

# RAILBELT DIV I HOCKEY BY-LAWS

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## **Section I: Governing Rules:**

1. Hockey competition in the Railbelt conference will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association rulebook and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA, as well as, the Railbelt hockey conference bylaws. 2. To allow member schools and individual athletes to participate and receive recognition. 3. To ensure that safety procedures are enforced for the protection of all participants.

## **Section II: Member Schools:**

Colony Knights

Lathrop Malemutes

Wasilla Warriors

West Valley Wolf Pack

## **Section III: Hosting Events:**

Item 1: Game days may be Monday-Saturday

Item 2: Medical personnel (EMT's, paramedics, doctor, and/or trainer) if possible, will be provided by the host school.

Item 3: Crowd control is the responsibility of the host school. Spectators will not interfere with coaches or officials.

Item 4: No restriction on filming hockey games by any school at any time.

Item 5: Gate fee is to be determined by home team.

Item 6: Only certified officials shall be contracted to officiate any hockey games.

## **Section IX: Scheduling:**

Regular season schedule will consist of 4 games. Each school will play one home and one away against the other schools in the conference, except when the valley plays WV/Lathrop.

In the event that one or more schools are unable to play due to game cancellations due to weather and/or other circumstances beyond the control of the schools, the offending school(s) will still be allowed to participate in the seeding process.

## **Section IX: Tournament:**

**1. There will be no conference tournament if there are only 3 schools participating.**  
State qualifiers will depend solely on regular season game outcomes.

**2. Conference seeding criteria to qualify for the State Tournament:**

- a. Conference Record
- b. Head to head record in conference play
- c. Goal differential in head to head conference play
- d. Head to head record outside of conference play
- e. Fewest goals allowed during head to head conference games
- f. Winner of last head to head conference game
- g. Coin toss

Tiebreakers will run through each seeding criteria. 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 again until the tie with the second and third teams are broken.

## **Section X: Trophies/Awards:**

The trophies and awards will be purchased by the host school and cost shared by the teams involved. There will be a team award for 1<sup>st</sup> place and individual medals for first place team members. A Coach of the Year award will be given; this will be voted on by the head coaches. A "Good Sport Team" will be chosen as well. Each coach will nominate one athlete from their own team who displayed good sportsmanship throughout the entire season. The host school will break any ties.

## **Section XI: All-Conference Team Selections:**

Due to the high cost of travel, the All-Conference selection will be done via conference call with all schools. The All-conference selection will be conducted the week prior to the State Tournament. Host school responsibility shall be rotated yearly. The host school will determine the date, time, and location of the All-Conference call. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference will consist of the following:

1 goalie

2 Defenseman

3 Forwards

1 MVP for the conference

Second team will consist of any nominated athlete that receives at least one vote. They will not receive a medal.

Honorable mention will be any athlete that was nominated.

**Selection process:**

1. Head coaches will nominate up to 7 players from their team for consideration. These nominations need to be emailed to the host school no later than 3 days before the conference call.
2. Coaches will select the best 13 best players regardless of year in school or team record.
3. There will be no allocation of all conference selection spots for each school. There could be a chance where a school will have no all-conference players selected.
4. Coaches are encouraged to nominate only those worthy of recognition.
5. Additional nomination will not be accepted at the conference meeting.
6. Coaches cannot vote for their own players.
7. Voting will be transparent for all other coaches to see.

**Section XI: State Tournament Seeding:**

The first and second seed for the state hockey tournament from the Railbelt Conference shall be determined by the outcome of the regular season conference games. The host school is responsible for notifying ASAA of the two schools that qualified.

**Rotation for hosting:**

2024 West Valley

2025 Colony

2026 Lathrop

2027 Wasilla

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.