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**Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting  
April 26, 2021  
Place: ZOOM Conference call**

More information may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (listed on web site) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

**Call to Order** — the meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. April 26, 2021

**Procedural** — Quorum Established

**Roll Call:**

Region 1 – Patrick Callahan-Present  
Region 2 - James Sickler-Present  
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present  
Region 4 - Megan Hatswell-Present  
Region 5 - Troy Thain-Present  
Region 6 - Dan Klein-Present  
AASB - Dana Mock-Present  
AASA - Dave Herbert –Present  
AASG - Abigail Jensen-Present

**Approval of the Consent Items –**

- a. Approval of Minutes from the April 12, 2021 Board meeting
- b. Wavier Report
- c. Out-of-State Travel
- d. Contest Ejection Report
- e. Financial Report
- f. Cooperative Schools Report
- g. Endowment Report
- h. Eighth Grade Student Eligibility Request Report

Motion “to approve the consent items with the changes noted to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility report”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 2  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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## **Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–**

Motion “to approve the agenda as presented”  
Motion by AASB, second by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

## **Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –**

- Stacia Rustad stated she appreciates all the work done by the Board this year.

## **Reports –** The Board of Directors was provided with the following reports:

- Board Members
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- State Tournaments
- Officials and Coaches
- Sponsorships/Marketing/Promotions
- Student Services
- Hall of Fame
- SMAC
- Executive Director



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**Action Items and Board Directives** – The Board of Directors took action and gave direction as follows:

➤ **Adaptive Sports:** directed the staff to continue working with the Adaptive Sports Committee towards starting cross country, Nordic Ski and Track & Field events for the next school year. The Board does not want to see Track & Field having to go to three-day event or to separate the divisions. The Board shares the ASAA Staff concerns regarding the feasibility of having cross country on the Bartlett trails course.

➤ **TAD Policy Changes:** motion “to adopt the changes in the TAD policy as presented.

Motion by AASA, Seconded by AASB  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note the revised policy will now read (changes shown in yellow):

### ***Play for Keeps - Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances (TAD) Policy***

*In order to ensure adoption of consistent tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances policies by member schools and districts, ASAA requires that member schools and districts adopt the following policy for their enrolled and alternative education program students who are participating in interscholastic activities. This is intended to set forth minimum restrictions and penalties, subject to greater or additional restrictions or penalties which may be adopted by member schools or school districts.*

**1. Prohibited Conduct:** *The possession, distribution or use of any tobacco products, including “E” or electronic cigarettes, alcohol and controlled substances (as defined in number 10 of this policy) by a student-athlete or activity participant, whether it occurs on or off school property, is prohibited and shall result in the penalties set forth herein.*

**2. Time Period During Which Policy Applies:** *The policy in this section applies to any student who is participating or has participated in interscholastic activities starting from the student’s first participation in interscholastic activities, at any ASAA member school, and continuing until the student graduates from high school. This policy applies during “calendar days” as defined in this section. The policy first went into effect on July 28, 2008.*

**3. Annual Requirements:** *The Pre-Participation Orientation is required of each student participant and parent/guardian annually, at the beginning of the student’s first season of the school year, before the student is eligible to participate. This session is a short informative presentation designed to encourage students to maintain a chemical-free lifestyle, and to ensure that students and parents/guardians understand the policy and the consequences for violation. Upon completion of the Orientation, the student and parent/guardian must sign the*



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*Student/Parent/Legal Guardian TAD Acknowledgement Form for the student to gain eligibility. Schools will affirm that this has happened by marking the designated field on the School Activities Reporting System (SARS). In the event a student and parent do not view the Pre-Participation Orientation and/or sign the Student/Parent/Legal Guardian TAD Acknowledgement Form, the student is still subject to the policy.*

***Student and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement:*** ASAA will provide access to the Student/Parent/ Legal Guardian TAD video and acknowledgement form to member schools and districts. The orientation video will explain the policies of this section and penalties for violations. Students and the student's parent or legal guardian, are required to view the orientation video annually, prior to signing the acknowledgement form. The form must be signed by the student and the student's parent or legal guardian, and requires that the student and parent or legal guardian acknowledge that they have read and understand the terms of the policy, including the potential penalties for violations, and that it requires the school to report such violations to ASAA. The form will require that the student and parent or legal guardian agree to be bound by these terms. A copy of the signed form must be returned to the school before the student is permitted to participate. Member schools shall keep a copy of the signed forms on file.

***4. Educational Component:*** The educational component is a critical part of the policy and is comprised of multiple parts; Pre-Participation Orientation, First Offense, Second Offense, and Subsequent Offenses. ASAA will provide the first three parts of this component to member schools. An overview of each part is included under number 10. Definitions.

