



# 2026 ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA

## Basketball State Championships Policies & Procedures

**Brackets/Game Schedule & Results:** All brackets, schedules and updated brackets can be found on [asaa.org](http://asaa.org) and [asaa365.com](http://asaa365.com).

**State Basketball Rules:** This event will be conducted in compliance with the 2025-2026 NFHS Rules Book.

**Mandatory Coaches Meeting:** There is a mandatory coaches meeting where important state and facility policies/procedures will be reviewed and questions answered. During 1A/2A practice time you can get your packet early from an ASAA Associate Director onsite.

**1A:** Tue, Mar. 10, AAC Aux Gym - 5:45pm

**2A:** Wed, Mar. 11, AAC Dresser Conference Room 2nd Floor - 5:45pm

**3A/4A:** Tuesday, Mar. 17 in the AAC Aux Gym - 5:30pm

**Basketballs:** "The Rock" basketball is the Official ASAA March Madness Alaska State Basketball Championships ball. They will be provided for team practices, pre-game warm-ups, and games. No balls may be taken to the locker room by teams.

**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 basketball 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. (1A/2A February 25, 3A/4A March 4)
- 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 Basketball Roster Limit is 12 players + 3 additional players.
- Teams may include up to three (3) additional athletes beyond the maximum roster size when submitting their roster. Official roster is due at the coaches meeting. If a team has more than 12 on their roster, they must finalize its official game roster by selecting 12 players from the listed 15 at the start of each game.

**Bench Area & Personnel Rules:** Each team's bench is limited to **15 seats**, with only one person per seat. No additional seating is allowed behind the bench. Bench personnel **must not exceed** the number of passes issued or the 15-seat limit.

- **Bench Composition:** The remaining seats may be occupied by a mix of coaches and managers, but the total number on the bench cannot exceed 15.
- **Authorized Personnel:** Only student participants/managers and adult coaching staff are permitted in bench area.
- **Age Requirement:** To ensure safety, only individuals 7th grade or older with a valid pass may be on the bench during state championship games.
- **Clean-Up Policy:** Teams must clean their bench area after games, including cups, bottles, and trash. ASAA staff will inspect sidelines and locker rooms; schools may be billed for fines, damages, or cleaning costs.

## Important Dates

**1A/2A WED. FEB. 25 - 2:00 PM**

**3A/4A WED. MAR. 4 - 2:00 PM**

- Initial Rosters are due in [Big Teams](#)

**SAT. MAR. 7 - 10:00 PM**

- As soon as Conference tournaments are completed please make sure ALL GAMES are in MaxPreps.
- Conference Results & State Qualifiers submitted to email: [Kathleen@asaa.org](mailto:Kathleen@asaa.org)

**SUN. MAR. 8- 2:00 PM**

**Basketball & Sideline Cheer Forms**

- Finalize your State Roster in [Big Teams](#).
  - General State Entry Form
  - Photo Upload Form
  - Code of Conduct Form
  - Good Sport Nomination Form
- [1A/2A March Madness Alaska Skills Contests Form](#)

**TUESDAY, MAR. 10 - 5:00 PM**

- [Academic Award Entry Form](#)

**(1A) TUES. MAR. 10 - 5:45 PM**

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting at the Alaska Airlines Center Aux Gym.

**(2A) WED. MAR. 11 - 5:45 PM**

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting in Dresser Conference Room 2nd Floor.

**(3A/4A) TUE. MAR. 17 - 5:30PM**

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting at the Alaska Airlines Center Aux Gym.

**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 103).

**1A/2A Practice Schedule:** 1A Teams: Qualified teams will have a 30-minute practice on the split court in the main gym at the Alaska Airlines Center. 2A Teams: Qualified teams will have a 30-minute practice in the Aux Gym at the Alaska Airlines Center. Schedule & Adjustments: Teams may switch practice times only if both head coaches agree. The official schedule will be posted on the ASAA Basketball Coaches webpage by Monday, March 9.

**3A/4A Practice Availability:** ASAA will not provide practice time on competition floors on Tuesday. Schools seeking practice space may contact Anchorage School District, Grace Christian School, Mountain City Christian Academy, AVIS Alaska Sports Center (formerly UAA/Wells Fargo), or any other local gyms. Schools are responsible for arranging their own practice times with these facilities.

