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## WELCOME

On behalf of the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Board of Directors and ASAA's corporate partners, welcome to the 2023 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska DII Hockey State Championships! To the student-athletes, we applaud your dedication to doing your best for yourself and for your school. To the coaches, counselors and parents, thank you for continuing to support interscholastic sports and activities. And to the spectators, we appreciate you being part of this statewide championship event.



Billy Strickland  
ASAA Executive Director

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Provide and promote opportunities through activities for all Alaska students.**

## **VISION STATEMENT**

**Alaska students become life long learners who are engaged in their communities and active contributors in society. #winforlife**

## **ASAA VALUES**

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# 2023 First National Cup

## D II Hockey State Championship

Patty Center / Hosted by: ASAA and West Valley High School

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 10:00am Coaches Meeting
- 12:00pm Quarter-Final Game 1
- 2:30pm Quarter-Final Game 2
- 5:00pm Quarter-Final Game 3
- 7:30pm Quarter-Final Game 4

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 12:00pm Consolation Game 5
- 2:30pm Consolation Game 6
- 5:00pm Semi-Final Game 7
- 7:30pm Semi-Final Game 8

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 12:00pm 4th/6th Place Game 9
- 2:30pm 3rd/5th Place Game 10
- 5:00pm D II Championship Game  
(Awards to follow)



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## MEET PERSONNEL

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- 🏒 **Patty Center Staff**
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## THE HISTORY OF ASAA

ASAA's roots predate statehood. In the early 1950s, school leaders in the Territory of Alaska recognized the need to separate the high school basketball program from the local town business leagues. William Zahradnicek of Palmer, and W.W. Lahnum and Gordon Guffey of Anchorage, joined forces to organize the Western Alaska High School Activities Association with a mandate to ensure the necessary educational leadership. Sterling Sears of Juneau and Les Wingard and J.E. Danielson of Ketchikan were moving ahead at the same time to form the Southeast Alaska Activities Association.

In 1956, the Territorial Department of Education Superintendents Advisory Commission determined the need for an organization that could establish common rules and regulations to guide the activities of the two associations. In the Fall of 1957, the commission approved the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska High School Activities Association (ASAA). Officers representing the two divisions were elected. The first Board of Control consisted of William Zahradnicek, Palmer, as Chairman, J.E. Danielson, Ketchikan, Secretary-Treasurer; and members George McMillan, Juneau, Joe Montgomery, Anchorage, and Sterling Sears, Juneau.

This informal arrangement worked very well until the early 1970s, when the State Legislature added a section to the Educational Statutes placing the Association under the Department of Education. School populations and the number of participating schools were increasing. After many meetings, the two original associations became five distinct Regions based on school size and geographic location. One year later, in 1976, Regions increased to six. The new Board of Control consisted of one member from each Region, a representative of the Association of Alaska School Boards, and a representative of the Superintendents Association. In 1978, the board added a representative of the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

Due to the increasing number of schools participating in boys and girls basketball, the need for additional statewide culminating events became evident. This required the formation of a classification system that spanned all of the Regions. This task fell to a committee composed of representatives from all six Regions. It was known as the "Black and Blue" Ribbon Study Commission because of the difficulties faced in satisfying the needs of each Region. In June 1981, the Board of Control adopted the Commission's recommendation to establish four classifications based on school enrollment with some overlap in the two smallest classes due to geographic location. The first statewide event for the smaller classes was an invitational basketball tournament held in Anchorage in 1983-84.

In 1986, the Department of Education eliminated funding for ASAA. The Board of Control voted to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, beginning July 1, 1987. Because of ongoing jurisdictional issues between the Association and the State of Alaska, both entities sought a legal resolution. This resulted in the 1995 repeal of the Legislative Statute that had placed ASAA under the Department of Education.

In 2007, in order to ensure consistent tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances policies by member schools and districts, the Board of Directors adopted the "Play for Keeps-Win for Life" program for all student participants. In 2011, the Alaska Legislature passed House Bill 15, (amended in 2012 under Senate Bill 119), that sets standards for concussion awareness, education, treatment and return to participation protocols. ASAA developed recommended policies and procedures to assist in the implementation of the law. In 2013, the Alaska Legislature passed Senate Bill 41 that addressed interscholastic participation by "alternative education program students." ASAA developed bylaws and policies to assist schools, students and families in the implementation of the statute.

