

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

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Section 1 Rules

Basketball competition in the Southern Conference will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association Basketball Rule Book and all- applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and the Southern Conference. The home team is responsible for entering results into MaxPreps within 48 hours of the completion of the contest.

Section 2 Region II Responsibilities

- A) Determine site of Interior Conference Tournament at the fall meeting.
- B) Determine date of Interior Conference Tournament at the fall meeting.
- C) Determine and order awards. Trophies and Medals standardized by Region II. The Region will seek bids for the awards to assure competitive prices and secured.

Section 3 Host School Responsibilities

- A) Provide playing facilities and officials. Assist with sleeping facilities for visiting teams.
- B) Select tournament director.
- C) Purchase awards (As determined by Region II handbook and ordered by Secretary after the fall meeting when sites are set).
- D) Provide hospitality lounge for visiting coaches, sponsors, and officials.

Section 4 Tournament Directors Responsibilities

- A) Send appropriate information to all schools in the Southern Conference.
- B) Preliminary letter should be sent the first week of the season and state the tournament site, date and other pertinent information, such as availability of meals and lodging, and form requesting such information as:
 - 1) Intent to participate, with a deadline for teams to commit to participating in the tournament.
 - 2) Entire roster to be sent prior to the tournament and limited to 12 players at tournament.
 - 3) Team Photograph
 - 4) Academic information (GPA) the prior semester.
 - 5) Seeding criteria to be sent.
 - 6) Teams that leave early forfeit their tournament reimbursement. (Except for an act of God)
- C) Subsequent letters should be sent to the schools intending to participate and should provide such information as.

- 1) Seeding
- 2) Bracketing
- 3) Coaches meeting date, time, and location
- 4) Teams participating
- 5) Admission cost
- 6) Housing available for fans
- 7) Selection of Board of Control
- 8) Availability of radio broadcast services

D) Officials

- 1) The tournament director shall be in charge of securing 6 officials at a minimum for the entirety of the tournament. If schools are unable to secure officials within 5 weeks of the Conference Tournament from their contracted officials association, they are required to seek officials from other associations in the State starting with whichever the next closest association geographically.
- 2) The local official's association is responsible for designating an assigner that assigns officials to all games except the championship and 2nd place games. The championship and 2nd place game officials will be selected using the cast-out system with the higher seed casting first. Coaches will alternate casting out until 3 officials remain. These three officials will work the game.
- 3) An individual official may work both the championship and second place games. The same official may work both the boys and girls championship games. The same official may work both boys and girls second place games.

E) Selection of the board of control: The tournament director will select (3) administrators from participating schools to form a board of control for the tournament prior to the first contest of the tournament. Members of the B.O.C. will excuse themselves from decisions involving their own school.

F) Tournament director will provide for the preparation and maintenance of the facility and all necessary equipment for the operation of the tournament.

G) Assign locker rooms and sleeping areas (if appropriate) to tournament participants.

H) Provide awards ceremony at the end of the tournament.

I) Announce team rosters and awards.

J) Provide a tournament financial statement to the participants and the Region II secretary within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. Failure to submit this report will result in:

- 1) Letter sent to host principal
- 2) Letter sent to host superintendent

3) Letter sent to host school board

K) Forward the names of the teams that will advance to the State Tournament to ASAA within the required time frame.

L) The tournament director is charged with assessing the costs and revenues. The total tournament expenses include Officials, Trophies, Direct Custodial Costs, Score Books, and Tournament Director Fee (\$800). When the tournament is over, the Tournament Director will provide a profit/loss statement to each school and send the participating teams a bill for their share with a maximum fee of \$750 per school. Money gained from direct tournament sponsorship by businesses or other entities shall be included as tournament revenue. Monies gained from the sale of advertisement are not considered tournament income and do not have to be figured into the tournament.

M) Coaches Meeting: A coaches meeting is to be scheduled by the director prior to the first contest.

N) The tournament director shall receive a stipend of \$800. This fee is to be paid from tournament revenue.

O) A host school must provide the following items:

- 1) Properly marked basketball court
- 2) Ten foot high baskets with regulation nets and breakaway rims.
- 3) Scorekeepers table
- 4) Team benches with home and visitor properly designated.
- 5) Clock and scoreboard.
- 6) Official tournament scorebook.
- 7) Official (properly marked NFHS) basketball, boy's and girl's.
- 8) Seating for at least 500 spectators (unless a simple majority of participants in the tournament agree otherwise at the fall meeting prior to the tournament.
- 9) Programs will be the responsibility of the host school; any revenue goes to the host school.

P) Tournament Procedures

1) Game Times

a) A minimum of fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for team warm-up before each game and minimum of three (3) minutes at half time (allowing time for performing groups).

2) Passes

a) Players as reflected by roster plus five for: Coaches, Chaperones, Manager.

3) Team bench

a) Determined by host school, but must be consistent throughout the tournament.

Section 5 Seeding

A) Winning percentage against Southern Conference schools in the games that count for seeding purposes.

B) If, in the event a team is unable to meet the contractual games due to circumstances beyond the school district's control, and the above teams meet at any other time that year; the game will count as the normal amount of points as if a regular season.

C) Head to head record.

D) If two or more teams are tied, we will start with the #1 team and compare records. We will go down the order #2, #3, etc. until the tie is broken.

E) Winning percentage against common opponents outside of the Southern Conference.

F) Margin of victory in Head to Head.

G) Flip of the coin. The Tournament Director is responsible for the coin flip.

H) Each school in the Southern Conference is expected to play a home at home series (two games) with conference opponents. This excludes Unalaska teams who are expected to play each conference opponent at least once. If Unalaska is only able to play another team in one game, that game will count as double jeopardy toward Conference Tournament Seeding. Other teams are encouraged to travel to Unalaska if possible but have no expectation to do so. If possible other Southern Conference schools are encouraged to schedule two games when Unalaska visits.

I) Should a team forfeit a game, the team responsible for the forfeit will receive a loss on their conference record and will be seeded last in the regional tournament. Should multiple teams forfeit conference games during the season, seeding for the regional tournament would be established according to the number of games forfeited. For example, a team with 3 forfeits would be seeded last, and a team with 2 forfeits would be seeded 2nd to last.

Section 6 Rosters

A) Team rosters are limited to 15 players, which must be finalized to 12 when the first game of the conference tournament is play.

B) 12 uniformed players, 2 managers, and 4 coaches.

Section 7 Tournament Bracketing

A modified double elimination bracket will decide all Southern Conference Basketball Tournaments.

Section 8 Tournament Contests

A) Free throw Contest

B) Three Point Contest

C) Academic Awards 10 (Based on Previous Semester GPA)

D) All Conference Team made up of 12 players based on ballot votes

E) One girls and one boys MVP based on coaches votes in coaches meeting prior to final play in games.

Section 9 Tournament Rotation

2025 Lumen Christi

2026 Ninilchik

2027 Seward

2028 Susitna Valley