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# MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

## Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing Rules, Policies, and Bylaws

### General Information

See 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)

### 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 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 school's game without permission could constitute a violation of the copyright law.

## **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. (8/9/05)

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

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- 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, 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 contest/tournament officials deem to be in poor taste will be removed.
- 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.

## **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

## **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

Refer to FIS Rules - Art. 606.4, 608.8.2, 627.6 & 807

## **RACE NUMBERS**

Alpine skiers must have racing bib number visible at all times.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

An alpine contestant shall be disqualified if the racer:

- A. acts in an unsportsmanlike manner (this includes swearing, throwing of equipment and/or other acts of disrespect);
- B. foreruns the course, shadows the course, or descends through any gate combination before the race competition begins. (Racers are not allowed on the hill once the competition begins. Only hill personnel will be allowed on the hill when the competition is underway);
- C. fails to finish the course on at least one ski. (Release of one binding does not constitute a disqualification; however, release of two ski bindings will constitute a disqualification);
- D. fails to cross the gate line between inner flags with both feet and the tips of both skis;
- E. interrupts or disturbs another competitor on their run;
- F. is late for the start of a run;
- G. fails to wear the required protective headgear; or
- H. pushes off from starting posts (Starting racers must stick their poles into the snow in front of the start lane, or where indicated by the starter, and may start only with the help of the ski poles.)

NOTE: All disqualifications will be posted on the race board as soon as possible after the completion of each run. Coaches, team representatives or contestants (via their coach or team representative) who desire to protest a disqualification or time calculation must do so in writing and submit the written notification to a member of the jury within 15 minutes of the report posted by the referee. The jury will review and vote on all protests at the conclusion of each run. The decisions of a jury are final.

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

## **RERUNS**

- A. An Alpine contestant may request a rerun if they have suffered through the blunder of an official (i.e. gate judge, starter, timer, race personnel, etc.) or a spectator. If a racer feels s/he has been obstructed or a blunder of an official has occurred, the racer must ski out of the course at the point or a point nearest to where the obstruction or blunder occurred in order to be eligible to request a rerun. Once the racer has broken the finish line beam, it is too late to request a rerun.

- B. On request for a rerun, a provisional rerun will be granted in most cases. Final decision will be decided by the jury.

**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.

**TIE BREAKER FOR TEAM SCORING - Sections Only**

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.

**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.

## Alpine Skiing Information – Post Season

### ELIGIBILITY DURING MSHSL TOURNAMENT – SUBSECTION, SECTION AND STATE

Refer to [Bylaw 206](#): 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 and/or 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.

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### **OFFICIAL SQUAD**

Six skiers and one coach.

### **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.

### **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.

### **ADVANCEMENT TO STATE MEET FOR ALPINE**

- **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.

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.

### **Team photo**

First and second place section winner requested for state program

### **STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Specific information for qualifying schools is available on the MSHSL Administrative website under Alpine Ski Tournament Information.

### **SCHEDULE**

Registration	9:00 a.m.	to	9:30 a.m.
Workers Meeting	9:00 a.m.	to	9:30 a.m.
Course Inspection	9:00 a.m.	to	9:55 a.m.
First Run	10:00 a.m.	to	10:00 a.m.
Course Inspection	12:00 p.m.	to	12:55 p.m.
Second Run	1:00 p.m.	to	1:00 p.m.
Race Tabulation	2:30 p.m.	to	3:30 p.m.
Awards	3:30 p.m.	to	4:00 p.m.

### **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 SIX 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.

### **STATE MEET TIE BREAKER POLICY**

Team Competition

A teams' event score is determined by totaling the four best individual scores for each team in each event. In the event of a team tie score the tie shall stand and duplicate trophies shall be awarded.

### **SECTIONS 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.

### **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-10<sup>th</sup> place.
- **Certificates:** To all participants (teams consist of six) and one certificate for the coach

### **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.

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