

BASEBALL

ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

A. SEASON

2020 SEASON
 March 9, 2020 - First Practice
 March 19, 2020 - First Contest
 *Participants must be entered in the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) prior to First Contest (Article 12 Section 10).
 May30, 2020 - Last Contest (Regular Season or Conference Championship)

B. MINIMUM DAYS PRACTICE

Each participant must have a minimum of 10 different days of physical practice before the first day of competition.(Article 7, Section 7)

C. INDIVIDUAL NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

ASAA has no limitations on students participating on non-school baseball teams while they are members of a school baseball team.

D. RULES

1. National Federation of High School (NFHS) Baseball rules apply.
2. Pitch count - restriction and limitations including mandatory days of rest.The following is to be used for every pitcher in all ASAA sanctioned contests:

2020 Early Season Pitch Count - March 9 to April 21

Number of Pitches	Days of Required Rest
1-25	0
26-45	1
46-65	2
66-85	3
86-100	4

2020 Late Season Pitch count - April 22 thru remainder of season

Number of Pitches	Days of Required Rest
1-30	0
31-55	1
56-80	2
81-105	3
106-120	4

Upon reaching the maximum number of pitches the pitcher may continue to pitch until the at bat is completed.

3. ASAA Supplemental Rules

- a. **Mercy Rule:** The game shall end when; the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4.5 innings; or after the 5th inning if either team is 10 runs behind and have had an equal number of times at bat. In addition, during the regular season, if a team goes up by 15 or more runs after one full inning, the team with the lead will be declared the winner. At that point, the remainder of the game will go into “rollover” mode until after 4.5 innings when the game is terminated. In the rollover mode, both teams will pitch to no more than 9 batters per inning. The official score will be the score at the point in time the “rollover” mode went into effect. Statistics during the rollover mode will count.
- b. **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.
- c. **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.
- d. **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.

E. CONFERENCES

All teams are assigned to conferences. See the Sports Specific Conferences section for the list of schools in each conference. Conferences are responsible for setting their own bylaws and policies. A contact person must be selected to communicate conference information with ASAA. (i.e. State qualifiers, tournament results, final seeds)

F. MAXIMUM GAMES

A team may play 22 regular season games exclusive of conference or state championships. Additional games may be played under the Endowment Game guidelines.

G. ENDOWMENT GAMES

ASAA encourages each school’s team to play Endowment Games during the season above and beyond the 22 game/match limit. Two additional Endowment Games may be played each season. The Endowment Game is a fund-raiser for the Alaska Endowment for Youth Activities. School teams may play

Endowment Games at any time during the regular season, beginning with the date of the first contest and extending through the time period between the conference qualifying tournament and the state tournament. Endowment Games do count in a team's overall season record for seeding purposes. Schools wishing to host Endowment Games must apply in writing to ASAA by submitting the "Endowment Game Application Form" no later than one week prior to the game. Under no circumstances may an Endowment Game be played until this form has been signed by ASAA and returned to the participating schools. ASAA will invoice the host school \$100 for each game.

H. JAMBOREE REGULATIONS

All players must have five (5) separate days of practice prior to the first day of the Jamboree. It shall include three (3) or more teams. A team is limited to no more than six (6) innings total with no more than two (2) innings against any other team. A team may only play in one jamboree each season. The pitch count rules are in affect. A jamboree does not count as a game against the 22 game limit.

I. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. DATE

June 4 - 6, 2020

2. SITE & HOST

Mulcahy Stadium, Anchorage
Hosted by ASAA and American Legion

3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

a. Type Elimination

The tournament is an eight team single elimination with consolation bracket.

b. Championship Schedule

A detailed schedule and bracket will be available online on the Baseball State Information page.

c. Berths

Cook Inlet Conference	2 Berths
Mid Alaska Conference	2 Berths
Southcentral Conference	2 Berths
Southeast Conference	2 Berths

d. Bracketing

It is on a three year rotation. Session schedules may be adjusted on the first day.

2019-20

Southeast #1	vs	Cook Inlet #2
Southcentral #1	vs	Mid Alaska #2
Cook Inlet #1	vs	Southeast #2
Mid Alaska #1	vs	Southcentral #2

2020-21

Cook Inlet #1	vs	Southcentral #2
Southeast #1	vs	Mid Alaska #2
Southcentral #1	vs	Cook Inlet #2
Mid Alaska #1	vs	Southeast #2

2021-22		
Southeast #1	vs	Southcentral #2
Mid Alaska #1	vs	Cook Inlet #2
Southcentral #1	vs	Southeast #2
Cook Inlet #1	vs	Mid Alaska #2

4. STATE POLICIES & PROCEDURES DOCUMENT

This detailed document outlining baseball championship information (i.e. roster limits, passes, deadlines, game protocol, facility info, coaches meetings, etc), will be available online prior to the start of the championship on the Baseball State Information webpage. State qualifying teams are required to review this document.

5. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMS

All forms should be submitted online at the ASAA website, on the baseball coaches page prior to the deadline.

School Activities Reporting System (SARS) eligibility roster

- State Championship Entry Form
- State Championship Photo Upload Form
- State Championship Code of Conduct
- Good Sport Selection Form
- Academic Award Entry Form

6. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DEADLINES

Deadlines can be found on the asaa.org website within the sport specific state championship policies & procedures and on the sport specific forms page.

7. AWARDS

- a. First and second place trophies
- b. 20 individual medallions for players, coaches, managers, of the first and second place teams
- c. Team Sportsmanship Award
- d. Academic Award
- e. 12 All Tournament Team medallions awarded for outstanding tournament play, regardless of player position on the field.
- f. Player of the game awarded to one player from each team each game
- g. Two 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.