**Alaska Airlines Center Opening Time:** Teams will be able to enter the Alaska Airlines Center one (1) hour prior to the FIRST GAME OF THE DAY. Courts will be open for the teams playing first, additionally, the track on the upper level.

**Team/Coach Entrance:** This entrance will be the doors on the far right side of the Main Doors. Please use this entrance.

**Player & Coach Bags:** Player and Coaches bags are subject to search when entering the Alaska Airlines Center. These searches will be conducted by the UAA University Police Department staff (UPD).

**Main Arena Floor Access:** The stairs to the main floor will be on your right once you enter the Team/Coach Entrance. AAC Security WILL be checking passes for everyone. Please make sure COACHES and PLAYERS have their pass. If you have trouble with accessing the stairs please ask an Alaska Airlines Center staff member.

**Hospitality:** Events in the Alaska Airlines Center do not provide hospitality for coaches or school admin.

**Team Parking:** ASAA is providing FREE parking at the Alaska Airlines Center. Please visit [asaa.org](http://asaa.org) or [asaa365.com](http://asaa365.com) for the Alaska Airlines Center Parking Map.

**1A/2A Skills Contest:** 1A Skills Contest will be March 11 at 5:30pm; 2A is March 12 at 5:30pm in the Alaska Airlines Center. The skills contest will feature a 3-point shooting contest and a bump contest between guards, forwards, and centers! Coaches please fill out the online form to submit your players names. They are not allowed to be substituted after your form is submitted. All participants will be required to wear identifying team apparel.

**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.

**Towels/Water:** Each team is responsible to provide bench towels. Additional towels for wiping floors, etc. will be provided. Water will be provided at each bench. BRING YOUR TEAM WATER BOTTLES, or a case of water.

**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.

**Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers:** ASAA prohibits laser pointers, whistles, and any explosive devices or explosive sounds at ALL state championship events. Thunder sticks are NOT ALLOWED. Once play starts on EITHER COURT any artificial noise makers are not allowed.

## UNIFORMS

- The **HOME TEAM** is the **HIGHER SEEDED TEAM** and wears **WHITE**. When facing the court from the scorers table the HOME TEAM sits on the RIGHT SIDE.
- The **VISITING TEAM** is the **LOWER SEEDED TEAM** and wears **DARK COLOR**. When facing the court from the scorers table the VISITING TEAM sits on the LEFT SIDE.
- Please make sure to bring BOTH SETS of uniforms to all your games! Just in case there is an issue.

## LOCKER ROOM POLICIES & ACCESS TIMING

### 1A/2A Teams

- **Access:** Locker rooms will be available before your game, with team signs on the doors.
- **Timing:** Teams may access their assigned locker room AFTER HALFTIME of the PREVIOUS GAME
- **Belongings:** All belongings must be removed upon leaving for your game.
- **Post-Game Use:** Teams may return to the locker room for a post-game talk and will have access until halftime of the following game.

### 3A/4A Teams

#### **Aux Gym Locker Rooms (160B & 160C)**

- **Access:** Locker rooms will be available before your game, with team signs on the doors.
- **Timing:** Teams may access their assigned locker room AFTER HALFTIME of the PREVIOUS GAME
- **Belongings:** All belongings must be removed upon leaving for your game.
- **Post-Game Use:** Teams may return to the locker room for a post-game talk and will have access until halftime of the following game.

#### **Main Gym Locker Rooms (B13, B14, B51, B52)**

- **B13 & B14 Location:** Near the elevators.
- **B51 & B52 Location:** Located in the northside back hallway.
- **Access:** Teams will have access throughout their game.
- **Timing:** Locker rooms will be opened by State Tournament Staff AT HALFTIME OF THE PRIOR GAME!
- **Exit Policy:** Teams must clear the locker room BEFORE HALFTIME OF THE GAME AFTER THEIRS!
- **Security:** Locker room codes will not be provided; teams must request access from State Tournament Staff.

**Damage Liability:** Tournament staff and security will inspect locker rooms before and after team use. Schools will be held responsible for any damages and billed accordingly.

**Sideline Cheerleaders:** If you have a sideline cheerleading squad please see the ASAA March Madness Alaska Sideline Cheerleading Policies and Procedures document found on the [asaa.org](http://asaa.org) webpage. Check in with Sandi Wagner or any ASAA associate director upon arrival to the gym.

**Halftime Entertainment:** Sideline Cheer squads have time set aside to preform at halftime of their games. Other time is schedule by ASAA staff and sponsors.

