



2022 ASAA FIRST NATIONAL CUP DII Hockey State Championship Policies & Procedures

Date: Thursday, February 3 - Saturday, February 5
Location: Curtis Menard Sports Center - Wasilla

Conference Tournament Sites: All conference tournament directors must submit by email their full tournament game results to championships@asaa.org prior to the deadline.

State Qualifiers: DII State Championship qualifiers must let ASAA know before the event begins, that if their team would be willing to enter the DI State Tournament at-large pool for a chance to be in the DI State Tournament. Please let Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) know as soon as possible.

State Berths: Conferences need to notify ASAA who the state qualifiers are by 10:00 PM Saturday, January 29. Qualifiers are based on the following berths:

- Aurora Conference - 2
- Railbelt Conference - 4
- At-Large - 2

At-Large Berths: Each team in the “at-large pool” will be given a point value of .5 or one against each other team being considered. Points will be assigned using the following ranked criteria:

1. Head to head record.
 2. Record against common opponents at all classifications.*
 3. Record against common state qualifiers at that classification.*
 4. Record against common opponents at that classification.*
- * winning percentage must have a difference of at least 25%

If there is a tie, the same criteria will be used to break the tie, disregarding the other teams. If the tie still exist there will be coin toss by ASAA staff to determine who advances.


Bracketing: Once the at-large teams are selected, then the tournament will be seeded using the same criteria with a “new pool” made up of the eight teams.

State Championship Format: This is a single elimination 8-team tournament with consolation bracket. Teams will be guaranteed two games. Brackets will be posted on ASAA.org hockey page, Sunday night or Monday morning.

Schedule of Events: The schedule can be found on the ASAA.org Hockey Page and ASAA365.com Hockey Page.

COVID Testing & Screening

- All officials, hockey players, managers, coaches, chaperones, bus drivers, etc. must have a negative pre-competition COVID test or meet one of the exemptions to attend the state tournament
- Teams must turn in the COVID testing confirmation signed by an administrator when first arriving at the tournament
- Teams are required to screen their participants prior to arriving at the venue daily



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SATURDAY, JAN. 29 - 10:00 PM

- Conference Results & State Qualifiers submitted to Email: championships@asaa.org
- All Season Results listed on ASAA365.com

SUNDAY, JAN. 30 - 2:00 PM

- [Eligibility Roster Finalized](#)
- [State Entry Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)
- [Photo Upload Form](#)
- [Good Sport Selection Form](#)
- **Sideline Cheer Squad Forms**
- [Eligibility Roster Finalized](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)

TUESDAY, FEB. 1 - 2:00 PM

- [Academic Award](#)

THURSDAY, FEB. 3 - 9:00AM

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting at the Curtis Menard Sports Center



Hockey Rules: This event will be conducted in compliance with the 2021-2022 National Federation Hockey Rule Book. In addition, ASAA supplemental rules will be enforced. For all the supplement rules please refer to page 148-149 in the ASAA Handbook.

Mercy Rule: Upon reaching a 10 or more goal differential at any time during the game, a running clock will be used. Once begun, the running clock will be stopped only for team, official, or injury timeouts.

ASAA Adopted Overtime Policy for State Championships:

- State 3rd/5th and 4th/6th place games shall adhere to NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book (Rule 9-11).
- All State Tournament games will be played as follows:
 - At the end of regulation, one 8-minute overtime period will be played.
 - If still tied, the ice will be resurfaced and the teams will play two overtime periods of 8 minutes each with a 3-minute break between periods.
 - If still tied, the ice will be resurfaced again and the teams will continue to play in this pattern until a winner is decided.
 - The team scoring the first goal is declared the winner.
 - No shootouts are allowed in any State Tournament game.

Practice Time: Time on Wednesday, Feb 2 is available for practice at the Curtis Menard Sports Complex. To schedule a practice contact Benjamin Ott (907-357-9100, bott@ci.wasilla.ak.us) by the end of the day Tuesday, February 2. The cost is incurred by the team who has practice.

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: There will be a mandatory coaches meeting on Thursday at the Curtis Menard Sports Center. The meeting will be at 9:00am and state policies and procedures will be reviewed, rosters, passes, and coaches packets will be given out given out at the meeting.

Team Rosters: ASAA is using Big Teams/PlanetHS for its School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Schools will need to submit rosters and indicate which students have qualified for state through this system. This can be done by accessing the Hockey eligibility roster. Enter jersey numbers and indicate the student is a state qualifier. In addition, the State Championship Hockey Entry Form must be submitted. Both submissions are due by 2pm on Sunday, January 30. A copy of the submitted roster will be included in the coaches packet. Coaches must verify their official roster at the coaches meeting. Following the coaches meeting, NO CHANGES to roster personnel may be made. If jersey numbers change, coaches must notify scorekeepers and officials.

Passes: Each participating school will be issued passes for state championships, based on the following guidelines.

- **Coaches:** Only certified coaches listed on the schools wrestling eligibility list will receive a pass. Coaches must have on their person the pass while on the bench. If not the school will be fined \$25.
- **Participants:** Wrestlers and managers should be included on the roster. All participants and managers will be marked with an ultraviolet marker after weigh-ins to be used at the entrance to the facility and to gain floor access.
- **Administration:** Each school will be provided one pass for attending administrators. The administrator should check in with an ASAA staff member upon arrival to receive a pass.
- **Adult Medical Passes:** Schools medical team members must check in with ASAA staff or ASAA Medical Staff at the state championship site prior to competition to receive a medical pass.
- **All passes are non-transferable and will be confiscated if used fraudulently.**
- **Security and ASAA staff members will be checking each player and coach for their blacklight or pass. You will not be allowed access into the facility without a pass.**
- **If you lose a pass you will have to purchase regular tickets or your school may be billed.**



Bench Area & Personnel Rules: There will be a maximum amount of 20 players allowed on the roster.