Currently, the Alaska School Activities Association serves over 200 schools and 26,000 student participants. These student participants are active in 22 athletic activities and 6 academic activities culminating in 54 State Championship events! Without the support of the schools, students, coaches/advisors, parents, and fans ASAA couldn't be as successful as it has been since 1956. **THANK YOU!**



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## 2023 DII HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**#1 HOUSTON**

Thursday  
February 2  
2:30pm

**#8 DELTA**

Friday  
Feb. 3  
12:00pm

Friday  
Feb. 3  
5:00pm

**#4 JUNEAU-DOUGLAS**

Thursday  
February 2  
12:00pm

**#5 KENAI-CENTRAL**

4th/6th Place  
Saturday  
Feb. 4  
12:00pm

CHAMPIONSHIP  
Saturday  
Feb. 4  
5:00pm

**#3 SOLDOTNA**

Thursday  
February 2  
5:00pm

**#6 MONROE CATHOLIC**

Friday  
Feb. 3  
2:30pm

Friday  
Feb. 3  
7:30pm

**#2 PALMER**

Thursday  
February 2  
7:30pm

3rd/5th Place  
Sat, Feb. 4  
2:30pm

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# DELTA JUNCTION HUSKIES



## AURORA CONFERENCE (5-11)



#	NAME	GRADE
3	Tanner Brant	10
6	Gabriel Haas	11
7	Dawson Somers	11
8	Brady Zachgo	9
9	Max Zastavskiy	10
12	Brendan Hudgin	12
15	Zion Lester	12
16	Anthony White	9
18	wyatt mason	10
20	Rob Kline	10
21	John Lyons	9
22	Michael Visser	12
23	Hunter Sauer	10
24	Gavin Smith	9
25	Brady Bevard	9
26	Anthony Lansing	9
31	Jordan Bouziden	10
	Josephine Ahlers	12

<b>Principal</b>	Michael Lee
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Leah Stoner
<b>Head Coach</b>	Michael Visser
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Jon Brant



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# HOUSTON HAWKS



## AURORA CONFERENCE (21-1-1)



#	NAME	POSITION	GRADE
3	Brody Richard	Forward	11
4	Devon Beach	Defense	12
6	Daniel Matveev	Forward	10
8	Jairden Russell	Forward	11
9	Sophie Duprat	Defense	9
10	Memphis Elliott	Forward	9
11	Domnin Efimov	Defense	10
17	Philip Kuzmin	Forward	11
18	Afanasy Efimov	Forward	11
19	Caymen Kingery	Defense	11
20	Anfim Konev	Defense	12
22	Andrey Reutov	Forward	12
24	Kayedence Spone	Defense	11
29	Brayden Spain	Forward	9
32	Ari Burnside	Goalie	11
72	Dylan Shaffer	Goalie	9
73	Cyrus Johnson	Forward	9
81	Trenton Huber	Forward	9
82	Owen Hunter	Defense	9
88	Talon Brown-Mohar	Forward	9

<b>Principal</b>	Benjamin Howard
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Orin Wear
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# JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CRIMSON BEARS



## RAILBELT CONFERENCE (6-8)



#	NAME	GRADE
1	Caleb Friend	10
4	Lucas Bovitz	10
5	Caden Johns	11
7	Dylan Sowa	10
9	Camden Kovach	11
11	Harris Monsef	11
12	Gabriel Hansen	12
13	Thomas Pearson	12
14	Macabee Brna	11
17	Emilio Holbrook	10
18	Brendan West	11
19	Karter Kohlhasse	12
20	Brandon Campbell	12
21	Aidan Kovach	12
22	Matthew Plang	10
23	Bailey Hansen	12
26	Lake Bartlett	12
30	Mason Sooter	11
31	Lydia Ploof	12
33	Xavier Melancon	11
36	Elliot Welch	9
3/6	Ian Moller	11

<b>Principal</b>	Paula Caspersen
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Chad Bentz
<b>Head Coach</b>	Matt Boline
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	David Kovach
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Mike Bovitz
<b>Student Managers</b>	Thomas Pearson & Lydia Proof



