



2023 ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA

Basketball State Championships Policies & Procedures

Finalized March 1, 2023

Qualifying Process: Each classification has conference tournaments hosted by a school/s in that conference. At the conference tournaments state berths are decided. State berth allocations are on the [ASAA Basketball Regular Season Page](#) and the ASAA Handbook.

1A State Championship Format: The 1A Basketball State Championship consists of a 16 team tournament for both girls and boys. Teams that lose two games are out of the tournament.

2A/3A/4A State Championship Format: The 2A State Basketball State Championship consists of 8 team tournament for both girls and boys. The 8 team bracket with consolation is played through to sixth place. The 7/8 place game is not played.

At-Large Berths & Seeding Process: In the 2A and 4A classifications there are at-large berths and none in the 1A and 3A classifications. The 1A/2A Classifications will be seeded by an ASAA Seeding Committee composed of reps from Regions 1, 2 and 5. In the 3A and 4A classifications the ASAA Basketball RPI is used to determine the seeding for the eight teams at state. For more information on the [RPI, At-Large Berths, or Seeding Process](#) please follow the link or see the ASAA Handbook Basketball Section.

Brackets/Game Schedule & Results: All brackets and schedules can be found on [ASAA.org](#) & [ASAA365.com](#). The Updated online brackets and results will be posted on the following medias:

- [ASAA.org](#) Basketball Page
- [ASAA365.com](#)
- And when possible thru ASAA Social Media

State Basketball Rules: This event will be conducted in compliance with the 2022-2023 National Federation Basketball Rule Book. In addition, the ASAA mercy rule will be enforced throughout the state championships including championship games.

1A/2A Mandatory Coaches Meeting: There is a mandatory coaches meeting where all policies & procedures will be reviewed and questions answered. During practice time for the 1A and 2A you can get your packet early from an ASAA Associate Director onsite.

1A: Tue, Mar. 14, AAC Aux Gym - 5:45pm

2A: Wed, Mar. 15, AAC Dresser Conference Room 2nd Floor - 5:45pm



ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA

Basketball State Championships

1A/2A Tournament - March 15-18

3A/4A Tournament - March 22-25

Alaska Airlines Center | Anchorage

(1A) SAT. MAR. 4 - 10:00 PM

(2A/3A/4A) SAT. MAR. 11 - 10:00 PM

- As soon as Conference tournaments are completed please get qualifiers and placing in as soon as possible!
- Conference Results & State Qualifiers submitted to email championships@asaa.org

(1A) SUN. MAR. 5 - 2:00 PM

(2A/3A/4A) SUN. MAR. 12 - 2:00 PM

Basketball Team Forms

- [Eligibility Roster Finalized](#)
- [State Entry Form](#)
- [Team Photo/Logo Form](#)
- [Good Sport Selection Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)

Sideline Cheer Squad Forms

- [Eligibility Roster Finalized](#)
- [State Entry Form](#)
- [Team Photo/Logo Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)

TUESDAY, MAR. 14 - 2:00 PM

- [Academic Award Entry Form](#)

(1A) TUES. MAR. 14 - 5:45 PM

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting at the Alaska Airlines Center Aux Gym.

(2A) WED. MAR. 15 - 5:45 PM

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting in Dresser Conference Room 2nd Floor.

Mandatory 3A/4A Coaches Packet Pick Up: 3A/4A Packets are required to be picked up during the following times:

- Monday, March 20th at the ASAA Office between 12pm - 5pm
- Tuesday, March 21st at the Alaska Airlines Center between 10am - 5pm

When you pick up your coaches packet a copy of your submitted roster will be included in the coaches' packet. Coaches must verify the official rosters at the time. Once that is completed, no other changes to the roster are allowed. Additionally, an ASAA staff member will review operational items and answer any questions.

Rosters: ASAA is using Planet HS for its School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Schools will need to submit rosters and indicate which students have qualified for state through this system. This can be done by accessing the basketball eligibility roster. Enter jersey numbers and indicate the student is a state qualifier. In addition, the State Championship Basketball Entry Form must be submitted. **Submissions are due by 2pm on MARCH 12th! 1A Conferences finished March 4-6 please get things at that time!**

Coaches must verify official rosters when the head coach picks up their packet/coaches meeting. A copy of your submitted roster via the PLANET HS ROSTER will be included in the coaches' packet. At the end of the coaches meeting and the review on your roster no changes to roster personnel may be made. If jersey number changes, coaches must notify scorekeepers prior to the start of the game.

