

2018-19 MSHSL Rules and Policies

Official Bylaws for Girls' and Boys' Basketball

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 505](#) for information regarding:

- Contests
- Equipment Issued
- Last Date to Join a Team
- Practice Sessions before First Contest
- Season Begins

ELIGIBILITY DURING MSHSL TOURNAMENTS (subsection, section & state) - (Refer to Bylaw 206.6): A student must be fully eligible under all local school district policies, MSHSL Bylaws and Rules & Policies to be in uniform, to occupy the bench or playing area, participate and receive individual and/or team awards, including all-tournament honors, in the awards ceremony.

CONTEST RULES - (Refer to Bylaw 402): Except as modified by the League, the National Federation of High School Association rules for the current year shall be the official game rules for all interscholastic contests in which League members participate.

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.

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 the 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 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

See the **General Section** of the Athletic Rules and Policies Manual for information regarding the following:

- Athletic Director's Checklist
- Coaches Responsibility: Student Eligibility Checklist
- Multiple Level Teams at Sub-Varsity Level
- Official Squad Size
- Revenue Sharing Plan for School Reimbursement
- Substitution in MSHSL Tournaments
- Weather Conditions (heat, cold & lightning)

RULE MODIFICATIONS

HALVES: All **varsity** teams—boys and girls—shall play two (2) 18-minute halves with a 10-minute halftime intermission. Games below the varsity level shall be played in halves with a maximum length of 16-minutes for each half. **NOTE:** No student shall participate in more than three halves on any given day. Participation in any half counts as one half.

END OF GAME PROCEDURES (MERCY RULE): When the point differential reaches 35 points or more with less than nine minutes to play, the clock will go to running time. The clock will only be stopped for time-outs (team or official). Regular timing rules will be used if the point differential drops back to less than 30 points.

SHOT-CLOCK: In regular season tournament and non-conference basketball games; the use of a 35-second clock will be allowed if: 1) the facility at which the game(s) are played has the necessary equipment to allow the use of the clock; 2) participating teams agree to use the clock; 3) teams and officials are notified at least one week prior to the game. If one of the teams does not consent to the use of the 35-second clock, it may not be used. Coaches and officials must file a report with the League Office after any game in which the 35-second clock is used, so that the results of this experiment can be tracked. This form is on the MSHSL Website on the Basketball activity page. Instructions on the rules regarding the 35-second clock are also on line in the same location.

RESTRICTED ARC: NEW for 2018-19. The restricted arc area is now required for all MN levels of play. Note: 9th grade is optional. Instructions for placing the arc on the floor is located on the MSHSL website on the basketball activity page, under News.

COACHING BOX: The coaching box in Minnesota will be 14 feet.

UNIFORMS: The home team shall wear dark-colored uniforms and the visiting team white uniforms

APPAREL: All apparel (excluding knee braces) – i.e. wristbands, headbands, arm/knee sleeves, knee pads, compression shorts and tights must be solid black or white and the same color for all participants.

OFFICIAL MSHSL ATHLETIC POLICIES FOR THE CONDUCT OF GIRLS' AND BOYS' BASKETBALL

SEASON START DATES: Girls' – November 12 Boys' – November 19

GAMES: The first game may be played no earlier than: Girls - Wednesday, November 21, 2018 Boys - Thursday, November 29, 2018.

MOUTH GUARDS: The use of mouth guards is strongly recommended. Mouth guards that have been cut down or modified in any manner are illegal equipment. Any color mouth guard is permitted, including transparent.

POST-SEASON GAMES – AWARDS: General rules of the League prohibit schools from engaging in post-tournament play.

No awards other than ribbons, medals or trophies may be received by or given to any squad member without forfeiture of eligibility privileges. Be sure your players and community understand this rule before possible violations develop. See Bylaw 201 of the Official League Handbook to understand the established policy.

VIDEO TAPING ANOTHER SCHOOL'S GAME: It shall be an ethical violation to tape 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 schools game without permission could constitute a violation of the copyright law.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GIRLS' AND BOYS' SECTION & STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Tournament Managers will inform member schools of policies, procedures, dates, sites, and times of subsection and section games.

