

# **2014 ASAA FIRST NATIONAL BOWL**

# Football State Championships Policies & Procedures

Dates: October 10-11 / October 17-18 / October 24

Locations: Dimond Alumni Field & Anchorage Football Stadium

**Qualifying Process/Bracketing Match-ups:** Each of the following conferences will send representatives to the First National Bowl:

# LARGE SCHOOLS

- · Cook Inlet Conference: 5 Berths
- · Railbelt Conference: 3 Berths

#### Quarter Finals @ Higher Seed

Game 1: Cook Inlet #1 vs. Railbelt #3 Game 2: Railbelt #2 vs. Cook Inlet #3 Game 3: Railbelt #1 vs. Cook Inlet #5

Game 4: Cook Inlet #2 vs. Cook Inlet #4

Semifinals @ AFS
Winner G#1 vs. Winner G#2
Winner G#3 vs. Winner G#4

Championship @ AFS Winners Play

# **MEDIUM SCHOOLS**

- · Northern Lights Conference: 2 Berths
- · Southeast Conference: 2 Berths

Semifinals @ Dimond Alumni Field Game 1: SEC #2 vs. NLC #1

Game 2: NLC #2 vs. SEC #1

Championship @ Dimond Alumni Field Winners Play

#### **SMALL SCHOOLS**

· Greatland Conference: 4 Berths

Semi-Finals @ Higher Seed #1 vs. #4 and #2 vs. #3

Championship @ Dimond Alumni Field Winners play

**Schedule of Events:** Each classification has a little different playoff structure. Please look at your classification carefully and plain accordingly. A full schedule can be downloaded at ASAA.org.

**Travel & Gate Revenue for First Round Games:** Each division must follow the current arrangement for conferences.

**Semi-Finals/Finals:** All travel and lodging costs are the responsibility of the teams involved. All gate revenue will be retained by ASAA and used to pay for the costs of officials, staff, awards, rentals, programs, and more.

**Rules:** Each football game will be conducted under the rules of the 2014 NFHS Football Rule Book. ASAA rules regarding the mercy rule and ejections will be in effect.

**Concussion Information:** During the ASAA First National Bowl Playoffs only licensed medical team doctors with concussion training or the licensed medical professionals that ASAA provides will have "Return to Play" capabilities. ASAA Concussion Policy will be in effect. This policy can be viewed at: <a href="http://asaa.org/asaa/sports-medicine/">http://asaa.org/asaa/sports-medicine/</a>.



FRIDAY, OCT. 17 - 3:00PM

· Mandatory Large/Small Division

Coaches Meeting at First National Bank Alaska

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**Practice Times:** Non-local teams as defined outside of the Anchorage/Mat-Su Valley can arrange practice time at East Anchorage High School. Please contact Megan Hatswell (<a href="https://natswell.negan@asdk12.org">https://natswell.negan@asdk12.org</a>) to arrange your practice time.

Stadium Rules: Anchorage Football Stadium and Dimond Alumni Field have basic rules for their turf fields:

- NO FOOD/DRINK (besides water) allowed on field or sidelines
- NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS
- NO FIELD HEATERS OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED (gas/electrical/etc.).

**Mandatory Coaches Meeting:** There is a mandatory coaches meeting. All FNB policies and procedures will be reviewed, coaches packets, and passes will be dispersed.

**Team Rosters:** <u>Coaches must verify official rosters at the coaches meeting.</u> A copy of submitted roster is included in the coaches' packet. If there are any changes to roster (name, jersey number), <u>turn in a corrected roster at that time</u>. Following that meeting, no changes to roster personnel may be made. If jersey numbers change, coaches must notify scorekeepers and announcer prior to the start of the game.

**Home Team Designation:** After teams have qualified for the semifinals or finals, ASAA will designate which team is the home team based on teams seeds.

**Jersey colors:** The team designated as home is to wear the dark jerseys and sit on the left side (grandstand side). The visiting team is to wear light colored jerseys and sit on the right side. If the two teams have similar colors, ASAA will determine the specific team color for that game.

**Event Supervision:** Each participating school will be requested to identify a faculty representative who is responsible for the conduct of its participants and students throughout the contest, as defined in the ASAA bylaws *Article 10, Section 2*.

# **Bench Area & Personnel Rules:**

- Bench personnel is not allowed to exceed the amount of passes issued.
- ONLY team participants and coaching staff are allowed in the bench area.
- Non-roster players are not allowed on the bench unless fulfilling a managerial role with a pass.
- Any player or coach who is ejected in a previous game may NOT sit on the bench for the next game.
- Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of high school age or above may be on the sidelines/bench area during state championship competition.

**Passes:** Players, Managers, Coaches, and Support Staff (admin, drivers, etc) will receive a pass at the coaches meeting prior to the tournament. Pass numbers for teams are limited and WILL NOT receive more passes than what is allotted. See the ASAA State Championship Pass Policy on <u>ASAA.org</u>. Anyone attempting to enter ASAA events with a fraudulent pass will be denied entry and may be removed from the facility and denied entrance. Example: parents entering with a "participant pass". High School Administrators should already have general ASAA pass and do not need a sport specific pass to enter.