Bench Area & Personnel Rules: There will be a maximum amount of 14 seats for each team's bench. Only one person may occupy a seat. No additional seats may be added behind them. Bench personnel is not allowed to exceed the amount of passes issued or the 14 seats. Each team's roster may have a maximum of 12 players.

- While 5 are playing, up to 7 players will be seated. The other 7 seats can include a combination of managers and coaches. However, the maximum number allowed on the bench will not increase.
- ONLY student participants/managers, and adult coaching staff are allowed in the bench area.
- Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of 7th grade school age or above may be on the bench during state championship games, but only with a pass.
- Clean up your bench area after your games and matches. This includes cups, water bottles, trash, etc. ASAA security and staff will be inspecting the sidelines and locker rooms after each game. Fines, damage cost, and/or cleaning costs will be billed to the school.

Passes: Each participating school will be issued passes for state championships, based on the following guidelines.

- **Coaches:** To qualify for a Coach's pass the coach must be certified and listed on the State Entry Form. Additionally, the coach must have been part of the program all season. The bench/sideline numbers will not increase regardless of the number of passes issued. At all times, coaches must wear or have on their person, their pass while on the bench or sideline. If not, the school will be fined \$25 by ASAA championship staff.
- **Participant Passes:** Participants will be issued passes based on the submitted roster/state qualifiers for competition. Participant passes will not exceed the amount of the sport/activity state roster limit. Managers should be included on team roster. Sideline cheer passes are based on the submitted varsity roster and will be considered individual participants. All participants must wear or have on their person, their pass while on the bench or sideline unless in uniform. If not the school will be fined \$10 by ASAA championship staff. Student/Player passes will be sent to the school for teams that have qualified for the semifinals.
- **School Administration Pass:** Each team will receive ONE (1) pass for your Principal, or Athletic Director, or Admin Designee. The person filled into school entry form as the event admin will be on a list at Will Call. Please check in at the Alaska Airlines Center Will Call Desk on the left side just before the security staffing at the entrance.

- **Extra Passes:** Schools may acquire extra passes for injured players, statisticians, videographers, or chaperones. Not all passes will allow bench and floor access. The bench numbers will not increase regardless of extra passes issued. Requesting extra passes doesn't automatically mean you will receive those passes. ASAA Administrators will review the request and decide.
- **Adult Medical Passes:** Schools medical team members must check in with ASAA staff or ASAA Medical Staff (OPA) at the state championship site prior to competition to receive a medical pass.
- **General Pass Policies:** These are general/overall ASAA pass policies.
 - All passes are non-transferable and will be confiscated if used fraudulently.
 - Security and ASAA staff members will be checking each player and coach. You will not be allowed access into the facility without a pass.
 - If you lose a pass you will have to purchase regular tickets or your school may be billed.
 - ASAA will bill the school for extra passes issued or fined. Extra passes must have approval from the school administration.

1A/2A Practice Schedule: 1A teams which qualify will have a scheduled 30-minute practice at the Alaska Airlines Center on the split court in the main gym. 2A teams which qualify will have a 30 minute practice at the Alaska Airlines Center in the Aux Gym. Teams may switch times with other schools if agreed on by the head coaches. A practice schedule will be made available Monday, March 14 on the [ASAA State Basketball Coaches page](#).

3A/4A Practices: ASAA is not providing any time on Tuesday for practices on the competition floors. However, there are a few schools and groups you can reach out to for gym time. The Anchorage School District, Grace Christian, Anchorage Christian, and UAA Seawolves Sports Center (formerly Wells Fargo), have offered to help when and where they can. It is incumbent on the school to arrange times with these facilities. This information will be made available [ASAA State Basketball Coaches page](#).

ASAA Statewide Passes: During this event ASAA Statewide Passes are accepted to allow the pass holder only into the basketball state championships. This pass DOES NOT ALLOW FLOOR ACCESS, only free access into the building.

1A/2A HOME & VISITING TEAM UNIFORMS

- The **HOME TEAM** is the **TOP OF THE BRACKET** and wears **WHITE**. When facing the court at the scorers table the HOME TEAM sits on the RIGHT SIDE.
- The **VISITING TEAM** is **BOTTOM OF THE BRACKET** and wears **DARK COLOR**. When facing the court at the scorers table the VISITING TEAM sits on the LEFT SIDE.

