

2024 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Baseball State Championships Policies & Procedures

Date: Thursday, May 30 - Saturday, June 1
Location: Mulcahy Stadium (DI) | Wasilla HS Field (DII)

Schedule/Bracket: The schedule will be posted on the Baseball page on ASAA.org & ASAA365.com Sunday night or by Monday at 10:00am.

Rules: The event will be conducted in compliance with the 2024 National Federation Baseball Rule Book and ASAA adoptions in the Baseball section of the ASAA handbook. The ASAA Pitch Count will be enforced.

Practice Times: Wednesday practice times will be scheduled after teams qualify and that information will be posted on the ASAA.org Baseball State Coaches page by Monday afternoon.

- **DI:** Teams will have a one practice time at Mulcahy Stadium.
- **DII:** Teams will have 30 minutes field time, then 30 minutes cage time.

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: There is a mandatory coaches meeting for both DI and DII. All policies and procedures will be reviewed, coaches packets, and passes will be dispersed.

- **DI Meeting:** Wednesday, May 29, 5:00pm at Mulcahy Stadium Grandstand
- **DII Meeting:** Wednesday, May 29, 6:30pm at Wasilla HS Room 142

Official Team Rosters: ASAA is using BigTeams for its School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Schools will need to submit rosters and indicate which students are going to be on the state roster thru this system. This can be done by accessing the basketball varsity roster and indicating the students which will participate at state. Jersey numbers, positions, grade etc. should be entered as well. Coaches must verify official rosters at the Coaches Meeting prior to leaving the coaches meeting. A copy of your roster (max 18 players) will be included in your coaches packet or emailed to you for review. Once reviewed and confirmed or adjusted, no changes to roster personnel may be made. If a jersey number changes, coaches must notify scorekeepers prior to game starting.

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

- **Coaches:** To qualify for a Coach's pass the coach must be certified and listed on the State Entry Form. Additionally, the coach must have been part of the program all season. The bench/sideline numbers will not increase regardless of the number of passes issued. At all times, coaches must wear or have on their person, their pass while on the bench or sideline. If not, the school will be fined \$25 by ASAA championship staff.
- **Participants:** Student participants and managers should be included on the roster.
- **Administration:** Passes will be provided for each qualifying school's administrator. There is no charge for this pass. Please let ASAA know if you plan on attending to make sure we have a pass for you. The supervising administrator should check in at the event entrance upon arrival to receive a pass.



DEADLINES

Saturday, May 25 - 10:00pm

- Email State Qualifiers to championships@asaa.org

Sunday, May 26 - 2:00pm

- [Online Roster \(SARS\)](#)
- [Entry Form](#)
- [Team Photo/Logo Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)
- [Good Sport Selection Form](#)

Tuesday, May 28 - 5:00pm

- [Academic Award Entry Form](#)

Wednesday, May 29

- **5:00PM:** DI Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Mulcahy Stadium
- **6:30PM:** DII Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Wasilla HS Room 142



- **Adult Medical Passes:** Schools medical team members must check in with ASAA staff or ASAA Medical Staff (OPA) at the state championship site prior to competition to receive a medical pass.
- **Security and ASAA staff members will be checking each player and coach for their pass. You will not be allowed access into the facility without a pass.**
- **All passes are non-transferable and will be confiscated if used fraudulently.**
- **If you lose a pass you will have to purchase regular tickets or your school may be billed.**

Bench Area/Dugout/Coaching Box & Personnel Rules:

- There will be a maximum amount of 18 players allowed on the roster.
- The maximum number of individuals in the dugout is 26.
- The allotted team dugout can include a combination of managers and coaches, that is coaches discretion. The dugout is for participants in uniform, managers and coaches only.
- All individuals must be wearing their pass or be in uniform.
- Coaches boxes may be occupied by a coach, player or eligible substitute.
- Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of 7th grade school age or above may be in the dugout area during state championship games, but only with a pass.
- All coaches will be in proper uniform as defined in the NFHS Baseball rulebook.

ASAA Adopted Baseball Supplemental Rules: These rules are in the 2024 ASAA Handbook page 112

- **Mercy Rule:** The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4.5 innings; or after the fifth if either team is 10 runs behind and have had an equal number of times at bat. The 15 Run Mercy Rule applies only for regular season games, not in the state championships.
- **Called Game:** When a non-league or league game is called by an umpire before the completion of the required number of innings, the game is declared a "no game". The game can be replayed and the pitching rule shall apply.
- **Suspended Game:** A game called for any reason by an umpire after the required number of innings, where a winner cannot be determined (i.e. home team is behind and has not batted, or score is tied) will be treated as a suspended game. The game shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time. The lineup and batting order of each team will remain exactly the same at moment of suspension. If a winner can be determined (both teams have equal at bats or home team is ahead) the team that is ahead will be considered the winner. If the game ends in a tie and the suspended game cannot be completed because of scheduling conflicts, the game is considered a tie game. At the state championships onsite ASAA staff and the Tournament Director shall determine when a suspended game will be completed.
- **Speed Up:** The courtesy runner speed-up rules may be adopted by leagues or districts for use during the regular season. In interleague and/or interdistrict competition, both teams must agree to allow the speed up rule before it may be used. Courtesy runner speed-up rules will be used in the state championship tournament. The following is a speed-up rule summary:
 - The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher as soon as they get on base. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.
 - Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible as courtesy runners.
 - A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher and then as a runner or batter for another player in that inning.
 - For illegal substitution of a courtesy runner, such substitution shall be disqualified for the duration of the game.