***5. Cumulative and Progressive Penalties:*** Violations of this policy will be cumulative and progressive, as described in the following paragraph, throughout a student's high school years. If a student transfers from one ASAA member school to another ASAA member school, the student's cumulative violations will accompany such transfer and shall be the basis for any additional penalties should further violations occur.

***6. Minimum Penalties for Violation of this Policy:*** Minimum penalties for violations of this policy are:

***First Offense*** – Students who have committed a First Offense under the rule,

- will be suspended from interscholastic competition and practice for ten (10) calendar days (as defined in number 11).

*Up to Fifty percent (50%) of the suspension will be forgiven and the student may return to practice if the student and parent/guardian complete the First Offense educational component.*

*For tobacco use, if a student under the First Offense Penalty violates the Tobacco Rule within the ten (10) calendar day period of suspension, the student's period of suspension will start over again; the First Offense educational component will become mandatory, and no forgiveness will be granted. This process will continue until the student has demonstrated ten (10) calendar days without a subsequent tobacco violation. A student who has not completed a suspension or re-suspension under the first Offense Penalty for violation of the Tobacco Rule does not become subject to imposition of penalties under a Second, Third or Fourth Offense for violation of the*



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*Tobacco Rule, until the student has completed all suspensions and re-suspensions under the First Offense Penalty for tobacco use. A student serving a First Offense Penalty under the Tobacco Rule is, however, subject to immediate imposition of a Second Offense Penalty to the extent this is based upon violation of the non-tobacco prohibitions under this Policy.*

*While under the period of suspension, the student may return to practice after completion of the educational component. A student may need additional days of practice before returning to competition (See Article 7, Section 7).*

**Second Offense** – Students who have committed a Second Offense under the rule

- *will be suspended from interscholastic competition and practice for forty- five (45) calendar days and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of the interscholastic competition suspension.*
- *Both the student and parent/guardian must complete the Second Offense educational component prior to the student's return to competition.*
- *In addition, the student must complete 20 hours of community service and write an essay on what they learned about this experience.*

*While under the period of suspension, the student may return to practice after completion of the educational component. A student may need additional days of practice before returning to competition (See Article 7, Section 7).*

**Third Offense** - Students who violate this policy for a third time have a significant problem. Students who have committed a Third Offense under the rule and wish to regain their eligibility will complete the following:

- *suspension from interscholastic competition and practice for six (6) months and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of the interscholastic activities suspension.*
- *seek assessment and counseling/treatment from a local health care professional,*
- *successfully complete the recommendations of the care provider and submit a letter from the agency,*
- *demonstrate a commitment to remain substance free,*
- *make a presentation to the District School Board requesting reinstatement of interscholastic eligibility*

*While under the period of suspension, the student may return to practice after completion of the educational component. A student may need additional days of practice before returning to competition (See Article 7, Section 7).*

**Fourth and Subsequent Offenses** - Students who violate this policy for fourth or more time have a significant problem. Students who have committed a Fourth and Subsequent Offenses under the rule and wish to regain their eligibility will complete the following:

- *suspension from interscholastic competition and practice for one year and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of the interscholastic activities suspension.*
- *seek assessment and counseling/treatment from a local health care professional,*



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- *successfully complete the recommendations of the care provider and submit a letter from the agency,*
- *demonstrate a commitment to remain substance free,*
- *make a presentation to the District School Board requesting reinstatement of interscholastic eligibility,*
- *make a presentation to the ASAA Board of Directors requesting reinstatement of interscholastic eligibility*

*While under the period of suspension, the student may return to practice after completion of the educational component. A student may need additional days of practice before returning to competition (See Article 7, Section 7).*

*These are minimum penalties which may be increased by the member school or member school district, based upon (1) the nature of the violation, (2) the extent to which it occurs on school property or during school activities, and (3) the extent to which it arises in the context of the student's participation in interscholastic activities. Penalties shall be imposed beginning on the first calendar day following a determination that a violation has occurred, except to the extent a school's appeals policy permits a student to continue to participate pending final determination of any appeal filed by the student under such policy. In such case, penalties shall be imposed on the first calendar day following a determination on appeal that a violation has occurred. A student shall be considered ineligible during each calendar day in which a penalty is imposed.*

***7. Determination of Violations:*** *In implementing this policy, it will be the member school's responsibility to determine the nature and extent of a violation, to impose and enforce any penalty, to report each violation to ASAA on the School Activities Reporting System (SARS), and to maintain records of all violations by each student occurring after the student's first participation in interscholastic activities. A member school's determination that a violation has occurred and its imposition of penalty may not be appealed to ASAA. If a member school or member school district reverses a determination of violation, it shall promptly notify ASAA of such reversal. Alleged failure of a member school or district to enforce this policy may not be the basis for either a report of rules violation to the Executive Director or of a member school's protest against another school, under the ASAA Bylaws.*

