



2024-2025 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing Rules and Policies General Information

See the [MSHSL Handbook Page](#) for information regarding the following:

- Multiple Level Teams at Sub-Varsity Level
- Official Squad Size
- Substitution in MSHSL Tournaments
- Weather Conditions (heat, cold, lightning & air quality)

CONTEST RULES

Refer to [Bylaw 402](#)

Except as modified by the League, the current rules practically applicable in the Federation International de Ski Rule Book shall be the official rules for all interscholastic meets which member schools participate.

END OF SEASON

Refer to [Bylaw 411](#)

A. Student Participation on a Non-School Team While the Season is Still in Progress:

- 1) The season shall end when the student or the student's team has been eliminated from further participation in a League tournament series.
- 2) Students who have been eliminated from further participation in a League tournament series may participate as an individual or as a member of a non-school team in that sport.

B. School Team Practice and Competition:

The "end of season" shall be defined to be the last date of the state tournament in that sport.

- 1) Schools may continue to conduct practice and training for all squad members, including the students who have been eliminated from further individual competition in a League-sponsored series, until completion of the state tournament conducted by the League in that activity.
- 2) Dual contests may be scheduled after the start of the official League tournament series providing the school does not exceed the maximum number of games/matches/meets permitted in that activity.

C. No school may engage in any meet or meets, practice, training, or other activities between the end of the season and the opening of the next season.

D. During the Summer Vacation Period (Bylaw 208:3 Non-School Competition and Training—Team and Individual Sports) members of a high school team may participate on a non-school team and they may receive coaching or training from a salaried or non-salaried member of the student's sophomore, B-squad, junior varsity or varsity high school coaching staff in that sport provided the school has approved a summer coaching waiver for the coach or coaches of that sport.

VIDEO RECORDING ANOTHER SCHOOL'S GAME

It shall be an ethical violation to capture on video another school's game, meet or contest without their permission. Further it may be a violation of the laws governing copyrights. Each school owns the copyrights to their games, meets and contests. Taping another school's game without permission could constitute a violation of the copyright law.

MSHSL MINIMAL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR REGULAR AND POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT COMPETITIONS

These policies “elevate standards of sportsmanship and encourage the growth of responsible citizenship among the students, members schools and their personnel,” consistent with the Minnesota State High School League’s Founding Purposes and the belief that sportsmanship needs to have a constant presence in all school-based activity programs. The League and its member schools work intentionally to create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for fine arts activities and sports in our schools and competitions.

School officials are responsible for the proper conduct of teams, team members, students, and home spectators regardless of where the contest is being held. ([Bylaw 409](#)).

Behavior Expectations

To create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments in fine arts and sports in our school and competitions, I will:

- Lead by positive example and demonstrate respect and support for others.
- Follow all MSHSL, school and venue expectations.
- Refrain from using profanity or ethnic, racial, religious, ability or gender-based comments, posts or messages directed at participants, directors, coaches, officials, spectators, or team representatives.
- Act as a responsible and respectful digital citizen who positively uses social media platforms.
- Speak or act in support of others when they are harmed by words or actions.
- Honor each contest and all involved, including participants, directors, coaches, officials, spectators, and team representatives.
- Hold high standards for myself, engage positively and demonstrate sportsmanship.

Requirements of Attendees

Prohibited Items

- Flags, whiteboards, large signs on sticks, signs with vulgar, obscene or inappropriate language or images, or that obstruct the views of others or similar items
- Balloons, confetti, glitter, baby powder, pom poms or other similar celebratory items
- Artificial noise makers (i.e., megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks and other similar items)
- Drones and laser lights
- Firearms or other weapons
- Vapes, alcohol, tobacco, cannabis or illicit drugs
- The following are prohibited at MSHSL postseason events. These may be prohibited as determined by the venue during the regular season:
 - Backpacks and other bags
 - Outside food and drink
 - Professional cameras and tripods
 - Pets

Dress Code/Attire

- Spectators may not wear masks or costumes that limit the ability to identify individuals. Masking for medical purposes is allowed
- Spectators must wear clothing that covers the torso
- Clothing worn must not be vulgar, obscene, or inappropriate

Behaviors

- No one may interfere with the contest in any way
- Only members of the official squad may be on the contest surface
- The use of appropriate language is always expected. Profanity, negative chants, booing, trash talk, name calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable
- Respect the Flag and the National Anthem

*Venues may have additional requirements and prohibited items.

