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MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Regular Season Media Guidance and Information

- The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requires that all persons indoors wear a mask/face covering at all times, [Executive Order 20 – 81](#) provides this requirement.
- Capacity numbers for venues are set by the [Minnesota Stay Safe Guidance](#). This includes spectators.
- Following protocols and risk-mitigating guidelines are crucial to assuring the safety of event participants.
- For further guidance, consult your district's COVID-19 plans, as well as information from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education.
- Site administrators are responsible for informing media personnel of any local guidelines for coverage that may exist.
- For further League assistance, contact Tim Leighton at tleighton@mshsl.org

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Required:	<p>Indoor Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media members count toward 150 (or 25%) spectator count. • Interviews with coaches and participants must be done via a virtual platform unless pre-approved by site administration. <p>Outdoor Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media members count toward 250 (or 25%) spectator count. • Interviews with coaches and participants must be done with physical distancing guidelines. • Number of official media is determined by the host site. <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to one streaming provider with essential personnel only. • Two radio broadcast stations. (No more than one per school/team.) (Preference given to registered MSHSL Radio Partners and Community Media Systems) • Two print media. (No more than one per school/team.) To include no more than one reporter and one

	<p>photographer. (Preference given to those with longstanding coverage of the school and team.)</p> <p>General Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site administrators must know if media are present. • Media must communicate in advance of attendance for accommodation information and protocols. • Site administrators will determine when the venue will be open to the media and when it will close. • Upon arrival, site administrators will review restrictions and protocols with media. • Media are members of the spectator pod and must always remain 12 feet from the competition pod. • Site administration will ensure interviews are conducted in a safe and secure area with a minimum 12 feet of social distancing between interview participants. <p>Event Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and seating assignment for media is under local control • Locker rooms are not accessible for media.
Additional Considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complimentary refreshments for the media are not available.
Masks/Face Coverings	
Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All media personnel, including radio broadcasters, Community Systems coverage teams and streamers, are required to wear face coverings/masks at all times. • The MDH and MSHSL have approved the following mask/face coverings: paper or disposable mask/face coverings, cloth mask/face coverings, or neck gaiters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using two layers of fabric when making a cloth mask/face covering. • Mask/face coverings that are made of thinner single-layer fabric may not be as effective for blocking droplets that come out when speaking, coughing, or sneezing and should not be used unless there are no alternatives. • A mask/face covering must cover the nose and mouth completely. The covering should not be overly tight or restrictive and should feel comfortable to wear. • Any mask/face coverings that incorporate a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling, mesh mask/face coverings, or mask/face coverings with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents are not

	<p>sufficient face coverings because they allow droplets to be released from the mask.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask/Face Covering Requirements and Recommendations under Executive Order 20-81
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Activity Specific Guidelines:	
Boys Swim & Dive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media are members of the spectator pod and must always remain 12 feet from the competition pod. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site administrators should identify an area for media to sit during the event. • Media members, including photographers, are not allowed within team areas either on the pool deck or elsewhere in the venue. • Media members, including photographers, are not allowed behind the starting blocks or on the sides of the pool. • Photographers must not interfere with lane judges. • A statistician from the home team may be the designated individual to share race times statistics.
Alpine/Nordic Skiing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media are members of the spectator pod and must always remain 12 feet from the competition pod. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site administrators should identify an area for media during the event. • Media are not allowed on the course during races. • A statistician from the home team may be the designated individual to share race times statistics.
Wrestling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media are members of the spectator pod and must always remain 12 feet from the competition pod. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site administrators should identify an area for media to sit during the event. • Media members should not walk through or congregate behind the team benches. • Photographers must be at least 12 feet beyond the perimeter of the mat for camera positions. • Media members are not permitted on the mats. • A statistician from the home team may be the designated individual to share match statistics.
Gymnastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media are members of the spectator pod and must always remain 12 feet from the competition pod. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site administrators should identify an area for media to sit during the event. • Media members are not permitted in team areas or competition areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A statistician from the home team may be the designated individual to share game statistics.
Girls/Boys Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media are members of the spectator pod and must always remain 12 feet from the competition pod.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site administrators should identify an area for media to sit during the event.• Media members are not permitted near team benches or game personnel area at any time before, during, or after the event.• A statistician from the home team may be the designated individual to share game statistics.
Girls/Boys Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media are members of the spectator pod and must always remain 12 feet from the competition pod.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site administrators should identify an area for media to sit during the event.• Media members are not permitted near team benches or game personnel area at any time before, during, or after the event.• No on-court access is permitted to any media personnel at any time.• A statistician from the home team may be the designated individual to share game statistics.