**School Signs:** Schools are allowed to hang signs that are positive and directed only towards the schools team. Signs are NOT ALLOWED TO BE HUNG WITH TAPE OR GLUE. BLUE PAINTERS TAPE IS WHAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE. Please remove your signage after each game!

**NFHS Network Streaming:** The NFHS Network will be webcasting ALL basketball games live on [NFHSnetwork.com](http://NFHSnetwork.com).

**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.
- **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 [media@asaaemail.com](mailto:media@asaaemail.com) by Tuesday at 2:00 PM 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.

**Pep Bands Guidelines:** School pep bands and drum lines are encouraged to bring energy and excitement to the state championships! However, space is limited, and advance notice is required. Games in the Main Arena are allowed to have a Pep Band when there is not a split court. Games in the Aux Gym are NOT ALLOWED to have a Pep Band because of space issues. *As this is a neutral-site event, participation must comply with provided guidelines:*

#### Requirements

- **Must Contact ASAA Associate Director, Kathleen Navarre ([kathleen@asaa.org](mailto:kathleen@asaa.org)), by 5:00PM the Monday before the event if you intend to attend the State Tournament.**
- Administrators must verify the pep band typically performs at regular-season games for the team.
- Students must meet all ASAA eligibility requirements.
- Students must be listed on the school's pep band roster in the School Activities Reporting System.
- ASAA does not provide power for pep bands.

Playing Guidelines. (Directors please see Kathleen at the AAC for these guidelines)

**State Merchandise:** Northwest Designs is the Official State Merchandise Vendor. NWD will have a large variety of apparel and feature on-site printing as well as a store at the [ASAA.org](http://ASAA.org) homepage [Northwest Designs Link](#).

**ASAA March Madness Alaska Program:** The ASAA March Madness Alaska Basketball State Championship Souvenir Program (1A/2A and 3A/4A) can be download for FREE at [ASAA.org](http://ASAA.org) and [ASAA365.com](http://ASAA365.com).

**Awards:** Awards will follow after the Championship Games of your level. See schedule posted on [asaa.org](http://asaa.org) website.

**Championship Team Net Cutting:** Championship teams will be allowed to cut down the nets after the awards ceremony. However, because of the game schedule the net cutting celebration will be a limited time.

**Warm-Ups & Music:** Each team is guaranteed 15 minutes of warm-up time before the game. If the tournament is ahead of schedule, warm-up time will be extended to the scheduled game start time — no game will begin early. ASAA provides all warm-up and in-game music.

**Team Introductions:**

- **First Game:** The entire team will be introduced.
  - Non-starters will be announced first.
  - Starters will be introduced alternating, with the visiting team first, home team second.
- **Remaining Games:** Only starters will be introduced.
- **Saturday Championship Games:** The entire team will be introduced. Visiting team first, then the Home team.

**Player & Coach Procedure During Introductions:**

- Each starter meets at center court to shake hands with the opposing starter before returning to their bench.
- Players wishing to shake hands with their coach must do so before reporting to center court.
- Head coaches shake hands with all opposing starters and also shake hands with each other when introduced.

**National Anthem/Color Guard:** The National Anthem will be performed at the beginning of each session and for the Championship game.

**Media Timeouts:** One (1) 70-second media timeout will be taken at the first dead ball after the 4:00-minute mark in the 1st and 3rd quarters of each game.

**Halftime Policy**

- Standard halftime duration: 10 minutes
- Saturday Championship Games: 15 minutes
- At 3 minutes remaining, teams may return to the court for warm-ups.
- All teams must be back at their benches with one minute remaining.

**Post Game Procedure and Awards:**

- Players and coaches must shake hands with the opposing team as a sign of sportsmanship.
- Players and Cheerleaders of the Game will be awarded at the end of each game. Teams must remain on the court until all three awards have been presented.
- Teams playing next must wait until the previous teams have fully exited before approaching their benches.
- Bench Area Cleanup:
  - Teams must remove all personal items, including jerseys, warm-ups, water bottles, and towels.
  - No liquids (including water) may be dumped on the floor or in the locker rooms.
  - Spray string is NOT allowed. Any other celebratory material must be cleaned up by the winning team.

**Coach Post Game:** Interviews must take place off the court after any game. NFHS Network may request coaches for interviews. Teams advancing to the title game must meet with Kathleen Navarre to review Championship Day details.