*For most contests, spectators may bring cameras, including cell phones, that are basic point and shoot, consumer-grade cameras without detachable lenses. Spectators should confirm restricted items for contests with contest management.

Alpine Skiing Information – Regular Season

See the MSHSL Official Handbook [Bylaw 501](#) for information regarding:

Maximum Number of Contests

See the MSHSL Official Handbook [Bylaw 502](#) for information regarding:

Daily and Season Player Participation Limitations

See the MSHSL Official Handbook [Bylaw 513](#) for information regarding:

- Contests
- Last Date to Join a Team
- Player Participation Limitations
- Practice Sessions before First Contest
- Season Begins

MSHSL recognizes the following rules from the **FIS ICR** as official Rules for competition in the regular season and post season (including, but not limited to):

FIS Section	Topic
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215	Entries – 215.1, 215.3.2
216	TCM
217	Draw – 217.1, 217.6
219	Prizes – 219.2
221	Medical Services – 221.6
224	Procedural Guidelines – 224.1, 224.2, 224.3, 224.4, 224.5, 224.6, 224.7, 224.8, 224.8.1, 224.8.2, 224.8.3, 224.8.4, 224.9, 224.10, 224.10.1, 224.10.2, 224.11, 224.11.1, 224.11.2, 224.12, 224.13, 224.14
225	Appeals – 225.1.2, 225.2, 225.3, 225.3.1, 224.3.2, 224.3.3, 224.3.5
226	Violation of Sanctions – 226.1 without monetary sanctions
601	Organizing Committee and Jury - ALL
602	The Technical Delegate - ALL
603	Course Setter – 603.6, 603.7
604	Accreditation/Rights and Duties of Team Officials– 604.2.1, 604.2.2, 604.3
605	Forerunners – 605.1, 605.2, 605.3, 605.5, 605.6, 605.7
606	Competitors' Outfits – 606.3, 606.4, 606.5
611	Technical Installations – 611.3, 611.3.1, 611.3.2, 611.3.2.1, 611.3.3, 611.3.4
613	The Start – 613.1, 613.2, 613.3, 613.4, 613.5, 613.6, 613.6.1, 613.6.3
614	Course and Competition – 614.1, 614.1.1, 614.1.2, 614.1.2.1, 614.1.2.3, 614.1.2.5, 614.1.3, 614.1.4, 614.1.5, 614.2, 614.2.1, *614.2.3, 614.3.1, 614.3.2, 614.3.3
615	The Finish – 615.1, 615.1.1, 615.1.2, 615.1.3, 615.1.4, 615.1.6, 615.3
616	Microphones – 616.2
617	Calculation and Announcement of Results – 617.1.2, 617.2.1, 617.2.2, 617.3, 617.3.2, 617.3.3, 617.3.4
621	Group Draw and Start Order – 621.5, 621.6, 621.11, 621.11.1, 621.11.2, 621.11.3, 621.11.4
623	Re-runs – 623.1, 623.1.1, 623.1.2, 623.2, 623.2.1, 623.2.2, 623.2.3, 623.2.4, 623.2.5, 623.2.6, 623.3, 623.3.1, 623.3.2, 623.3.3, 623.4.2

FIS Section	Topic
624	Interruption of the Run or Training – ALL
625	Termination of Competition – ALL
627	Not Permitted to Start – 627.1, 627.4, 627.6
628	Penalties – 628.1, 628.2, 628.3, 628.4, 628.5, 628.6, 628.7, 628.8, 628.9, 628.10, 628.12, 628.13, 628.14
629	Disqualifications – 629.1, 629.2, 629.3
640	Protests – ALL
641	Types of Protests – ALL
643	Deadlines for Submittal – ALL
644	Form of Protest – 644.1, 644.2, 644.3
646	Settlement of Protests by the Jury – ALL
647	Rights of Appeals – 647.1, 647.1.1, 647.1.3, 647.1.3.1, 647.3
661	Control of Passage (Explanation) – 661.1, 661.2, 661.2.1, 661.3, 661.4, *661.4.1 , 661.4.1.3
662	Importance of the Task of the Gate Judge – ALL
663	Giving Information to a Competitor – ALL
665	Duties of the Gate Judge on completion of the 1 st and 2 nd run – ALL
666	Duties of the Gate Judge on completion of the Race – ALL
667	Supplemental Duties of the Gate Judge – ALL
668	Location and support of the Gate Judge – 668.1, 668.3, 668.4
800	Slalom
801	Technical Data – 801.2, 801.2.1, 801.2.2, 801.2.3
802	The Courses – 802.1.2, 802.1.3, 802.1.4
803	Course Setting – 803.1.1, 803.2, 803.3, 803.4, 803.4.1, 803.4.2, 803.4.3, 803.4.4, 803.4.5, 803.4.6, 803.5
804	Single Pole Slalom – 804.2, *804.3
805	The Start – ALL
806	Execution of the Slalom – 806.1
807	Crash Helmet - ALL

