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MSHSL Boys Basketball State Tournament

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. --- The Minnesota State High School League's boys basketball state tournament, held annually since 1913, is scheduled for March 20-23 at three

sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Here is a look at the tournament:

Fast Facts

The schedule:

Class A

Thursday, March 21

At Williams Arena

Spring Grove (23-4) vs. No. 1 Springfield (27-2), 11 a.m.

No. 5 Christ's Household of Faith (23-5) vs. No. 4 Henning (28-1), 1 p.m.

Cromwell-Wright (25-3) vs. No. 2 Ada-Borup (28-1), 3 p.m.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove (23-7) vs. No. 3 North Woods (27-2), 5 p.m.

Friday, March 22

At Concordia (St. Paul)

Consolation semifinals

10, noon

At Target Center

Championship semifinals

Noon, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

At Concordia (St. Paul)

Consolation final, 8 a.m.

Third place, 10 a.m.

At Target Center

Championship, 11 a.m.

Class AA

Wednesday, March 20

Quarterfinals

At Target Center

St. Peter (22-6) vs. No. 1 Minnehaha Academy (26-2), 6 p.m.

No. 5 Lake City (26-2) vs. No. 4 Melrose Area (26-4), 8 p.m.

At Williams Arena

Esko (21-9) vs. No. 2 Minneapolis North (21-9), 6 p.m.
Redwood Valley (16-11) vs. No. 3 Perham (29-1), 8 p.m.

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At Target Center

Championship semifinals

6 p.m., 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

At Concordia (St. Paul)

Third place, 12 p.m.

At Target Center

Championship, 1 p.m.

Class AAA

Wednesday, March 20

Quarterfinals

At Williams Arena

Bemidji (23-4) vs. No. 1 DeLaSalle (24-5), 10 a.m.

No. 5 Mahtomedi (24-5) vs. No. 4 Princeton (26-3), 12 p.m.

Holy Angels (24-4) vs. No. 2 Waseca (28-1), 2 p.m.

Monticello (14-15) vs. No. 3 Austin (23-5), 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

At Target Center

Championship semifinals

Noon, 2 p.m.

At Concordia (St. Paul)

Consolation semifinals

2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Friday, March 22

At Concordia (St. Paul)

Consolation final, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

At Concordia (St. Paul)

Third place, 2 p.m.

At Target Center

Championship, 5 p.m.

Class AAAA

Wednesday, March 20

Quarterfinals

At Target Center

Maple Grove (23-6) vs. No. 1 Park Center (28-1), 10 a.m.
No. 5 Lakeville North (25-4) vs. No. 4 Eden Prairie (20-9), noon
Cambridge-Isanti (17-12) vs. No. 2 Hopkins (24-4), 2 p.m.
Eastview (18-11) vs. No. 3 East Ridge (27-2), 4 p.m.

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At Concordia (St. Paul)

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Saturday, March 23

At Concordia (St. Paul)

Third place, 4 p.m.

At Target Center

Championship, 8 p.m.

TV: Championship semifinals and championship games in all four classes will be televised live by 45TV.

Webcast: Semifinal and championship games in all classes will be streamed free of charge by 45TV at www.prep45.com. The quarterfinals in all classes will be streamed free of charge by School Space Media at www.prepspotlight.tv.

Tickets: Quarterfinals, semifinals and championship sessions --- \$16 adults, \$10 students. Third place and consolation sessions --- \$12 adults, \$8 students.

Official basketball: Spalding Top-Flite 1000 Legacy

Detailed season statistics: Provided by qualifying teams are available on the League website --- www.mshsl.org --- as a Media Guide link under Tournaments, then Winter, then Boys Basketball.

Gates open: Target Center, Williams Arena, and Gangelhoff Center at Concordia (St. Paul) will open their gates to fans one hour prior to the first scheduled game of the day or session.

Game results and box scores: Posted on the League's website at www.mshsl.org

Social media: Follow the tournament on the League's Facebook page and on Twitter at @MSHSL and @MSHSLJohn.

Credentials: A media credential is required for reporters and photographers to cover this event. Approved credentialed media should consult with on-site media stewards for further instructions.

2019 State Tournament Snapshots

Class A

Spring Grove is making its state tournament debut. Senior guard Alex Folz, who powered the Lions to the Class Nine-Man football crown last fall, has scored more than 1,600 career points in basketball. Spring Grove has won nine consecutive Southeast

Conference championships. **Springfield** earns the top seed in its fifth state tournament trip. The Tigers average more than 88 points per game and have scored more than 100 points seven times this season. **Christ's Household of Faith** has qualified for the second time and first since finishing as the Class A runner-up in 2001. CHOF's defense averages more than 12 steals per game. **Henning** is making its first state tournament appearance since 1966. The Hornets' lone loss came in a 77-74 overtime setback to Parkers Prairie in the regular-season finale. **Cromwell-Wright** is making its first state tournament appearance as this co-op. In 1996, Cromwell qualified. Junior guard Micah Pocerich has made 107 three-pointers this season. **Ada-Borup's** last state tournament trip was in 2009. The Cougars' only loss this season was a one-point setback to Hawley. **Westbrook-Walnut Grove** has ended a long state tournament drought. The Chargers were the Class A runner-up in 1991 and then qualified in 1994. Senior guard Andrew Quade has more than 600 career assists. **North Woods** was the Class A runner-up in 2018 to Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. Junior forward Trevor Morrison leads a balanced Grizzlies' attack with 13.3 points per game.

