

**RAILBELT
FOOTBALL CONFERENCE BYLAWS**

Article I: PURPOSE

1. To act as the governing body for the Railbelt Lights Football Conference
2. To allow member schools and individual athletes to participate and receive recognition
3. To insure that safety procedures are enforced for the protection of all participants

Article II: MEMBER SCHOOLS

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| • Chugiak High School | Mustangs |
| • Eagle River High School | Wolves |
| • Lathrop High School | Malemutes |
| • North Pole High School | Patriots |
| • Palmer High School | Moose |
| • Soldotna High School | Stars |
| • Wasilla High School | Warriors |
| • West Valley High School | Wolfpack |

Article III: OFFICERS

The Railbelt Conference bylaws will be the governing body of the Railbelt Football Conference.

Article IV: BYLAWS

Section 1: Season

The Alaska School Activities Association shall establish the starting and ending dates for football.

Section 2: Play

JV games will be played by all Railbelt Conference schools that have 35 or more football players listed on the ASAA eligibility form.

Section 3: Quarter Rule

A student may participate in six (6) quarters of play per week. A week is defined starting on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday. A kicking specialist may play in up to eight (8) quarters per week, providing that in four (4) quarters the player does no more than kick.

Section 4: Team Structure

- Varsity teams shall consist of player's grades 9-12
- Junior Varsity teams shall consist of player's grades 9-11
- C teams shall consist of player's grades 9-10

Section 5: National Federation Regulations

National Federation regulations will apply with regard to jersey colors. Game balls will be consistent with National Federation regulations.

Section 6: Conference Championship

The football Championship for each conference is to be determined by that team's Conference win-loss record. In the case of a two or three way tie, each team will be designated as "Co-Champions" and will receive first place plaques. Tie breaking procedures for seeding purposes in the playoffs will be as follows:

1. Record in Conference
2. Head to Head
3. Common Opponents in and out of Conference
4. Point differential (scored—allowed) in games between the tied schools
5. Fewest points allowed in games between the tied teams
6. Fewest points allowed in Conference

Once a single team breaks the tie process the tie breaking process goes back to the start and the process begins until the tie with the second and third teams are broken.

Section 7: State Championship

- Conference State Berths
 - Railbelt Conference 4
- Semi Final Bracket – Hosted by the higher seed
 - Game 1 – RLB #1 hosts RLB #4
 - Game 2 – RLB #2 hosts RLB #3
- Championship – ASAA Hosts
 - Game 3 – Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner

Section 9: All-State Team Selection

An All-State team of 32 players will be chosen at the end of the season by the following procedure:

- 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 8 offensive, 8 defensive, 1 kicker, 1 punter, 1 return specialist, 1 long snapper, and 1 utility player. Schools are encouraged to only nominate those players worthy of nomination and if you don't have 8 worthy nominations, don't nominate 8.

The 32 All-State Positions will be selected as follows:

<u>Offense</u>		<u>Defense</u>	
1 Quarterback	2 Guards	2 Outside Linebackers	1 Utility Player
2 Halfbacks	1 Center	3 Inside Linebackers	
1 Fullback	1 Return Specialist	4 Defensive Backs	
2 Receivers	1 Long Snapper	4 Interior Lineman	
1 Tight End	1 Kicker	1 Punter	
2 Tackles	1 At Large	1 At Large	

- C. Coaches will need to supply nominations, by position, 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. Have Conference Stats available at the meeting.

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. Will be placed on the second ballot for that position.
 3. The appropriate number of players (8) receiving the most votes will be placed on the second ballot for that position.
 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. All players who are nominated will receive at least honorable mention recognition.
 10. All schools must have a voting representative physically present for their school at the All-State meeting for their athletes to be considered for these awards.
 11. All-State meeting will be held at the host site of the medium division playoffs on the Sunday following the semi-final games.
- E. 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 revote.
- F. The ballots will be marked by the coaches and collected by the meeting host. All votes will be public and tallied for all to see.
- G. 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.
- H. Coaches are encouraged to bring information supporting the merits of their nominees and will be allowed time to speak.
- I. Patches designating **FIRST TEAM ALL STATE** will be awarded. The awards to be ordered by the Host School for the All-State meeting. Suggested vendor:
- a. **The Neff Company Box 218 Greenville, Ohio 45331 (937) 548-3194**
 - b. The cost of these awards will be paid by the host school.
- J. Following the All-State balloting, an **Offensive Player**, a **Defensive Player**, a **Utility Player**, a **Lineman of the Year**, **Assistant Coach of the Year**, and a **Coach of the Year** for the Conference 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-conference lists. For voting, coaches can vote for their own players. The Host School prior to the awards ceremony will order plaques for each of these honors.

- K. All-State voting will take place after the regular season and released after the DII State Champion game.

2023 Chugiak
2024 Lathrop
2025 Palmer
2026 Soldotna
2027 Eagle River
2028 North Pole
2029 Wasilla
2030 West Valley

Section 10: Hosting Events

ITEM 1: Varsity game days may be either Thursday, Fridays or Saturdays.

ITEM 2: Every effort will be made to insure Medical personnel (EMT's, Paramedics, doctor) are present during all football games. Please notify visiting school prior to the game if medical personnel will not be available.

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

ITEM 4: Equitable facilities or areas are to be provided for coaching staff and film crew of the teams playing.

ITEM 5: Only certified officials shall be contracted to officiate any football game.

ITEM 6: 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 home team.

ITEM 7: There will be no gate charge for visiting non-playing teams. Teams need to come as a single group and notify the school prior to attending.

Section 11: Filming of Games

Teams may film other Railbelt Conference games they are not playing in, but will not be provided press/coach box space to use for filming.

Coaches are required to provide previous two weeks of films by 5:00 pm Sunday.