

BASKETBALL

ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

Participation on girls' teams shall be limited to females who were assigned female at birth.

A. SEASON

2025-2026 SEASON

December 3, 2025 - First Practice

December 18, 2025 - First Contest

*Participants must be entered in the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) prior to First Contest (Article 12 Section 10).

March 7, 2025 Last Contest (Regular Season / Conference Championship)

B. MINIMUM DAYS PRACTICE

Each participant must have a minimum of 10 different days of physical practice before the first day of competition. (Article 7, Section 7)

C. INDIVIDUAL NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

ASAA has no limitations on students participating on non-school basketball teams while they are members of a school basketball team.

D. RULES

1. National Federation of High School (NFHS) Basketball rules apply.
2. ASAA Mercy Rule: 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.
3. All games involving two 4A schools are required to utilize the 35-second shot clock. In addition, the 35-second shot clock maybe used during regular season tournaments. Schools classified below 4A may compete against another school using a 35 second shot clock if both schools mutually agree.

Note:

- The agreement to use a shot clock must be made in writing at the time the game is scheduled.
- The written consent should be retained by both schools and provided to the game officials prior to the contest.

Implementation:

- If written consent is provided, the game shall be administered under the same shot-clock rules as required for 4A contests.
- If no written consent exists, the game will be played under standard NFHS timing rules without the use of a shot clock, even if the equipment is available.”

Note: The complete shot clock policy and protocols can be found here:

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Adopted-Shot-Clock-Rules-10-6-25.pdf>

E. CONFERENCES

All teams are assigned to conferences (See Basketball Conferences). Conferences are responsible for setting their own bylaws and policies. A contact person must be selected to communicate conference information with ASAA. (i.e. State qualifiers, tournament results, final seeds)

F. MAXIMUM GAMES

A team may play 22 regular season games or 19 games and one invitational tournament of three or more games, exclusive of conference or state championships. Additional games may be played under the Endowment Game guidelines.

G. ENDOWMENT GAMES

ASAA encourages each school's team sports to play Endowment Games during the season above and beyond the 22 game/match limit. Additional Endowment Games may be played each season. (Bylaw, Article 7, Section 9) School teams may play Endowment Games at any time during the regular season, beginning with the date of the first contest and extending to the start of the conference tournament. Endowment Games do count in a team's overall season record for at large and seeding purposes.

Schools wishing to host Endowment Games must apply in writing to ASAA by submitting the "Endowment Game Application Form" no later than one week prior to the game. Under no circumstances may an Endowment Game be played until this form has been signed by ASAA and returned to the participating schools. ASAA will invoice the responsible school \$100 for each game.

H. JAMBOREE REGULATIONS

All players must have five (5) separate days of practice prior to the first day of the Jamboree. Time against all teams during one day cannot exceed thirty (30) minutes and six (6) minutes against each team. A team may play in only one jamboree each season. A jamboree does not count as a game against the 22 game limit.

I. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATION

When playing at two different levels (i.e. varsity and jv) players are limited to 6 periods of play per day exclusive of invitational, conference and state tournaments. When playing at the same level, there must be a two-hour time lapse between the end of one game and the beginning of the next game. The maximum amount of games a player may participate in a given day is three.

J. REPORTING SCHEDULES & RESULTS

1. A school coach, administrator or official team representative must create an account at the MaxPreps.com website and submit their varsity level team schedules. This must be done by the first day of practice. This applies to all classifications.
2. All scores must be entered into the MaxPreps.com website from the previous week by the following Tuesday 7:00 PM during the regular season.
3. All scores from the conference tournament must be entered into the MaxPreps.com website by Sunday, 8:00 AM.

4. Schools failing to meet these mandates will be given a warning for the first offense, fined \$200 for the second offense.

K. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DATES

- 1A Classification – March 11 - 14, 2026
- 2A Classification – March 12 - 14, 2026
- 3A & 4A Classifications – March 18 - 21, 2026

2. SITE & HOST

Alaska Airlines Center, Anchorage
Hosted by ASAA, UAA and ASD

3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

a. Number Of Teams

1A Classification conducts a 16-team tournament and 2A/3A/4A classifications conduct an eight-team tournament for both basketball and girls basketball.

b. Type of Elimination

All the tournaments are a single elimination, consolation bracket.

c. Championship Schedule

A detailed schedule and bracket will be available online at the Basketball State Information page.

d. Conference Berths (See Basketball Conferences)

e. At-Large

4A at-large will be determined by the adopted RPI formula.

f. Bracketing

3A/4A - Seeding will be determined by the RPI formula.

1A/2A - will be seeded by an ASAA Seeding Committee composed of representatives from Regions 1, 2 and 5

4. STATE ROSTERS

Game Rosters may not exceed 12 players, but may vary from game to game, provided all players are listed on the official tournament roster. (See Bylaw Article 7, Section 10 and State Championship Roster Policy).

5. STATE POLICIES & PROCEDURES DOCUMENT

This detailed document outlining basketball championship information (i.e. roster limits, passes, deadlines, game protocol, facility info, coaches meetings, etc), will be available online prior to the start of the championship on the Basketball Coaches webpage. State qualifying teams are required to review this document.

6. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMS

All state forms are accessed through the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) and submitted online. More information and due dates can be found on the basketball coaches page at asaa.org.

