

2023 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Baseball State Championships Policies & Procedures

Date: Thursday, June 1 - Saturday, June 3
Location: Moller Field, Sitka (DI) | Wasilla HS Field (DII)

Conference Qualifying State Berths: Conferences need to notify ASAA of their qualifiers by Saturday May 27, 2023, 10:00 pm.

State Bracket Qualifiers: Bracketing is on a 3 year rotation.

2023 DI Conference Rotation

- Railbelt #1 vs. Southeast #2
- Cook Inlet #1 vs. Cook Inlet #3/At-Large
- Southeast #1 vs. At-Large/Cook Inlet #3
- Cook Inlet #2 vs. Railbelt #2

2023 DII Conference Rotation

- Mid Alaska #1 vs. At-Large #3
- Southcentral #2 vs. At-Large #1
- Southcentral #1 vs. At-Large #2
- Mid Alaska #2 vs. Southcentral #3

Schedule/Bracket: The schedule will be posted on the Baseball page on ASAA.org & ASAA365.com Sunday night or by Monday at 10:00am.

Rules: The event will be conducted in compliance with the 2023 National Federation Baseball Rule Book and ASAA adoptions in the Baseball section of the ASAA handbook. The ASAA Pitch Count will be enforced for all games.

Practice Times: Wednesday practice times will be scheduled after teams qualify and that information will be posted on the ASAA.org Baseball State Coaches Page.

- **DI:** Teams will have practice time once teams have qualified and know when Sitka arrival times are known.
- **DII:** Teams will have 30 minutes field time, then 30 minutes cage time.

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: There is a mandatory coaches meeting for both DI and DII. All policies and procedures will be reviewed, coaches packets, and passes will be dispersed.

- **DI Meeting:** May 31st OR June 1st - TBA in Sitka/Moller Field
- **DII Meeting:** Wednesday, May 31, 6:30pm at Wasilla HS Room 142

Team Rosters: Team rosters are a maximum of 18 players. ASAA is using Big Teams/PlanetHS 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 baseball eligibility roster. Enter jersey numbers and indicate the student is a state qualifier. In addition, the State Championship Entry Form must be submitted. Both submissions are due by 2pm on Sunday. A copy of the submitted roster will be included in the coaches packet. Coaches must verify their official roster at the coaches meeting. Following the coaches meeting, NO CHANGES to roster personnel may be made. If jersey numbers change, coaches must notify scorekeepers and officials.

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

- **Coaches:** Only certified coaches listed on the entry form will receive a pass. Coaches must have on their person the pass while in the dugout/playing field. If not the school will be fined \$25.



DEADLINES

Saturday, May 27 - 10:00pm

- Email State Qualifiers to championships@asaa.org

Sunday, May 28 - 2:00pm

- [Online Roster \(SARS\)](#)
- [Entry Form](#)
- [Team Photo/Logo Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)
- [Good Sport Selection Form](#)

Tuesday, May 30 - 5:00pm

- [Academic Award Entry Form](#)

Wednesday, May 31 - 6:30pm

- DII Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Wasilla HS Room 142

Wed 31st/Thur 1st - TBA

- DI Coaches Meeting is TBA



- **Participants:** Players passes will be based on submitted rosters. Managers should be included on the roster. All participants must be in uniform or have their pass with them while in the dugout.
- **Administration:** Each school will be provided one pass for attending administrators. The administrator should check in with an ASAA staff member upon arrival to receive a pass.
- **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.**
- **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.**

Bench Area/Dugout/Coaching Box & Personnel Rules:

- There will be a maximum amount of 18 players allowed on the roster.
- The maximum number of individuals in the dugout is 26.
- The allotted team dugout can include a combination of managers and coaches, that is coaches discretion. The dugout is for participants in uniform, managers and coaches only.
- All individuals must be wearing their pass or be in uniform.
- Coaches boxes may be occupied by a coach, player or eligible substitute.
- Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of 7th grade school age or above may be in the dugout area during state championship games, but only with a pass.
- All coaches will be in proper uniform as defined in the NFHS Baseball rulebook.

ASAA Adopted Baseball Supplemental Rules: These rules are in the 2023 ASAA Handbook page 111

- **Mercy Rule:** The game shall end when, the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4.5 innings; or after the fifth if either team is 10 runs behind and have had an equal number of times at bat. The 15 Run Mercy Rule applies only for regular season games, not in the state championships.
- **Called Game:** When a non-league or league game is called by an umpire before the completion of the required number of innings, the game is declared a “no game”. The game can be replayed and the pitching rule shall apply.
- **Suspended Game:** A game called for any reason by an umpire after the required number of innings, where a winner cannot be determined (i.e. home team is behind and has not batted, or score is tied) will be treated as a suspended game. The game shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time. The lineup and batting order of each team will remain exactly the same at moment of suspension. If a winner can be determined (both teams have equal at bats or home team is ahead) the team that is ahead will be considered the winner. If the game ends in a tie and the suspended game cannot be completed because of scheduling conflicts, the game is considered a tie game. At the state championships onsite ASAA staff and the Tournament Director shall determine when a suspended game will be completed.
- **Speed Up:** The courtesy runner speed-up rules may be adopted by leagues or districts for use during the regular season. In interleague and/or interdistrict competition, both teams must agree to allow the speed up rule before it may be used. Courtesy runner speed-up rules will be used in the state championship tournament. The following is a speed-up rule summary:
 - The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher as soon as they get on base. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.
 - Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible as courtesy runners.
 - A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher and then as a runner or batter for another player in that inning.
 - For illegal substitution of a courtesy runner, such substitution shall be disqualified for the duration of the game.



