Become an Official – Stay Connected to High School Sports

Billy Strickland, Executive Director

They don't make the headlines, their names are not in the box scores and they don't make the all-star teams, but perhaps the most important individuals in high school sports are the contest officials. These individuals are so important that, in fact, there would be no organized competitive sports at the high school level without the men and women who officiate these contests every day across the country. Subtract the dedicated men and women who officiate high school sports and competitive sports would no longer be organized; they would be chaotic.

In some areas, high school officials are retiring faster than new licenses are being issued. And junior varsity, freshmen and middle school games are being postponed – or even cancelled – because there are not enough men and women to officiate them. Anyone looking for a unique way to contribute to the local community should consider becoming a licensed high school official. For individuals who played sports in high school, officiating is a great way to stay close to the sport after their playing days have ended. Officiating helps people stay in shape, expands their social and professional network and offers part-time work that is flexible, yet pays. In fact, officiating is a form of community service, but with compensation.

Another benefit of officiating is that individuals become role models so that teenagers in the community can learn the life lessons that high school sports teach. Students learn to respect their opponents and the rules of the game and the importance of practicing good sportsmanship thanks, in part, to those men and women who officiate. And the objectivity and integrity that high school officials display is an example that every young person needs to observe firsthand. In short, communities around the country will be stronger because of the life lessons that high school officials help teach the next generation.

Officiating is a great way to stay connected to sports and to give back to the local high school and community. We need dedicated men and women to become involved so that high school sports can continue to prosper for years to come.

Individuals interested in learning more about becoming a high school official, and even begin the application process, can do so at: http://asaa.org/officials/
Alaska High School Hall of Fame

Sandi Wagner, Associate Director

This month we are recognizing 2014 inductee Don Kassube. A longtime high school sports official, Don is known best for his work in basketball, but his reach extends to football, track and field, wrestling and teaching.


Over the years he was selected to be an official for 24 region and state tournaments. He has officiated more National Federation High School contests than any other certified official in the state. He also coached football for 18 years, wrestling for three and served as meet director at the state track and field championships from 1988 to 1993. He has been Alaska’s Basketball Rules Interpreter and involved with March Madness Alaska.

ASAA Welcomes Calista Corporation as our Newest Silver Level Sponsor

Doug Stewart, Director of Marketing & Development

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Upcoming Events

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA NORDIC SKI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 22-24, 2018
Birch Hill in Fairbanks
More Information

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA DDF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
February 22-24, 2018
East Anchorage High School
More Information

ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA WORLD LANGUAGE DECLAMATION
March 3, 2018
South Anchorage High School
More Information
2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA 4A VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

 TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion: Dimond
Runner-up: Bartlett
3rd: East Anchorage
4th: West Valley
Tied 5th: Juneau-Douglas, Soldotna
Tied 7th: Colony, Wasilla

Sportsmanship: West Valley
Academic: Colony
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team
Alissa Pili: Dimond
Cassie Dzinich: Juneau-Douglas
Daisy Page: East Anchorage
Ellen Silva: West Valley
Eva Heinrichs: West Valley
Eve Stephens: Colony
Hahni Johnson: Dimond
Leeanna Atafua: Bartlett
Liu Paia Togaga'e: Bartlett
Maya Carle: Dimond
Nyanuer Bidit: East Anchorage
Shay Zener: Soldotna

2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA 3A VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

 TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion: Valdez
Runner-Up: Barrow
3rd: Grace Christian
4th: Kotzebue
Tied 5th: Mt Edgecumbe, Sitka
Tied 7th: Hutchison, Nikiski

Sportsmanship: Hutchison
Academic: Nikiski
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team
Alison Hagen: Valdez
Anna Christiansen: Grace
Bobbi Mott: Valdez
Caitlin Conwell: Kotzebue
Cassidy Kramer: Kotzebue
Crystalynn Tula'i: Barrow
Halye Steffes: Mt Edgecumbe
Kuutuuq Danner: Barrow
Linnea Langseth: Valdez
Miah Dumag: Sitka
Milya Wright: Barrow
Sydnee Johnson: Valdez
## 2017 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska All-State Music Festival

### All-State Band First Chair Awards

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2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
2A VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS
Champion  Petersburg
Runner-up  Wrangell
3rd   King Cove
4th   Unalaska
Tied 5th   Kenny Lake
Tied 5th   Su Valley
Tied 7th   Bristol Bay
Tied 7th   Chevak

