Bylaw and Policy Changes to 2020-21 because of COVID-19

The following bylaws and policies are in place for the rest of the 2020-21 school year

ARTICLE 6 Contest Rules

ASAA will not consider the inability to fulfill a contract due to concerns with COVID a contract violation. ASAA hopes all schools will operate in “good faith” and let other schools know their intent as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 7 Section 7 - Practice

A. All players must have seven (7) separate days of physical practice in the same sport activity prior to the 1st day of competition. For the purpose of this bylaw, a “practice” is defined as a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the sports season and conducted under the supervision of a certified school coach during the season established by the Board of Directors. In order to qualify as practice the student must participate in at least an hour of physical activity.

B. When a student is participating in an ASAA sport that overlaps the beginning of another ASAA sport, up to two (2) practices may be waived. In addition when a student is participating in a nationally recognized activity (or the Arctic Winter Games) that overlaps the beginning of an ASAA sport season, the Executive Director may waive up to two (2) practices. In addition to this, a “nationally recognized activity” is a non-school athletic competition and/or practice, in a sanctioned ASAA sport, conducted under the auspices of a national sports governing body as part of an Olympic Development Program. This activity will usually be conducted outside of the state of Alaska.

DUAL PARTICIPATION & OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

While participating in any ASAA activity, all participants must notify their “school of eligibility” if they are also involved in a non-school program that is an activity offered by ASAA. Participants failing to do so will be ruled as ineligible for a period of time not to exceed one month. The Executive Director will make the determination on the length of ineligibility.

While participating in any ASAA activity, all participants must notify their “school of eligibility” if traveling out of state. Upon return, the participant must follow all state and local travel mandates. Participants failing to do so will be ruled as ineligible for the remainder of the season.

AT-LARGE BERTH AND SEEDING

For the spring of 2021 use a random draw to determine the At-large Berths, but only if the bracket needs to be filled, with consideration for the larger conferences.

For seeding team sports use the last five years of state results to rank the conference champion, then cross bracket any second place team from the same conference with a random draw used to finalize the bracket.