

FOOTBALL BYLAWS

Great Land Conference

and

Northern Lights Conference

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Article I: MEMBER SCHOOLS

Notification of enrollment change that will change conference membership should occur no later than the all conference selection meeting for each conference.

Schools with enrollments of under 400 students are eligible to join the **Great Land Conference**. Presently, those schools include:

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| 1. Delta | 2. Eielson | 3. Barrow | 4. Sitka |
| 5. Nikiski High School | 6. Seward | 7. Valdez High | |

Schools with enrollments of between 400-900 students are eligible to join the **Northern Lights Conference**. Presently, those schools include:

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| 1. Homer High School | 2. Kenai High School | 3. Ketchikan |
| 4. Kodiak High School | 5. Skyview High School | 6. Soldotna |
| 7. Houston High School | | |

Article II: OFFICERS & SCHEDULING

The small school football bylaws will be the governing body of the Great Land and Northern Lights Conferences. A scheduler representing the small schools football conferences, will be nominated and voted on during the fall Region III meeting each year.

Transportation for schools off of the road system: Member schools off of the road system will provide 22 airline tickets for visiting teams who bring varsity teams. If JV games are to be played an additional 15 airline tickets will be provided. Should these schools earn the right to host a playoff game the same ticket agreement will be honored. If the ferry is available from either, Seward or Homer and the amount of school missed is comparable to flying, the ferry will be used. The following ticket adjustments will be made when the ferry is used 25 Varsity and 25 Junior Varsity tickets.

Article III: BYLAWS

Section 1: Season

The Alaska School Activities Association shall establish the starting and ending dates for football. Small school football business and bylaw revisions will take place in conjunction with Region III Business Meetings.

Section 2: Quarter Rule

Players may participate in 6 quarters a week upon the approval of ASAA. A player physically present on the field of play for any part of a quarter has appeared in that game. The one game rule is then in effect. A kicking or punting specialist may play in up to eight quarters per week (two games) provided that in one of the two games he does no more than punt or kick. (Example, JV running back plays four quarters in JV game and punts only for the varsity.)

Section 3: Team Structure

- Varsity teams shall consist of players in grades 9-12
- Junior Varsity teams shall consist of players in grades 9-11
- C teams shall consist of players in grades 9-10

Schools with developing programs or no varsity may play seniors at the JV level until a varsity program is in place.

Section 4: Home and Away

- **Home** teams shall wear **DARK** or colored jerseys and are responsible for reporting stats for that game for both teams.
- **Visiting** teams shall wear **WHITE** or light jerseys. Conflicts in jersey colors are to be resolved by mutual consent of the two schools involved before the contest.

Section 5: Footballs

The official football for Small Schools Conferences shall be any football that meets National Federation specifications and standards.

Section 6: Conference Championship

The Football Championship for each conference is to be determined by that team's Conference win-loss record. In the case of a two or three way tie, each team will be designated as "Co-Champions" and will receive first place plaques.

Tie breaking procedures for seeding purposes in the playoffs will be as follows:

1. Head to head competition shall always be considered first in breaking ties of any kind.
2. In the case of a three way tie and head to head does not break it, common opponents in the other conference will be considered.
3. If a three-way tie still occurs, then common opponents in any other conference in the state may be considered.
4. If a three way tie still occurs, there will be a coin toss conducted by the Region III President, with the odd man seeded lowest.
5. The remaining teams after the coin toss will again be compared head-to-head to fill remaining playoff seeds.

Section 7: State Championship

Beginning with the 2008 season, a state champion will be determined from an eight-team playoff system as follows: See section 10 for bracket.

Round One: The #1 seed of Great Land will host the # 4 seed of the Northern Lights.
The # 1 seed of the Northern Lights will host the # 5 seed of the NLC.
The #2 seed of the Great Land will host the #3 seed of the NLC.
The #2 seed of the NLC will host the #3 seed of the Greatland.

In the case field conditions or other reasons necessitate a change of venue, the game will be played at a mutually agreed upon field. Gate receipts after expenses will be shared between the two schools. **Expenses include: Officials, Field setup, gate and security.**

Round Two: The winners of the Round one games will qualify for the semi-final (see bracket) that is organized by ASAA.

