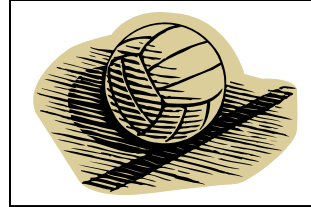


**Region III Tournament Bylaws
Northern Lights Conference
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Article X: Bylaws

Section 1: Governing Rules

Volleyball competition in Region III will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association Volleyball 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 match 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.

The Region III 4A is divided into a North-South Division for volleyball 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 match played will count toward division standing and seeding.) The valley schools may schedule extra contests with peninsula schools if requested to complete their 22 match schedules.

Section 3: Tournament Bracketing

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

1. Total Regional Record
2. Head to head competition
3. Record with teams within the division
4. Common 4A Opponent
5. Common 3A Opponent
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. 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 teams “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 the 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 tournament berth. State tournament seeding for first and second place 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 by participating schools on the Monday ten days prior to the district tournament. A final team roster of twelve players must be selected from the original list and submitted to the tournament official book for 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 three days. The tournament director shall arrange the scheduled games as to the session in which matches shall be played for the tournaments first day of play. The host school may exercise the option of having their first round match in the evening.

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 further 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 four certified officials are required. It is recommended that five officials be selected.
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 coaches of the schools competing in the championship game will determine the officials for that game in the following manner.
 - a. Each coach will list his/her top two choices and submit it to a Board of Control member.
 - b. If unanimous, then those two officials will be selected.
 - c. If not unanimous, then the top choice of each coach is selected.
 - d. The positions of referee and umpire will be determined by mutual consent of the two coaches or by the Board of Control.

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team members.

There will be two (2) Most Valuable Player Awards: One for the Northern Division Teams and One for the Southern Division Teams.

There will be a "Coach of the Year" Award. 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/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 will be allowed and each coach must give reasons for their nominations. At least one representative from each team must be present. All head coaches (or designated proxy) 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 9 points, etc.) All coaches will mark their ballots and then the vote will be taken verbally with all coaches present as vote tallies written for all to see. If at this time more discussion needs to follow then the Board of Control will facilitate discussion and possible re-vote of the All-Region Team.

The Board of Control will supervise the verbal voting 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.

First Team = the ten (10) athletes receiving the most votes. (The player with the most votes in each division receives the MVP Plaque instead of a medal.)

Second Team = any athlete that received at least one vote.