

BASEBALL

ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

A. SEASON

2024 SEASON

March 4, 2024 - First Practice

March 15, 2024 - First Contest

*Participants must be entered in the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) prior to First Contest (Article 12 Section 10).

May 25, 2024 - 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:

2024 Early Season Pitch Count - March 15 to April 28

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

2024 Late Season Pitch count - April 29 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.

Note: Violation of this policy will be considered having played an ineligible student (See Article 12, Section 1)

3. ASAA Supplemental Rules

- a. Teams in the same conference when playing non-league standing games, may use a two-hour time limit, with no innings beginning after 120 minutes from the first pitch.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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 Baseball Conferences). 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 sports to play Endowment Games during the season above and beyond the 22 game/match limit. Additional Endowment Games may be played each season. (Bylaw, Article 7, Section 9) School teams may play Endowment Games at any time during the regular season, beginning with the date of the first contest and extending to the start of the conference tournament. Endowment Games do count in a team's overall season record for at large and 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 responsible 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. REPORTING SCHEDULES & RESULTS

1. A school coach, administrator or official team representative must create an account at the MaxPreps.com website and submit their varsity level team schedules. This must be done by the first day of practice. This applies to all classifications.
2. All scores must be entered into the MaxPreps.com website from the previous week by the following Tuesday 7:00 PM during the regular season.
3. All scores from the conference tournament must be entered into the MaxPreps.com website by Sunday, 8:00 AM.
4. Schools failing to meet these mandates will be given a warning for the first offense, fined \$200 for the second offense.

J. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. DATE
May 30 - June 1, 2024
2. SITE & HOST
D I – Mulcahy Stadium, Anchorage
Hosted by ASAA and American Legion
D II – Hermon Brothers Field, Palmer
Hosted by ASAA and Palmer High School
3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT
 - a. Type Elimination
The tournaments are 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. Conference Berths (See Baseball Conferences)

d. Bracket Rotations - placements are based on a multi-year rotation not a seeding format

Division I

2024

Cook Inlet #1 vs. At-Large or (CI3)
Southeast #1 vs. Railbelt #2
Railbelt #1 vs. Cook Inlet #3 (AL)*
Southeast #2 vs Cook Inlet #2

2025

Southeast #1 vs. Cook Inlet #3
Railbelt #1 vs. At-Large or (CI2)
Cook Inlet #1 vs. Cook Inlet #2 or (AL)*
Railbelt #2 vs. Southeast #2 or

2026

Railbelt #1 vs. Cook Inlet #3
Cook Inlet #1 vs. Southeast #2
Southeast #1 vs. At-Large or (CI2)
Railbelt #2 vs. Cook Inlet #2 or (AL)*

Division II

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

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

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

* the placement of the at-large team will be made to avoid them playing a conference opponent in the first round

e. At-Large Berths

The Division II at-large berths will be determined by a committee made up of an individual from Region 3, 5 and 6 along with two ASAA staff members. The Division I at-large berth will be determined by a committee made up of an individual from the Cook Inlet, Railbelt and Southeast conferences along with two ASAA staff members.

f. Tie Breaker

All consolation games played on Saturday that are tied at the end of regulation no further innings will be started with no winner declared

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.

BASEBALL CONFERENCES

DIVISION I (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

Cook Inlet (3)

Bartlett
Bettye Davis East
Chugiak
Dimond
Eagle River
Service
South Anchorage
West Anchorage

Railbelt (2)

Colony
Lathrop
Wasilla
West Valley

Southeast (2)

Juneau-Douglas
Ketchikan
Sitka
Thunder Mountain

At-Large Berth (1)

DIVISION II (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

Mid Alaska (2)

Ben Eielson
Delta Junction
Hutchison
Monroe Catholic
North Pole

Northern Lights (3)

Grace Christian
Homer
Houston
Kenai Central
Kodiak
Palmer
Redington
Soldotna

Southeast

Petersburg (no automatic berth included in at large)

At-Large Berths (3)