

Mid-Alaska Softball Conference Bylaws

Article I: Purpose

1. To act as the governing body for Mid-Alaska Conference softball
2. To allow member schools and individual athletes to participate in softball and receive recognition
3. To ensure that safety procedures are enforced for the protection of all participants

Article II: Member Schools

Delta High School	Huskies
Hutchison High School	Hawks
Monroe Catholic High School	Rams
North Pole High School	Patriots

Article III: Rules & Officers

1. The Mid-Alaska Softball Conference Bylaws will be the governing rules of the conference.
2. Each season the Athletic Director of the host school for All-Conference selections (see Article IV, Section 9) shall act as Conference Commissioner to conduct polls and rule on conference representatives at the state tournament, tiebreakers, protests, revisions of the conference bylaws, etc. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of the conference Athletic Directors with voting conducted no later than the week prior to the state tournament.

Article IV: Bylaws

Section 1: Season

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

Section 2: Rules of Play

National Federation of High Schools and Alaska School Activities Association Rules of Play will govern all conference games.

Section 3: Team Structure

1. Varsity teams shall consist of players in grades 9-12.
2. Junior varsity teams shall consist of players in grades 9-11.
3. Schools without a varsity team may play seniors at the JV level until a varsity program is in place.

Section 4: Home & Away Uniforms

Uniforms and uniform color shall be determined by each school.

Section 5: Regular Season Conference Championship

1. The Mid-Alaska Conference Championship shall be determined by winning percentage in conference games.
2. Each school will play a home and home schedule.
3. The regular season schedule shall consist of 3 conference games and 1 non-conference game against each of the conference teams. The second game between 2 teams shall be the non-conference game. If games between conference teams have to be canceled, the non-conference game will be canceled before any of the 3 conference games.
4. Rainouts or other games that cannot be made up in a timely manner due to weather-related field conditions shall not count against the teams involved.

Section 6: State Championship Berths

The ASAA Handbook Softball Policies and Procedures and the Mid-Alaska Conference bylaws shall fill the conference berth allocation to the state championship tournament with the teams that finish 1st and 2nd in the regular season conference games.

Section 7: Conference Tie-Breaking Procedures

1. Tie-breaking procedures to declare a conference champion and advance the Mid-Alaska Conference teams to the state championship tournament will be as follows:
 - a. Winning percentage in conference games
 - b. Head-to-head win/loss in conference games
 - c. Head-to-head play vs. the 3rd team in conference games
 - d. Fewest points allowed in conference games
 - e. Winner of last conference game between tied teams
2. If more than two teams tie for 1st place, the tie-breakers will be run 1.a. through 1.e. until a single team breaks the tie and is declared the conference champion. The tie-breaking process will then repeat until the tie between the next two teams is broken.
3. If two or more teams tie for 2nd place, the tie-breaking process described in 1.a. through 1.e. of this Section will be used.
4. Playoff sites will be determined by ASAA.

Section 8: Hosting Events

1. Game days may be Monday through Saturday.
2. Medical personnel (trainers, EMTs, paramedics, doctor) will be provided by the host school if possible.
3. Crowd control is the responsibility of the host school. Spectators will not interfere with coaches or officials.

4. There will be no restrictions on filming softball games by any school at any game.
5. Gate fee, if any, will be determined by the home team.
6. Only certified officials shall be contracted to officiate any softball game.
7. The gathering and compilation of game statistics is the responsibility of each team for their own use.
8. The responsibility for reporting game results and statistics to the press rests with the home team.
9. The home team shall provide statistics to the visiting team if requested.
10. Conference make-up shall be re-visited every two years or upon request of any member of the conference.
11. The bylaws may be revised (to take effect the following season):
 - a. When a new school/program wishes to enter the conference
 - b. In case of economic peril to a member school or district
 - c. When the softball program is dropped by a member school
 - d. In the event that a majority of the member schools see a need for bylaw revision (as conveyed to the host school AD no later than the week before the state tournament)

Section 9: All-Conference Team Selection

An All-Conference team of 9 players shall be chosen at the end of the season by the head coaches of each conference team.

1. Selection process:
 - a. The All-Conference selection shall be accomplished the week before the state championship tournament.
 - b. All-Conference selection shall be done via email with the coaches from all of the Mid-Alaska Conference schools.
 - c. Each head coach may nominate players from their own team for All-Conference selection and 1 player from any of the conference teams for Conference MVP.
 - d. The Athletic Director of the host school shall list all of the nominated players on a ballot and the head coaches of each school will vote for a total of 9 All-Conference players and 1 Conference MVP.
 - e. In case of a tie, coaches will be asked to vote for the player they feel is most worthy of recognition. Coaches of the teams the tied players are from may not vote in the tie-breaker.
 - f. There will be no allocation of All-Conference spots for each school. There may be a situation where a school or schools will have no All-Conference players selected.

2. Host School Rotations for All-Conference & MVP Selections:

The host school will be responsible for running the selection process and ensuring that the coaches of the players selected receive the awards for their players.

2023 – North Pole
2024 – Monroe
2025 – Hutchison
2026 – Delta

3. A total of 9 awards designating All-Conference selections will be awarded. In addition, there will be 1 award for the Mid-Alaska Conference MVP and a plaque for the conference champion school. The awards are to be ordered by the Athletic Director of the host school.
4. Suggested Vendor:
 - a. Whichever vendor is used, consistency of award type/styles and cost is highly encouraged.
 - b. The cost of these awards will be handled by the host school.