



2022 ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA

Sideline Cheer Basketball State Championships Policies & Procedures

Created: February 22, 2022

1A/2A: Wednesday, March 16 - Saturday, March 19
3A/4A: Wednesday, March 23 - Saturday, March 26
Location: Alaska Airlines Center | Anchorage, Alaska

Brackets/Game Schedule & Results: All brackets and schedules can be found on ASAA.org | ASAA365.com. The Updated brackets and results will be posted on the following medias:

- ASAA.org Basketball Page
- ASAA365.com
- @ASAAORG Twitter page
- ASAA.org & ASAA March Madness Alaska Facebook pages.

Cheer Rules and Guidelines: All cheer coaches/teams are required to follow the 2021-2022 NFHS Spirit Rulebook.

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: There is a mandatory coaches meeting for all of the tournaments. All policies & procedures will be reviewed and passes will be dispersed. During practice time for the 1A and 2A you can get your packet early from an ASAA Associate Director onsite. 3A/4A coaches you have two options. You can come by the ASAA office Tuesday between 2pm-5pm, and Wednesday 8am-11am to pick up your packet. Or you can come by the Alaska Airlines Center on Wednesday after 12pm early to pick up your packet while we set up for State Cheer.

1A: Tuesday, March 15th, Alaska Airlines Center Aux Gym - 5:45pm

2A: Tuesday, March 16th, Alaska Airlines Center Dresser Conference Room 2nd Floor - 5:45pm

3A/4: Tuesday, March 22nd, Alaska Airlines Center Aux Gym - 5:30pm

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. This can be done by accessing the basketball eligibility roster. Enter jersey numbers and indicate the student is a state qualifier. In addition, the State Championship Basketball Entry Form must be submitted.

Submissions are due by 2pm on the following:

- Sunday, March 13 - All 1A, 2A, 3A Conferences & 4A Southeast and Mid Alaska Conferences
- Sunday, March 20 - 4A Cook Inlet and Northern Lights Conferences



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Basketball State Championships

1A/2A Tournament - March 16-19

3A/4A Tournament - March 23-26

Alaska Airlines Center | Anchorage

(1A/2A/3A/4A) SAT. MAR. 12 - 10:00 PM

(4A CIC/NLC) SAT. MAR. 19 - 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

(1A/2A/3A/4A) SUN. MAR. 13 - 2:00 PM

(4A CIC/NLC) SUN. MAR. 20 - 2:00 PM

Basketball Team Forms

- [Eligibility Roster Finalized](#)
- [State Entry Form](#)
- [Team Photo/Logo Form](#)
- [Good Sport Selection Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)

Sideline Cheer Squad Forms

- [Eligibility Roster Finalized](#)
- [State Entry Form](#)
- [Team Photo/Logo Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)

(1A/2A/3A/4A) TUES. MAR. 15 - 2:00 PM

(4A CIC/NLC) TUES. MAR. 22 - 2:00 PM

- [Academic Award Entry Form](#)

(1A) TUES. MAR. 15 - 5:45 PM

(2A) WED. MAR. 16 - 5:45 PM

(3A/4A) TUES. MAR. 22 - 5:30 PM

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting at the Alaska Airlines Center Aux Gym. 2A is in Dresser Conference Room 2nd Floor.

Coaches must verify official rosters when the head coach picks up their packet/coaches meeting. A copy of your submitted roster via the PLANET HS ROSTER will be included in the coaches' packet. At the end of the coaches meeting ALL head coaches must turn in either their confirmed roster or corrected roster (name, jersey number), at that time. Following your review on pick up, no changes to roster personnel may be made. If jersey number changes, coaches must notify scorekeepers prior to the start of the game.

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. Due Sunday, March 13 (1A/2A/3A/4A Mid Alaska & Southeast) and then Sunday, March 20 (4A CIC and NLC) by 2:00 PM.

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

Bench Area & Personnel Rules: There will be a maximum amount of 14 seats for each team's bench. Only one person may occupy a seat. No additional seats may be added behind them. Bench personnel is not allowed to exceed the amount of passes issued or the 14 seats. Each team's roster may have a maximum of 12 players.

- While 5 are playing, up to 7 players will be seated. The other 7 seats can include players and a combination of managers and coaches, or all adults, or just student managers, that is coaches discretion. However, the maximum number allowed on the sideline will not increase.
- ONLY student participants/managers, and adult coaching staff are allowed in the bench area.
- Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of 7th grade school age or above may be on the sideline area during state championship games/matches, but only with a pass.
- Clean up your bench area after your games and matches. This includes cups, water bottles, trash, etc. ASAA security and staff will be inspecting the sidelines and locker rooms after each game. Fines, damage cost, and/or cleaning costs will be billed to the school.

