

Win for Life

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Become an Official – Stay Connected to High School Sports

Billy Strickland, Executive Director

They don't make the headlines, their names are not in the box scores and they don't make the all-star teams, but perhaps the most important individuals in high school sports are the contest officials. These individuals are so important that, in fact, there would be no organized competitive sports at the high school level without the men and women who officiate these contests every day across the country. Subtract the dedicated men and women who officiate high school sports and competitive sports would no longer be organized; they would be chaotic.

In some areas, high school officials are retiring faster than new licenses are being issued. And junior varsity, freshmen and middle school games are being postponed – or even cancelled – because there are not enough men and women to officiate them. Anyone looking for a unique way to contribute to the local community should consider becoming a licensed high school official. For individuals who played sports in high school, officiating is a great way to stay close to the sport after their playing days have ended. Officiating helps people stay in shape, expands their social and professional network and offers part-time work that is flexible, yet pays. In fact, officiating is a form of community service, but with compensation.

Another benefit of officiating is that individuals become role models so that teenagers in the community can learn the life lessons that high school sports teach. Students learn to respect their opponents and the rules of the game and the importance of practicing good sportsmanship thanks, in part, to those men and women who officiate. And the objectivity and integrity that high school officials display is an example that every young person needs to observe firsthand. In short, communities around the country will be stronger because of the life lessons that high school officials help teach the next generation.

Officiating is a great way to stay connected to sports and to give back to the local high school and community. We need dedicated men and women to become involved so that high school sports can continue to prosper for years to come.

Individuals interested in learning more about becoming a high school official, and even begin the application process, can do so at: <http://asaa.org/officials/>

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Upcoming Events



ASAA FIRST NATIONAL CUP DII HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

February 1-3, 2018

Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

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ASAA FIRST NATIONAL CUP DI HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

February 8-10, 2018

Curtis Menard Sports Complex

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Alaska High School Hall of Fame

Sandi Wagner, Associate Director



This month we are recognizing 2014 inductee Don Kassube. A longtime high school sports official, Don is known best for his work in basketball, but his reach extends to football, track and field, wrestling and teaching.

Kassube began officiating basketball games in Alaska in 1970 and joined the Anchorage Basketball Officials Association, serving on the board and as president from 1977 to 1988.

Over the years he was selected to be an official for 24 region and state tournaments. He has officiated more National Federation High School contests than any other certified official in the state. He also coached football for 18 years, wrestling for three and served as meet director at the state track and field championships from 1988 to 1993. He has been Alaska's Basketball Rules Interpreter and involved with March Madness Alaska.

ASAA Welcomes Calista Corporation as our Newest Silver Level Sponsor

Doug Stewart, Director of Marketing & Development

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Upcoming Events



ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA NORDIC SKI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 22-24, 2018

Birch Hill in Fairbanks

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ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA DDF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

February 22-24, 2018

East Anchorage High School

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ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA WORLD LANGUAGE DECLAMATION

March 3, 2018

South Anchorage High School

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2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA 4A VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Dimond Lynx

2017 4A Volleyball State Champions

2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA 3A VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Valdez Buccaneers

2017 3A Volleyball State Champions

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion	Dimond
Runner-up	Bartlett
3rd	East Anchorage
4th	West Valley
Tied 5th	Juneau-Douglas
Tied 5th	Soldotna
Tied 7th	Colony
Tied 7th	Wasilla

Sportsmanship West Valley
 Academic Colony
 Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
 Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team

Alissa Pili	Dimond
Cassie Dzinich	Juneau-Douglas
Daisy Page	East Anchorage
Ellen Silva	West Valley
Eva Heinrichs	West Valley
Eve Stephen	Colony
Hahni Johnson	Dimond
Leeanna Atafua	Bartlett
Liu Paia Togaga'e	Bartlett
Maya Carle	Dimond
Nyanuer Bidit	East Anchorage
Shay Zener	Soldotna

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion	Valdez
Runner-Up	Barrow
3rd	Grace Christian
4th	Kotzebue
Tied 5th	Mt Edgecumbe
Tied 5th	Sitka
Tied 7th	Hutchison
Tied 7th	Nikiski

Sportsmanship Grace Christian
 Academic Nikiski
 Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
 Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team

Allison Hagen	Grace
Anna Christiansen	Grace
Bobbi Mott	Valdez
Caitlin Conwell	Kotzebue
Cassidy Kramer	Kotzebue
Crystalynn Tula'i	Barrow
Halye Steffes	Mt Edgecumbe
Kuutuuq Danner	Barrow
Linnea Langseth	Valdez
Miah Dumag	Sitka
Milya Wright	Barrow
Sydnee Johnson	Valdez

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL**



ALL-STATE BAND FIRST CHAIR AWARDS

Piccolo	Katherine Stoll
Flute	Reese Gasque
Eb Clarinet	Jackson Brannan
Bb Clarinet	Abby Ljubicich
Alto Clarinet	Joshua Grosvold
Bass Clarinet	Ruth Heidel
Alto Saxophone	Raleigh Van Natta
Tenor Saxophone	Kaitlyn Theonnes
Baritone Saxophone	Ryan Reed
Oboe	Sean Harris
English Horn	Gabriel Krompacky
Bassoon	Nicole Rieser
Trumpet	Jacob Batchelder
French Horn	Abigail Webster
Trombone	Ella Lubin
Bass Trombone	Ian Lear
Baritone	Dean Moriwaki
Tuba	Charlie Carte
Percussion	Trevor Perov
String Bass	Whelmina Gower
Piano	Clay Johnson

ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA FIRST CHAIR AWARDS

Violin I	Charlie Latimer
Violin II	Julia Koehler
Viola	Claire Mahoney
Cello	Urielle Yi
String Bass	Wayne Koelsch

ALL-STATE MIXED CHOIR FIRST CHAIR AWARDS

Soprano I	Summer Kuhns
Soprano II	Megan Biggs
Alto I	Lucy Fisher
Alto II	Sarah Robinson
Tenor I	Leasi Mana
Tenor II	Dane Soderlund
Bass I	Kristofer Simmons
Bass II	John Vanek

ALL-STATE TREBLE CHOIR FIRST CHAIR AWARDS

Soprano I	Emma Broyles
Soprano II	Sonya Gogo
Alto I	Caroline Goforth
Alto II	Tessa Binder

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
2A VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion	Petersburg
Runner-up	Wrangell
3rd	King Cove
4th	Unalaska
Tied 5th	Kenny Lake
Tied 5th	Su Valley
Tied 7th	Bristol Bay
Tied 7th	Chevak

Sportsmanship: Unalaska
 Academic Award: Unalaska
 Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
 Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team

Denali Moorcroft	Bristol Bay
Emmaly Barndell	King Cove
Jalaya Duarte	King Cove
Kaia Dahl	Petersburg
Kayla Hay	Wrangell
Kaylyn Easterly	Wrangell
Kiana Schorr	Su Valley
Krissy Lockabey	Wrangell
Martha Johnson	Petersburg
Nikki Friendshuh	Kenny Lake
Rissa Bucaneg	Unalaska
Tanya Spears	Petersburg

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
MIX SIX VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion	Tikigaq
Runner-Up	Gustavus
3rd	Tanalian
4th	Nikolaevsk
5th	Shishmaref
6th	Napaaqtugmiut
Tied 7th	Alakanuk
Tied 7th	Unalakleet
9th	Aniak
10th	Hoonah
11th	Kodiak ESSS
12th	Akiuk

Sportsmanship: Hoonah
 Academic Award: Unalakleet
 Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
 Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

All-Tournament Team

Alyssa Patrick	Gustavus
Arctic Ivanoff	Unalakleet
Caleb Alsworth	Tanalian
Jalen Cannon	Tikigaq
Jeremiah Iyatunguk	Shishmaref
Kaia Bebee	Tanalian
Kalenik Molodih	Nikolaevsk
Levi Mills	Napaaqtugmiut
Matthew Tua'au	Gustavus
Michael Ayunerak	Alakanuk
Nicole Hanks	Tikigaq
Sidney Kineen	Unalakleet

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
DI WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



Lathrop Malemutes
2017 DI Wrestling State Champions

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion Lathrop
Runner-up Colony

Sportsmanship: Wasilla
Academic Award: South Anchorage
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

Individual Champions

Adam Concepcion	South	98 lbs.
Aedyn Concepcion	South	106 lbs.
Marcus Riedlinger	Colony	113 lbs.
Gideon Hutchison	Soldotna	120 lbs.
Rush Fannon	Colony	126 lbs.
Kobe Ames	Lathrop	132 lbs.
Isaiah Elysaas	Wasilla	138 lbs.
Westley Bockert	Lathrop	145 lbs.
Andrue Shepersky	Wasilla	152 lbs.
Joshua Nummer	Kodiak	160 lbs.
Eric Christy	Colony	170 lbs.
Caleb Hopkins	Colony	182 lbs.
Bradley Antesberger	North Pole	195 lbs.
Carl Tupou	Thunder Mt	220 lbs.
Poe Vaafuti	West	285 lbs.

Outstanding Wrestler

Joshua Nummer

**2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
DII WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



Bethel Regional Warriors
2017 DII Wrestling State Champions

TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion Bethel
Runner-Up Homer

Sportsmanship: Anchorage Christian
Academic Award: Grace Christian
Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T
Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

Individual Champions

Caleb O'Hara	ACS	98 lbs.
Deven Prez	Eielson	106 lbs.
Thomas Dymont	Bethel	113 lbs.
Seth Inama	Homer	120 lbs.
Riley Rust	Monroe	126 lbs.
Luciano Fasulo	Homer	132 lbs.
Mose Hayes	Homer	138 lbs.
Hayden Lieb	Bethel	145 lbs.
Mian Alexie-Leonard	Bethel	152 lbs.
Michael Lucas	Holy Rosary	160 lbs.
Caden Gerlach	Glennallen	170 lbs.
Evan Bockman	Grace	182 lbs.
Levi King	Homer	195 lbs.
Tanner Clark	Monroe	220 lbs.
Haley Osborne	Mt Edgecumbe	285 lbs.

Outstanding Wrestler

Thomas Dymont

2017 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA GIRLS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



TEAM RESULTS & AWARDS

Champion Mt Edgecumbe
Runner-up North Pole

Sportsmanship: North Pole

Academic Award: South Anchorage

Sportsmanship Award presented by AT&T

Academic Award presented by Princess Cruises

Individual Champions

Kailey Fowlkes	North Pole	106 lbs.
Elizabeth Shumaker	North Pole	113 lbs.
Alex Moseley	Homer	120 lbs.
Shelby Ottum	South	132 lbs.
McKenzie Cook	Homer	145 lbs.
Sydnee Kimber	Mt Edgecumbe	160 lbs.
Agatha Andrews	Mt Edgecumbe	182 lbs.
Rachel Moore	Shaktoolik	220 lbs.

Outstanding Wrestler

Sydnee Kimber