



2020-2021 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Wrestling

Section Tournament Information

This document provides guidance and information for Winter 2021 section tournaments unique to this year.

<p>Dates</p>	<p>Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Tournaments are held on or before Friday, March 12, 2021 • State Prelims are held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 <p>Individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Tournaments are held on or before Friday, March 19, 2021 • State Prelims are held on Saturday, March 20, 2021
<p>Location/Facility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section venues are determined by the administering Region. • Sites with two gyms are preferred to maximize social distance. • Recommended that sites with greatest capacity be considered and rotations of sites, if they exist, may be suspended for this year. • Sites for State Prelims have been determined by MSHSL with assistance from paired sections.
<p>Tournament Format</p>	<p>Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No team contest site may have more than four teams on site at any time. • Sections seed their own section team tournament. • Weigh-ins for team events will follow NFHS Wrestling Rules and will be established at the first weigh-in for each separate event. For the 2021 State Wrestling Tournament, there are three separate events: sections, state preliminaries, and state finals. • The goal is to limit the number of competition dates and number of contacts.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections may limit advancing competition per their Region Committee. Additional competitions may be provided for teams that are not participating in the advancing competition. • Team Format for top 8 teams: Two sites grouped with seeds 1,4,5,8 at one site and 2,3,6,7 at the other. • Alternate Team Format: Duals held at high seed on multiple dates. Pigtail matches may be included at high seed if teams do not exceed 4 per site. • Schools may choose to opt out of advancing team competition. • Two section teams from each section advance to State Prelims in each class. • The two qualifying teams from a section do not compete for Section Title until the State Prelim Round; section champions will be determined through State Prelim competition. <p>Individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections will host individual section competition to determine four qualifiers for State Prelim Round. • Individual seeding process for sections will follow the process established and approved by the League. • Each school may enter one wrestler per weight class. Any wrestlers beyond 8 in a class will wrestle a pigtail match to enter the quarterfinal of the section. The loser of the pigtail match will be eliminated. • Eight-person bracket will be used with full wrestleback to determine top four qualifiers for State Prelim. Sample brackets will be provided to sections by Track Wrestling. • Two undefeated wrestlers will not wrestle to a section title, but will advance with the higher seed wrestler seeded #1 and the other wrestler will be seeded #2. Two winners of wrestlebacks will not wrestle for 3rd and 4th place but will advance using original section seed. • A wrestler who loses two matches is eliminated from further competition. • State Prelims are held with 8 individuals---four individuals from each of two sections. • Brackets for State Prelims will be pre-set based on seedings of qualifiers from the section competition. #1 seed vs. Opposite section #4, #2 seed vs. Opposite section #3, etc.
Weigh-ins and Warmups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weigh-ins and medical checks will be held onsite as per NFHS rulebook – shoulder to shoulder with social distancing. • Officials should have proper PPE including mask, shield, gloves, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weigh-ins for the team competition will take place 1 hour prior to start of competition. • Weigh-ins for the individual competition will take place 90 minutes prior to the start of competition. • All teams weigh-in at same time and no courtesy weigh-ins are allowed. • Two scales for weigh-ins are the minimum. • Warmups are limited to 30 minutes after weigh-ins. • No staging area or secondary gym for warmups. • Once competition begins, warmups take place behind the bench area or as assigned for individual competitions.
<p>Changes/ Adjustments in MSHSL Approved Season Sport Guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to four teams may be at one site in one session. • There will be no consolation or third place competitions for team section or state. • Weigh-ins for team events will follow NFHS Wrestling Rules and will be established at the first weigh-in for each separate event. For the 2021 State Wrestling Tournament, there are three separate events: sections, state preliminaries, and state finals. • Individual tournaments may be held in section and state competition only. • The pairing of sections for the State Prelims has been established according to shared border with section and shortest cumulative distance between sections. • Class A: 1 & 4, 2 & 3, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 • Class AA: 1 & 4, 2 & 3, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 • Class AAA: 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 • Site managers will work directly with John Peterson and Tony Wolfbauer in preparation for the Section Team Tournament and during the tournament.

