

# RAILBELT SOFTBALL CONFERENCE BY-LAWS

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### Article I: PURPOSE

1. To act as the governing body for the Railbelt Softball Conference
2. To allow member schools and individual athletes to participate and receive recognition.
3. To insure that safety procedures are enforced for the protection of all participants.

### Article II: MEMBER SCHOOLS

Colony High School	Knights
Lathrop High School	Malemutes
Juneau Douglas High School	Bears
North Pole High School	Patriots
Palmer High School	Moose
Wasilla High School	Warriors
West Valley High School	Wolf Pack

### Article III: OFFICERS

The Railbelt By-laws will be the governing body of the Railbelt Softball Conference.

### Article IV: BY-LAWS

#### Section 1: Season

The Alaska School Activities Association shall establish the starting and ending dates for Softball.

#### Section 2: Rules of Play

National Federation --- Fast Pitch and ASAA

#### Section 3: Team Structure

Varsity teams shall consist of player's grades 9-12

Junior Varsity teams shall consist of player's grades 9-11

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

#### Section 4: Uniforms

See NFHS Rule 3; Section 1 on Uniform's.  
Conflicts in jersey colors are to be resolved by the Umpires.

#### Section 5: Railbelt Regular Season Champion

The Railbelt Softball Championship is to be determined by the Conference win-loss record.

Regular season schedule will consist of 12 games.

Each school will play a Home and Home schedule with the exception of Juneau. Traveling team to Juneau will play both games in Juneau. Juneau will play both games of remaining teams in Fairbanks or the Valley.

#### Section 6: State Championship

ASAA wording and the Railbelt will fill the ASAA State Championships four berth allocation with the teams that finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4<sup>th</sup> in the regular season conference games.

#### Section 7: Tie Breaking Procedures

Tie breaking procedures to advance the Railbelt Conference teams to the state championship allocations in the state playoffs and declaring a conference winner will be as follows:

1. Record in Conference
2. Head to Head
3. Common Opponents in Conference
4. Fewest points allowed in Conference games
5. Winner of last game

Tiebreakers will be run through numbers 1-5 and once a single team breaks the tie process and is declared the winner the tie breaking process goes back to the start and the process begins until the tie with the second and third teams are broken.

Play-Off Sites: To be determined by ASAA

## Section 8: Hosting Events

ITEM 1: Game days may be Monday-Saturday.

ITEM 2: Medical personnel (EMT's, Paramedics, doctor, trainer) if possible, will be provided by the host school.

ITEM 3: Crowd control is the responsibility of the host school. Spectators will not interfere with coaches or officials.

ITEM 4: No restrictions on filming softball games by any school at any game.

ITEM 5: Gate fee, if any, to be determined by district policy. Visiting teams and coaches are exempt.

ITEM 6: Only certified officials shall be contracted to officiate any softball game.

ITEM 7: 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 home team. The home team shall also provide statistics to the visiting team if requested.

ITEM 8: Conference make up will be revisited every two years or upon request of any member of the conference. Two years is fair in that all schools will have been through a complete rotation of travel.

Revisited Reasons:

- a. New schools; New programs
- b. Economic peril of schools or districts
- c. Programs dropped

## Section 9: All-Conference Team Selection

ITEM 1: An All-Conference team of 12 players only shall be chosen at the end of the season by the Head coaches of each conference team.

A. Selection Process:

1. Head Coaches will nominate 4 players from their team in to a selection pool.
2. The All Conference selection will be conducted the week prior the state championships.
3. Due to the high cost of travel the All-Conference selection will be done via phone conference call with all schools.

4. It is suggested that the coaches gather at one site in Fairbanks and in the Matsu Valley, and Juneau so that only one phone call has to be made and to keep the cost to a minimum.
5. Coaches will select the 12 best players regardless of year in school, team record, or position played.
6. There will be no allocation of all conference selection spots for each school. There could be a chance where a school or schools will have no all conference players selected.
7. Coaches are encouraged to nominate only those worthy of recognition.
8. Coaches will need to supply nominations to the host school no later than three days prior to the selection meeting.
9. Additional nominations will not be accepted at the conference meeting.
10. The head coaches are encouraged to bring information supporting the merits of their nominees.
11. Coaches will discuss data and statistics of players and come to a consensus on 12 players only.

B. Host School Rotations for All-Conference Selections:

The Host School would be the central site for running the selection meeting and coaches from the six other schools would determine the site for calling into the meeting.

2005 – Juneau  
2006 - Wasilla  
2007 – Lathrop  
2008 – Colony  
2009 – North Pole  
2010 – Palmer  
2011 – West Valley

- A. A total of 12 patches designating All-Conference selections will be awarded. The awards are to be ordered by the Region Secretary.
- B. Suggested vendor

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The cost of these awards will be divided between Region VI, III, and V and will appear on their next year's statement.

