

REGION III TOURNAMENT BYLAWS

North Star Conference

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Section 1: Governing Rules

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

Exception: In Tournament play, the highest seeded team always has the right to make the last line change (this replaces the automatic "top of the bracket".)

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 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: Tournaments

A. Teams involved:

The Region III Hockey Tournament shall be conducted for the following teams:
Colony, Homer, Kenai, Palmer, Soldotna, Wasilla.

B. Tournament Bracketing

An eight team bracket will be used with the first and second seeded teams receiving a first round bye. The fourth and fifth seeded teams will play on the top bracket and the third and sixth seed teams in the bottom bracket.

C. Seeding of the Tournament

Teams will be seeded according to the following criteria:

1. Region record
2. Head to head competition
3. Common opponent at 4A level
4. Fewest goals scored against during regular region contests.
5. Toss of a coin.

Note: The higher seeded team in each contest will be awarded all privileges normally assumed by the Home team, including the "last change" and traditional home uniform color.

Section 4: Team Rosters

A tentative team roster, not to exceed 24 players, must be submitted to the host school at least ten days prior to the first day of the tournament. A final **team roster of 20 players** must be selected from this list and submitted to the tournament director no later than **three hours prior** to the first game of the tournament. Thereafter, no changes or substitutions shall be permitted.

Section 5: Time Schedule

Tournaments will be scheduled over 3 days. The tournament director shall determine the starting times of the first round pairings. The host school may exercise the option of having their first round game played last on the first day only. Following the skills contest, the following awards will be given out; skills award winners, good sports awards, all conference team members and coach of the year.

Section 6: Board of Control

A tournament Board of Control shall be chosen which is to 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. In the case of dispute, the tournament Board of Control's decision is final.

Section 7: Officials

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

1. A minimum of four (4) and preferably five certified officials are required for the tournament. **Two referees and one linesmen** will be used for each game per National Federation Rules.
2. Effort should be made to provide representation from all geographic regions of the schools participating. Compensation for officials will consist of an increase of \$10.00 over regular season pay, per diem at a rate of \$35.00 a day, travel expenses not to exceed the IRS stated amount and housing accommodations.
3. The official receiving the most points shall be appointed the Head Official and shall determine which officials shall work each game except for the championship.
4. The coaches of the schools competing in the championship game will determine the officials for that game in the following manner:
 - a. Each coach playing in the championship game, will nominated three officials. Any names on both lists are automatically chosen.
 - b. The remaining official's names will be placed in a pool. Each coach in turn may eliminate an official until the final three have been chosen.

- c. Coaches will be given the opportunity to decide the position of each official. If consensus cannot be reached, then the Board of Control shall make the final decision.

Section 8: Optional Skills Competition

It will be at the discretion of the host school as to whether there will be a skills competition offered to participating teams. If skills competitions are offered, the recommended ones are: Speed Skating, Shooting Accuracy, and Showdown. Awards for those competitions are also the responsibility of the host school.

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 20 individual medals** for first place team members as well as **11 medals for all-region players** and one **MVP Plaque** award.

A "**Coach of the Year**" award will be voted by the coaches at the coaches meeting. Prior to the tournament, nominations may be submitted in writing to the tournament director with rationale for the nomination. Other nominations may be accepted at the coaches meeting before voting. Each school's head coach or his 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

- A. Prior to the start of the region tournament, each head coach shall submit names of players for consideration of an All-Region III 4A team in the following manner:

<u>Place</u>	<u># of nominations</u>
1	10 + 1 goalie
2	10 + 1 goalie
3	8 + 1 goalie
4	4 + 1 goalie
5	3 + 1 goalie
6	3 + 1 goalie

Players nominated should also be labeled by the position they normally play.

- B. At the coaches meeting all head coaches will vote for 6 forwards, 4 defensemen and 1 goalie using an inverted system starting with 11 and working down to 1. Another vote will take place once the all-conference team has been selected. Coaches will vote again using an inverted system starting with 11 to decide the MVP.

Coaches may not vote for their own players.

- C. Results of the voting will determine the following:
1st Team = the 6 forwards, 4 defensemen, and goalie that receive the most votes.

2nd Team = any nominee who received at least one vote.

Honorable Mention = any nominee who did not receive a vote

- D. The Board of Control will supervise the voting and counting of ballots. Should any discrepancies arise, the Board may nullify the vote and conduct a revote. In this case, a letter to the Region III President and the principal of the offending school would follow.

Section 11: State Tournament Seeding

The first and second seed for the state Hockey Tournament from Region III shall be determined by the outcome of the conference championship game.

The host school is responsible for notifying ASAA of the two schools which qualified.