



2020-2021 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

2021 Winter Postseason Tournaments

Media Guidance and Information

- This guidance and information was established in alignment with requirements of the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education and applies to all section and state tournaments.
- The guidance and information policies are for site administrators and media personnel and are designed to ensure safe competition and coverage of League activities for the participants, the member schools and their communities.
- Following protocols and risk-mitigating guidelines are mandatory and crucial to safe coverage of the events.
- Media are included in the spectator counts that are mandated by the Minnesota Department of Health.
- The Minnesota State High School League reserves the right to amend guidance and information policies as directives from governmental agencies emerge.

Because of the significant reduction in access to tournaments during the COVID-19 Pandemic, limitations will be implemented for the number of media representatives and the access that media have to participants, coaches, etc. Alternative methods of access are available for those who desire to cover these tournaments via virtual platform.

On-Site State Tournament Media Coverage Information

- Media covering tournaments on-site must be registered and approved by the Minnesota State High School League.
- Registration directions will be available at www.mshsl.org/media one week prior to the start of each state tournament.
- **Media must register no later than noon two days prior to the first day of the state tournament. There are no exceptions to this deadline.**
- A pre-determined number of media will be approved for each event, media count toward the spectator count.
- Media allocations will be considered in these categories:
 - Community coverage from participating teams
 - MSHSL Radio Partners covering participating teams
 - Regional coverage

- Statewide coverage
- Media will be approved based on:
 1. Available space,
 2. Past coverage of the selected school and sport,
 3. Media outlet's long-standing history of League coverage.
- Approved media will be notified.

Information for Approved Media for On-Site State Tournament Coverage

- Media will be approved on a per-contest basis. Media may only remain at the venue for the contest for which they are approved. (Contest may be a single game, session, round, etc.)
- Approved media will enter through a pass gate and be COVID-screened on site.
- No on-site, in-person interviews are permitted during any postseason event.
- On-site media are required to wear face coverings/masks at all times and must practice physical distancing of at least six feet.
- On-site media are required to remain in designated areas.
- School media, designated team photographers or professional photographers will not be granted on-site media access. Schools may choose to purchase tickets through their school allocation to provide access.
- See tournament-specific information for availability of media workstations and photography locations.

State Tournament Information Access for All Media (On-site and off-site):

- Complimentary online programs hosted at <https://www.mshsl.org/state-tournament-programs>
- Complimentary streaming access provided for news outlets with teams participating and with a long-standing history of League coverage. Media must register no later than noon two days prior to the first day of the state tournament. Information will be available at www.mshsl.org/media Eligible media will receive information via email prior to the start of the tournament.
- LiveStats (Hockey and Basketball)
- Event results available on the League's website at www.mshsl.org
- League-contracted photographers will cover championship events. Photos will be available for purchase at mshsl.smugmug.com/MSHSLphoto
- Past tournament Archives and Records located on the sport-specific page. (Go to Sports&Activities-->Select Sport)

Section Tournament Media Information

- Access allowed per venue specifications and registration and approval of Region Secretary.

For further League assistance, contact Tim Leighton at tleighton@mshsl.org

State Tournament--Media Guidance and Information	
Alpine Skiing	<p>Wednesday, March 3: Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Monday, March 8: Media Registration Deadline</p> <hr style="width: 25%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>State Meet:</p> <p>Giants Ridge, Biwabik</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 10 <p>Media Allowance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional and Community TV and Newspapers (up to 8 total people) • Statewide Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ StarTribune and Pioneer Press (up to 2 people each) <p>Specific Tournament Media Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographers must be clear of finish line to not interfere with participants and spectators. • Photographers on hills must be a safe distance from the course and participants. • Timing shacks and chalets not available for media accommodation.
Nordic Skiing	<p>Thursday, March 4: Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Tuesday, March 9: Deadline for Media Registration</p> <hr style="width: 25%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>State Meet</p> <p>Giants Ridge, Biwabik</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, March 11-Girls --- 1 p.m. • Friday, March 12-Boys --- 1 p.m. <p>Media Allowance (per day):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional and Community TV and Newspapers (up to 8 total people) • Statewide Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ StarTribune and Pioneer Press (up to 2 people each)