***MN MODIFICATIONS**

MN614.2.3 Interdiction to Continue after a competitor stops

If competitors come to a complete stop (e.g. after a fall), they must no longer continue through previous or further gates. **The only exception is for Slalom (art. 661.4.1), as long as the competitor:**

- **does not interfere with the run of the next competitor or,**
- **has not been passed by the next competitor.**

MN661.4.1 A gate has been passed correctly when both the competitor's ski tips and both feet have crossed the gate line. If a competitor loses a ski, without committing a fault, e.g. not by straddling a pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must have crossed the gate line. **This rule also applies when a competitor has to climb back up to a gate. (art. 614.2.3)**

MN804.3 Where there is no outside pole, both feet and ski tips must have passed the turning pole on the same side, following the normal race line of the slalom crossing the imaginary line from turning pole to turning pole. If competitors lose a ski, without committing a fault, e.g. not by straddling a pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must meet both requirements. **If competitors have not correctly crossed the imaginary line from turning pole to turning pole and does not follow the normal race line, they have to climb back up and pass around the missed turning pole.** Where there is an outside pole (first and last gate, delayed gate, and combinations (hairpin, vertical) art. 661.4.1. is valid.

FAILURE OF ELECTRONIC TIMING: In the case of a timing failure, backup timing will be recorded to the nearest one hundredth of a second. When the electric timing temporarily fails the electric backup timing will be used.

VIDEO EVIDENCE

The jury will not consider any videotape in rendering a decision.

Alpine Skiing Information – Post Season

ELIGIBILITY DURING MSHSL TOURNAMENTS - SUBSECTION, SECTION AND STATE

Refer to [Bylaw 206.4.B.1.d](#): A student must be fully eligible under all local school district policies, MSHSL Bylaws and Rules & Policies to be in uniform, occupy the bench or playing area, participate and receive individual/team awards, including all-tournament honors, in the awards ceremony.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUE-SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

Refer to [Bylaw 405](#) A member school must schedule a minimum of three interscholastic varsity games, meets or matches to qualify for League-sponsored tournament participation in that sport.

- Team: A member school must schedule a minimum of three interscholastic varsity games, meets or matches to qualify for League-sponsored tournament participation in that sport.
- Individual: A skier must compete in at least three separate high school ski meets to be eligible to enter section competition. A skier who has not been a member of the school team may not join the school team at League tournament time.
- Participation as a member of a school team will be counted if:
 1. A skier who is a member of the school's JV or B squad and is promoted to membership of the Varsity squad and attended regularly scheduled school meets.
 2. A skier who is a regular member of the school team and failed to participate in the three required meets because of illness, or injury. A physician must certify that the student was not permitted to participate.
 3. A skier who is a regular member of the school team and failed to participate in three required meets because of extreme family emergencies. The school principal must certify that the student may be permitted to participate.

ENTRIES FOR SECTION MEETS

Four section tournaments will be conducted in boys and girls alpine skiing. Each member school may enter a maximum of six contestants into competition in Section Meets.

- Individual Competition: All contestants are eligible to win a place in the individual portion of the state meet.
- Team Competition: A team shall consist of at least four starters and a maximum of six starters.

SECTION MEET ENTRY FORMS

All information and instructions for Section Meets will come from the Section Meet Manager.

OFFICIAL SQUAD

Six skiers and one coach.

SCORING

The team score is determined by calculating the scoring base. To determine the scoring base, count the total number of team member skiers entered to a maximum of six per team (no fifth or sixth skiers are counted).

The team score shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the top four team finishers. The team with the highest number of points shall be declared the winner. The first-place finisher in the team competition shall receive the full value of the scoring base and each successive finisher shall score one point less than the previous place (a reduction of one point per place). The fifth and sixth place skiers shall not be counted in the team scoring nor should they be eliminated from the sequence even though they do not score points.

In case of a tie, the tying skiers are awarded the average of the points for the next place finish. Teams with three finishers will be placed after teams with four finishers.