OFFICIAL BALL: **GIRLS**-Spalding Top-Flite 1000 Legacy, **BOYS**-Spalding Top Flite 1000 Legacy (wide channel)

OFFICIAL SQUADS (All MSHSL Tournaments - Sub-Section, Section and State): All tournament arrangements including awards and allowances are based upon a maximum of:

- A. 18 Players
- B. 2 Student Managers
- C. 3 Coaches

The official squad size may include less than 18 players (number who dress for games) but schools MAY NOT include additional players, student managers, coaches or faculty representatives to reach the maximum official squad size.

[SEE STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION DEADLINES](#)

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHOOL QUALIFYING INFORMATION

Specific information for qualifying schools is on the MSHSL Administrative Web Site under Tournament Info.

INSTANT REPLAY: Replay will be utilized in a limited capacity during the post season only during the semifinals and championship games of the State Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments. Quarterfinals will be included when all quarterfinal games are broadcast either in arena or on television.

STATE TOURNAMENT DATES

GIRLS'	BOYS'
March 13-16, 2019*	March 20-23, 2019*

**Tentative Schedule*

Girls' Basketball Tournament Schedule

Wednesday	
<u>Williams Arena</u>	<u>Maturi Pavilion</u>
Quarterfinals	Quarterfinals
10:00 – Class AAAA	10:00 – Class AAA
12:00 – Class AAAA	12:00 – Class AAA
2:00 – Class AAAA	2:00 – Class AAA
4:00 – Class AAAA	4:00 – Class AAA
6:00 – Class AA	6:00 – Class AA
8:00 – Class AA	8:00 – Class AA

Thursday		
<u>Williams Arena</u>	<u>Maturi Pavilion</u>	<u>Concordia University</u>
Semi-finals	Quarterfinals	Consolation
12:00 – Class AAA	11:00 – Class A	10:00 – Class AAAA Semi #1
2:00 – Class AAA	1:00 – Class A	12:00 – Class AAAA Semi #2
6:00 – Class AAAA	3:00 – Class A	2:00 – Class AAA Semi #1
8:00 – Class AAAA	5:00 – Class A	4:00 – Class AAA Semi #2
		6:00 – Class AA Semi #1
		8:00 – Class AA Semi #2

Friday	
<u>Williams Arena</u>	<u>Concordia University</u>
Semi-finals	Consolation
12:00 – Class A	10:00 – Class A Semi #1
2:00 – Class A	12:00 – Class A Semi #2
6:00 – Class AA	2:00 – Class AA Cons. Champ
8:00 – Class AA	4:00 – Class AAA Cons. Champ
	6:00 – Class AAAA Cons. Champ

Saturday	
<u>Williams Arena</u>	<u>Concordia University</u>
Finals	Consolation & 3rd Place
12:00 – Class A	9:00 – Class A Cons. Champ
2:00 – Class AA	11:00 – Class A 3 rd Place
6:00 – Class AAA	1:00 – Class AA 3 rd Place
8:00 – Class AAAA	3:00 – Class AAA 3 rd Place
	5:00 – Class AAAA 3 rd Place

****Game times & facilities subject to change due to NCAA and/or NIT Tournaments hosted by the University**

Boys' Basketball Tournament Schedule

Wednesday

<u>Target Center</u>	<u>Williams Arena *</u>
Quarterfinals	Quarterfinals
10:00 – Class AAAA	10:00 – Class AAA
12:00 – Class AAAA	12:00 – Class AAA
2:00 – Class AAAA	2:00 – Class AAA
4:00 – Class AAAA	4:00 – Class AAA
6:00 – Class AA	6:00 – Class AA
8:00 – Class AA	8:00 – Class AA

Thursday

<u>Target Center</u>	<u>Williams Arena *</u>	<u>Concordia University</u>
Semi-finals	Quarterfinals	Consolation
12:00 – Class AAA	11:00 – Class A	10:00 – Class AAAA Semi #1
2:00 – Class AAA	1:00 – Class A	12:00 – Class AAAA Semi #2
6:00 – Class AAAA	3:00 – Class A	2:00 – Class AAA Semi #1
8:00 – Class AAAA	5:00 – Class A	4:00 – Class AAA Semi #2
		6:00 – Class AA Semi #1
		8:00 – Class AA Semi #2

