

# Hockey BYLAWS

## Division II – Northern Lights Conferences



### Region III DII Hockey Bylaws

#### Northern Lights Conference

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### ARTICLE X: BYLAWS

#### Section 1: Governing Rules

Hockey competition in Division II (Aurora & Northern Lights) will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of High School Association Hockey Rule Book and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and the Aurora & Northern Lights Conferences.

**Exception:** In Tournament play, the highest seeded team always has the right to make the last line change (this replaces the automatic “top of the bracket”).

#### Section 2: Scheduling

All participating member schools must compete within the designated Aurora & Northern Lights Conference district. All team schedules must consist of a home-home schedule or both home every other year unless the game is canceled due to weather and other circumstances beyond the control of the school(s).

**NORTHERN LIGHTS CONFERENCE:** Homer, Kenai, Kodiak, Soldotna, Juneau Douglas, Palmer

**\*\*Teams traveling to Juneau will receive \$4,500 travel stipend from Juneau for varsity only and \$5,500 stipend for both Varsity and JV**

**\*\*Teams traveling to Kodiak will receive \$3,000 travel stipend from Kodiak for varsity only and \$4,000 stipend for both Varsity and JV**

**\*\*Juneau and Kodiak will not pay travel stipends when traveling to one another.**

#### Point System

If a team plays 1 time it's worth 4 points, 2 times are 2 points each, a tie will be worth 1 point. *Teams may mutually agree to play only one conference game for 4 conference pts only in the event the game is cancelled due to weather and other circumstances beyond the control of the school(s).*

### **Section 3: Conference Champion and Railbelt Conference Results:**

There will not be a conference tournament: Once the regular season has concluded, Northern Lights Conference Champion will be determined by the following criteria. Northern Lights Conference Results will also be determined using the following criteria.

1	Conference Points
2	Regular season Head to Head competition. ( Conference Games )
3	Regular season Head to Head competition. ( Non-conference Games )
4	Wins and losses vs common opponents (Non-conference games)
5	Conference goals against during all conference games played throughout the season. Teams that play one game only will double goals scored for those games.
6.	Toss of a Coin

### **Section 4: All-conference selections & Awards**

A. Trophies and awards will be purchased by Region III and the costs shared by the teams involved. There will be a team award for 1<sup>st</sup> place and 20 individual medals for the first place team members as well as 11 medals for the All-Conference players and one MVP plaque award.

B. There will be a “Coach of the Year” Award. Prior to the tournament, nominations will be submitted in writing to the tournament director with rationale for the nomination. Other nominations may be accepted at the coaches meeting before voting. Each school’s head coach or his/her designee shall have one vote.

### **Section 5: All Conference Team Selection**

A. Teams may nominate for all conference selections.( coaches should only nominate those players who are truly deserving)

Teams seeded 1 and 2 --- 5 Player Nominations

Teams seeded 3,4,5 --- 3 Player Nominations

Teams seeded 6 and 7 --- 2 Player Nominations

B. Prior to the start of the state playoff, each head coach will submit names of players for consideration of an All-Conference team.

C. Following the conclusion of the regular season and prior to the state tournament a coaches meeting will be conducted via conference call if a school can’t make it in person. Time will be allowed and each coach must give reasons for their nominations. At least one representative from each team must be present. Only head coaches (or designated proxy) will discuss candidates for All Conference and Most Valuable Player. A representative from the Region Host school will facilitate

discussion.

- D. All head coaches (or designated proxy) may then vote for athletes from the list of nominations. Coaches may not vote for their own players. Ballots will be weighted according to numerical priority (i.e. the first name entered will be given eleven points; the second name is given 10 points, etc.) All coaches will mark their ballots and then the vote will be taken verbally with all coaches present as vote tallies for all to see. If at this time more discussion needs to follow then the Board of Control will facilitate discussion and possible re-vote of the All-Region Team.
- E. The Host School will supervise the verbal voting of ballots. Should any discrepancies arise, the director has the option of nullifying the vote and conducting a revote. In this case, a letter to the Region III President and to the principal of the offending school will follow.

## **Section 6: ASAA State Championship**

### **A. Teams involved**

**The Aurora & Northern Lights Hockey Conference teams**

### **B. At-Large Berth Seeding Criteria (Division II)**

Teams to be considered are the number 4 and 5 from each conference after each has advanced their automatic top three. The four and five ranking will be determined by conference by-laws (from tournament results or by regular season results)

Each team will be given a point value of .5 or 1.0 against each other team being considered. Points will be assigned using the following criteria (Endowment games are not considered). If there is a tie, the same criteria will be used to break the tie, disregarding the other teams. If the tie still exists, there will be a coin toss by ASAA staff to determine who advances.

1. Head to head record
2. Record against common opponents at all classifications
3. Record against common state qualifiers at that classification
4. Record against common opponents at that classification
5. Coin toss

## **Section 7: Officials**

All officials need to be certified with ASAA and we must use at least 2 or 3 officials per game. Schools must make every effort to get certified officials, however in the event that no certified officials are available, other arrangements may be made, however prior notice to the visiting school must be made.

## **Section 8: Weather**

No game will be played if the temperature is -20. If a game is in progress and the temperature falls below -25 degrees, the game will be called. If 2 periods have been completed, we will consider a complete game. If 2 periods have not been completed, we have no contest. If a period is started...that period will be completed.

## **Section 9: Board of Control**

A season Board of Control and Season Director shall manage and facilitate results and any discrepancies

throughout the season. Individuals on the Board of Control must be in administrative positions and have the ability to make fair and impartial decisions. A minimum of 3 board of control members will be designated and the director will be the administrator from the host schools for the all-conference meeting. The B.O.C. will break all ties.

### **Section 10: Jurisdiction**

In the event of a dispute, the Region III board's decision will be final.

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.