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# KENAI CENTRAL KARDINALS



## RAILBELT CONFERENCE (8-13-1)



#	NAME	GRADE
1	Seanna Swanson	10
2	Logan Mese	10
3	Ethan Tree	11
4	Kylee Verkuilen	11
5	Jacob Wait	11
8	Everett Chamberlain	10
10	Reagan Graves	12
11	Gavin Liles	10
12	Landen Cialek	12
13	William Howard	9
14	Zach Rogers	12
15	Celina Martinez	12
16	Josiah Petty	12
18	Sawyer Vann	10
20	Jaden Garner	12
22	Ky Calvert	12
23	Caden Warren	12
24	Avery Martin	10
26	Tobias Petty	11
28	Ransom Hayes	12
30	Levi Crawford	10
31	Evyn Witt	9

<b>Principal</b>	Dan Beck
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Jesse Settlemyer
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# MONROE CATHOLIC RAMS



## AURORA CONFERENCE (7-8)



#	NAME	POSITION	GRADE
1	Dominick Snyder	G	12
9	Tyler Boyle	F	11
10	Miles Fowler	F	12
11	Jett DeBaun	D	9
13	Killian Gray	D	11
14	Asher McGlinchy	D	10
16	Max Fullford	F	9
17	Tyler Hansen	F	11
18	Jack Dixon	F	10
19	Gabriel Weinberger	D	11
20	Landon MacNaughton	F	9
22	Wyatt Brooks	D	9
28	Brennan Harbour	D	12
31	Pudgie Sabinash	G	10
34	Ryan Pagel	F	12
48	Malakai Taylor-Oates	F	11
66	Blake Moore	F	10

<b>Principal</b>	Patrick Riggs
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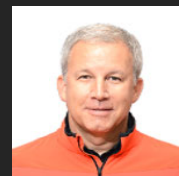




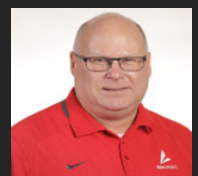
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### AURORA CONFERENCE (9-11)



#	NAME	GRADE
7	Joseph House	11
8	Kaleb Johnson	11
9	Kagen Kramer	10
10	Owen Nayokpuk	10
11	Jacob Weber	9
12	Rebecca Holan	12
15	Sam Lannet	9
17	William Slater	9
21	Caiden Olson	10
22	Parker Juszczak	10
23	Payton Davis	11
26	John Riddle	12
39	Carter Borkovec	9
44	Levi Skipps	11
55	Dylan Earl	10
56	Brayden Sanford	12
74	Daniel Rady	9

<b>Principal</b>	Michelle Spillane
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Mark Oppe
<b>Head Coach</b>	Ed Halbert
<b>Assistant Coaches</b>	
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Jeremy Holan	Cheyenne Koop
<b>Student Managers</b>	
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# PALMER MOOSE



## RAILBELT CONFERENCE (12-9-1)



#	NAME	POSITION	GRADE
2	Ryan Martin	D	11
4	Chase Ringler	F	9
7	Elijah Von Gunten	F	10
9	Stuart McQuillin	F	12
11	Xander Logan	F	12
12	Bryce Horacek	F	10
14	Brody Joseph	G	12
17	Keagon O'Bryan	G	9
18	Jakub Papezik	D	11
19	Bryce Armstrong	D	12
21	Brandon Horacek	D	10
22	Denali Weaver	F	12
24	Bradford Heard	F	11
42	Matias Broughton	F	12
49	Nicholas McQuillin	F	10
65	Cooper Frank	F	10
71	Nathanael Wright	D	11
76	Zander Anderson	D	9
88	Kinan Greco	F	10
91	Mason O'Rourke	F	11
97	Jackson Neumann	F	11

Principal	Paul Reed
Athletic Director	Dale Ewart
Head Coach	Rusty Belanger
Assistant Coaches	Mitch O'Bryant
Zach Richards	Richell Carmichael
Student Manager	Colleen McQuillin