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3A/4A HOME & VISITING TEAM UNIFORMS

- The **HOME TEAM** is the **HIGHER SEEDED TEAM** and wears **WHITE**. When facing the court at the scorers table the HOME TEAM sits on the RIGHT SIDE.
- The **VISITING TEAM** is the **LOWER SEEDED TEAM** and wears **DARK COLOR**. When facing the court at the scorers table the VISITING TEAM sits on the LEFT SIDE.

AAC FACILITY INFORMATION



Alaska Airlines Center Opening Time: Teams will be able to enter the Alaska Airlines Center 1 Hour Prior to the FIRST GAME OF THE DAY. Courts will be open for the teams playing first, additionally, the track on the upper level.

Team/Coach Entrance: Teams and Coaching Staffs have a separate entrance to help elevate congestion and lines in the front entrance and bag checks. This entrance will be the doors on the far right side of the Main Doors. Please use this entrance.

Main Arena Floor Access: The stairs to the main floor will be on your right once you enter the Team/Coach Entrance. Security WILL be checking passes for everyone. Please make sure COACHES and PLAYERS have their pass. If you have trouble with accessing the stairs please an Alaska Airlines Center staff member.



Team/Coach Entrance

1A/2A Teams & 3A/4A Aux Gym Teams Locker Rooms: Locker Rooms will be available for teams prior to your game. Team Signs will be on the doors. You will have access to your locker room AFTER halftime of the PREVIOUS GAME. Once you leave your locker room for your game please take out your belongings. At the conclusion of your game you can go back to the locker room for a post game talk. You will have that locker room available to you until HALFTIME of the game played AFTER YOURS. Staff will be going through each locker room after each game. If there is damage, that school will be responsible for paying to fix the damages. In the Main Arena B13, B14 locker rooms are near the elevators and the other two, B51, B52 are in the back hallway on the Northside of the building. In the Aux Gym Locker Room 160B and 160C will be used.

3A/4A Aux Gym Locker Rooms 160B & 160C: Locker Rooms will be available for teams prior to your game. Team Signs will be on the doors. You will have access to your locker room AFTER halftime of the PREVIOUS GAME. You will be able to use that locker room for the duration of your game, and until HALFTIME of the game AFTER YOURS.

3A/4A Main Gym Rooms (B13, B14, B51, B52): For teams playing on the main floor you will have access to a Locker Room for the duration of your game. MMA Tournament Staff will give you access to your locker room once HALFTIME STARTS of the game prior to you. You will be able to stay in your locker room through your entire game. You need to clear your locker room prior to halftime of the game after you. Locker Room codes WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO TEAMS. To access your locker room MMA Tournament Staff will need to let you in.

Hospitality: ASAA events in the Alaska Airlines Center there is not hospitality provided for coaches and team school administration.

Lost and Found: Alaska Airlines Center has a "Lost & Found". Items that are turned in will be held for 2 weeks after the event. After that 2 weeks items that can will be donated, others will be thrown away.



Team Parking: ASAA is providing FREE parking at the Alaska Airlines Center. The ASAA March Madness Alaska Parking Map will help you find the best, and most available parking during the event. There is a limited amount of spots available for Team Parking in the EAST LOT in the Main Lot. They will be a lot attendant monitoring the vehicles entrance. Be sure to be a little early to your games especially in the evening because of parking spaces. If you are unable to park in one of those spots in the main lot, please use the drop-off section so teams don't have to walk a long ways.

- Reserved Lot (Purple Color):** DO NOT PARK IN THERE! If you do you will incur a \$350 fine from UAA.
- Team Parking (Yellow Color):** This area is for teams playing, officials, and some staff. There is a limited amount of spaces. It is first come first serve.
- Providence Parking Garages (Blue Color):** Do not park in there until AFTER 5:00pm! Providence is letting us use that space after hours to help with parking. Please do not abuse it.

Basketballs: Anaconda Sports "The Rock" basketball is the ASAA Official ASAA March Madness Alaska State Basketball Championships ball. They will be provided for team practices, pre-game warm-ups, and games. Floor managers are in charge of providing and collecting all balls. No balls may be taken to the locker room by teams.

1A/2A Skills Contest: 1A Skills Contest will be March 14 at 5:30pm; 2A is March 15 at 5:30pm in the Alaska Airlines Center. The skills contest will feature a 3-point shooting contest and a bump contest between guards, forwards, and centers! Coaches please fill out the online form to submit your players names. They are not allowed to be substituted after your form is submitted. All participants will be required to wear identifying team apparel.