<p>State Tournament Advancement</p>	<p>State Prelims</p> <p>Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 team advances from each State Prelim site (total of 4 in each class) <p>Individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Individuals advance from each weight class from each State Prelim contest (total of 8 in each weight class and sections will incorporate "true 2nd" to determine second qualifier to state semifinals)
<p>Site Management (Spectators, Concessions, etc.)</p>	<p>See <u>MSHSL Event and Facility Management Guidance and Information</u></p>

	<p>Spectators are determined by the section and where possible are currently limited to the lesser of 25% of the venue or 250 individuals. All spectators must maintain a 12 ft distance from any portion of the competitive pod.</p>
Tournament Personnel	<p>Team members, contest officials and site staff (including ticket takers/sellers, administrative supervision from both schools, certified athletic trainer, announcer, etc.) do NOT count toward the maximum number of occupants. These individuals are considered “essential” to the game.</p> <p><u>Winter 2021 Post Season Squad Size and Personnel Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional coaches, managers, or team members will be allowed within the competitive pod. Any additional attendees must have a ticket and be part of the spectator pod. • Exception: When a section or state prelim site uses two or more gyms with 4 or more mats, a team may add one additional coach for a total of 4. Coaches should remain in one gym for the entirety of the competition. • No alternating coaches from floor to spectator pod.
Seeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeding for team section will be done by sections per the approved policy established by the League. • Individual seeding process for sections will be according to the typical method for individuals. • Team State Seeding will occur the week of March 15. • Individual State Seeding will occur on Sunday, March 21.
Awards/Certificates	<p>No award ceremonies are to be held. Trophies and medals in the team competition may be sent home with the teams.</p> <p>Team: Will be determined by State Prelim competition. Each section will wrestle their #1 and #2 qualifiers to determine the section champion and advancement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophies 1st - 2nd Place • Medals 1st - 2nd Place <p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section awards will be granted to the top 4 section individuals in each weight class. The placement of each wrestler in the State Prelims will determine their section placement. (The highest placed finisher will be determined to be the section champion, etc.) Wrestlers will tie for placement when

	eliminated in the same round and no individual match has taken place.
Officials	Sections should work with individual officials, crews or assigners to confirm availability prior to committing to dates. State Prelims and Finals are assigned by state rules coordinators.
Streaming	Streaming/webcasting options should be pursued. Charging for streaming is acceptable per the MSHSL for the 2020-2021 school year.
Media	See <u>MSHSL Event and Facility Management Guidance and Information</u> .
Brackets/Results	Team brackets will be updated by the section on the MSHSL Website. Individual brackets will be addressed through Track Wrestling.
Ticketing/Passes	<p>Ticketing must comply with current State Requirements. Information is available in <u>MSHSL Event and Facility Management Guidance and Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees are limited to the official squad, officials, event staff, and ticketed spectators. • No coaches', administrators' or officials' passes will be honored due to the limited capacity. <p>Max number of spectators is currently the lesser of 25% of the venue capacity or 250 attendees.</p> <p>Section committees can determine how to best divide up tickets for its section contests, allowing for fans from all teams the opportunity to attend (for example, the host team cannot use the maximum number of tickets, allowing none for the visiting teams). Some examples used during the regular season include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing a certain number of tickets per team and have school provide a list of attendees to site. The amounts will be set based on the capacity of each venue and may vary from site to site. • Allowing a certain number of tickets per athlete on each team. • Allowing a lower number of tickets per athlete on each team and additional tickets for student fans and general public. • Tickets can be presold at schools, or schools can submit lists of people who can purchase tickets on site (again, rely on ADs for best practice locally). If lists of people are being provided to ticket sellers, it is encouraged that a staff member from both schools be on-hand to

	<p>assist ticket sellers with any conflicts regarding names or identities.</p> <p>Region committees determine ticket prices and streaming prices for section only rounds.</p> <p>State Prelim ticket prices are \$12 per ticket.</p>
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All aspects of athletics including meetings, practices, competitions, transportation and facility usage must align with the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education plan for return to learning, must follow the requirements from the Minnesota Department of Health’s Guidance on Youth Sports, and must include the required actions identified in the Governor’s Executive Orders.

Sportsmanship should have a constant presence in all school-based athletics.

- Teams are encouraged to find appropriate methods of demonstrating good sportsmanship and respect towards others within the physical distance guidance.
- Additional care should be taken when addressing contest officials with questions or seeking interpretations. At no time, other than in the natural course of competition, should a coach or player violate the required physical distance with an official. Any coach or player verbally interacts with an official must do so with a mask on and at a safe distance.