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# SOLDOTNA STARS



## RAILBELT CONFERENCE (10-6-3)



#	NAME	GRADE
1	Tanner Clyde	11
3	Andrew Arthur	11
4	Zackary Zurfluh	10
5	Spencer Dahlman	9
7	Jace Appelhans	9
8	Dawson Lockwood	12
9	Peyton Williams	10
10	Daniel Heath	10
11	Boone Theiler	10
12	Aiden Burcham	12
13	Silas Larsen	12
17	Mykah Booth	11
18	Blake Bucho	12
19	Marshall DeRaeve	10
24	Liberty Miller	12
25	Gehret Medcoff	11
26	Jackson Purcell	12
27	Kyler Howell	11
29	Riley Cronin	9
29	Aiden Stinnett	11
33	Ezekiel Miller	12

<b>Principal</b>	Sargent Truesdell
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Phil Leck
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# 2023 DII STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

## FINAL STANDINGS

Champion	Soldotna
Runner-up	Juneau-Douglas
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Houston
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kenai
5 <sup>th</sup>	Palmer
6 <sup>th</sup>	North Pole
7 <sup>th</sup>	Delta
7 <sup>th</sup>	Monroe

## GAME SCORES

Houston v Delta	8-0
Juneau v Kenai	7-4
Soldotna v Monroe	3-2
Palmer v North Pole	4-3
Kenai v Delta	7-3
Monroe v North Pole	2-6
Houston v Juneau	3-4
Palmer v Soldotna	0-1
Kenai v North Pole	3-2
Houston v Palmer	4-0
<i>Championship</i>	
Soldotna v Juneau	2-1

## AWARDS

Sportsmanship Award: Juneau-Douglas  
Academic Award: Palmer (3.55)

## ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Brandon Campbell	Juneau
Brayden Spain	Houston
Daniel Rudy	North Pole
Domnin Konev	Houston
Gehret Medcoff	Soldotna
Jace Applehans	Soldotna
Jackson Purcell	Soldotna
Karter Kohlhase	Juneau
Logan Mese	Kenai
Mason Sooter	Juneau
Miles Fowler	Monroe
Xander Logan	Palmer

## PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Delta	
Tanner Brant	Brendan Hudgin
Houston	
Ari Burnside	Brayden Spain
Andrey Reutov	
Juneau-Douglas	
Mason Sooter	Karter Kohlhase
Dylan Sowa	
Kenai Central	
Landen Cialek	Logan Mese
Avery Martin	
Monroe Catholic	
Dylan Bailey	Miles Fowler
North Pole	
Joseph House	Kaleb Johnson
Brayden Sanford	
Palmer	
Elijah Von Gunten	Stuart McQuillin
Brody Joseph	
Soldotna	
Gehret Medcoff	Silas Larsen
Jackson Purcell	



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# 2023 GOOD SPORT RECIPIENTS

Schools may select two students who exemplifies outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship throughout the season. Coaches chose the following athletes. CONGRATULATIONS!

## **Chugiak**

Joey Alexa  
Morgan Greninger

## **Colony**

Cody Jorgensen  
Ethan McNulty

## **Delta**

Dawson Summers  
Jordan Bouziden

## **Dimond**

Joseph Hampton  
Michael Bretzke

## **Houston**

Caymen Kingery  
Devon Beach

## **Juneau-Douglas**

Caden Johns  
Gabe Hansen

## **Kenai Central**

Avery Martin  
Ethan Tree

## **Monroe Catholic**

Gabe Weinberger  
Pudgie Sabinash

## **North Pole**

Caiden Olson  
Sam Lannet

## **Palmer**

Bryce Armstrong  
Xander Logan

## **Soldotna (DII)**

Aiden Stinnett  
Marshall DeRaeve

## **Soldotna (DI)**

Gehret Medcoff  
Marshall DeRaeve

## **South Anchorage**

Dawson Norene  
Maddox Carr

## **Wasilla**

Owen Hoyt  
Sayer Sanders

## **West Anchorage**

Jude Doniere  
Paul Dittrich

## **West Valley**

Dylan Glynn  
Evan Imus



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AAL is based on research and best practices in the field of sexual assault prevention. Athletes are encouraged to be leaders in changing peer norms and school climate to a culture of safety and respect.



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