# 2025 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Baseball State Championships Policies & Procedures

Date:Thursday, June 5 - Saturday, June 7Location:DI - Mulcahy Stadium (ANC)DII - Coral Seymour Memorial BallPark (Kenai)

**Schedule/Bracket:** The schedule will be posted on the Baseball page on <u>ASAA.org</u> & <u>ASAA365.com</u> 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 <u>ASAA.org</u> Baseball State Coaches page by Monday afternoon.

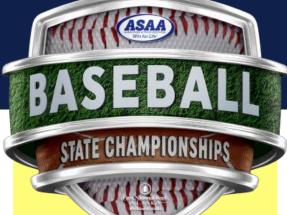
- DI: Teams will have a one practice time at Mulchay Stadium.
- **DII:** Teams will have 30 minutes field time, then 30 minutes cage time.

**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, June 4, 5:00pm at Mulcahy Stadium
- DII Meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 6:30pm at Corel Seymour Field

**Rosters:** ASAA is using Big Teams 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 varsity roster.

- Teams must submit their state tournament roster via the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) no later than two weeks before the start of the tournament.
- This roster must include each athlete's uniform number. Player positions and height are not required, but will be included in the tournament program if provided.
- The Baseball Roster Limit is 18 players.



## DEADLINES

## <u>SUNDAY, MAY 25 - 10:00 PM</u>

• Initial Rosters are due in **Big Teams** 

## SATURDAY, MAY 31 - 10:00 PM

 Conference Results & State Qualifiers submitted to email <u>championships@asaa.org</u>

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1 - 2:00 PM

- Finalize your State Roster in <u>Big Teams</u>.
- Complete the 4 following forms. Go to Document Management in <u>Big Teams</u>. Click on the form and then click "Start a New Submission".
  - General State Entry Form
  - Photo Upload Form
  - Code of Conduct Form
  - Good Sport Nomination Form

## TUESDAY, JUNE 3 - 5:00 PM

<u>Academic Award Entry Form</u>

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

- **5:00PM:** DI Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Mulcahy Stadium
- **6:30PM:** DII Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Coral Seymour Field



will be permitted.

 Teams may include up to three (3) additional athletes beyond the maximum roster size when submitting their roster. However, at the coaches' meeting, each team must finalize its official tournament roster by selecting 12 players from the listed 15. The remaining athletes must be scratched at the meeting, and the finalized roster must be submitted to ASAA by the conclusion of the meeting. Once submitted, the roster is final, and no substitutions **Team Passes:** Participating schools will receive state championship passes in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the State Championship Policies, Passes section of the ASAA Handbook (page 102).

#### Bench Area/Dugout/Coaching Box & Personnel Rules:

- There will be a maximum amount of <u>18 players</u> 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 2024-2025 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.

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.
- Other field rules will be reviewed onsite!
- NO Sunflower Seeds, Gum or Peanuts



**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 warm-up.

Bullpens: Bullpens belong to the teams on the field.

Warm-Up Areas: Specifics for warm up times and areas will be reviewed during the coaches meeting.

**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.

**Late/Absent Team Procedure:** In the event of delays caused by weather or travel disruptions, we will adhere to the Late Arrivals to State Championships policy, as detailed in the ASAA Handbook page 99.

**Opening Ceremony:** This year we are going to be doing an Opening Ceremony for both DI and DII. This will happen for D1 at 6:30pm and D2 at 5:30pm. All teams are required to be there. We will introduce all the schools and acknowledge seniors. This is planned to be no more than 10 minutes. More information will be discussed at 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.

**D2 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 for D1. 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. At the D2 Baseball state championship their will be a local sports medical team.



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 <u>ASAA365.com</u>, 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 DII Baseball games live on <u>NFHSnetwork.com</u>. DI Baseball games will be broadcast live on the American Legion website.

**Live Streaming is Strictly Prohibited:** ASAA holds exclusive broadcast rights for this event. Live streaming of games or any event programming, including through platforms such as Facebook Live or Instagram Live, is not allowed. Any rebroadcast or republication of event content is also prohibited. If tournament staff or security observes unauthorized live streaming, you will be asked to cease immediately. Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue. ASAA will actively monitor social media platforms for violations of this policy.

**Public Picture/Video:** Attendees are welcome to capture photos and short video clips of games and entertainment throughout the event. However, only ASAA Credentialed Media or Temporary Media are permitted to access non-spectator areas for photography or videography. All other individuals must remain in designated spectator areas. Spectators are strictly prohibited from entering the competition floor for the purpose of taking photos or videos. Event security and ASAA staff will enforce this policy and will remove individuals found in unauthorized areas.

**School/Team Event Video & Photography:** ASAA will not provide video or photography services for this event. Teams are encouraged to make their own arrangements if they wish to obtain video or photographs of their performances.

- **Team Video Recording:** Schools and teams are permitted to record their performances, provided the recording is not live-streamed. Student team managers or assistant coaches may handle video recording responsibilities.
- Photography: Special accommodations can be made for school yearbook staff or an adult approved by the school administration. Schools may request one (1) photography pass to gain access for team photography purposes. To request a pass, an email must be sent to <a href="mailto:media@asaa.org">media@asaa.org</a> by Tuesday at 2:00PM during the week of the state event. Once the request is received, ASAA will communicate with the school to provide further details, including designated areas for photography.

Only ASAA Credentialed Media, the ASAA Photographer, and ASAA-approved TV/Webcast production crews are authorized to take photos or videos outside spectator areas.

**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.



**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 <u>ASAA Handbook Baseball Policies and Procedures</u> 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.