Class AA

St. Peter returns to the tournament for the sixth time and first since 2014. The Saints won just seven games last season. **Minnehaha Academy** is the two-time defending Class AA champion and has won three crowns since 2013. The Redhawks' only two losses this season are to Hopkins, a participant in the Class AAAA field. **Lake City** surrenders just 48 points per game. The Tigers are in the state tournament for the eighth time and first since 2017. Lake City is a three-time Class A champion. **Melrose Area** last made a state tournament trip in 2015 when it won the Class AA crown. Senior guard Preston Keaveny averages nearly 20 points per game. **Esko** won the consolation final during the 2018 state tournament. Senior forward Trevor Spindler the Eskomos with nearly 19 points per game. **Minneapolis North** returns to the state tournament for the 22nd time in its rich tradition. The Polars won back-to-back Class A crowns in 2016 and 2017. **Redwood Valley** returns for the fourth time since 2011 and first since 2015. After losing their final two regular-season games, the Cardinals won four consecutive games for a state tournament berth. **Perham** was the Class AA champion in 2011 in the first of three previous state trips. The Yellowjackets' lone loss came to Minnehaha Academy in the second game of the season.

Class AAA

Bemidji makes a state tournament return for the first time since 1985. It is the 30th trip overall for the Lumberjacks. Spencer Konecne, a 6-foot-9 senior forward, leads a balanced attack with 14 points per game. **DeLaSalle** is no stranger to the Class AAA field. The Islanders won six consecutive Class AAA crowns from 2012-17. DeLaSalle finished third in the 2018 tournament. The Islanders are 5-1 against teams that have qualified for the state tournament, the only loss being to Minnehaha Academy. Senior guard Tyrell Terry averages 22 points per game and senior forward Jamison Battle is close behind at 21. **Mahtomedi** is making its first state tournament since 1961 and second overall. Junior guard J'Vonne Hadley averages nearly 28 points per game. He set a single-game school record this season with a 52-point output. **Princeton** is making its first state tournament trip since 1932. The Tigers average nearly 85 points

per game and feature four 1,000-point scorers in their lineup. **Holy Angels** returns for the third time and first since 2004. Senior center Thor Holien and junior forward Matt Banovetz both average 15 points per game. **Waseca** features four players that average in double figures: senior guard Malik Willingham (19.6), sophomore guard Ryan Dufault (16.0), sophomore center Andrew Morgan (15.8), and sophomore forward Kyreese Willingham (13.8). **Monticello** is making its 10th state tournament trip and first since 2016. The Magic are paced by junior guard Austin Wetter's 17.6 points per game. **Austin** placed fourth in the eight-team field in 2018. Senior guard Medi Obang leads the Packers with 18.7 points per game and junior guard guard Agwa Nywesh adds 16.7.

Class AAAA

Maple Grove returns for the second consecutive season. The Crimson are led by senior guard Nate Adams who averages nearly 15 points per game. Senior guard Jared Rainey chips in 13. **Park Center** earned the top seed on the strength of a 28-1 record, a mark that includes quality victories over teams in the Class AAAA field. The Pirates defeated Maple Grove, their quarterfinal opponent, twice during the Northwest Suburban Conference schedule. **Lakeville North** finished third in the Class AAAA field in 2018. The Panthers are making their eighth consecutive appearance. **Eden Prairie** upended Prior Lake in the Section 2AAAA final to earn a state tournament berth for the third time in the past four seasons. Junior guard Drake Dobbs paces the Eagles with 18.4 points per game. **Cambridge-Isanti** topped Blaine in the Section 7AAAA final to earn a state tournament bid for the first time since 2008. Junior guard Henry Abraham averages 23 points per game and has nearly 2,100 for his career. **Hopkins** is back for the 23rd time in its program's rich history. The Royals, a seven-time big-school champ in the four-class era, is powered, in part, by 6-foot-10 senior forward Ezekiel Nnaji, who averages 24 points per game. **Eastview**, the Section 3AAAA champion, is making its fourth state tournament trip. The Lightning have won seven of their past nine games entering the tournament. Steven Cowl, a 6-foot-10 junior forward, averages nearly 20 points per game. **East Ridge** has made school history with its first state tournament trip. Three Division I-caliber players power the Raptors: sophomore guard Kendall Brown (17.3 points per game), junior forward Ben Carlson (16.6), and senior forward Courtney Brown (15.7).