Friday

<u>Target Center</u>	<u>Concordia University</u>
Semi-finals	Consolation
12:00 – Class A	10:00 – Class A Semi #1
2:00 – Class A	12:00 – Class A Semi #2
6:00 – Class AA	2:00 – Class AA Cons. Champ
8:00 – Class AA	4:00 – Class AAA Cons. Champ
	6:00 – Class AAAA Cons. Champ

Saturday

<u>Target Center</u>	<u>Concordia University</u>
Finals	Consolation & 3rd Place
11:00 – Class A	8:00 – Class A Cons. Champ
1:00 – Class AA	10:00 – Class A 3 rd Place
5:00 – Class AAA	12:00 – Class AA 3 rd Place
8:00 – Class AAAA	2:00 – Class AAA 3 rd Place
	4:00 – Class AAAA 3 rd Place

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Boys & Girls: Pairings for All Classes: A seeding meeting to determine state tournament pairings will be held prior to the state tournament. The participating coaches will seed teams 1-5 in their respective tournament, and the remaining teams representing seeds 6-8 will be determined by a blind draw.

Brackets: All Classes in Boys & Girls

Upper Bracket
Seed #1 vs. Random Draw
Seed #4 vs. Seed #5

Lower Bracket
Seed #2 vs. Random Draw
Seed #3 vs. Random Draw

CLASSES: League-sponsored tournaments will be conducted in four classes: A, AA, AAA and AAAA

AWARDS

	Trophies	Medals	Certificates
Subsection	1st & 2nd place team	1st & 2nd place team (20)	
Section	1st & 2nd place team	1st & 2nd place team (20)	
State	1st - 4th place teams	1st - 3rd place team (20), coaches (3)	official squad (20), coaches (3) cheerleaders + mascot (7), cheer coach(1)

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 tournaments.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECTATOR CONDUCT

In order to elevate standards of sportsmanship and encourage the growth of responsible citizenship among the students, member schools, fans and school personnel, the MSHSL held a Sportsmanship Summit and asked student participants to identify behavior expectations they felt should be in place at every school event.

These minimum behavior expectations provide a foundation upon which member schools, conferences, administrative regions and the League’s Board of Directors can build specific guidelines for activities under their control.

MSHSL Bylaw 409, **RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS, STUDENTS AND SPECTATORS**, speaks to this issue, directly, and Bylaw 409-2 specifically states that, **“School officials shall be held responsible for the proper conduct of teams, team members, students and home spectators regardless of where the contest is being held.”**

In all MSHSL activities, each participating school shall designate a person or persons from that school to serve as crowd control supervisors or chaperones. MSHSL tournament staff may require school administrators to contact the tournament manager prior to the start of the tournament game so that they can be immediately contacted to respond to behavioral issues regarding their team members, students and/or spectators at the tournament site. Each supervisor or chaperone should be immediately identifiable to the students and to the tournament site ushers and other security personnel. This will help to coordinate crowd control between school supervisors and tournament site personnel.

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

- Respect the American flag and the National Anthem.
- Spectators must wear clothing that covers the entire torso. Those who do not comply or who wear clothing that is vulgar, obscene or that in some other way inappropriate, as determined by school/tournament personnel, will be removed from the arena/stadium if they do not cooperate with this behavior expectation.
- The use of appropriate language is expected at all times. Profanity, negative chants, booing, trash talk, name calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable and must be immediately addressed by school and/or tournament administrators.
- Respect the game/contest. Under no condition shall anyone other than the members of the official squad enter the playing surface. No one may interfere with the contest in any way.
- Hand held signs (no larger than 18” x 24”), which do not obstruct the view of others, will be permitted provided they are in good taste. Signs, message boards, “white” boards or other similar items that contest/tournament officials deem to be in poor taste will be removed.
- **Signs on sticks, balloons, or any other type of artificial, celebratory items are not permitted.**
- Artificial noise makers (i.e. megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks, and other similar items) are not allowed.
- Laser lights are strictly prohibited.

THANK YOU for supporting your student athletes and fine arts participants and for providing a positive environment in which educational activities are conducted.