



2020-2021 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Fine Arts Guidance and Information

Relative to Executive Order 20-99

This guidance is provided as a resource for member schools.

Fine Arts (Debate, One Act Play, Music, Speech and Visual Arts) are Category 2 activities. These league-sponsored activities are those without a defined calendar or regular season. The League does not govern regular season rules and contests for Category 2 activities. The League administers section and state events for these activities.

Information from the Governor's Executive Order 20-99, effective from 11:59 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020, through 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 18, 2020, and the updated 2020-2021 Planning Guide for Schools, which further defines and interprets the Executive Order, provides the following guidance for these programs:

- **All Fine Arts activities must be virtual throughout the duration of Executive Order 20-99.**
 - **This includes, but is not limited to, practices, regular-season competitions, and MSHSL postseason competitions.**

The following direction is provided for Fine Arts activities coaches, directors and participants at MSHSL member schools:

Coaches/Directors May:

- Hold rehearsals, practices and team meetings through virtual platforms.
- Assist, coach and support students in virtual competitions.
- Provide additional support to students through electronic communication or through virtual platforms.
- Have in-person contact with students in a credit-earning fine arts class in which the student is enrolled, the coach or director is also a teacher, and the school's learning model allows.

Coaches/Directors May Not:

- Organize or hold in-person practice/rehearsal.
- Organize an in-person team gathering where members compete in virtual competitions.

- Require or suggest groups of students to gather in-person.

Students May:

- Meet with teammates and coaches using virtual platforms, for practice, rehearsal or team meetings.
- Participate in virtual competitions.
- Have in-person contact with teachers in a credit-earning fine arts class in which the student is enrolled, the coach is also a teacher, and the school's learning model allows.

Students May Not:

- Organize or attend in-person practice/rehearsal.
- Organize or attend an in-person team gathering where members compete in virtual competitions.
- Require or suggest groups of students to gather in-person.

Presenting Partner Activities: Robotics and Clay Target

Schools are encouraged to work with the governing entities for Presenting Partner Activities to develop and enact protocols that fit within Executive Order 20-99.

School administration, at their discretion, may be more restrictive.

The Minnesota State High School League expects all students, coaches, advisors, officials and directors to adhere to all aspects of the Executive Order 20-99 and participate fully in all recommended safety practices including social distancing, hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes, and eliminating gatherings.