**Footballs:** Each team provides game balls for when their team is on offense. Teams need to designate a manager to ensure balls are available and kept dry throughout the contest.

**Semifinal and Championship Game Timelines:** A championship game timeline will be provided to each head coach in their coaches packet.

**Music:** All music played for warm-ups and during the game is provided by ASAA. Teams may not submit music to be played.

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Photography/Videotaping (Parents, Yearbook and School/Team Photo/Video: No flash photography. Fans, parents, coaches, school employees, etc. are not allowed to photograph outside the spectator area. Designated areas outside the spectator area are reserved for working members of the media and ASAA's official photographer. School yearbook staff please contact Kevin Lane Photography to secure photos for use in your yearbooks which he is willing to provide for free. Video service of each game will not be provided by ASAA. Teams are encouraged to make other arrangements if they wish a video copy of their game. If present in non-spectator areas, they will be removed. Only ASAA Credentialed Media are allowed to by outside the spectator area.

**Photo/Video**: Only Team Video, ASAA Credential Media, ASAA's Official Photographer, and ASAA approved TV/webcast production crew are allowed to photograph and video inside the fenced football field.

**Team Game Film**: <u>Video service of each game will not be provided by ASAA.</u> Teams are encouraged to make other arrangements if they wish a video copy of their game. If you are making arrangements please contact the State Championship Director MONDAY before the contest to confirm your arrangements are possible.

**Parking:** Parking at Anchorage Football Stadium on Oct. 17 and 18 will be limited. The Alaska Aces home opening games start at 7:15pm each night. Car pooling, school fan buses, and arriving early is highly encouraged.

**Bus Parking:** Because of limited parking, teams can arrive on a bus and will have a parking spot in the back of AFS. Dimond High School will also have bus parking.

**Pep Bands/Drum Lines:** School pep bands and drum lines are encouraged to accompany their teams to the state tournament. *IF YOUR SCHOOL HAS A PEP BAND/DRUM LINE WANTING TO PARTICIPATE, THE DIRECTOR/AD MUST NOTIFY ISAIAH VREEMAN (isaiah@asaa.org) THE MONDAY PROIR TO THE GAME.* Space is limited and will be granted ONLY if ASAA has been notified, walk up requests will be denied. Specific guidelines must be followed as to when bands may play (only at pre-game and end of quarters). Musical instruments **may not** be used as noise makers during the contests. HEATERS ARE NOT ALLOWED!!

**Fundraising:** ASAA approved host school groups and other groups are allowed to sell items inside the gates prior to or during any football games. Non-approved groups will not be allowed access.

**Concessions:** Dimond High School and Anchorage Football Stadium will be providing concessions throughout the playoffs. Other specific vendors will be approved and assigned by ASAA to provide concessions during the contests. No other unauthorized food providers will be allowed.

**State Merchandise:** Northwest Designs is the Official State Merchandise Vendor. NWD will have a large variety of apparel and feature on-site printing with customized made to order commemorative items. A web store is also available online at ASAA.org/store.

**Awards:** Following each championship game, the following awards will be presented in the middle of the football field:

Large and Medium School Awards

- A First National Bowl Traveling Trophy to Championship Team.
- First and Second place team trophies.
- Individual medallions for each of the first and second place team members in the championship game. One medal for team manager and head coach for each team.
- ASAA Sportsmanship Award for a team that was in the semi-finals or finals.
- Academic Award for the highest team GPA the previous semester.
- Good Sport Team award for two players selected by the head coach of each team in the Semi-Finals and Finals.
- All- Offensive & All-Defensive Team made up of 11 players recognized by the selection committee for outstanding play.

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Outstanding Kicker Award.

#### Small School Awards

- A First National Bowl Traveling Trophy to Championship Team.
- First and Second place team trophies.
- Thirty (30) medallions for each of the first and second place team members in the championship game. One medal for team manager and head coach for each team.
- Academic Award for the highest team GPA the previous semester.
- Good Sport Team award for two players selected by the head coach of each team in the Semi-Finals and Finals.
- Seven (7) Championship Game Outstanding Player Medals.

Participation Fee: The Board of Directors has authorized the assessment of a participation fee for all state championships and festivals. The fee for athletic teams will be \$10 per student participant with a maximum fee of \$150 for those teams of 15 or more participants. This applies to Football, Volleyball, Hockey, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, and Baseball. The fee for individual (non-team) athletic events will be \$10 per student participant with no maximum. This applies to Cross Country Running, Tennis, Swimming/Diving, Wrestling, Nordic Skiing, and Track and Field. Once the deadline for withdrawals and substitutions has passed the state meet, the roster will be considered final and schools will be invoiced that amount following the event.