

# REGION III SOCCER BYLAWS

## Division II Soccer - Northern Lights and Peninsula Conferences

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### ARTICLE X: TOURNAMENT BYLAWS

#### Section 1: Governing Rules

Soccer competition in Region III will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association Soccer Rule Book and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and Region III.

#### Section 2: Scheduling

Region III schools participating in Division II soccer are divided into two Conferences with each conference receiving 2 births:

NORTHERN LIGHTS CONFERENCE: **Grace, Houston, Kodiak, Palmer, Redington**

PENINSULA CONFERENCE: **Homer, Kenai, Nikiski, (Remove) Seward, Soldotna.**

**Peninsula Conference:** (Add New Language) Each team within the Peninsula Conference will be required to play the other schools within their Conference twice and the results of **both** games will be used to determine the two state qualifiers. In the event that schools only play once due to unforeseen circumstances, the result will count as **double** when determining state qualifiers. Weather cancellations will not be required to be rescheduled between teams from the Northern Lights and Peninsula Conferences; however, games within their conference must be made up. The Peninsula Conference will not hold a region tournament and will determine the 2 state qualifiers based on season results using the criteria defined in Section 3.

**Northern Lights Conference:** Each team within the N.L.C. will be required to play the other schools within their Conference twice and the results of **both** games will be used to determine the two state qualifiers. In the event that schools only play once due to unforeseen circumstances, the result will count as **double** when determining state qualifier. Weather cancellations will not be required to be rescheduled between teams from the Northern Lights and Peninsula Conferences; however, games within their conference must be made up. The N.L.C. will not hold a region tournament and will determine the 2 state entrants based on season results using the criteria defined in Section 3.

#### **Section 3:** **Remove (Region Tournament)** State Qualifier Criteria

**(Remove)** The Peninsula Conference will host a region tournament.

~~(Remove)~~ Tournament and will be seeded according to the following criteria in this priority order:

1. Total Points accumulated vs Region III conference opponents (3 per win, 1 per tie)
2. Head to head competition
3. Record against Common Opponents
4. Total points accumulated vs Division II opponents outside the conference.
5. Record against common higher seeded teams
6. Coin Toss

In the case of a three way or four-way tie, only the head to head records between the teams that are tied will be considered. Once the original tie is broken, head to head competition must be considered first between the remaining teams before using steps three, four, or five. All ties will be broken by the Region III Board in person or by conference call with the schools involved.

The Board member will designate a team "heads" based on the first letter of the school in alphabetical order, and the other team "tails" before flipping the coin. ~~(Remove)~~ Final team seeding will be emailed to all teams by the tournament director. Placement will be single-elimination with consolation brackets that allow for a third place contest and medals.

#### ~~(Remove)~~ Section 4: Team Rosters

Team rosters are not to exceed twenty-five players, and must be submitted to the host school no later than seven (7) days prior to the first day of the regional tournament. A final team roster of up to twenty-two (22) players must be selected from the original list and submitted to the tournament director at the coaches meeting. Thereafter, no changes or substitutions shall be permitted. Only those twenty-two (22) players may be dressed and be present at the team bench. Rosters will be submitted with the following information: Name, Number, Position, and Year in School. Please follow the All-Region Position Naming System, Forward, Halfback, Fullback, Goalie.

#### ~~(Remove)~~ Section 5: Time Schedule

Tournaments will be scheduled over 3 days using two fields. Each field must be the minimum dimensions (100 x 60 meters). The tournament director shall arrange the scheduled games as to the session and location(s) in which games shall be played for the tournament's first day of play. The host school may exercise the option of having their first round game played later in the day. Quarterfinal games would be played on Thursday, Semifinals on Friday with the Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> place game played on Saturday.

#### Section 6: Board of Control

A tournament Board of Control shall be chosen for each Region III sponsored event that shall consist of three individuals who have sufficient knowledge of the sport to make educated and fair decisions when necessary. It is recommended that one Board of Control member represent the school that will host the tournament during the following year. In the event of a dispute, a

statement of concern will be filled out and forwarded to the Board of Control whose decision will be final.

### **Section 7: Conduct of Participants**

Officials will use the card system. Any player, coach, or bench personnel shall be disqualified for 1 red card or 2 yellow cards in a single contest. A player or coach receiving a red card must sit out the next game at that level. A player or coach receiving two yellow cards does not have to sit out the next game.

### **Section 8: Overtime Procedure**

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be two 10-minute overtime periods. If a tie still exists, a shoot-out will occur following rules outlined in tournament progression (Tie Game Procedure #3. p. 66 of NF Soccer rule book.)

### **Section 9: Officials**

The tournament director shall select the officials for the regional tournament in the following manner:

1. The tournament director will contact the official associations and request the needed number of officials. A head official will be selected from the list of officials and will be in charge of assigning games and positions.
2. Effort should be made to provide representation from all geographic regions of the schools participating. Compensation for officials will consist of an increase of \$10.00 over regular season pay, per diem at a rate of \$35.00 a day, travel expenses not to exceed the IRS stated amount and housing accommodations.
3. The coaches of the schools competing in the championship game will determine the officials for that game in the following manner.
  - a. On odd years, the girl's team's coaches choose first; on even years, the boys team coaches will choose first.
  - b. The coaches will choose the Center Official Only. The Head Official will select the Side Judges for each championship game.

### **(Add) Section 4: Trophies/Awards**

The trophies and awards will be purchased by Region III and the costs shared by the teams involved. There will be a team award for 1st place and individual medals for first, second, place team members. A coach of the year award for both boys and girl's teams will be voted by the coaches. Coach of the year voting will require ranking the top 2 choices. A "Good Sport Team" will be chosen as follows: At the coaches meeting, each coach will select one athlete on their team who displayed good sportsmanship throughout the entire season. (Remove) These athletes

will be recognized at the awards ceremony with a special medal. 11 All-Conference Team members will receive medals, and 1 will also receive an MVP Plaque.

Any ties in voting will be decided by the following procedure.

1. Number of 1st place votes
2. Number of 2nd place votes
3. Number of ballot appearances
4. Coin toss

### **(Add) Section 5: All-Conference Team Selection**

#### **Peninsula Conference:**

(Add) Season records must be sent to the Conference meeting host at the conclusion of your season's games or by 9:00am on the Saturday prior to the State Tournament.

The host school will compile season results and determine the two state qualifiers and notify all schools of the season results. Host school is in charge of notifying ASAA of the state qualifiers by the Sunday prior to the state tournament.

The All-Conference meeting will be held the Monday prior to the state Tournament and at a site (or via conference call) to be determined by the host school. A Coach or representative from each school must be present.

(Remove) Prior to the start of the region tournament, Each head coach may submit up to 5 player's names and their position, for consideration on the All-Conference team. At the coaches meeting, time should be allowed for each coach to give reasons for his/her nominations.

(Remove) This meeting will take place prior to the start of the tournament at the site of the host school. Coaches may not vote for their own players.

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**Second Team** = Any nominee who received at least one vote.

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Should any discrepancies arise, the Region III Board 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. All schools are required to turn in a completed ballot to be eligible for postseason awards. Voting schools must submit a complete ballot to be eligible for postseason awards.

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