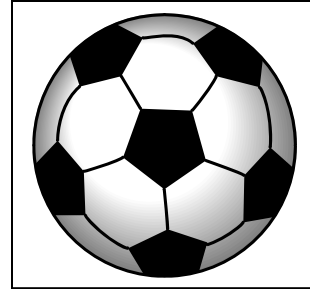


REGION III TOURNAMENT BYLAWS
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ARTICLE X: TOURNAMENT BYLAWS

Section 1: Governing Rules

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

Section 2: Scheduling

Beginning with the **2003-2004** season, Region III schools participating in soccer will be divided into two divisions:

NORTH: Colony, Lumen Christi, Grace, Houston, Palmer, Wasilla

SOUTH: Homer, Kenai, Nikiski, Seward, Skyview, Soldotna

Each school will play the other schools within their division once for seeding into the Region Tournament. If schools play a second game against each other, the second game **will** count toward seeding for the Region Tournament.

Weather cancellations will not be required to be rescheduled between teams from the north and south, however games within their divisions must be made up unless they have already played one game.

Section 3: Tournament Bracketing

The top four boys and the top four girls teams from each division will qualify for the Region Tournament and will be seeded according to the following criteria in this priority order:

1. Total Division Points (3 per win, 1 per tie)
2. Head to head competition
3. Common opponent outside the division
4. Record against common higher seeded teams
5. Coin Toss

Teams will be bracketed top to bottom in a standard eight-team bracket as follows: (#1 S v. #4 N, #2 N v. #3 S, #2 S v. #3 N, #1 N v. #4 S).

(We would seed each division separately and then bracket as stated above.)

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. Placement will be single-elimination with consolation brackets that allow for a third place contest and medals.

Section 4: Team Rosters

Team rosters are not to exceed twenty-five players, and must be submitted to the host school no later than seven (7) days prior to the first day of the regional tournament. A final team roster of up to twenty-two (22) 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 twenty-two (22) players may be dressed and be present at the team bench. Rosters will be submitted with the following information: Name, Number, Position, and Year in School. Please follow the All-Region Position Naming System, Forward, Halfback, Fullback, Goalie.

Section 5: Time Schedule

Tournaments will be scheduled over 3 days using two fields. Each field must be the minimum dimensions (100 x 60 meters). The tournament director shall arrange the scheduled games as to the session and location(s) in which games shall be played for the tournament's first day of play. The host school may exercise the option of having their first round game played later in the day. Quarterfinal games would be played on Thursday, Semifinals on Friday with the Championship and 3rd place game played on Saturday.

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. In the event of a dispute, a statement of concern will be filled out and forwarded to the Board of Control whose decision will be final.

Section 7: Conduct of Participants

Officials will use the card system. Any player, coach, or bench personnel shall be disqualified for 1 red card or 2 yellow cards in a single contests. A player or coach receiving a red card must sit out the next game at that level. A player or coach receiving two yellow cards does not have to sit out the next game.

Section 8: Overtime Procedure

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be two 10-minute overtime periods. If a tie still exists, a shoot-out will occur following rules outlined in tournament progression (Tie Game Procedure #3. p. 66 of NF Soccer rule book.)

Section 9: Officials

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

1. A minimum of 12 certified officials are required for the boys/girls tournament. This includes those who will be referees and linesmen.
2. The tournament director will contact the official associations and request the needed number of officials. When the tournament is hosted in the North, three officials must come from the southern division association and vice-versa. A head official will be selected from the list of officials and will be in charge of assigning games and positions.
3. 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.
4. 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 team coaches will choose first.
 - b. The coaches will chose the Center Official Only. The Head Official will select the Side Judges for each championship game.

Section 10: Trophies/Awards

The 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. 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. 14 All-Region Team members will also receive medals.

Section 11: All-Region Team Selection

Prior to the start of the region tournament, each head coach may submit up to 7 player's names and their position, for consideration on the All-Region team. At the coaches meeting, time should be allowed for each coach to give reasons for his/her nominations.

Teams who are not participating in the Region Tournament will not be eligible for All-Region Team Selection unless they send a voting representative to the selection meeting. This meeting will take place prior to the start of the tournament at the site of the host school. Coaches may not vote for their own players.

First Team = Top fourteen players using the inverted point system. #1 equals 14 points and so on.

Second Team = Any nominee who received at least one vote.

The Board of Control will supervise the voting and counting of the 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.