*Violations and penalties are to be based upon noncompliance with the policy by the student participant, by the student's parents/legal guardians, or both, provided however, that where a violation is based solely upon action or inaction of the parent or legal guardian and not of the student participant, under circumstances completely beyond the control of the student and where it would be manifestly unfair to disqualify the student on this ground, the member school may, at its discretion, withhold imposition of a penalty against the student.*

***8. Violations Reported to ASAA and Confidentiality Requirement:*** *After determining that an enrolled student, or an alternative education program student who has been granted eligibility at a member school, has committed a violation, the member school shall report the violation to ASAA via the School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Member schools and districts must report to ASAA a violation of this policy within three (3) calendar days of determination that such violation has occurred. It is ASAA's intention to maintain the confidentiality of all such reports. As such, information concerning a student's previous violations will be disclosed by ASAA only to an*



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*administrator of the member school which the student is attending. A school administrator to whom such information has been disclosed may exercise discretion to provide such confidential information as is appropriate to the student's coach or other activity administrator, but only to the extent that such information is provided in a good faith effort to prevent violations and to assist the student in maintaining a lifestyle free of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substance use, and to maintain eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities. An administrator who provides any confidential information to a student's coach or other activity supervisor shall assure that such person will use the information only in communications with the student and shall otherwise maintain strict confidentiality of the information. ASAA's records of violation shall be made available to the student and/or the student's parent or legal guardian upon written request.*

**9. Student and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement:** *ASAA will provide access to the Student/Parent/ Legal Guardian TAD video and acknowledgement form to member schools and districts. The orientation video will explain the policies of this section and penalties for violations. Students and the student's parent or legal guardian, are required to view the orientation video annually, prior to signing the acknowledgement form. The form must be signed by the student and the student's parent or legal guardian, and requires that the student and parent or legal guardian acknowledge that they have read and understand the terms of the policy, including the potential penalties for violations, and that it requires the school to report such violations to ASAA. The form will require that the student and parent or legal guardian agree to be bound by these terms. A copy of the signed form must be returned to the school before the student is permitted to participate. Member schools shall keep a copy of the signed forms on file.*

**10. Students Emancipated by Age or Marriage:** *The requirements in this policy that a parent or legal guardian sign the Student/Parent/Legal Guardian TAD Acknowledgment Form and that require that a student's parent or guardian participate in the Pre-participation Orientation or in mandatory education arising from an offense do not apply to a student who has obtained the age of 18 (eighteen) years, or who becomes married if the student has reached the age of 16 (sixteen).*

**11. Definitions:** *As used in this section, terms are amended as follows:*

*Electronic "E" Cigarettes – any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such device whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other product name or descriptor.*

*Calendar Days – Each day, including weekends and holidays, during the member school's school year. Additionally, if a student participates in any interscholastic activity, including practice, outside of the school year, then the entire period of such participation, including intervening weekends and holidays, counts as calendar days for such student.*

*Controlled Substance – Any substance appearing on the list of Controlled Substances identified by the federal Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration or as set forth in 21 U.S.C. Section 812, unless the student's usage of such substance is consistent with a physician's prescription for the student's usage. The DEA list of Controlled Substances appears on its internet website at*



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[http:// www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/index.html#list](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/index.html#list) . ASAA will endeavor to provide member schools with an updated List of Controlled Substances; however, for purposes of ASAA's policy, the current list maintained by the DEA is controlling. In addition, any substance listed as illegal or restricted by Alaska statute or regulation, or classified as a "designer drug" by the federal Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration or by Alaska statute or regulation, shall be considered a controlled substance for the purposes of this policy.

*Report to ASAA – Violations must be reported to the ASAA office within three days via the School Activities Reporting System (SARS)*

*Suspension – As defined in Article 5, Section 1 A6 of ASAA bylaws.*

*Educational Component – A series of DVD's, software and web based training programs and counseling ranging from a pre-participation orientation session to remedial programs for first through third time offenders. These are designed to keep students in school, teach them responsibility, educate them and their parents/guardians on new behaviors and lifestyles, instill accountability, exemplify teamwork, teach positive decision making skills, and keep students eligible for interscholastic activities.*

➤ **State Berth Analysis for Individual Sports:** motion "to approve the recommendations of the wrestling committee on the allocation of berths for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years."

Motion by Region 4, second by AASB  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: this will have the following impact:

DI Berths: Reduce CIC Conference by one berth and create an "at-large" berth for DI

DII Berths: Reduce the Sockeye Conference and Southeast Conferences by one berth each and create two additional "at-large" berths.

Girls Berths: keep the status quo

➤ **Wrestling At-Large Selection and Seeding:** ASAA will request each Region appoint a member to the State Wrestling At-Large Selection and Seeding Committee. This person should be knowledgeable of wrestling and may not be currently coaching. Regions have until May 3 to make this appointment and may choose not to do so. ASAA will also appoint a staff member to the committee





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➤ **State Tournament COVID-19 Testing and Mask Requirements:** motion “to adhere to the COVID-19 testing and mask policies for all ASAA State Events in accordance to the local government agency at which the event is held.”

