

2022 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Softball State Championships State Policies & Procedures

Date: Thursday, June 2 - Saturday, June 4 **Location:** South Davis Park Complex - Fairbanks

Championship Format: There is a 6 team Division I tournament and a 6 team Division II tournament. Day 1 is pool play that is used to seed a double elimination bracket on days 2 & 3

Qualifying Process: Conferences need to notify ASAA of their qualifiers by Saturday May 28, 2022 10:00 PM. Teams qualify from the following conferences;

Division I

- Cook Inlet 4 teams
- Railbelt 2 teams

Division II

- Northern Lights 2 teams
- Mid Alaska 2 teams
- Southeast 2 teams

Seeding: ASAA board approved rotation will determine the pools.

Division I

A1 Cook Inlet #1 B1 Railbelt #1
A2 Railbelt #2 B2 Cook Inlet #2
A3 Cook Inlet #3 B3 Cook Inlet #4

Division II

A1 Southeast #1 B1 Northern Lights #1
A2 Northern Lights #2 B2 Mid Alaska #1
A3 Mid Alaska #2 B3 Southeast #2

Softball State Championships

June 2-June 4
South Davis Park Complex
Fairbanks

SATURDAY, MAY 28 - 10:00 PM

Conference Results & State
 Qualifiers submitted to Sandi
 Wagner (Email: sandi@asaa.org)

SUNDAY, MAY 29 - 2:00 PM

- Eligibility Roster Finalized
- State Entry Form
- Code of Conduct Form
- Photo Upload Form
- Good Sport Selection Form

TUESDAY, May 31 - 5:00 PM

- Academic Award
- Bat Testing TBD

THURSDAY JUNE 1 - 9:30 AM

 Coaches Meeting at South Davis Park Complex

Schedule/Brackets: The schedule is posted on the Softball page at <u>asaa.org</u>. The teams will be filled in and posted Monday, May 30 by 10:00 AM..

Practice: Wednesday practice times will be posted Monday, May 30 on the Softball page at asaa.org

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: There is a mandatory coaches meeting Thursday, June 2, 9:30am at the South Davis Park Complex. All policies and procedures will be reviewed, coaches packets, and passes will be dispersed.

Rules: The event will be conducted in compliance with the 2022 National Federation Softball Rule Book and ASAA adoptions on page 167 of the ASAA handbook.

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Testing Softball Bats: We will be testing bats beginning at the Coaches Meeting and some time on Wednesday yet to be determined. Please be sure to bring all your bats to be tested.

Roster: ASAA is using **planeths** for its School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Schools need to submit rosters and indicate which students have qualified for state through this system. This can be done by accessing the soccer eligibility roster. Enter jersey numbers and indicate the student is a state qualifier. In addition, the State Championship Entry Form must be submitted. Both submissions are due by 2pm on Sunday May 29th. 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, <u>NO CHANGES</u> to roster personnel may be made. If jersey numbers change, coaches must notify ASAA.

Selection of Home Team: The state tournament director or head official will conduct a coin toss with the coaches. Coin tosses for the first games at the state tournament will be conducted at the coaches meeting. Afterward, the coaches of each game will meet with the tournament official for the coin toss. The winner will choose to be the home team or visitor. The loser will choose dugouts. For the championship game, the undefeated team shall be the "home team."

Dugout/Coaching Box: The dugout is for participants in uniform, managers and coaches only. The maximum number of individuals in the dugout is 26. All individuals must be wearing their pass or be in uniform. Due to safety concerns only individuals 7th grade or above may be in the team area during competition. Please clean up your area after your games. Coaches boxes may be occupied by a coach, player or eligible substitute. All coaches will be in proper uniform as defined on Rule 3.5.3 in NFHS rulebook.

Game Field Warm-up: Each team is guaranteed some warm up time on the field prior to the start of the game. The amount of time will be determined by the officials. No game will begin before its scheduled time.

Warm-up Areas: Field 5 at the South Davis Complex and soccer fields across the street are available for warm-up. Priority goes to the teams in the next games.

Introductions: Player Introductions will only be done for the championship games.

National Anthems: Will be played at the start of each day.

Postponing a Game: When necessary to postpone any tournament game due to weather or travel difficulties, it shall be the responsibility of the tournament director to reschedule according to ASAA policy. The tournament director shall have a plan for rainouts worked out in advance and all teams will be informed of the changes. If a team is late due to other reasons not related to weather or travel, the game may be delayed for a maximum of 15 minutes. After that period of time, if the team has not appeared and has not contacted ASAA, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit. A team arriving 0-15 minutes after their scheduled time of play will have a maximum of 5 minutes of warm up time.

Passes:

<u>Coaches</u>: Only certified coaches listed on the schools soccer 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.

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<u>Participants:</u> Passes will be based on submitted rosters. Managers should be included on the roster. All participants must be in uniform or have their pass with them while on the bench.

<u>Administration:</u> 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.

Event Supervision: Each participating school will be requested to identify an administrator or other person approved in advance by the principal who is responsible for the conduct of its coaches, participants and fans throughout the contest, as defined in the ASAA bylaws Article 6, Section 4. Please have the designee check in with ASAA staff upon arrival at the event.

Medical: Medical staff will be present for all games throughout the tournament.

Hospitality: There will be no hospitality area this year.

Concessions: Lathrop High School will be providing concessions throughout the tournament.

Photography/Videotaping: 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. <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 present in non-spectator areas, they will be removed.

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.

Results: All results will be posted online as soon as possible during or following the events each day. Access will be on the Softball section of the asaa.org website.

Awards: Awards will be presented at the end of each championship game on Saturday.

Team Awards:

1st and 2nd Place Team Trophies

Academic Award and Sportsmanship Award for each tournament

Individual Awards:

Medals for the 1st and 2nd Place teams

Medals for the 9 members of the All-Tournament Team

Awards for the Good Sport Team athletes (2 from each team)

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. Schools will be invoiced following the event.

Admission Prices: TBA

NOTE: School passes honored during regular season are NOT valid for the state tournament.