

# **REGION III TOURNAMENT BYLAWS**

## **Northern Lights Conference**

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#### **ARTICLE X: TOURNAMENT 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**

All participating member schools must compete within the designated Region III district. 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.

Beginning with the 1995-96 season, Region III 4A will divide into North South Division for the basketball regular season as follows:

**North: Colony, Kodiak, Palmer, Wasilla**

**South: Homer, Kenai, Skyview, Soldotna**

Each school within the division will play each other on a home and away basis and play each school in the other division once on an alternating home-away biannual basis. Kodiak will play the southern division schools more than one game when requested and when those teams travel to Kodiak. (In those cases, the first game played will count toward division standing and seeding.)The valley schools will schedule extra contests with peninsula schools if requested to complete their 22 game schedules.

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

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

1. Regional Record of the ten (10) games
2. All regular season Head to Head Competition
3. Record with teams within the division
4. Common 4A opponent outside the Region (**first game only counts**)
5. Record against team(s) with a higher seed in both divisions
6. Toss of a 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, four, or five.

All ties will be broken by the Region III 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.

Bracketing will be split into two levels as follows:

- #1 North playing #4 South and #3 North playing #2 South in the top bracket
  - #2 North playing #3 South and #4 North playing #1 South in the bottom bracket
- (See appendix)

The team seeded first is not guaranteed an automatic berth to state competition. Placement will be single-elimination with consolation brackets that allow for a third place state berth and award. State tournament seeding (first and second) will be determined by the championship game.

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

Team rosters are not to exceed fifteen players, and must be submitted to the host school on the official form which will have spaces for fifteen players no later than 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 director at the coaches meeting. Thereafter, no changes or substitutions shall be permitted. Only those twelve players may be dressed and seated at the team bench.

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

Tournaments will be scheduled over 3 days. 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. Both girls consolation games will begin at 9:00 a.m. and boys to follow.

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

A tournament Board of Control shall be chosen for each Region III sponsored event that shall consist of three individuals who have 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 nine certified officials are required for the boys/girls tournament. It is recommended that nine 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 eight (9) 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 (9 points for first selection, 8 points for second, etc.) to determine a prioritized list of officials for the tournament. The eight (9) 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 and the assigner, 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 team 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. The 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 1st place and individual medals for first, second, and third place team members.

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 of information at the coaches meeting. Other nominations may be accepted at that 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.