



2020-2021 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Mask Requirements and COVID Guidance for Spring Officials

5/10/21

Adapted Softball (Indoor):

Requirements:

- Officials, athletes and coaches must wear masks at all times.
- Masks must cover the mouth and nose completely.
- Masks should be all or mostly solid black and may contain a manufacturer's logo, association logo and/or MSHSL logo. Bring extra masks.
- If a mask is not being worn by an athlete, umpires should assume that the athlete has a mask exemption.
- If a mask is not being worn correctly by an athlete, umpires should ask the coach to assist with compliance before removing the athlete from the game.
- Conduct the pregame conference at home plate, while maintaining six feet from each head coach.
- Conversations with coaches, athletes or umpires must take place at a distance of six feet or more at all times.

Recommendations:

- Use hand-sanitizer whenever possible and minimize hand-to-face contact.
- It is recommended that teams sanitize the softballs between innings and umpires should limit touching of equipment (bats, helmets, softballs).
- Officials are strongly encouraged to test weekly.

Baseball and Softball:

Requirements:

- Umpires are not required to wear a mask.
- Conduct the pregame conference at home plate, while maintaining six feet from each head coach.
- Conversations with coaches, athletes or umpires must take place at a distance of six feet or more at all times.

Recommendations:

- Umpires are strongly recommended to wear a mask.
 - It is recommended that teams sanitize the baseballs/softballs between innings and umpires should limit touching of equipment (bats, helmets, baseballs, softballs).
 - Use hand-sanitizer whenever possible and minimize hand-to-face contact.
 - Officials are strongly encouraged to test weekly.
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Lacrosse:

Requirements:

- Officials do not need to wear a mask.

- Conduct the pregame meeting while maintaining six feet from each head coach.
- Conversations with coaches, athletes or officials must take place at a distance of six feet or more at all times.

Recommendations:

- Officials are strongly recommended to wear a mask.
 - It is recommended that teams sanitize game balls at halftime and officials should limit touching of equipment.
 - Use hand-sanitizer whenever possible and minimize hand-to-face contact.
 - Officials are strongly encouraged to test weekly.
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Synchronized Swimming:

Requirements:

- Officials must wear masks at all times.
- Masks must cover the mouth and nose completely.
- Masks should be all or mostly solid black and may contain a manufacturer's logo, association logo and/or MSHSL logo. Bring extra masks.
- Conduct the pre-meet conference, while maintaining a distance of six feet from each head coach.
- Conversations with coaches, athletes or judges must take place at a distance of six feet or more at all times.
- Coaches must wear a mask at all times.
- Athletes do not need to wear a mask when they are actively competing. Masks must be worn in places where athletes gather when not actively competing. Compliance of this masking requirement is the responsibility of the coach, activities director and school.

Recommendations:

- Use hand-sanitizer whenever possible and minimize hand-to-face contact.
 - Officials are strongly encouraged to test weekly.
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Track and Field:

Requirements:

- Officials do not need to wear a mask.
- Conduct any meetings with coaches while maintaining six feet from each head coach.
- Conversations with coaches, athletes or officials must take place at a distance of six feet or more at all times.

Recommendations:

- Officials are strongly recommended to wear a mask.
- Officials should limit touching of equipment.
- Use hand-sanitizer whenever possible and minimize hand-to-face contact.
- Officials are strongly encouraged to test weekly.