

## **Denali Conference**

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### **9 Man Football Bylaws**

#### **Article I: MEMBER SCHOOLS**

Member schools have requested that ASAA not assign them to an ASAA Conference. Presently, those schools include:

- 1. Ben Eielson High School - Ravens**
- 2. Monroe High School - Rams**
- 3. Nikiski High School - Bulldogs**
- 4. Seward High School - Seahawks**
- 5. Valdez High School - Buccaneers**

#### **Article II: GOVERNANCE & SCHEDULING**

The Small School Football Bylaws will be the governing body of the Denali Conference.

##### **Section 1: Scheduling**

All games between Denali Conference school will be 9-Man.

Scheduling will be done using a rotating system to distribute byes and travel as evenly as possible. The first 3 weeks will include non-conference game and the final 5 weeks will include the conference games.

#### **Article III: BYLAWS**

##### **Section 1: Quarter Rule**

Players may participate in 6 quarters a week upon the approval of ASAA. A player physically present on the field of play for any part of a quarter has appeared in that game. The one game rule is then in effect. A kicking or punting specialist may play in up to eight quarters per week (two games) provided that in one of the two games he does no more than punt or kick. (Example, a JV running back plays four quarters in a JV game and punts only for the varsity.)

##### **Section 2: Team Structure**

- Varsity teams shall consist of players in grades 9-12
- Junior Varsity teams shall consist of players in grades 9-11
- C teams shall consist of players in grades 9-10

Exceptions may be made for specific athletes with extraordinary circumstances with approval of the Region. Schools with developing programs or no varsity may play seniors at the level until a varsity program is in place.

### **Section 3: Home and Away**

Home teams shall wear dark jerseys and are responsible for reporting stats and game film for that game for both teams. Visiting teams shall wear white jerseys. Conflicts in jersey colors are to be resolved by mutual consent of the two schools' Activities Directors before the contest.

### **Section 4: Playoff Seeding**

The playoff seeding for the conference is to be determined by that team's Conference win-loss record assuming a full season has been played. Seeding will use the following prioritized criteria:

1. Record in Conference games
2. Head to Head in Conference games only
3. Head to Head including Conference and Nonconference games(against all schools tied)
4. Point Differential (scored-allowed) in games between the tied schools(Conference games only).
5. Fewest points allowed in games between the tied teams(Conference games only).
6. Fewest points allowed in conference games.
7. Coin toss.

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 team is broken.

### **Section 5: Playoffs**

#### **Round One:**

The #1 Seed shall receive a Bye

The #2 Seed shall host the #3 Seed

### **Conference Championship Game**

Shall be hosted at Palmer High School or another neutral centrally located site if Palmer is unavailable. Arrangements to be made by the school hosting the All-Conference Voting. The number one seed will be the home team and will need to provide any event staff that is needed. Any expenses will be share by all member school in the same manner as awards costs are shared.

In the case field conditions or other reasons necessitate a change of venue, the game will be played at a mutually agreed upon field. Gate receipts after expenses will be shared between the two schools. **Expenses include: Officials, field setup, gate, and security.**

### **Section 6: Film Exchange**

Division III will utilize the internet for film exchange via HUDL. Film exchange will consist of two games. The films exchanged will be of two most recent games played. They will be exchanged by Sunday at noon the week preceding the contest. Coaches are expected to meet these minimum guidelines without fail. In addition to the mandatory exchange, it shall be permissible for either coach to obtain from other sources any film of his opponent that he may desire to view for the purpose of preparing for his next contest.

Violations are as follows:

1. Should film not be exchanged by noon on Sunday the AD or other administration shall contact the school at fault.
2. Should the film still not be exchanged by noon on Tuesday a complaint shall be filed with Region III.

### **Section 7: Other Details**

- Participating schools should make every attempt to have medical personnel present at all football home games.
- 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 the home team.