Selection of Home/Visiting Teams: At the state championship coaches meeting, the ASAA Staff & Tournament Director will conduct a coin toss with the two coaches of each game to determine the home team for the quarterfinals. *Home team will have the first baseline dugout. Visiting team will be on the third baseline dugout.* The team who is located the furthest away from Wasilla/Anchorage will call the coin toss. For other games, the coin toss will be done after BOTH teams are determined. The ASAA Staff and/or Tournament Director will conduct a coin toss once both teams are determined. If the Head Coach is not there for the coin toss the ASAA Staff will call them in order for them to be part of the coin toss via voice or FaceTime. However, if the Head Coach is not reachable the ASAA Staff or the Tournament Director will conduct the coin toss on their behalf.

Field Rules: These are the field rules for both DI and DII fields.

- The field will be open 1 1/2 hours prior to the first game time each day.
- Water is the only liquid allowed in the dugout.
- **NO Sunflower Seeds, Gum or Peanuts**
- *DII at Wasilla HS - NO METAL CLEATS. The officials will be checking prior to pitchers going on the mound.*

Batting Cages: Batting cages are reserved for the teams in the upcoming game only. Each team is allowed 30 minutes warm up time in the batting cage. The Home Team gets to use the batting cage first and the Visiting Team. Home team has the first infield/outfield warm up time. The home team will have access to the batting cage 1.5 hours prior to the scheduled game time. The visiting team will have access to the batting cage 1 hour prior to the scheduled game time.

Infield Warm-Up: All teams are guaranteed at least 10 minutes infield warm-up before their game. Home team takes the field first. This time will start when the announcer invites the home team to take the field for their warm-up.

Warm-Up Areas: DI Teams will be able to get some additional warm up time at the K-fields if they are open. DII Teams can use the additional baseball field to warm up, or the softball field IF not being used by the Wasilla HS softball team. These areas are reserved for the teams in the upcoming game only. Specifics for warm up time will be reviewed during the coaches meeting.

Introductions/National Anthem: Team introductions will start after the warm up time for both teams is over. Players and coaches are to line up on their respective base sideline facing the crowd. As players and coaches are introduced, they will step forward.

- First Game: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their first game.
- All Games except for Championships: Only the STARTERS will be introduced.
- Championship Game: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their game.
- National Anthem will be preformed at the start of each day and before the Championship game.

Late/Absent Team Procedure: If a team is late to their scheduled game time due to weather or travel difficulties, arrangements will be made by tournament staff for the appropriate rescheduling of that game. 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.



Saturday Consolation Games: The 4th/6th Place Game and the 3rd/5th Place Games on Saturday will have a two hour time limit.

Medical: Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage (OPA) is the official ASAA State Championships Medical provider. Please make sure to bring your own supplies - especially athletic tape - that you have been using all season. They will be onsite during the entire championship tournament to provide medical help for injuries.

Concussion Information: Please refer to the [ASAA Concussion Information](#) page on ASAA.org.

Officials: ASAA will select certified officials for this event. Every attempt is made to bring in qualified officials from around the state.

Championship Results: All results will be posted on [ASAA365.com](#), through MaxPreps, @ASAAORG (Twitter) and Facebook. Both DI and DII will be using GameChanger for the state tournament for stats.

Hospitality Room: There is not a hospitality room for team coaches/staff. Teams are allowed to bring in water/drinks for their teams to put in the dugout during your game.

Concessions: There will be concessions available throughout both the DII and DI championships.

Broadcast Media: The NFHS Network will be webcasting ALL basketball games live on [NFHSnetwork.com](#).

Live Streaming: LIVE STREAMING DURING ASAA EVENTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. ASAA has the granted broadcast rights to this whole event. Any rebroadcast or republication of this event and event programming such as FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE LIVE or other live streaming platforms is strictly prohibited. Security or other tournament staff see live streaming of games you will be asked to shut it down. Uncooperative or combative individuals will be escorted out of the building. ASAA will be monitoring social media platforms for violations.

Public Picture/Video: Individuals are encouraged to take pictures and video clips of the games and entertainment that will be happening throughout the event. People who are not ASAA Credentialed Media/Temp Media must stay in spectator areas. Spectators are not allowed onto the floor to picture/video of the games. Event security and ASAA staff will remove individuals who are in areas spectators are not allowed.

School/Team Event Video or Photography: Video & Photography service of this event will not be provided by ASAA. Teams are encouraged to make other arrangements if they wish a video copy or photography of their performance.

- **TEAM VIDEO RECORDING:** A School/Team can video their performance as long as it is not live streamed. Student team managers or assistant coaches can record their performance.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Special and limited arrangements can be made for the school yearbook staff or an adult that is approved by the school administration. A team may request one (1) pass to gain access to this event for team photography. The request must be emailed to media@asaa.org by TUESDAY 2:00 PM the week of the state event. Once we receive the request ASAA will communicate with the school to provide more information including areas to take photos. ASAA Credential Media, ASAA Photographer, and ASAA approved TV/Webcast production crews are the only people allowed to photograph and video outside the spectator area unless approved by ASAA.



Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers: ASAA prohibits laser pointers, whistles, and any explosive devices or explosive sounds at ALL its state championship events. Artificial noise makers are allowed only when the game is not in play or deemed not to be a hinderance to the spectator experience.

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.

Awards: Please review the [ASAA Handbook Baseball Policies and Procedures](#) State Championship section for a list of the awards.

Thunder & Lightning Weather: When lightning is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

