

Division III Football

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Article X: Division III Football Bylaws

Article I: MEMBER SCHOOLS

- 1. Barrow High School - Whalers**
- 2. Homer High School - Mariners**
- 3. Houston High School - Hawks**
- 4. Kenai Central High School - Kardinals**
- 5. Kodiak High School - Bears**
- 6. Redington Jr/Sr High School - Huskies**

Article II: GOVERNANCE & SCHEDULING

The Division III Football Bylaws will govern this division. The Athletic Directors of the member schools are charged with maintenance of these Bylaws.

Section 1: Scheduling

The ASAA Football Scheduling Committee will be responsible for building the Division III schedule.

Section 2: Transportation

Member schools off the road system will provide 22 airline tickets for visiting teams who bring their Varsity team. If JV games are to be played, an additional 15 airline tickets will be provided. Should these schools earn the right to host a playoff game the same ticket agreement will be honored. If the ferry is available from either Seward or Homer and the amount of school missed is comparable to flying, the ferry will be used. The following ticket adjustments will be made when the ferry is used: 25 Varsity and 25 Junior Varsity tickets.

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 the approval of Division III schools. 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 8: Film Exchange

Division III will utilize the internet for film exchange via Hudl League Pool. Film exchange will consist of an elevated sideline film of all games played by the member schools during regular season, playoffs, and state championship games. Schools will drop their game film into the Hudl League Pool by Sunday at noon after the game. Game film must be in a Play-by-Play format, without any missing plays. No game film may be removed from the League Pool during the season. It is unethical under any circumstances to scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games. The head coach shall be held responsible for all scouting. This includes the use of motion pictures and/or video tape. Coaches are expected to meet these minimum guidelines.

Violations are as follows:

1. Should the 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 Monday a complaint shall be filed the Region III Executive Board.
3. Should a resolution not be reached then the school at fault will be removed from Hudl League Pool and no game film may be exchanged with that school until a resolution has been reached.

Section 5: 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 6: State Championship

Seeding for the DIII Football Playoffs will be determined by win-loss records of games between the member schools. If member schools play more than once during the regular season, the second game will count for seeding purposes. In the case of a two- or three-way tie, tie breaking procedures for seeding purposes in the playoffs will be as follows:

1. Record in DIII Conference games.
2. Head-to-Head competition.
3. In the case of a three-way tie and Criteria 2 does not break the tie, the record against common opponents will be considered.
4. Point differential between teams in conference play (scored-permitted, all games with a difference of more than 35 points will be counted as +35).
5. Fewest points permitted in DIII seeding games.
6. Coin toss.

Once a single team breaks the tie process and is declared the winner, the tie breaking process will begin again until the tie with the second and third team is broken. The #1 Seed of the Division III regular season shall host the #4 Seed, the #2 Seed shall host the #3 Seed.

If field conditions or other extraneous circumstances 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 set-up, gate, and security.

Section 7: All-State Team Selection

An All-State team of 28 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-State selection meeting time and place;

this meeting may take place remotely. The selection process must occur within a week after the State Championship.

A. First and Second Team All-State 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 (8) offensive, eight (8) 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 28 All-State Positions will be selected as follows:

Offense/Defense

- 1 Quarterback
- 1 Tight End
- 2 Outside Backers
- 2 Half Backs
- 2 Tackles
- 2 Inside Backers
- 1 Return Specialist
- 2 Guards
- 3 Defensive Backs
- 1 Full Back
- 1 Center
- 4 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.
2. When selecting players for a position each head coach will vote for twice the number of players for that position. (Example: when selecting four interior defensive linemen, vote for eight).
3. The appropriate number of players receiving the most votes for that position will be placed on the second ballot.
4. 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.
5. On the second ballot, each head coach will vote for the actual number of players for that position.
6. The actual number of players for each position receiving the most votes on the second ballot will be declared first team All-State.
7. All first team ties must be broken.
8. The remaining players on the second ballot will be declared second team All-State.
9. Any players who received at least one vote will receive Honorable Mention.
10. All schools must have a voting representative from their school at state tournament 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-State. 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-STATE** will be awarded. The awards are to be ordered by the Region III 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-State 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 Division 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-State lists. For this voting, **coaches can vote** for their own player. Coaches **cannot** vote for themselves for coach of the year award. The Region Secretary prior to the awards ceremony will order plaques for each of these honors.

All ties will be broken by the host team.

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.