Medical: Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage (OPA) is the official ASAA State Championships Medical provider. They will be onsite during the entire championship tournament to help provide medical help for injuries. Each team must provide all their own materials and supplies - including tape - if athletes are going to be taped.

Officials: ASAA has selected certified officials for this event and are assigned a classification during the tournament. Official nominations have come from basketball officials associations, coaches, school administrators, and other tournament site administrators. Every attempt is made to bring in qualified officials from around the state. Officials are evaluated during the tournament by a committee and the best of each group are selected to call one of the championship games.

Team Video: Teams are allowed to film their games from the balcony seating on the 3rd floor. The balcony is closed for the first session each day, then opened for the public during the second session each day. Security will allow a couple team members up on that level during your teams game if in the first session. ASAA does not provide video copies of your game.

Broadcast Media: The NFHS Network will be webcasting ALL games live on the [nfhsnetwork.com](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com). Also, various radio stations will be broadcasting based on media requests. LIVE STREAMING DURING ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!! ASAA has the granted broadcast rights to this whole event. Any rebroadcast or republication of this event and event programming LIKE FACEBOOK LIVE or other live streaming platforms is strictly prohibited. Alaska Airlines Center security and ASAA Tournament Staff see live streaming of games you will be asked to shut it down or if uncooperative, escorted out of the building. ASAA will also be monitoring social media platforms for violations.

Public Picture/Video: Individuals are encouraged to take pictures and video clips of the games and entertainment that will be happening throughout the event. People who are not ASAA Credentialed Media/Temp Media must stay in spectator areas. Spectators are not allowed onto the floor to picture/video of the games. Event security and ASAA staff will remove individuals who are in areas spectators are not allowed. LIVE STREAMING DURING ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!!

Yearbook Photos: These individuals must remain in the spectator areas. Special and limited arrangements can be made for a school yearbook staff student if you contact ASAA Associate Director Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) on the Monday prior to the event. If not, access may not be allowed. School Yearbook staff is the yearbook teacher and/or a student enrolled in the yearbook class. Only ASAA Credentialed Media are allowed to be outside the spectator area and designated media locations unless otherwise approved by ASAA Associate Director Isaiah Vreeman.

Sideline Cheerleaders: If you have a sideline cheerleading squad they will be permitted at the end of the basketball floor within the marked-off section. Please consult the ASAA March Madness Alaska Sideline Cheerleading Policies and Procedures document found on the [ASAA State Basketball Coaches page](#).

School Signs: Schools are allowed to hang signs that are positive and directed only towards the schools team. Signs

are NOT ALLOWED TO BE HUNG WITH TAPE OR GLUE. BLUE PAINTERS TAPE IS WHAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE. Please ask the Alaska Airlines Center staff for painters tape (blue) to hang signs if you don't have any. School signs will be removed if hung over sponsor, exit, or other ASAA and March Madness Alaska signage. Please remove your signage after each game!

Event Supervision: Each participating school will be requested to identify an administrator or other person approved in advance by the principal who is responsible for the conduct of its coaches, participants and fans throughout the contest, as defined in the ASAA bylaws Article 6, Section 4. Please have the designee check in with ASAA staff upon arrival at the event.

Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers: ASAA prohibits laser pointers, whistles, and any explosive devices or explosive sounds at ALL state championship events. Thunder sticks are NOT ALLOWED. Once play starts on EITHER COURT begins any artificial noise makers are not allowed.

Spectator Etiquette / Bench Bad Behavior Program: All spectators are restricted to the spectators areas. ASAA staff and officials are empowered to remove anyone displaying unacceptable conduct from the area and may temporarily suspend the championships, if necessary. Coaches, Fans, Players, and anyone attending ASAA State Championship events are highly encouraged to support their team, but stay away from negative words/phrases towards the other teams, fans, staff, and officials. Violators of this will may be removed from the facility by security.

Halftime Entertainment: Many ASAA State Championships have halftimes or large breaks between contests. During those times ASAA likes to arrange for "halftime entertainment" which is above and beyond the school team sideline cheer squads. ASAA uses the following hierarchy to determine what groups/individuals should be scheduled for a halftime.

1. High School groups whose school is involved in the game being played or championship (when possible)
2. High School groups
3. Jr. High and Elementary School groups
4. Student Groups not affiliated with a specific school
5. Outside groups that are not contrary to ASAA sanctioned activities or groups

For large events halftimes are planned out months in advance of the event. Therefore, high school groups, that are not sideline cheer teams, are not able to necessarily preform at a halftime of their schools game. ASAA reserves the right to schedule any ASAA promotional/sponsor halftime entertainment during any halftime at an event.

