



# 2020-2021

# MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

## Mask Enforcement Requirements

The State of Minnesota, through *Executive Order 20-81* and the Minnesota Department of Health *COVID-19 Sports Practice and Games Guidance for Youth and Adults*, requires masks/face coverings be worn by all persons, including during competition in basketball, dance and hockey. The Minnesota State High School League requires a consistent and collaborative effort between students, officials, coaches, and school/game administrators to practice and enforce proper masking.

Each member school, through its administrators and coaches, is responsible for following all requirements. Officials are expected to assist in reinforcing proper mask use. Proper protocols and wearing of masks/face coverings must be taught, expected and enforced in practice and in competition.

Verified non-compliance may result in a loss of eligibility to play, coach or officiate.

### Requirements:

#### Players:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders.
- Must have a mask that fits appropriately for the contest.
- Should adjust and properly secure mask during breaks in the competition.

#### Coaches:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders.
- Must continuously address those players, whose masks have come down or been pulled down, to secure their masks properly.
- Should direct players in the contest to properly wear their masks.

#### Officials:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders.
  - For those sports where a whistle is used, the mask must not be lowered to blow the whistle.
- Should address players in the contest to properly secure their masks.
- Should give reminders to the group or individual players to "mask up."
- Should request that coaches enforce the mask rule with their players.
- May wait until all players are properly masked to allow the contest to continue.
- May request a sub for any player who is not/will not mask(ed) properly.

#### Activities Directors/School Administrators:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders.
- Must ensure coaches are enforcing mask use with participants.
- May stop a game to address improper masking.
- May end a game if proper masking protocols are not followed or cannot be accomplished.

#### For Further Assistance:

- Coaches, players and others should work through their Activities Director.
- Activities Directors should complete the *Contest Incident Report* on their AD Dashboard.
- Officials may complete an *Officials' Incident Report*, found on Arbiter's CentralHub.

**Related Documents:**

- [Executive Order 20-81](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Sports Practice Guidance for Youth and Adults \(1/14/21\)](#)
- [MSHSL Mask Exemption FAQs](#)
- [MSHSL Mask/Face Covering Guidance and Information](#)