

# **REGION III TOURNAMENT BYLAWS**

## **South Central Conference**

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### **ARTICLE X: BYLAWS**

#### **Section 1: Governing Rules**

Basketball competition in Region III will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association Basketball Rule Book and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and Region III.

#### **Section 2: Scheduling**

The following schools will be invited to the Region III 3A Tournament:

**Heritage ACS Grace Nikiski Seward Su Valley**

A maximum 22 game schedule in one season, exclusive of post-season tournament play consists of a home-home schedule unless the game(s) is cancelled due to weather and other circumstances beyond the control of the school(s). In the event one or more schools in the district fails to complete their home and home schedule due to the above conditions, the offending school(s) will still be allowed to participate in the seeding process.

#### **Section 3: Tournament Bracketing**

An eight team bracket shall be used with the highest seeded team receiving a first round bye. Tournament play is single elimination with a consolation bracket.

Teams will be seeded according to following criteria in this priority order:

1. Total District Record (12 games)
2. All regular season head to head competition
3. Common opponent within 3A classification (first game only)
4. Common opponent within other classifications (2A, 4A)
5. Record against team(s) with a higher seed.
6. Toss of Coin

In the case of a three way or four way tie, only the head to head records between the teams that are tied will be considered. Once the original tie is broken, head to head competition must be considered first between the remaining teams before using steps three or four. All ties will be broken by the Region III Executive Board in person or by conference call with the schools involved. The Board member will designate a team "heads" based on the first letter of the school in alphabetical order, and the other team "tails" before flipping the coin. Final team seeding will be faxed to all teams by the tournament director.

State tournament advancement shall be determined by tournament results. The team winning the region tournament will represent District III-3A as the number one seed. The team finishing second will advance as the number two seed in the state tournament.

#### **Section 4: Team Rosters**

Team rosters are not to exceed fifteen players, must be submitted to the host school by participating schools on the Monday ten days prior to the first day of the district tournament. A final team roster of twelve players must be selected from the original list and submitted to the tournament official book to that team's first game of the tournament. Thereafter, no changes or substitutions shall be permitted.

#### **Section 5: Time Schedule**

Tournaments will be scheduled over a three day period. The tournament director shall arrange the scheduled games as to the session and location in which games shall be played for the tournaments first day of play. The host school may exercise the option of having their first round game played in the evening.

#### **Section 6: Board of Control**

A tournament Board of Control shall be chosen that shall consist of three individuals with sufficient knowledge of the sport to make educated and fair decisions when necessary. It is recommended that one Board of Control member represent the school that will host the tournament during the following year.

#### **Section 7: Jurisdiction**

In the event of a dispute, the tournament Board of Control's decision will be final.

#### **Section 8: Officials**

The tournament director shall select the officials for the regional tournament in the following manner:

1. A minimum of five certified officials are required for the boys/girls tournament. It is recommended that six officials be selected.
2. The tournament director will submit a list of certified officials to competing schools at least 45 days prior to the tournament.
3. Competing schools will rank the top six (6) choices on a prioritized list and return it to the tournament director at least four (4) weeks prior to the district tournament.
4. The tournament director will use an inverted point system (6 points for first selection, 5 points for second, etc.) to determine a prioritized list of officials for the tournament. The six (6) officials with the most points will be invited to be the tournament officials.

5. Should a selected official decline or later withdraw, he/she will be replaced with the next official with the most points.
6. The coaches of the schools competing in the championship game will determine the officials for that game in the following manner.
  - a. On odd years, the girls teams coaches choose first; on even years, the boys coaches will choose first.
  - b. The coaches that choose first, list their top choice and submit to a board of control member or tournament director.
  - c. The two officials selected will work that game. If the same one is chosen by both, another name from each will be requested. Board of Control will decide which will be the second official.
  - d. A new list will be provided to the coaches that choose second that does not include the officials already chosen.
  - e. Each coach will list his/her top choice from the new list and follow the same procedure as (c).
7. The order of the championship and consolation games is set with girls teams playing first and boys teams playing last.

### **Section 9: Trophies/Awards**

Trophies and awards will be purchased by Region III and the costs shared by the teams involved. There will be a team award for the **1st place team**. **Individual medals for first and second place teams will be provided.**

A **coaches award** for both **boys and girls teams** will be voted by the coaches. Coach of the Year nominations may be submitted in writing by anyone to the Tournament Director at least one week prior to the tournament. Nominations shall include the name of the person nominating the coach along with rationale for their nomination. The tournament director will then include that information in the packet for the coaches meeting. Other nominations may be accepted at the meeting before voting. Each school's head coach or his/her designee shall have one vote.

A "**Good Sport Team**" will be chosen as follows:

At the coaches meeting, each coach will select one athlete on the team who displayed good sportsmanship throughout the entire season. These athletes will be recognized at the awards ceremony with a special medal.

## **Section 10: All-Region Team Selection**

Prior to the start of the region tournament, each head coach will submit names of players for consideration of an All-Region team.

At the coaches meeting, time should be allowed for each coach to give reasons for his nominations . All head coaches may then vote for ten (10) athletes from the list of nominations. Coaches may not vote for their own players. Ballots will be weighted according to numerical priority (i.e. the first name entered will be given ten points, the second name is given nine points, etc.) Results of the voting will be determined as follows:

First Team = the ten (10) athletes receiving the most votes.  
Second Team = any athlete that received at least one vote.

The Board of Control will supervise the voting and counting of ballots. Should any discrepancies arise, the Board has the option of nullifying the vote and conducting a revote. In this case, a letter to the Region III President and to the principal of the offending school will follow.

## **Section 11: Pep Bands**

Pep Bands will be limited to playing only during the 20 minute warm-up periods, time-outs, and halftimes. They will not be allowed to play during live ball time including the shooting of free throws.