Pep Bands: Games in the Main Arena are allowed to have a Pep Band when there is not a split court. Games in the Aux Gym are NOT ALLOWED to have a Pep Band because of space issues. School Pep Bands wanting to attend must email Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) by 5pm Monday the week of the tournament. Arrangements for entering the facility will be discussed at that time. This is a neutral site game so school pep bands may attend state championship events when conditions allow.

Pep Bands must adhere to the following:

1. *Contact ASAA Associate Director Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) by 5pm the Monday prior to the event.*
2. School Administrators shall confirm the "Pep Band" typically performs during regular season games of the team they are coming to support
3. The student's performing in the "pep band" shall:
 1. Meet all ASAA eligibility requirements
 2. Listed on the school's pep band roster in the School Activities Reporting System

4. While we encourage Pep Bands we can't guarantee power hook ups for pep bands. Drums and electric guitars are allowed if they are not large set ups and don't require lots of power. Pep Bands will be put on the bleachers on the floor on the same side as your team. Because of egress and space this doesn't allow for large drum set ups. Large drum/guitar set up will not be allowed to set up.

On the day of the event, the band director must meet with the ASAA Associate Director Isaiah Vreeman and Game Announcer prior to each game for the times they will be allowed to play. Time will be allotted based on what else is planned for entertainment, crowd interaction, ASAA sponsors, special guests, etc.

1. May play before the game begins as times allows (possibly 5 minutes)
2. May play halftime before/after any performances and/or promotions as times allows (possibly 5 minutes)
3. May play between periods and during time-outs as long as it does not interfere with coach's ability to communicate with players or any sponsorship promotions
4. May play at the end of the contest as times allows (possibly 1-2 minutes)
5. May not play during live action
6. Musical instruments may not be used as noise makers during the contests

Reminder that this is a NEUTRAL SITE game, so pep bands will not be allowed to play a whole warm up period or halftime. If a pep band doesn't follow the direction of ASAA state staff instructions and times for playing, they will be warned first. If the issues still persist, they will not be allowed to play for the rest of the tournament.

ASAA March Madness Alaska Custom Apparel: You can purchase custom apparel by Northwest Designs who is the Official State Merchandise Vendor. They will have a large variety of apparel and feature on-site printing with customized made to order commemorative items. Northwest Designs web store is also available online and you can find links ASAA.org and ASAA365.com.

ASAA March Madness Alaska Program: The ASAA March Madness Alaska Basketball State Championship Souvenir Program (1A/2A and 3A/4A) can be download for FREE at ASAA.org and ASAA365.com. After the conclusion of ASAA March Madness Alaska you can order a completed souvenir program with results, tournament teams, etc.

Basketball Awards: Awards are presented at the end of each separate tournament. 1A awards will be at the conclusion of the 1A Boys Championship game and so on. Towards the conclusion of the boys championship game announcements will be made about the award ceremony to follow. At the end of the game, teams involved will be asked to join everyone on the floor. After the awards ceremony, the boys and girls championship teams will be allowed to cut down the net. ASAA will be taking photographs of all the awards and providing those FREE.

Team Awards

- 1st and 2nd Place Team Trophies
- Academic Award for each tournament
- Sportsmanship Award for each tournament

Individual Awards

- Medals for members of the first and second place teams
- Medals for the All-Tournament Team
- Certificate for Good Sport Team athletes

Championship Team Net Cutting: Championship teams will be allowed to cut down the nets after the awards ceremony. However, because of the game schedule the net cutting celebration will need to be a little quicker pace than what it normally takes. ASAA Staff and Alaska Airlines Center security will help teams with this process.

Participation Fee: The Board of Directors has authorized the assessment of a participation fee for all state championships. The fee for cheer squads is \$10 per student participant.

ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA GAME PROTOCOL

PRIOR TO GAME TIME

Warm-Ups & Music: Each team is guaranteed 15 minutes of warm-up time prior to the game start. If the tournament is ahead of schedule, that time will be extended to the proper beginning game time. No game will begin before its scheduled time. All music played for warm-ups and during the game is provided by ASAA and the Alaska Airlines Center. Teams may not submit music to be played.

Towels and Water: Each team is responsible to provide bench towels. Additional towels for wiping floors, etc. will be provided. Water and cups will be provided at each bench. Teams are encouraged to bring team water bottles.

