical shirts. No jewelry will be allowed including watches. Shoes must have a non-marking sole.

**Equipment:** ASAA will provide USTA approved tennis balls for the tournament. Players provide their own rackets and face coverings.

**Medical:** Medical coverage will be provided by OPA. Ice will be available in emergencies.

**Food/Water:** There will be no food or drink available at the venue. Individuals must bring their own food and drink. Participants need to have their own water bottle that is labeled and filled. No sharing of food or water bottles.

**Event Supervision:** Each school will be allowed 2 coaches. In addition, the school is to provide the phone number of an Administrator available during the championships.

**Photography/Videotaping:** Only ASAA Credentialed Media are allowed at the event.

**State Merchandise:** Northwest Designs is the Official State Merchandise Vendor. NWD will have a large variety of apparel and feature on-site printing with customized made to order commemorative items. A web store is also available online at [ASAA.org/store](http://ASAA.org/store).

**Awards:** An awards ceremony will be held immediately following the final match of the tournament

**Team Awards:**

- 1st and 2nd place team trophies
- One academic award overall
- One sportsmanship award overall

**Individual Awards:**

- Medals for members of the first and second place teams
- Medals for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place individuals in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles;
- Good Sport Award - Coach submits online form must have at least 4 qualifiers

**Passes:** Participant passes will be based on submitted team roster. Two coach passes will be issued based on the number of certified coaches. Coaches will need passes to be behind the curtain

**Spectator Etiquette:** All spectators are restricted to the spectators areas. The tournament/meet director and ASAA officials are empowered to remove anyone displaying unacceptable conduct from the area and may temporarily suspend the meet if necessary

**Participation Fee:** The fee for tennis is \$10 per student participant with no maximum. Once the deadline for withdrawals and substitutions has passed, the roster will be considered final and schools will be invoiced that amount following the event.