



**Alaska Association of Student Government  
Resolution # 11  
ASAA Sanctioned Men's Volleyball  
Submitted by: Francis Myers  
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**Be it Resolved by the Alaskan Association of Student Governments That:** Men's volleyball be implemented as an ASAA regulated sport.

1. **Whereas**, the popularity and interest surrounding men's volleyball has skyrocketed in the past decade, both statewide and nationwide.
2. **Whereas**, In the 2012-13 school year, there were roughly 50,000 men's volleyball players at the high school level. In the past decade, the number of players has grown by over 50%, to over 77,000.<sup>1</sup>
3. **Whereas**, 32 states have already implemented men's volleyball as an official or emerging sport.<sup>1</sup>
4. **Whereas**, a survey conducted at Sitka High found that out of the 116 people who participated, 101 said they would support men's volleyball being implemented.
5. **Whereas**, out of the 69 men who took the survey, 46 said they would be interested in playing men's volleyball during the fall season.
6. **Whereas**, the ASAA handbook states, "A school must provide equal athletic opportunity for both sexes in numbers that are "substantially proportionate" to enrollment."<sup>2</sup>
7. **Whereas**, volleyball is the only unbalanced state sport at a 3A-4A level that isn't coed, meaning men aren't allowed to participate.
8. **Whereas**, in the Sitka School District, the fall sports options for women are girls' volleyball, swimming, and cross country. The options for men are only swimming and cross country.

9. **Whereas**, the ASAA handbook also states, “The Board of Directors may sanction additional interscholastic activities [...] upon request of member schools or districts.”<sup>2</sup>
10. **Whereas**, if multiple Alaskan School Districts requested the implementation of men’s volleyball, student support was garnered, and if ASAA approved the school districts’ requests for volleyball, a statewide men’s volleyball league would be possible.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments** supports the establishment of an ASAA sanctioned men’s volleyball league.

**Action Statement:** if passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be taken to the Sitka School District for their consideration in sending a request to ASAA, asking for the implementation of a men’s volleyball league. Furthermore, this resolution would be sent to any student leaders interested with having their own school district sending a request to ASAA.

Sources:

1. Oregonian/OregonLive, Nik Streng |. The. “OSAA Adds Boys Volleyball as ‘Emerging Activity.’” *Oregonlive*, 9 Oct. 2023, <https://www.oregonlive.com/highschoolsports/2023/10/osaa-adds-boys-volleyball-as-emerging-activity.html>.
2. *Handbooks & Forms – Alaska School Activities Association*. <https://asaa.org/handbooks-forms/>. Accessed 13 Oct. 2023.

The resolution passes with unanimous consent

Passed by the Fall 2023 General Assembly of AASG hosted by West Valley High School

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