Sportsmanship:  Unalaska
Academic Award: Unalaska
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team
Denali Moorcroft  Bristol Bay
Emmaly Barndell  King Cove
Jalaya Duarte  King Cove
Kaia Dahl  Petersburg
Kayla Hay  Wrangell
Kaylyn Easterly  Wrangell
Kiana Schorr  Su Valley
Krissy Lockabey  Wrangell
Martha Johnson  Petersburg
Nikki Friendshuh  Kenny Lake
Rissa Bucaneg  Unalaska
Tanya Spears  Petersburg

2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
MIX SIX VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS
Champion  Tikigaq
Runner-Up  Gustavus
3rd   Tanalian
4th   Nikolaevsk
5th   Shishmaref
6th   Napaatugmiut
Tied 7th   Alakanuk
Tied 7th   Unalakleet
9th   Aniak
10th   Hoonah
11th   Kodiak ESSS
12th   Akiuk

Sportsmanship:  Hoonah
Academic Award: Unalakleet
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team
Alyssa Patrick  Gustavus
Arctic Ivanoff  Unalakleet
Caleb Alsworth  Tanalian
Jalen Cannon  Tikigaq
Jeremiah Iyatunguk  Shishmaref
Kaia Bebee  Tanalian
Kalenik Molodih  Nikolaevsk
Levi Mills  Napaatugmiut
Matthew Tu'a'au  Gustavus
Michael Ayunerak  Alakanuk
Nicole Hanks  Tikigaq
Sidney Kineen  Unalakleet
2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA DII WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion: Bethel
Runner-Up: Homer

Sportsmanship: Anchorage Christian
Academic Award: Grace Christian
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

Individual Champions

Caleb O'Hara  ACS  98 lbs.
Deven Prez  Eielson  106 lbs.
Thomas Dyment  Bethel  113 lbs.
Seth Inama  Homer  120 lbs.
Riley Rust  Monroe  126 lbs.
Luciano Fasulo  Homer  132 lbs.
Mose Hayes  Homer  138 lbs.
Hayden Lieb  Bethel  145 lbs.
Mian Alexie-Leonard Bethel  152 lbs.
Michael Lucas  Holy Rosary  160 lbs.
Caden Gerlach  Glennallen  170 lbs.
Evan Bockman  Grace  182 lbs.
Levi King  Homer  195 lbs.
Tanner Clark  Monroe  220 lbs.
Haley Osborne  Mt Edgecumbe  285 lbs.

Outstanding Wrestler
Joshua Nummer

2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA DI WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion: Lathrop
Runner-Up: Colony

Sportsmanship: Wasilla
Academic Award: South Anchorage
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

Individual Champions

Adam Concepcion  South  98 lbs.
Aedyn Concepcion  South  106 lbs.
Marcus Riedlinger  Colony  113 lbs.
Gideon Hutchison  Soldotna  120 lbs.
Rush Fannon  Colony  126 lbs.
Kobe Ames  Lathrop  132 lbs.
Isaiah Elysaas  Wasilla  138 lbs.
Westley Bockert  Lathrop  145 lbs.
Andrue Shepersky  Wasilla  152 lbs.
Joshua Nummer  Kodiak  160 lbs.
Eric Christy  Colony  170 lbs.
Caleb Hopkins  Colony  182 lbs.
Bradley Antesberger  North Pole  195 lbs.
Carl Tupou  Thunder Mt  220 lbs.
Poe Vaafuti  West  285 lbs.

Outstanding Wrestler
Joshua Nummer
2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA GIRLS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS
Champion  Mt Edgecumbe
Runner-up  North Pole

Sportsmanship: North Pole
Academic Award: South Anchorage
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

Individual Champions
Kailey Fowlkes  North Pole  106 lbs.
Elizabeth Shumaker  North Pole  113 lbs.
Alex Moseley  Homer  120 lbs.
Shelby Ottum  South  132 lbs.
McKenzie Cook  Homer  145 lbs.
Sydnee Kimber  Mt Edgecumbe  160 lbs.
Agatha Andrews  Mt Edgecumbe  182 lbs.
Rachel Moore  Shaktoolik  220 lbs.

Outstanding Wrestler
Sydnee Kimber