

Alaska State Soccer Championships

May 27-28-29-30

hosted by Eagle River High School at AFS

Tournament Information---Posted 4-1-09

1. Conference Qualifying Berths to State

The 2009 State Soccer Championships will be held over four days at the Anchorage Football Stadium and will have eight boys and girls teams that qualify from the following conferences:

Cook Inlet Conference = 3 berths

Northern Lights Conference = 3 berths

Mid Alaska Conference = 1 berth

Southeast Conference = 1 berth

All conference tournament directors must submit their qualifiers to the ASAA office no later than noon on Sunday May 24.

2. Seeding of Qualifiers

The ASAA Board of Directors approved this seeding system in 2003. All Season game results in-state (including regional tournament results) will be considered in determining seeding into the state tournament. Teams will be seeded based on the following criteria by a committee appointed by ASAA:

- Overall win-loss record percentage.
- Head to Head Record
- Record against other teams in this year's state tournament

d. Record against other common opponents during the regular season and playoffs

e. Strength of schedule against acknowledged strong competition (by formula---see specifics on website).

Coaches must send in a complete season record sheet prior to region tournament. (A team information form is available on the website.) Seedings will be posted on Sunday afternoon.

3. Schedule of Games/ coaches meeting

A complete schedule of games is on the soccer page of the ASAA website. **The Coaches Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening May 27 at 7:30pm at the hospitality tent on the AFS field. All head coaches are expected to attend.**

4. Tournament Format

There are two soccer tournaments (boys and girls) held simultaneously at one location (AFS) over four days. Each tournament is an 11-game event with consolation games played to 3rd and 4th place. Boys games alternate with girls games.

5. Event Supervision

Each participating school will be requested to identify a faculty representative who is responsible for the conduct of its participants and students throughout the contest, as defined in the ASAA bylaws.

6. Forms for participating teams

To improve efficiency and convenience, all ASAA forms are now available online and have been grouped together on the Soccer Activity page. Go to the middle column and you will see the following forms which are required from each school:

*** **Team Season Record Form (May 20)**

*** **Team Roster Form (May 24)**

*** **Good Sport Form (May 25)**

*** **Code of Conduct Form (May 26)**

*** **Academic Award Form (May 26)**

*** **Passes Request Form (May 26)**

Just click on the appropriate online form, fill it out by tabbing through the fields, and hit submit.

7. Team Photos

Team photos of each team will be in color in the 2009 souvenir program. Each school is responsible to send their team photo to jandrews@asaa.org no later than Wednesday May 20.

8. Practice at AFS

Tuesday practice times will be scheduled after teams qualify and that information will be posted on the asaa.org website. Teams playing on Thursday who did not practice on Tuesday will be offered the opportunity to practice following the games on Wednesday from 7:30-9:30pm. Shared space may be required.

9. Soccer Rules

a. National Federation Rules

The event will be conducted in compliance with the *2008-09 National Federation Soccer Rule Book* and ASAA adoptions on page 91-92 of the ASAA handbook.

Tie Game Procedure for State Soccer Tournaments

Games which are tied at the end of 80 minutes will be resolved in the following manner outlined on pages 83-84 of the National Federation Soccer Rule Book:

***Two full 10-minute overtime periods (not sudden-victory)

***If still tied, there shall be two five-minute sudden-victory periods where the first team to score wins.

***If still tied, a shoot-out of five players picked by the coach will occur.

***If still tied, another shoot-out with five different players picked by the coach will occur.

NOTE: 3rd and 4th place games that end in ties will not go into overtime.

Card System

Officials will use the NFHS card system. Any player, coach or bench personnel shall be ejected for one (1) red card or disqualified for two (2) yellow cards in a single contest. A player or a coach receiving a red card must sit out through the next game at that level. A player or a coach receiving two (2) yellow cards in a contest is disqualified for the remainder of that contest but does not have to sit out the next contest.

10. ASAA Roster

The soccer roster is limited to a maximum of 22 (twenty-two) players in uniform. Other players may sit on the team bench, but may not be in uniform. The "official" soccer roster must be submitted prior to the first game and cannot change except for uniform numbers throughout the tournament.

10. Reporting Game Ejections

Should a player or coach be ejected in the regional tournament, it is the responsibility of the school to notify the ASAA office. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that a player or coach involved does not participate who is not eligible.

11. Game Protocol

1. Home team is the one shown on the top of the bracket and will sit on the right side facing the field.

2. Home team is responsible to change uniform if both teams have the same color and are requested to change by the referee.

3. Introductions will be preceded by "World Cup" entrance to the field.

4. All players will be introduced for their first game and in the championship game. All other games will have starting lineups only introduced.

5. National Anthem (or pledge of allegiance) will occur once a day and before the girls championship game.

6. After the game handshakes, both teams remain at their benches until Players of the Game are introduced. Teams should then depart the field as quickly as possible after cleaning up their bench area.

7. Next teams will not take the field until previous teams have departed.

8. The boys teams in the championship game will not take the field until completion of the awards ceremony for the girls teams.

12. Awards

Awards for all girls teams will be presented at the end of the Girls Championship Game. Awards for all boys teams will be presented at the end of the Boys Championship Game.

* **1st and 2nd place team trophies**

* **22 medalions for each player on both teams**

* **Sportsmanship Award** to team whose members and fans displayed the best behavior and sportsmanship.

* **Academic Award** to the team with the highest combined GPA for the preceding semester.

* **All Tournament Team** of 14 members.

13. State Championship Memorabilia

Memorabilia will be available at the State Soccer Championship. These items will be available during the state tournament as well as online at the asaa.org online store.

T-shirts specific for Soccer	\$25.00
Souvenir Programs	\$5.00
Hooded Sweatshirts	\$45 & \$50
Boxer Shorts	\$25.00
Sweatpants	\$30.00
ASAA cbeanies	\$15.00
ASAA Caps	\$20.00

14. Admission Prices

There will be one admission price good for all games each day

Adults = \$10	Students = \$5
Senior Citizens (65+) = \$5	
Students under 7th grade = Free	

Tournament Passes will be available for purchase and allow entrance to all games including championships:

ADULTS = \$25	STUDENTS = \$15
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Note: School passes honored during regular season are not good for the state tournament.