

# BASEBALL

## ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

### A. SEASON

2026 SEASON

March 4, 2026 - First Practice

March 20, 2026 - First Contest

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

May 30, 2025 - 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:

2026 Early Season Pitch Count - Before April 28

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

2026 Late Season Pitch count - April 28 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

Mandatory one day rest (or more if the second day pitch count dictates) for any pitcher that pitches two consecutive days. A pitcher will rest one day even if they pitched less than 30 pitches during each of the previous two days.

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

NOTE: The exception allowing a pitcher to complete an at-bat only applies when a pitcher reaches the 120-pitch maximum.

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](https://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](https://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](https://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  
June 4 - 6, 2026

## 2. SITE & HOST

D I – Mulcahy Stadium, Anchorage

Hosted by ASAA and American Legion

D II – Palmer Field, Palmer

Hosted by ASAA and Palmer High School

## 3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

### a. Type Elimination

The DI tournament is an eight team single elimination, consolation bracket. The DII tournament is a four team single elimination, 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. Division I Bracket Rotations:

#### **2026**

Railbelt #1 vs. Cook Inlet #3

Cook Inlet #1 vs. At-Large or (RB2)\*

Southeast #1 vs. Railbelt #2 or (AL)\*

Mid-Alaska #1 vs. Cook Inlet #2

#### **2027**

Cook Inlet #1 vs. Railbelt #2

Southeast #1 vs. At-Large or (CI3)\*

Mid-Alaska #1 vs. Cook Inlet #3 (AL)\*

Railbelt #1 vs. Cook Inlet #2

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

### e. Division I At-Large

The berth will be determined by a committee made up of an individual from the Cook Inlet, Mid Alaska, Railbelt and Southeast conferences along with two ASAA staff members.

f. Division II Bracket - Aurora Coastal #1 plays Northern Lights #2, Northern Light #1 plays Aurora Coastal #2, winners play for the championship, losers play for 3rd

### g. 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 ROSTERS

Game Rosters may not exceed 18 players, but may vary from game to game, provided all players are listed on the official tournament roster. (See Bylaw Article 7, Section 10 and State Championship Roster Policy).

## 5. 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.

## 6. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMS

All state forms are accessed through the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) and submitted online. More information and due dates can be found on the baseball coaches page at [asaa.org](http://asaa.org). The following forms need to be submitted;

- Eligibility roster
- State Championship Entry Form
- State Championship Photo Upload Form
- State Championship Code of Conduct
- Good Sport Selection Form
- Academic Award Entry Form (submitted by admin, found at [asaa.org](http://asaa.org))

## 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

### **Mid-Alaska (1)**

Lathrop  
North Pole  
West Valley

### **Railbelt (2)**

Colony  
Palmer  
Soldotna  
Wasilla

### **Southeast (1)**

Juneau-Douglas  
Ketchikan  
Sitka

### **At-Large Berth (1)**

## **DIVISION II** (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

### **Aurora Coastal (2)**

Delta Junction  
Hutchison  
Monroe Catholic  
Petersburg

### **Northern Lights (2)**

Grace Christian  
Homer  
Houston  
Kenai Central  
Kodiak  
Redington