Passes: Each participating school will be issued passes for 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:** Passes will be based on submitted rosters. Managers should be included on the roster. Participants must show their pass to enter the facility. All participants must be in uniform or have their pass with them while on the main floor. If not the school will be fined \$10.
- **Adult Medical Passes:** Schools medical team members must check in with ASAA staff or ASAA Medical Staff at the state championship site prior to competition to receive a medical pass.
- **All passes are non-transferable and will be confiscated if used fraudulently.**
- **Security and ASAA staff members will be checking each player and coach for their pass. You will not be allowed access into the facility without a pass.**
- **If you lose a pass you will have to purchase regular tickets or your school may be billed.**

Event Supervision: Each participating school will be requested 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. Please have the designee check in with ASAA staff upon arrival at the event.

1A/2A Home & Visiting Team: The HOME TEAM is the TOP OF THE BRACKET and wears WHITE. When facing the court at the scorers table the HOME TEAM sits on the RIGHT SIDE.

The VISITING TEAM is the BOTTOM OF THE BRACKET and wears DARK COLOR. When facing the court at the scorers table the VISITING TEAM sits on the LEFT SIDE.

3A/4A Home & Visiting Team: The HOME TEAM is the HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM and wears WHITE. When facing the court at the scorers table the HOME TEAM sits on the RIGHT SIDE.

The VISITING TEAM is the LOWER SEEDED TEAM and wears DARK COLOR. When facing the court at the scorers table the VISITING TEAM sits on the LEFT SIDE.

Alaska Airlines Center Facility Access: Teams will be able to enter the Alaska Airlines Center beginning at 7am Wednesday thru Saturday. Courts will be open at that time as well as the track on the upper level.

Competition Floor Access: To access the competition floor please use the stairs on the right side of the building as soon as you walk into the main entrance. Security WILL be checking passes - MAKE SURE COACHES/PLAYERS have their pass. If you have trouble finding the stairs please ask one of the Alaska Airlines Center staff members.

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.

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.

School Signs: Schools are allowed to hang signs that are positive and directed only towards the schools team. Signs are NOT ALLOWED TO BE HUNG WITH TAPE OR GLUE. BLUE PAINTERS TAPE IS WHAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE. Please ask the Alaska Airlines Center staff for painters tape (blue) to hang signs if you don't have any. School signs will be removed if hung over sponsor, exit, or other ASAA state championship signs. **TEAMS must remove your signage after each game.**

Locker Rooms: Teams will not have access to a locker room during ASAA March Madness Alaska. Please come prepared for your game on arrival to the Alaska Airlines Center.

Warm Up Music: All music played for warm-ups and during the game is provided by ASAA and the Alaska Airlines Center.

Towels and Water: Each team is responsible to provide bench towels. Additional towels for wiping floors, etc. will be provided. Gatorade/water and cups will be provided at each bench.

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.

Visit Anchorage Cheerleader of the Game: Every game at ASAA March Madness Alaska will have a Cheerleader of the Game from each team. A tournament 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. Also any games that have sideline cheerleading teams, a tournament committee will select a Cheerleader of the Game from each team.

Championship Results/Stats: Results will be posted on ASAA365.com, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. All individual & team stats along with results will be updated during games, and when final, posted on ASAA365.com.

Broadcast Media: The NFHS Network will be webcasting ALL games live on the nfhsnetwork.com. Also, various radio stations will be broadcasting based on media requests.

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 or other live streaming platforms is strictly prohibited. Alaska Airlines Center security or other tournament staff see live streaming of games you will be asked to shut it down or if uncooperative, escorted out of the building. ASAA will be monitoring social media platforms for violations.

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) 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.




Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers: ASAA prohibits laser pointers, whistles, and any explosive devices or explosive sounds at ALL state championship events. Once play starts on EITHER COURT noise makers are not allowed.

Parents/Fans/Spectators: Parents, fans, and spectators are ENCOURAGED to review ASAA365.com and ASAA Social Media accounts for ticket and building information, parking maps, brackets, schedule, promotions, and more!

Lost and Found: Alaska Airlines Center has a "Lost & Found". Items that are turned in by ASAA and other will be held for 2 weeks after the event. After that 2 weeks items that can will be donated, others will be thrown away.



