

DI Soccer Railbelt Conference

CONSTITUTION

1. ARTICLE I - NAME

This association will be known as the Railbelt Conference

2. ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Railbelt soccer conference will organize and administer a safe, equitable and optimal high school soccer program for all soccer student athletes, coaches and community.

3. ARTICLE III - AFFILIATIONS

The membership shall consist of the following schools:

Colony High School
Juneau Douglas High School
Lathrop High School
Wasilla High School
West Valley High School

4. ARTICLE IV – GOVERNING RULES

4.1 Soccer competition in the Railbelt Conference will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association soccer rulebook and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA, as well as, the Railbelt soccer conference bylaws.

4.2 Hosting events:

Item 1. Game days may be Monday-Saturday.

Item 2. Medical personnel (EMT's, paramedics, doctor, and/or athletic 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. As the host school, an administrator or school designee will be in attendance of the varsity games.

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

Item 5. Gate fees are to be determined by home teams.

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

Item 7. The gathering and compilation of game statistics is the responsibility of both teams for their own use. The responsibility for reporting game results to the press rests with the home team.

4.3 Prior to the start of conference games, a team roster from the girls and boys will be sent to AP's/AD's, who will then email the rosters to all conference schools.



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5. ARTICLE V – SCHEDULING

1. Each team will play two conference games against all other conference teams. All efforts will be made (weather dependent) that home and away game dates between Anchorage, Valley and Fairbanks will alternate each year.
2. In the event of a game/games cancellations because of unforeseeable circumstances every effort will be made to reschedule the game/games. If schools cannot reschedule a canceled conference game/games, the one game played will count as double.
3. There will be no conference tournament.
4. The Railbelt conference will receive 3 berths to State (the CIC will receive 4 berths to State), with 1 at-large berth based on the RPI. However, if the Cook Inlet fails to annually send two (2) CIC teams to Fairbanks to play each Fairbanks school and two (2) CIC teams to Juneau to play Juneau-Douglas, with at least 3 40 4 CIC teams playing the Mat-Su schools either at home or away, the at-large berth will automatically go to the Railbelt Conference.

6. ARTICLE VI. – CONFERENCE STANDINGS

- 5.1 Final conference standings shall be based on overall in-conference points with 3 points for each win and 1 point for a tie against in-conference opponents.
- 5.2 In the event of a tie in points between two teams, the following criteria will determine seeding in priority order:
 - A. Total conference points
 - B. Head to head competition
 - C. Most conference wins
 - D. Goal differential in head to head games (not used in ties involving more than two teams.
 - E. Fewest goals allowed in all conference games
 - F. Total goals scored in conference games (up to 6 per game).
- 5.3 In the event of a tie in conference standings involving more than two team, the following protocol will be followed:
 1. Determine the top seed team going through tie breaking steps.
 2. The tie breaking steps will then start over at the top with the remaining teams.

7. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM SELECTION

- 6.1 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 and time of the all-conference call. Prior to the conference call, each head coach may submit up to seven player's names for their nominations for all-conference.

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- a. First team = Top 14 players using the inverted point system. 14 points for best player, and so on, down to 1 point.
- b. Second team = any athlete receiving a vote.
- c. Honorable mention = any athlete nominated.

d. Selection process

- 1. Head coaches will nominate up to 7 players from their team for consideration.
- 2. Coaches will select the 14 best players regardless of year in school, team record, or position played.
- 3. There will be no allocation of all-conference selection for each school. There could be a chance where a school or schools will have no all-conference players selected.
- 4. Coaches should nominate only those worthy of recognition.
- 5. Coaches will supply nominations to the host school no later than three days prior to the conference meeting.
- 6. Additional nominations will not be accepted at the conference meeting.
- 7. Coaches cannot vote for their own players.
- 8. Voting will be transparent for all other coaches to see.

e. Host school rotations:

2025	West Valley
2026	Wasilla
2027	Juneau
2028	Lathrop
2029	Colony

7.1 Trophies/Awards

The trophies and awards will be purchased by the host school and expenses shared by the schools involved. There will be a team award for 1st place and individual medals for the first place team members. A Coach of the Year award for both the boys and girls teams will be voted by the coaches (coaches cannot vote for themselves). If there is a tie for the coach of the year award, the host school/Board of Control will be responsible for breaking the tie. 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 soccer season. responsible for breaking the tie.

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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.