Round Three: The winners of round two advance to the Small Schools State Championship that will be organized by ASAA.

Section 8: Other Details

- A. Medical personnel (EMT's, Paramedics, doctor) must be present during all football games.
- B. Schools may film or tape only the games that their teams are playing in. Exchange of tapes is by mutual consent of the schools involved.
- C. The gathering and compilation of game statistics is the responsibility of both teams for their own use. The responsibility for reporting game results and statistics to the press rests with the home team. The home team shall also provide statistics to the visiting team if requested.

Section 9: All-Conference Team Selection

An All-Conference team of 27 players for both Conferences shall be chosen at the end of the season by the following procedure:

- A. First and Second Team All-Conference selections for both offense and defense will be recognized. Honorable Mention for offense and defense will also be included.
- B. Each school will have the option of nominating up to 8 offensive, 8 defensive, 1 kicker, 1 punter, 1 return specialist, 1 long snapper, and 1 utility player. Schools are encouraged to only nominate those players worthy of nomination and if you don't have 8 worthy nominations, don't nominate 8.

The 27 All-Conference Positions for **both conferences** will be selected as follows:

| <u>Offense</u> | | <u>Defense</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Quarterback | 1 Tight End | 2 Outside Backers |
| 2 Half Backs | 2 Tackles | 2 Inside Backers |
| 1 Ret. Specialist | 2 Guards | 3 Defensive Backs |
| 1 Full Back | 1 Center | 4 Interior Lineman |
| 1 Wide Receivers | 1 Kicker | 1 Punter |
| 1 Long Snapper | | 1 Utility Player |

- C. Coaches will need to supply nominations, by position, to the host school no later than three days prior to the selection meeting. The first round ballot should be prepared by the meeting time and date.
- D. Selection Process
 1. All nominations for each position will be listed on the first ballot for that position.
 2. When selecting players for a position, each head coach will vote for twice the number of players for that position. (Example: when selecting four interior defensive linemen, vote for eight) will be placed on the second ballot for that position.
 3. The appropriate number of players (8) receiving the most votes will be placed on the second ballot for that position.
 4. If a tie occurs during the first ballot, both players will be added to the second ballot and the total will increase by that amount.

5. On the second ballot, each head coach will vote for the actual number of players for that position.
 6. The actual number of players for each position receiving the most votes on the second ballot will be declared first team All Conference.
 7. All first team ties must be broken.
 8. The remaining players on the second ballot will be declared second team All Conference.
 9. Any players who received at least one vote will receive honorable mention recognition.
 10. All schools must have a voting representative from their school at the all conference meeting for their athletes to be considered for these awards.
- E. The utility player should be a player who has not played enough at any one position during the year to deserve nomination for all conference. This spot is for the kid that plays running back for two games, wide receiver for three games and maybe tight end for 3 games. Your utility player nomination cannot be nominated at another position on offense or defense. He can be nominated as a kicker, punter or return specialist.
- F. Coaches will nominate their own players, but will not vote for their own players when voting begins. Coaches must vote for the maximum number allowed on each ballot unless their own players would be included. Ballots with less than the maximum number voted will be returned to that coach for a revote.
- G. All ballots will be counted away from the voting area and will be kept secret until each voting round is completed.
- H. Additions to the first ballot will not be accepted at the meeting. The only exception to this is if the host school made an error that is correctable.
- I. Coaches are encouraged to bring information supporting the merits of their nominees and head coaches will be allowed time to speak.
- J. Patches designating **FIRST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE** will be awarded. The awards are to be ordered by the Region Secretary for the All-Conference meeting from:
The Neff Company Box 218 Greenville, Ohio 45331 (937) 548-3194
The cost of these awards will be divided among the schools having football programs and will appear on their next year's statement.
- K. Following the All-Conference balloting, an **Offensive Player**, a **Defensive Player**, a **Lineman of the Year**, and a **Coach of the Year** for the Conference will be nominated and selected by ballot. Any player being nominated for one of these positions needs to be on at least one of the first team all conference lists. For this voting, coaches can vote for their own players. The Region Secretary prior to the awards ceremony will order plaques for each of these honors.

Section 10: Playoff Bracket

