



ASAA/First National Bank Alaska
2011 First National Bowl
GAME PROTOCOL

GENERAL

Rosters: Coaches must verify official rosters at the coaches meeting. A copy of submitted roster is included in the coaches' packet. If there are any changes to roster (name, jersey number), turn in a corrected roster at that time. Following that meeting, no changes to roster personnel may be made. If jersey numbers change, coaches must notify scorekeepers and announcer prior to the start of the game.

Bench Personnel: Team participant passes will be based on submitted team roster. A maximum of 15 sideline/bench passes will be issued for coaches, team managers, statisticians, administrators, chaperones, and bus drivers. Non-roster players are not allowed on the bench unless fulfilling one of the above roles. Any player or coach who is ejected in a previous game may NOT sit on the bench for the next game. Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of high school age or above may be on the sidelines/bench area during state tournament competition. Booster Club members, JV team members, additional chaperones or coaches must purchase tickets for the event.

Water: Will be available at Chugiak.

Football: Each team provides game balls for when their team is on offense. Teams need to designate a manager to ensure balls are available and kept dry throughout the contest.

Home Team Designation: After teams have qualified for the semifinals or finals, ASAA will designate which team is home and which one is visitor for purposes of uniform colors and seating.

Jersey colors: The team designated by ASAA as home is to wear the dark jerseys and sit on the left side (grandstand side). The visiting team is to wear light colored jerseys and sit on the right side. If the two teams have similar colors, ASAA will determine the specific team color for that game.

State Tournament Team Photos: Teams will be expected to be available for a team photo prior to taking the field for their first game.

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

Photography: Only credentialed media and ASAA's official photographer are allowed to photograph inside the fenced football field. All yearbook and school/team photographers or videographers must remain in the bleachers. Team photos will be taken before the warm-up period for each team's first game. 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.

PRIOR TO GAME

Pre-game: The following protocol is to be followed at all semifinal and championship games:

- 1) At one hour before kickoff, the game clock will be set to 50:00 and started.
- 2) At 20:00 on clock teams depart for end zones or locker rooms while pre-game activities occur if scheduled and are available.
- 3) At 10:00 on clock teams return to the field for final warm-ups.
- 4) At 5:00 on clock team captains meet with officials at center field for coin toss.
- 5) At 2:00 on the clock teams meet in their respective end zones.
- 6) At 0:00 on clock introductions begin as follows:
 - Each team's non-starters are to form two lines out from the goal posts toward the 40-yard line.
 - Starters that are announced run out between the two lines when introduced and stand on their 40-yard line facing their team.
 - After both teams have been introduced, the whole team goes to their 40 yard line, and faces the other team.
 - ROTC members will bring the flags down the 50-yard line with teams facing them.
 - After the National Anthem has been sung and color guard has left the field, players may return to their benches.

Introductions: The designated VISITING teams offense OR defense and coaches will be announced first. The designated HOME teams offense OR defense and coaches will be announced second.

National Anthem/Color Guard: The National Anthem will be played at the beginning of each football game. Teams will both line up on their 40-yard line facing the other team. After the anthem, please remain at attention until the color guard has left the field.

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.

DURING THE GAME

Medical Procedure: ASAA will be providing medical assistance during the state tournament. This will be discussed in more detail at the coaches meeting.

Halftimes: All halftimes will be 15 minutes + 3 minutes. After the 15 minutes an additional 3 minutes of warm up for both teams will be added. It is the responsibility of team personnel to notify teams when it's time to take the field. If your team is not on the field, 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 tournament. A running clock will be utilized when there is a point spread of 35 points or more at the end of the third quarter or thereafter. Once begun, the running clock will be stopped only for the team, official or injury timeouts, and after each score.

AFTER THE GAME

- Players and coaches will shake hands of the other team demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- Teams will wait until the *Players of the Game* from both teams are announced before exiting the field.
- Teams must clean up the bench area of all personnel items including jerseys, warm-ups, water bottles, towels, etc.
- Teams that play next shall wait until the teams that just played have exited the field before approaching their assigned benches.
- Following each game, coaches and players will return to their locker room. Media will be allowed to approach teams immediately following the game on their way to the locker room, as well as after the team meeting.
- After the championship games, both teams who just played will remain on the field at their respective benches for the awards ceremony.
- Fans, spectators will NOT be allowed onto the field following the championship games. No liquid (excluding water) is permitted to be dumped onto the field. Spray string is not allowed! Any other celebratory material must be cleaned up by the winning team.