- The allotted team bench/sideline can include a combination of managers and coaches, that is coaches discretion.
- ONLY student participants/managers, and adult coaching staff are allowed in the bench area.
- Non-roster players that are not part of the student managers, fulfilling a managerial role, or one of the purchased passes are not allowed on the bench.
- Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of 7th grade school age or above may be on the sideline area during state championship games/matches, but only with a pass.
- Clean up your bench area after your matches. This includes cups, water bottles, trash, etc. ASAA security and staff will be inspecting the sidelines and locker rooms after each game. Fines, damage cost, and/or cleaning costs will be billed to the school.

Daily Pre-Game Schedule: Please consult the 2022 First National Cup Daily Pre-Game Schedule for home/visiting team assignments, warm-up procedures, locker room assignments. This is provided once teams are known, and will be in the coaches packet given during the mandatory coaches meeting.

Home/Visiting Team: Home Team is the highest seeded team in each game. This could be adjusted based on the number of teams in the tournament and the format.

Hockey Pucks: ASAA will provide warm-up and game pucks.

Hospitality Room: The hospitality room will be located on the top level of the Menard overlooking the ice on the track. This area is for the team coaches, tournament staff, and officials. This is not an area for hockey players and their families.

Medical: Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage (OPA) is the official ASAA State Championships Medical provider. They will be onsite during the entire championship tournament to help provide medical help for injuries. Each team must provide all their own materials and supplies - including tape - if athletes are going to be taped.

Concussion Information: ASAA's official concussion protocol supervision team is OPA. OPA will run their tests on athletes with suspected concussions and if they conclude there is a suspected concussion, that player will not be able to return to play without going through the concussion return to play protocol. Team doctors, physicians, etc will not be able to over rule an OPA suspected concussion case, ASAA will be taking the OPA's conclusion. OPA Doctors will also be present during weigh-ins to conduct skin checks. If the OPA doctor finds a skin condition that could lead to a wrestlers disqualification, OPA will notify ASAA and the appropriate action will take place. OPA's findings as the official state championships medical provider will be the final decision. Team doctors and trainers are very important to teams and ASAA encourages them to be present. However, final medical decisions ASAA will go with OPA. [ASAA Concussion Management](#)

Officials: ASAA has selected certified officials for this event. Official nominations have come from hockey officials associations, coaches, school administrators, and other tournament site administrators. Every attempt is made to bring in qualified officials from around the state.

Team Video: Teams are allowed to film their games, BUT NO LIVE STREAMING! 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.

Championship Results: All results will be posted on ASAA365.com, through MaxPreps, @ASAAORG (Twitter) and Facebook.

School Signs: Schools are allowed to hang signs that are positive and directed only towards the schools team. Signs are ALLOWED TO BE HUNG WITH BLUE PAINTERS TAPE ONLY! No Glue or Duck Tape! School signs will be removed if



hung over sponsor, exit, or other ASAA signs. *Please remove your signage after each game.*

Sideline Cheerleaders: Cheerleaders will be permitted to come in free when they arrive as a team already dressed out. No locker rooms are available at the facility. Cheerleaders can be in front of the bleacher area only while in uniform. They must sit while the teams are playing and can stand only at timeouts, dead time (after goals, penalties, etc), and between periods. If your cheerleaders are planning on attending they **MUST** follow the team roster procedures, and fill out all the state hockey forms. All these forms must be completed in order to cheer during the event.

Pep Bands/Drum Lines: ASAA encourages pep bands/drum lines to participate at ASAA State Championship Events. If you are planning on attending, the school AD/Music and/or Band Teacher **MUST** email championships@asaa.org in order to make sure space is reserved. **ONLY** pep band members participating will be allowed in free to the game their teams is playing.

Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers: ASAA prohibits laser pointers, whistles, and any explosive devices or explosive sounds at ALL its state championship events. Once competition begins there will not be any noise makers allowed.

Yearbook and School/Team Photo: These individuals must remain in the spectator areas. Special and limited arrangements can be made for a school yearbook staff. Yearbook staff includes the yearbook teacher and students enrolled in yearbook class. These arrangements must be made **MONDAY** before the state event begins. Please contact Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) with these requests. Last minute requests will not be approved. If present in non-spectator areas, they will be removed. Only ASAA Credentialed Media are allowed to be outside the spectator area and designated media locations.

Broadcast Media: The NFHS Network will be LIVE streaming all the games on the nfhsnetwork.com.

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 homepage Northwest Designs Link.



Participation Fee: The Board of Directors has authorized the assessment of a participation fee for all state championships. The fee for athletic teams will be \$10 per student participant. After the coaches meeting the roster will be considered final and schools will be invoiced that amount following the event.

Awards: Awards are presented at the end of the tournament.

- ASAA First National Cup Traveling Trophy
- 1st and 2nd place trophies
- 22 individual medallions for players, coaches, managers for the 1st and 2nd place teams
- Team Sportsmanship Award
- Academic Award
- 12 All Tournament medallions for each division, awarded for outstanding tournament play, regardless of player position on the ice.
- Player of the Game - Awarded every game to one player from each team.
- 2 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.