### **Section 8: All-Conference Team Selection**

An All-Conference team of 24 players shall be chosen at the end of the season for each conference by the following procedure:

There will be a rotation for who hosts the selection meeting. The host school's Activities Director will schedule the All-Conference selection meeting time and

place; this meeting may take place via Zoom or another remote meeting platform. The selection process must occur within a week after the last regular season game.

A. First and Second Team All-Conference selections for both offense and defense will be recognized. Honorable Mention for offense and defense will also be included.

B. Each school will have the option of nominating up to eight (7) offensive, eight (7) defensive, one (1) kicker, one (1) punter, one (1) return specialist, one (1) long snapper, and one (1) utility player. Schools are encouraged to only nominate those players worthy of nomination; if a team does not have eight worthy nominations, it is the expectation that eight will not be nominated.

The 24 All-Conference Positions will be selected as follows:

**Offense/Defense**

- 1 Quarterback
- 1 Tight End
- 3 Linebackers
- 2 Half Backs
- 1 Return Specialist
- 2 Offensive Linemen
- 3 Defensive Backs
- 1 Full Back
- 1 Center
- 3 Defensive Lineman
- 2 Wide Receivers
- 1 Kicker
- 1 Punter
- 1 Long Snapper
- 1 Utility Player

C. Coaches will supply nominations, by position, number, and grade, to the host school no later than three days prior to the selection meeting. The first round ballot should be prepared by the meeting time and date.

**D. Selection Process**

1. All nominations for each position will be listed on the first ballot for that position.

0. When selecting players for a position each head coach will vote for twice the number of players for that position. (Example: when selecting three interior defensive linemen, vote for six).

0. The appropriate number of players receiving the most votes for that position will be placed on the second ballot.

0. If a tie occurs during the first ballot, both players will be added to the second ballot and the total will increase by that amount.

0. On the second ballot, each head coach will vote for the actual number of players for that position.

0. The actual number of players for each position receiving the most votes on the second ballot will be declared first team All-Conference.

0. All first team ties must be broken.

0. The remaining players on the second ballot will be declared second team All-Conference.

0. Any players who received at least one vote will receive Honorable Mention.

0. All schools must have a voting representative from their school at the all conference meeting for their athletes to be considered for these awards. A remote attendance option will be made available for coaches who cannot attend in person.

E. The utility player should be a player who has not played enough at any one position during the year to deserve nomination for All-Conference. Your utility player nomination cannot be nominated at another position on offense or defense. He can be nominated as a kicker, punter or return specialist.

F. Coaches will nominate their own players, but **will not vote** for their own players when voting begins. Coaches must vote for the maximum number allowed on each ballot unless their own players would be included. Ballots with less than the maximum number voted will be returned to that coach for a re-vote.

G. The ballots will be marked by the coaches and collected by the meeting host. The votes will be tallied for all to see.

H. Additions to the first ballot **will not** be accepted at the meeting. The only exception to this is if the host school made an error that is correctable.

I. Coaches are encouraged to bring information supporting the merits of their nominees and head coaches will be allowed time to speak prior to the first vote.

J. Patches designating **FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE** will be awarded. The awards are to be ordered by the Region Secretary for the All-Conference meeting from:

**The Neff Company Box 218 Greenville, Ohio 45331 (937) 548-3194**

The cost of these awards will be divided among the schools having football programs and will appear on their next year's statement.

K. Following the All-Conference balloting, an **Offensive Player**, a **Defensive Player**, a **Lineman of the Year**, a **Coach of the Year and Assistant Coach of the Year** for the Conference will be nominated and selected by ballot. Any player being nominated for one of these positions needs to be on at least one of the first team all conference lists. For this voting, **coaches can vote** for their own player. Coaches **cannot** vote for themselves for coach of the year award. A **Conference Champion** plaque will also be given at the award ceremony following the Championship game. The Region Secretary prior to the awards ceremony will order plaques for each of these honors.

All ties will be broken by the host school.

During the coaches meeting, a discussion should be facilitated by the host school regarding any concerns or changes needed to the bylaws. These concerns will then be presented at the next region meeting.