The following forms need to be submitted;

- Eligibility roster

- State Championship Entry Form
- State Championship Photo Upload Form
- State Championship Code of Conduct
- Good Sport Selection Form
- Academic Award Entry Form (submitted by admin, found at asaa.org)

7. AWARDS: For each classification and gender

- a. First and second place trophies
- b. 14 individual medallions for players, coaches, managers, of the first and second place teams
- c. Team Sportsmanship Award
- d. Academic Award
- e. 10 All Tournament Team medallions / 16 All Tournament Team medallions (1A)
Awarded for outstanding tournament play, regardless of player position on the court.
- f. Player of the game awarded to one player from each team each game
- g. Two Good Sport Team Members Per Team
Members are selected by their head coach to be honored for outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship throughout the entire season.
- h. 1A/2A Skills Contest
Winners of the 3 point shooting contest and knockout competition will receive an award.

BASKETBALL CONFERENCES

4A CLASSIFICATION (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

Cook Inlet (2)

- Bartlett
- Bettye Davis East
- Chugiak
- Dimond
- Eagle River
- Service
- South Anchorage
- West Anchorage

Mid Alaska (1)

- Lathrop
- Monroe Catholic Boys
- North Pole
- West Valley

Northern Lights (2)

- Colony
- Grace Christian Boys
- Kodiak
- Mountain City Christian Academy
- Palmer
- Soldotna
- Wasilla

Southeast (1)

- Juneau-Douglas
- Ketchikan

At-Large Berths (2)

3A CLASSIFICATION (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

Aurora (2)

- Delta Junction
- Galena
- Hutchison
- Monroe Catholic Girls
- Valdez

Southcentral (2)

- Grace Christian Girls
- Homer
- Houston
- Kenai Central
- Nikiski
- Redington

Southeast (1)

- Mt. Edgecumbe
- Sitka

Western (2)

- Barrow
- Bethel
- Kotzebue
- Nome-Beltz

At-Large Berth (1)

2A CLASSIFICATION (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

Interior (2)

Cordova
Effie Kokrine
Glennallen
Nenana
Tok

Northwest (2)

Alakanuk
Chevak
Dillingham
Hooper Bay
Tikigaq (Point Hope)
Unalakleet

Southeast (2)

Craig
Haines
Metlakatla
Petersburg
Wrangell

Southern (2)

Lumen Christi
Ninilchik
Seward
Su Valley
Unalaska

1A CLASSIFICATION (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

Alaska Coastal (1)

Akiuk (Kasigluk)
Anna Tobeluk (Nunapitchuk)
Ayaprun (Newtok)
Chaputnguak (Chefornak)
Chief Paul (Kipnuk)
Eek
Joann A Alexie (Atmautlak)
Ket'acik/Aapalluk (Kwethluk)
Kongiganak
Kuinerrarmiut (Quinhagak)
Kwigillingok
Lewis Angapak (Tuntutuliak)
Negtemiut Elitnaurviat (Nightmute)
Nelson Island (Toksook Bay)
Nuniwarmiut (Mekoryuk)
Paul T Albert (Tunanak)
Rocky Mountain (Goodnews Bay)
William Miller (Napakiak)
Z John Williams (Napaskiak)

Aleutian Chain (2)

Bristol Bay
Chief Ivan Blanka (New Stuyahok)
King Cove
Koliganek
Lake and Pen ESSS
Manokotak
Newhalen
Sand Point
St. Paul
Tanalian
Togiak

Bering Sea (2)

Aniguiin (Elim)
Anthony Andrews (St. Michael)
Brevig Mission
Diomedea
Gambell
Hogarth Kingeekuk (Savoonga)
James C Isabell (Teller)
Koyuk
Martin L Olson (Golovin)
Shaktoolik
Shishmaref
Tukurngailnguq (Stebbins)
Wales
White Mountain

Golden Heart (2)

Allakaket
Anderson
Andrew K Demoski (Nulato)
Fort Yukon
Jimmy Huntington (Huslia)
Johnny Oldman (Hughes)
Kaltag
Maudrey Sommer (Tanana)
Minto
Merrelaine A Kangas (Ruby)
Tri Valley
Walter Northway

Northwest Arctic (2)

Ambler
Aqqaluk (Noorvik)
Buckland
Deering
Kiana
Kobuk
McQueen (Kivalina)
Napaaqtugmiut (Noatak)
Selawik
Shungnak

Yukon Delta (2)

Alakanuk
Emmonak
Ignatius Bean (Mt. Village)
Kotlik
Marshall
Nunam Iqua (Sheldon Point)
Pilot Station
Russian Mission
Scammon Bay
St Mary's

Greater Kuskokwim (1)

Akiachak
Akiak
Aniak
George Morgan (Kalskag)
Kuspuk ESSS
Tuluksak

Peninsula (1)

Birchwood Christian
Cook Inlet Academy
Kenai Peninsula ESSS
Knik Charter
Kodiak Island ESSS
Lumen Christi
Nanwalek
Nikolaevsk
Susan B English (Seldovia)

North Slope (1)

Alak (Wainwright)
Harold Koveolook (Kaktovik)
Kali (Point Lay)
Meade River (Atqasuk)
Nuiqsut Trapper
Nunamiut (Anaktuvuk Pass)

Southeast (2)

Angoon
Gustavus
Hoonah
Hydaburg
Kake
Klawock
SISD ESSS
Skagway
Thorne Bay
Yakutat