

Minnesota State High School League Return to Participation Task Force

**Guiding Principles:**  
 Prioritize health and safety to the greatest extent possible  
 Align recommendations with state organizations and agencies  
 Provide an opportunity for education-based participation in each sport & activity  
 Demonstrate equity and fairness  
 Acknowledge financial implications  
 Apply guidelines consistently

**Parameters:**  
 Interruptions and disruptions will affect some schools/teams at times  
 Required days of practice at beginning of season-as per bylaw  
 No Sunday contests or practices  
 Protect options for postseason that goes beyond sections  
 Stagger finishes-impacts of multiple simultaneous tournaments  
 Maintain traditional number of spring season contests  
 End 2020-2021 MSHSL seasons in June

**Considerations:**  
 Overlap between winter and spring-participants and facilities  
 Sections may fit into 1 or 1.5 weeks  
 Number of contests is primary, length of season is secondary  
 Postseason options for individual and teams

**Markers:**  
 begin programming as soon as date as per 2020-21

No competition before January 4, 2021

**Benchmarks:**  
 Winter season wraps up week of March 29, 2021  
 Spring season wraps up week of June 14, 2021

Activity	Regular Season Length	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Regular # of Contests	70% of regular season games
Dance	17	12	10	8	15	11
Swim & Dive, Boys	14	13	11	9	16	11
Nordic Ski	14	13	11	9	16	11
Alpine	14	13	11	9	16	11
Wrestling	15	14	12	10	16/45	16/32*
Gymnastics, Girls	15	14	12	10	16	11
Hockey, Girls & Boys	17	15	13	11	25	18
Basketball, Girls & Boys	18	15	13	11	26	18
Adapted Floor Hockey	17	8	8	8	**	**

  

**Adapted floor hockey doing practice season.					*Wrestling Dates/Contests	
Badminton	11	11	11	11	16	
Adapted Bowling	11	11	11	11	16	
Synchornized Swimming	14	14	14	14	15	
Adapted Softball	13	12	12	12	20	
Golf	13	13	13	13	16	
Track and Field	13	12	12	12	14	
Baseball	13	12	12	12	20	
Softball	13	12	12	12	20	
Tennis	11	11	11	11	16	
Lacrosse	11	11	11	11	13	

**About the models:**

Start dates of December 21, January 4, and January 18 have been selected for illustrative purposes. Other start dates are possible.

P	Start of season practice. As per bylaw many activities can schedule contests on the 10th day.
	Regular season contests
Section	Likely section tournament window
	Reserved for post-section tournament events
	Allowed for additional flexibility to refine post-season schedule
Trad Start	Traditional start date for spring sports.

Postseason Filters	Postseason Next Steps	Green Boxes provide:
Health	Unknown start date	Staff needs flexibility
Safety	Facilities	RTP needs flexibility
Finance	Broadcast	Schools need to know for scheduling
	Weather	
	Individual vs Team	
	Format of sections	