DII Saturday Consolation Games: The 4th/6th Place Game and the 3rd/5th Place Games on Saturday will have a two hour time limit.

Home/Visiting Teams: This year the higher seeded team is the home team and will be in the 1st base dugout. The lower seeded team will be the visiting team and will be in the 3rd base dugout.

Field Rules: These are the field rules for both DI and DII fields.

- The field will be open 1 1/2 hours prior to the first game time each day.
- Water is the only liquid allowed in the dugout
- NO Sunflower Seeds, Gum or Peanuts
- NO METAL CLEATS. The officials will be checking prior to pitchers going on the mound.

Batting Cages: Batting cages are reserved for the teams in the upcoming game only.

Warm-Up Areas: DI Teams will be able to get some additional warm up time at the lower field in Sitka. DII Teams can use the additional baseball field to warm up, or the softball field IF not being used by the Wasilla HS softball team. These areas are reserved for the teams in the upcoming game only. Specifics for warm up time will be reviewed during the coaches meeting.

Infield Warm-Up: All teams are guaranteed at least 10 minutes infield warm-up before their game. Home team takes the field first. This time will start when the announcer invites the home team to take the field for their warm-up.

Introductions: Team introductions will start after the warm up time for both teams is over. Players and coaches are to line up on their respective base sideline facing the crowd. As players and coaches are introduced, they will step forward.

- First Game: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their first game.
- All Games except for Championships: Only the STARTERS will be introduced.
- Championship Game: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their game.

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 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.

Medical: For the DI tournament Sitka will have medical personnel available at the baseball field. Please make sure to bring your own supplies that you have been using all season. For the DII tournament Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage (OPA) is the official ASAA State Championships Medical provider. They will be onsite during the entire championship tournament to provide medical help for injuries. Each team must provide all their own materials and supplies - including tape - if athletes are going to be taped.

Concussion Information: ASAA's official concussion protocol supervision team is OPA. OPA will run their tests on athletes with suspected concussions and if they conclude there is a suspected concussion, that player will not be able to return to play without going through the concussion return to play protocol. Team doctors, physicians, etc will not be able to over rule an OPA suspected concussion case. OPA's findings as the official state championships medical provider will be the final decision. Team doctors and trainers are very important to teams and ASAA encourages them to be present. [ASAA Concussion Management](#). For DI ASAA Staff in cooperation with the medical providers there will be the official concussion protocol supervision team.



Officials: ASAA will select certified officials for this event. Every attempt is made to bring in qualified officials from around the state.

Team Video: Teams are allowed to film their games, BUT NO LIVE STREAMING! Video service of each game will not be provided by ASAA. Teams are encouraged to make other arrangements if they wish a video copy of their game. The baseball field is off limits to all media during the game. Only ASAA Credential Media, ASAA Photographer, and ASAA approved TV/Webcast production crews are allowed to be on the field before and/or after the game. DRONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ASAA EVENTS.

Championship Results: All results will be posted on ASAA365.com, through MaxPreps, @ASAAORG (Twitter) and Facebook.

Broadcast Media: The NFHS Network will be LIVE streaming DI and DII games on the nfhsnetwork.com.

Hospitality Room: There is not a hospitality room for team coaches/staff. Teams are allowed to bring in water/drinks for their teams to put in the dugout during your game.

Concessions: Palmer and Sitka High Schools will be providing concessions throughout both the DII and DI championships.

Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers: ASAA prohibits laser pointers, whistles, and any explosive devices or explosive sounds at ALL its state championship events. Artificial noise makers are allowed only when the game is not in play or deemed not to be a hinderance to the spectator experience.

Yearbook and School/Team Photo: These individuals must remain in the spectator areas. Special and limited arrangements can be made for a school yearbook staff. Yearbook staff includes the yearbook teacher and students enrolled in yearbook class. These arrangements must be made by MONDAY before the state event begins. Please contact Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) with these requests. Last minute requests will not be approved. If present in non-spectator areas, they will be removed. Only ASAA Credentialed Media are allowed to be outside the spectator area and designated media locations.

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.

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 [homepage](http://ASAA.org) Northwest Designs Link.

Awards: Awards are presented at the end of the tournament.

- 1st and 2nd place trophies
- 20 individual medallions for players, coaches, managers for the 1st and 2nd place teams
- Team Sportsmanship & Academic Award
- 12 All Tournament medallions for each division, awarded for outstanding tournament play, regardless of player position.
- Player of the Game - Awarded every game to one player from each team.
- 2 Good Sport Team Members Per Team: Members are selected by their head coach to be honored for outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship throughout the entire season.



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, with a maximum of \$150 for teams with 15 or more participants. After the coaches meeting the roster will be considered final and schools will be invoiced that amount following the event.

Thunder & Lightning Weather: When lightning is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