Motion by Region 4, second by AASA  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Executive Session:** motion “to go into Executive Session for the purposes of reviewing the proposed 2021-22 ASAA and AASG Budget”

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 5  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2021-2022 ASAA and AASG Operating Budgets:** motion “accept the 2021-2022 operating budget for both ASAA and AASG as presented”

Motion by AASA, second by Region 2  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Wrestling Weigh-in Procedures:** motion “to remove the half-pound allowance from the ASAA regular season recommendations and State Tournament weigh-in procedures beginning with the Fall 2021 Season.”

Motion passed (7-1)  
(Y) Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, AASA, AASB  
(N) Region 6  
(Y) AASG (advisory)

➤ **Wrestling Seeding/At-Large Criteria:** directed the ASAA staff to review the current system with those having been involved in the process to determine if the order of criteria should be changed. Of particular concern is using “overall winning percentage” as the fourth criteria. The committee felt the wrestler’s “winning percentage against “seedable” wrestlers” should be used prior to the “overall winning percentage”. There was also discussion on eliminating the “overall winning percentage” criteria. Recommendations for any changes should be made by the October 2021 Board meeting.



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➤ **Ben Eielson/North Pole Baseball Co-op** : motion to approve the request to allow Ben Eielson and North Pole High Schools to co-op for the activity of baseball for the 2021 spring season.”

Motion passed (7-1)  
(Y) Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, Region 6, AASA, AASB  
(N) Region 1  
(Y) AASG (advisory)

➤ **Ninilchik “Opt-up” Request** motion “to allow Ninilchik High School to “opt-up” to 2A for the activities of girls and boys basketball and to place them into the Interior Conference. The placement will be in effect for the next three seasons.”

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **SMAC Committee Members**: motion “to appoint Dr. Capo (Western) and Dr. Powell (Southcentral to the ASAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.”

Motion by AASA, second by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Gold Lifetime Pass**: motion “to approve the Region’s and Association’s nominations of the Gold Lifetime Pass Recipients”

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note the following individuals were chosen to receive an ASAA Gold Lifetime pass:

- Region 1- Nate Koch
- Region 2 – Lance Bowie
- Region 3 – Dan Marshall, Marcus Dunbar and Rod Christianson
- Region 4 – Bill Stoltze
- Region 6 – Greg Whisenant
- AASA—Ty Mase and Dave Herbert

Region 5 and AASB – will forward their selections to ASAA once determined



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➤ **Spring Sports Rule Modifications:** motion “to adopt the updated NFHS Track and Field Rule COVID-19 modifications and to allow wrestlers to shake hands prior to a match.”

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 5  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DI State Soccer Bracket:** motion “to adopt the present bracket for the DI State Soccer Tournament with CIC #1 playing CIC #5 in the first round.”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note the following first round pairings were established:

Top of Bracket

CIC #1 v. CIC #5

Railbelt #2 v. CIC #3

Bottom of Bracket

Railbelt #1 v. CIC #4

CIC #2 v. Railbelt #3

➤ **2021-2022 Regular Board Meeting Dates :** the Board confirmed the following regular meeting dates for the 2021-22 school year. It is possible the April meeting date will change based on travel to Haines:

- October 10, 2021...Board Workshop in Anchorage
- October 11-12, 2021 in Anchorage
- December 6-7, 2021 in Anchorage
- February 21-22, 2022 in Anchorage
- April 25-26, 2022 in Haines

➤ **Executive Session :** motion “to go into Executive Session for the purpose of completing the Executive Director’s annual evaluation.”

Motion by Region 2 second by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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## **Hearings – none**

## **Upcoming Items –**

- Election of officers
- Annual goals
- 2022-2023 draft calendar
- State Bids
- Analysis of Team Sports berths

## **Awards/Recognitions/Presentations –**

ASAA and the ASAA Board of Directors recognized outgoing AASA Representative Dave Herbert. Mr. Herbert served on the ASAA Board of Directors from 2016 until 2021. Mr. Herbert was presented a plaque recognizing his outstanding leadership and dedication to the students of Alaska.

ASAA and the ASAA Board of Directors recognized outgoing AASG Representative Abigail Jensen. Ms. Jensen served on the ASAA Board of Directors from 2018 until 2021. Ms. Jensen was presented with a plaque recognizing her outstanding leadership and dedication to the students of Alaska.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by AASA, second by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

## **Upcoming Board Meetings**

- October 10, 2021...Board Workshop in Anchorage
- October 11-12, 2021 in Anchorage
- December 6-7, 2021 in Anchorage
- February 21-22, 2022 in Anchorage
- April 25-26, 2022 in Haines