Team Parking: ASAA is providing FREE parking at the Alaska Airlines Center. The ASAA March Madness Alaska Parking Map will help you find the best, and most available parking during the event. There is a limited amount of spots available for Team Parking in the EAST LOT in the Main Lot. They will be a lot attendant monitoring the vehicles entrance. Be sure to be a little early to your games especially in the evening because of parking spaces. If you are unable to park in one of those spots in the main lot, please use the drop-off section so teams don't have to walk a long ways.

-  **Reserved Lot (Purple Color):** DO NOT PARK IN THERE! If you do you will incur a \$350 fine from UAA.
-  **Team Parking (Yellow Color):** This area is for teams playing, officials, and some staff. There is a limited amount of spaces. It is first come first serve.
-  **Providence Parking Garages (Blue Color):** Do not park in there until AFTER 5:00pm! Providence is letting us use that space after hours to help with parking. Please do not abuse it.

Halftime Entertainment: Many ASAA State Championships have halftimes or large breaks between contests. During those times ASAA likes to arrange for "halftime entertainment" which is above and beyond the school team sideline cheer squads. ASAA uses the following hierarchy to determine what groups/individuals should be scheduled for a halftime.

1. High School groups whose school is involved in the game being played or championship
2. High School groups
3. Jr. High and Elementary School groups
4. Student Groups not affiliated with a specific school
5. Outside groups that are not contrary to ASAA sanctioned activities or groups

For large events halftimes are planned out months in advance of the event. Therefore, high school groups, that are not sideline cheer teams, are not able to necessarily preform at a halftime of their schools game. ASAA reserves the right to schedule any ASAA promotional/sponsor halftime entertainment during any halftime at an event.

Pep Bands: Games in the Main Arena are allowed to have a Pep Band. Games in the Aux Gym are NOT ALLOWED to have a Pep Band because of space issues. School Pep Bands wanting to attend must email Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) by 5pm Monday the week of the tournament. Arrangements for entering the facility will be discussed at that time. This is a neutral site game so school pep bands may attend state championship events when conditions allow.

Pep Bands must adhere to the following:

1. *Contact ASAA Associate Director Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) by 5pm the Monday prior to the event.*
2. School Administrators shall confirm the "Pep Band" typically performs during regular season games of the team they are coming to support
3. The student's performing in the "pep band" shall:
 1. Meet all ASAA eligibility requirements
 2. Listed on the school's pep band roster in the School Activities Reporting System
4. While we encourage Pep Bands we can't guarantee power hook ups for pep bands. Drums and electric guitars are allowed if they are not large set ups and don't require lots of power. Pep Bands will be put on the bleachers on the floor on the same side as your team. Because of egress and space this doesn't allow for large drum set ups. If a pep band shows up with too large of a drum/guitar set up, they will not be allowed to set it up.

On the day of the event, the band director must meet with the ASAA Associate Director Isaiah Vreeman, Game Announcer prior to each game for the times they will be allowed to play. Time will be allotted based on what else is planned for entertainment, crowd interaction, ASAA sponsors, special guests, etc.

1. May play before the game begins as times allows (possibly 5 minutes)
2. May play at halftime before or after any performances and/or promotions as times allows (possibly 5 minutes)
3. May play between periods and during time-outs as long as it does not interfere with coach's ability to communicate with players or any sponsorship promotions
4. May play at the end of the contest as times allows (possibly 1-2 minutes)
5. May not play during live action
6. Musical instruments may not be used as noise makers during the contests
7. Participation fees will be charged

Reminder that this is a NEUTRAL SITE game, so even with only one pep band at a game, they will not be allowed to play a whole warm up period or halftime. If a pep band doesn't follow the direction of ASAA state staff instructions and times for playing, they will be warned first. If it happens again they will not be allowed to play for the rest of the tournament.

ASAA March Madness Alaska Merchandise: During ASAA March Madness Alaska there will be lots of great purchase items to commemorate your experience. Apparel by Northwest Designs, stickers, lanyards, wristbands,

and more. 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. The ASAA March Madness Alaska Basketball State Championship Souvenir Program will not be printed this year. You can download the program for FREE at ASAA.org and ASAA365.com, and after the conclusion of March Madness Alaska you can order a totally completed souvenir program with results, tournament teams, etc. Northwest Designs web store is also available online at ASAA.org.

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 at the conclusion of the Boys Championship game in each classification. Towards the conclusion of the boys championship game announcements will be made about the award ceremony to follow. At the end of the game, teams involved will be asked to join everyone on the floor. After the awards ceremony, the boys and girls basketball teams championship teams will be allowed to cut down the net.

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.