Team Introductions:

- First Game: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their game. All non-starters from each team will be announced first. Then starters from both teams alternating with visitor first, and home second.
- Rest of Games: Only the STARTERS will be introduced.
- State Championship Games: The ENTIRE TEAM will be introduced before their game.

Player & Coach Procedure During Introductions:

- Each starter is to meet at center court and shake hands with other starter, then return in front of team's bench.
- If a player wishes to shake the coach's hand, they should do so before reporting to center court.
- Head coaches should shake visiting player's hand. Head coaches will also shake hands when introduced.

National Anthem/Color Guard: The National Anthem will be preformed at the times below. Teams on the courts will stand at attention for the presentation of colors and during the National Anthem performance. After the anthem, please remain at attention until the color guard has left the court.

1A/2A Tournament

Wed, Thur, & Fri: 8:00am and 3:15pm

Saturday: 8:00am, 2:00pm (1A Girls Champ), & 6:30pm (2A Girls Champ)

3A/4A Tournament

Wednesday: 8:00am and 3:15pm Thursday: 10:30am and 3:15pm

Friday: 9:30am and 3:15pm Saturday: 8:00am, 1:00pm (3A Girls Champ), & 5:30pm (4A Girls Champ)

Late/Absent Team Procedure: If a team is late to their scheduled game time due to weather or travel difficulties, arrangements will be made by tournament staff for the appropriate rescheduling of that game if at all possible. After the first day, if a team did not arrive by the end of the scheduled contests, that team will forfeit their game and be placed in the consolation round. If a team is late due to other reasons not related to weather or travel, the game may be delayed for a maximum of 15 minutes. After that period of time, if the team has not appeared and has not contacted ASAA, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit. A team arriving 0-15 minutes after their scheduled time of play will have a maximum of 5 minutes of warm up time.

Semifinal & Championship Games: Interviews after your Semifinal Game win, and before the Championship Game could be requested by the NFHS Network. Teams which qualify for the state championship games please speak with ASAA Associate Director Isaiah Vreeman after your semifinal win regarding the Championship Day extras.

ASAA MARCH MADNESS ALASKA GAME PROTOCOL

DURING THE GAME

Media Timeouts: There will be one (1) 70 second media timeout at the first dead ball after the 4:00 minute mark of both the 1st and 3rd quarters of every game.

Medical Procedure: OPA staff will wait to attend an athlete on the floor until they are called by a coach or official. OPA will wander over to your team side and be available to help. If there is a catastrophic injury, or something visibly and obviously wrong OPA will not wait for an official or coach to call them out. This is at OPA's discretion.

Halftimes: All halftimes will be no longer than 10 Minutes EXCEPT the Championship halftimes will be 15 minutes. Regular game halftimes are planned for cheerleading performances and other activities. Championship Game Halftimes are planned for cheerleading performances and other special presentations. When the clock shows 3 minutes remaining, teams may return to the court for warm-ups. It is the responsibility of team personnel to notify teams when it's time to take the floor. If your team is not on the court, you will forfeit part of that warm-up time. All teams must return to their benches with one minute remaining.

Mercy Rule: The mercy rule is in effect during the entire tournament. Upon reaching a 40 or more point differential any time during the game, a running clock will be used. Once begun, the running clock will be stopped only for team, official, or injury time outs, and for technical fouls.

AFTER THE GAME

Visit Anchorage Player & Cheerleader of the Game: Every game at ASAA March Madness Alaska will have a Player of the Game from each team. A tournament committee will select one player from each team for the award. The certificate will be awarded to both players at the end of the game. Also any games that have sideline cheerleading teams, a tournament committee will select a Cheerleader of the Game from each team.

- All players and coaches will shake hands of the other team demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- **Post Game Awards:** The Players/Cheerleaders of the Game will be awarded at the end of each game. Teams need to wait to exit the court on the first day until after ALL those awards are given out. Teams will wait until ALL post game awards are announced before exiting the court.
- Teams must clean up the bench area of all personnel items including jerseys, warm-ups, water bottles, towels, etc.
- Teams that play next shall wait until the teams that just played have exited the floor before approaching their assigned benches.
- Following each game, coaches and players will return to their locker room. Media has been instructed not to approach teams until AFTER post game award presentations and if a team meeting at the bench.
- After the boys championship games, both teams who just played will remain on the floor at their respective benches for the awards ceremony.
- No liquid including water is permitted to be dumped onto the floor and in the locker rooms. Spray string is NOT allowed on the court. Any other celebratory material must be cleaned up by the winning team.