

# ***HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN ALASKA***

The first football championships were organized by Anchorage (Cook Inlet Conference) in 1983. This was an invitational tournament that was considered the unofficial State Championships. These invitational State Championships continued until 1989. In 1990 ASAA administered the first official Football State Championships. At the time, there were three conferences, Cook Inlet, Railbelt, and Northern Lights. Each conference qualified their top team to the tournament.

As more schools started football programs, a fourth conference called The Greatland Conference was formed in 1997. The top two teams in that conference played each other for an unofficial "Greatland State Championship".

As football grew in popularity it became clear it was not equitable for all teams to compete in the same classification. The ASAA Board reshuffled the conferences creating a Large Schools Division and a Small Schools Division. Schools with enrollments of 850 or less were in the Small Schools Division. In 2000 ASAA held the first Large Schools Championship and Small School Championships.

In 2011, the ASAA board approved the creation of one more division, the Medium Schools division. There are 3 separate Football State Championships held each October.

## **ANCHORAGE INVITATIONAL (unofficial state championship)**

### **1983**

Champion: Dimond 21  
Runner-up: Soldotna 0

### **1984**

Champion: Chugiak 8  
Runner-up: Lathrop 5

### **1985**

Champion: East Anchorage 26  
Runner-up: Lathrop 10

### **1986**

Champion: East Anchorage 29  
Runner-up: Palmer 18

### **1987**

Champion: East Anchorage 41  
Runner-up: North Pole 6

### **1988**

Champion: Chugiak 20  
Runner-up: Soldotna 18

### **1989**

Champion: Bartlett 14  
Runner-up: West Valley 7

## ASAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (from 1990 – 1996)

### 1990

Champion: East Anchorage  
Runner-up: Soldotna  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lathrop

#### GAME SCORES

Semi East Anchorage 13 / Lathrop 6  
Soldotna / Bye  
Final East Anchorage 36 / Soldotna 7

### 1991

Champion: Bartlett  
Runner-up: Ben Eielson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Soldotna

#### GAME SCORES

Semi Ben Eielson 32 / Soldotna 30  
Bartlett / Bye  
Final Bartlett 27 / Ben Eielson 0

### 1992

Champion: Ben Eielson  
Runner-up: Soldotna  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dimond

#### GAME SCORES

Semi Dimond 16 / Soldotna 22  
Ben Eielson / Bye  
Final Soldotna 9 / Ben Eielson 28

### 1993

Champion: Dimond  
Runner-up: Ben Eielson  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: Chugiak  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: East Anchorage  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Soldotna  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Kenai  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Lathrop  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Skyview

#### GAME SCORES

Quart Ben Eielson 29 / Skyview 8  
Chugiak 20 / Soldotna 13  
East Anchorage 20 / Kenai 12  
Dimond 21 / Lathrop 14  
Semi Dimond 52 / East Anchorage 8  
Ben Eielson 19 / Chugiak 17  
Final Dimond 20 / Ben Eielson 19

### 1994

Champion: Service  
Runner-up: Chugiak  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kenai  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: Palmer  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Dimond  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Soldotna  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Lathrop  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Ben Eielson

#### GAME SCORES

Quart Ben Eielson 8 / Service 34  
Chugiak 40 / Soldotna 14  
Dimond 14 / Kenai 20  
Palmer 27 / Lathrop 6  
Semi Service 43 / Kenai 0  
Palmer 0 / Chugiak 33  
Final Service 16 / Chugiak 14

## 1995

Champion: Palmer  
Runner-up: Chugiak  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: East Anchorage  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: Service  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Kenai  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Colony  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Lathrop  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Ben Eielson

## 1996

Champion: Chugiak  
Runner-up: Palmer  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kenai  
Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>: Service  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: West Valley  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: East Anchorage  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Skyview  
Tied 5<sup>th</sup>: Lathrop

## 1996 AWARDS

Sportsmanship Award: Palmer  
Academic Award: Chugiak (3.1)

### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS:

#### OFFENSE

Casey Hershberger	Kenai
Jon Panamaroff	Kenai
Dayton Williams	Kenai
Buddy Renner	Kenai
Yohancey Humphrey	Chugiak
Roger Patterson	Chugiak
Junior Mamai	Chugiak
Brandon Buckley	Palmer
Jared Hann	Palmer
Jack Wade	Palmer
Brian Kirby	Palmer
Jeremiah Richards	Palmer
Billy Abbott	Palmer

#### GAME SCORES

Quart Ben Eielson 8 / Palmer 35  
Chugiak 18 / Lathrop 15  
East Anchorage 16 / Kenai 0  
Service 21 / Colony 14  
Semi Service 14 / Chugiak 33  
Palmer 14 / East Anchorage 8  
Final Palmer 12 / Chugiak 7

#### GAME SCORES

Quart Service 52 / West Valley 20  
Kenai 20 / Lathrop 8  
East Anchorage 18 / Palmer 55  
Chugiak 28 / Skyview 20  
Semi Kenai 20 / Chugiak 27  
Palmer 45 / Service 19  
Final Palmer 19 / Chugiak 24

#### DEFENSE

Nik Heagy	Service
Steve Herzog	Service
Alan Braham	Chugiak
Chuck Halstead	Chugiak
Josh Ray	Chugiak
Yohancey Humphrey	Chugiak
Jon Panamaroff	Kenai
Adrein Brownlee	Palmer
Joe Samuels	Palmer
Jeremiah Richards	Palmer
Brian Kirby	Palmer

#### KICKER

Joe Parks	Chugiak
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