SECTIONS AND STATE MEET TEAM TIE BREAKER

1. Compare the tied team's fifth place finishers. The team with the best fifth place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a fifth-place finisher, the team with a fifth-place finisher shall prevail.
2. If a tie still remains, compare the tied teams sixth place finishers. The team with the best sixth place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a sixth-place finisher, the team with a sixth-place finisher shall prevail.
3. If a tie still remains, or if neither team had a fifth or sixth place finisher, combine the three highest scores of the tied teams and the team with the highest score shall prevail.
4. If a tie still remains, combine the two highest scores of the tied teams and the team with the highest score shall prevail.
5. If a tie still remains, compare the single highest score of the tied teams and the team with the single highest score shall prevail.

ADVANCEMENT TO STATE MEET

- **Individual**

The first ten individual finishers who did not qualify on a team to the State Meet will advance from each section to the State Meet. All qualifiers to the State Meet are eligible to compete for individual honors. In case of a tie, all ties will be broken by using the fastest first run times. In the event two racers tie on both runs for the 10th position of individual state qualifiers, both will be permitted to participate in the State Alpine Ski Tournament.

- **Team**

The first and second place team in each section tournament shall advance to the State Meet. Each qualifying team shall consist of at least four starters and a maximum of six starters. A team shall consist of at least four starters.

SECTION AWARDS

- Medals: To members of the championship and 2nd place teams and 1st through 10th place finishers in each event.
- Trophies: To the championship and runner-up teams in each event.

Note: It is a violation of MSHSL policy for a member school or a representative of a member school to establish, distribute or accept any awards not provided by the MSHSL for section or state tournament.

STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING SCHOOL INFORMATION

Specific information for qualifying schools is available on the MSHSL website - Coaches and AD's Dashboard pages website under State Tournament Resources.

TEAM PHOTOS

First and second place section winner requested for state tournament program

STATE MEET ENTRIES

- **Individuals**

All contestants are eligible to win a place in the individual portion of the state meet.

- **Team**

If a school has more than six entries in the State Meet, the six entries competing for the team championship must be designated.

SUBSTITUTION

- **Individual Qualifiers**

Substitution will not be allowed for any reason. The individual qualifying cannot be replaced.

- **Team Qualifiers**

Unlimited substitution will be allowed. Such substitutes will only compete for team score. SUBSTITUTES WILL COMPETE AS THE 6TH TEAM QUALIFIER. The team entry list and order of competition form must be designated at the conclusion of the Section Meet. The Section Meet Manager will submit the official team entry to the MSHSL Meet Director at the conclusion of the Section Meet.

TIMING

Electronic timing will be used on both the girls and boys courses, including backup electronic timing. If radio equipment fails, walkie-talkies will be used. If timing equipment fails, walkie-talkies and hand watches will be used. Times of the racers will be announced over the P.A. system immediately after the racers run and will be posted on the Racing Board immediately following each run.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

Contesting teams or individual contestants shall be accompanied by a member of a school's administration, faculty, or coaching staff. The individual shall be responsible to act on behalf of the member school.

BIB ORDER

In addition to the **FIS ICR**, **MSHSL** recognizes the following additional rules for the regular season and post season: **this is rule is covered above but SHALL be used at the State Meet.**

Follow the **FIS** rule set which states in section **621.11**: In competitions with two runs, the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run except for the first 30 places. For the first 30 places the starting order is as follows:

- the 30th in the result list starts 1st
- the 29th in the result list starts 2nd
- the 28th in the result list starts 3rd
- the 27th in the result list starts 4th
- the 1st in the result list starts 30th
- from the 31st onward according to the result list of the first run.

If more than one competitor is ranked 30th, the competitor with the lowest start number will start first.

2nd RUN FOLLOWING A DQ

Competitors who are shown as DNF, DSQ, or NPS in the first run can start in the second run with their original bib after the last qualified competitor has completed their run. If there are more than one such competitor, they shall be run in bib order.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Following the completion of the race there will be an awards presentation. Coaches should remind award winners to report immediately to the awards area.

Note: It is a violation of MSHSL policy for a member school or a representative of a member school to establish, distribute or accept any awards not provided by the MSHSL for section or state tournament.

STATE AWARDS

- Trophies: First, second and third place teams
- Medals: To each member of the first, second and third place teams and one coach for individuals finishing first-10th place.
- Certificates: To all participants (teams consist of six) and one certificate for the coach