	<p>Specific Tournament Media Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographers not allowed during finishing chute. • Photographers located on the course must remain a safe distance from competitors. • Timing shacks and chalets not available for media accommodation.
<p>Dance</p>	<p>Friday, March 5: Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Wednesday, March 10: Deadline for Media Registration</p> <p>Noon Wednesday, March 10: Deadline for Application for Complimentary Streaming</p> <hr/> <p>State Tournament</p> <p>Edina High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, March 12 (Jazz) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Class AAA ---9:00 a.m. ○ Entrance Times 8:40, 10:00, 11:20 ○ Class AA --- ○ Entrance Times 12:55, 2:15, 3:35 ○ Class A --- ○ Entrance Times 5:10, 6:30, 7:50 • Saturday, March 13 (High Kick) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Class AAA ---9:00 a.m. ○ Entrance Times 8:40, 10:00, 11:20 ○ Class AA --- ○ Entrance Times 12:55, 2:15, 3:35 ○ Class A --- ○ Entrance Times 5:10, 6:30, 7:50 <p>Media Allowance per session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community coverage (Up to 1 person per participating team) • MSHSL Radio Partners (Up to 2 total/1person each station) • Statewide coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StarTribune and Pioneer Press (up to 1 person each) • Forum News Service (up to 1 person total) <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographers must remain in designated areas on mezzanine level. • MSHSL Radio Partners must remain on track of mezzanine level.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No media workstations available on site.
<p>Wrestling</p>	<p>Saturday, March 6: State Team Preliminary Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Thursday, March 11: Deadline for Media Registration for Team Preliminaries</p> <p>Regional Preliminaries</p> <p>Saturday, March 13 (Team)</p> <p>Total Media Allowance per site, per session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community coverage (Up to 1 per participating team/1 person each) • Registered Radio Partner (up to 4 total/1 person each station) • Community Media System (up to 1 total/1 person)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional coverage (Up to 1 total/1 person) • Statewide coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StarTribune and Pioneer Press (up to 1 person) • Forum News Service (up to 1 person) • The Guillotine (up to 1 person)
Timeline for availability of information for additional Tournaments	
Wrestling	<p>Saturday, March 13: Regional Team Preliminary Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Thursday, March 18: Deadline for Media Registration for Individual Preliminaries</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>Thursday, March 18: Media information available for semi-finals and finals</p> <p>Noon Tuesday, March 23: Deadline for Media Registration</p> <p>Noon Tuesday, March 23: Deadline for Application for Complimentary Streaming</p>
Boys Swim and Dive	<p>Thursday, March 11: Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Tuesday, March 16: Deadline for Media Registration</p> <p>Tuesday, March 16: Deadline for Application for Complimentary Streaming</p>
Gymnastics	<p>Friday, March 19: Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Wednesday, March 24: Deadline for Media Registration</p> <p>Noon Wednesday, March 24: Deadline for Application for Complimentary Streaming</p>
Girls and Boys Hockey	<p>Friday, March 19: Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Wednesday, March 24: Deadline for Media Registration-Girls Hockey</p> <p>Noon Wednesday, March 24: Deadline for Application for Complimentary Streaming-Girls Hockey Quarterfinals</p> <p>Noon Sunday, March 28: Deadline for Media Registration-Boys Hockey</p>
Girls and Boys Basketball	<p>Tuesday, March 23: Media Information available at www.mshsl.org/media</p> <p>Noon Sunday, March 28: Deadline for Media Registration</p>

	<p>Noon Sunday, March 28: Deadline for Application for Complimentary Streaming- Quarterfinals</p>
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