



2020-2021 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

2021 Spring Postseason Tournaments Media Guidance and Information

- This guidance and information was established in alignment with requirements of the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education and applies to all section and state tournaments.
- The guidance and information policies are for site administrators and media personnel and are designed to ensure safe competition and coverage of League activities for the participants, the member schools and their communities.
- While many state-mandated protocols and risk-mitigating guidelines have expired, it is recommended that safe practices continue to ensure events are conducted in the safest manner possible.
- The Minnesota State High School League reserves the right to amend guidance and information.

On-site State Tournament Information

- Media covering all state tournaments on-site must be registered and approved by the Minnesota State High School League.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration directions will be available at www.mshsl.org/media prior to the section finals of each activity.
- Please observe media credentials deadlines. There are no exceptions.
- Press box access is not available at most spring state tournament venues. Where applicable, other areas in venues will be designated for media accommodation.
- If required by venue space limitations, media allocations will be considered in these categories:
 1. Statewide newspapers
 2. MSHSL Radio Partners
 3. Community Media Systems and TV news coverage
 4. Regional newspapers
 5. Community newspapers
- Media will be approved based on:
 1. Available space

2. Past coverage of the selected school and sport
3. Media outlet's long-standing history of League coverage

Note: School media, designated team photographers or professional photographers will not be granted on-site media access. Schools may choose to purchase tickets through their school allocation. School media must remain in spectator areas.

- Approved media will be notified of their approval or if their credential request was denied.
- Additional information specific to the sport or venue will be provided in the approval email.
- Approved media guidelines:
 - Media will be approved on a per-team basis for team-bracketed events.
 - Media armband credential must be visible at all times.
 - Media may only remain at the venue for the contest or session in which they are approved.
 - Approved media will enter through a pass gate and may be COVID-screened prior to admittance.
 - **PLEASE NOTE:** On-site, in-person postgame interviews will only be permitted during the softball and lacrosse state tournaments and all games of the Prep Championship Series at Target Field.

Community Media Systems and streaming requests

- Community Media Systems and streaming providers seeking to cover section- and state-level events, must submit their intention to Tim Leighton in the League Office. He can be reached at tleighton@mshsl.org
 - Upon approval, the League will notify the Region Secretary of media organization's intent to cover and League's approval.
 - If OK'd by the Region, and applicable rights fees are identified, the League will contact the media organization within 24 hours of request. If request is not granted, the League will also notify media organization applicant.
 - It is the media organization's responsibility to contact Region Secretary or site administrator to confirm on-site plans.

Coverage tools for media

- Complimentary online programs hosted at <https://www.mshsl.org/state-tournament-programs>
- Complimentary streaming access provided for news outlets with teams participating and with a long-standing history of League coverage. Media must register no later than noon

two days prior to the first day of the state tournament. Information will be available at www.mshsl.org/media Eligible media will receive information via email prior to the start of the tournament. Please observe this deadline; there are no exceptions.

- LiveStats (Softball and Baseball); posted on the activity page for each sport.
- Event results available on the League’s website at www.mshsl.org
- League-contracted photographers will cover the events on championship day. Photos will be available for purchase at mshsl.smugmug.com/MSHSLphoto
- For further League assistance, contact Tim Leighton at [tleighton@mshsl.org](mailto:tleighon@mshsl.org)

State and Section Tournament Media Guidance and Information	
Boys Tennis	<p>Last date of Team Sections: Friday, May 28 (Rain date: Saturday, May 29)</p> <p>Last date of Individual Sections: Thursday, June 3 (Rain date: Friday, June 4)</p> <p>Credentials deadline: Noon, Sunday, June 6</p> <p>State Tournament Venues</p> <p>Class A --- St. Cloud Tech High School</p> <p>Class AA --- Prior Lake High School</p> <p>Team Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, June 8 Quarterfinals 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m. • Wednesday, June 9 Semifinals: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. Third place: Noon Championship: 2 p.m. <p>Individual Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, June 10 Singles First round: 8 a.m. Quarterfinals: Noon Doubles

	<p>First round: 10 a.m. Quarterfinals: 2 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, June 11 <p>Singles Semifinals: 8 a.m. Third place and championship: 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Doubles Semifinals: 8 a.m. Third place and championship: 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Specific Tournament Media Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media are not permitted inside the fencing or on the courts of play. • On-site, in-person interviews are not permitted. • See on-site League representative for designated photo locations. • Results available at www.mshsl.org via www.TennisReporting.com • School Space Media will stream the individual and doubles championship matches in each class.
<p>Golf</p>	<p>Last date of sections: Tuesday, June 8</p> <p>Credentials deadline: Noon, Friday, June 11</p> <p>State Tournament</p> <p>Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A: Pebble Creek, Becker • Class AA: Ridges at Sand Creek, Jordan • Class AAA: Bunker Hills, Coon Rapids <p>Specific Tournament Media Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media members are permitted to follow participants on the course. • On-site, in-person interviews are not permitted. • Media personnel are not permitted inside clubhouse areas. • Results are available at www.mshsl.org via the iWanamaker MSHSL Golf App.

Softball

Last date of sections: Friday, June 11

Credentials deadline: Noon, Sunday, June 13

State Tournament

Caswell Park, North Mankato (Field Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6)

Tuesday, June 15

- **Class AAAA**
Quarterfinals, 9 a.m.
Semifinals, 5 p.m.
- **Class AAA**
Quarterfinals, 11 a.m.
Semifinals, 5 p.m.
- **Class AA**
Quarterfinals, 1 p.m.
Semifinals, 7 p.m.
- **Class A**
Quarterfinals, 3 p.m.
Semifinals, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16

- Third-place games, 10 a.m.
- Championship games, noon

Specific Tournament Media Details:

- Photographers are not permitted to encroach on the fields of play.
- Photographers must stay within designated shooting positions.
- Media are permitted in designated areas on second level of venue.
- On-site, in-person interviews are permitted in designated areas. Coaches and requested participants will be escorted to designated interview areas.
- Consult with on-site League Staff for more information.
- School Space Media will provide a complimentary stream of state tournament games to approved media.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LiveStats available for all games. Find the link at www.mshsl.org
<p>Track and Field</p>	<p>Last date of sections: Saturday, June 12</p> <p>Credentials deadline: Noon, Tuesday, June 15</p> <p>State Meet:</p> <p>St. Michael-Albertville High School</p> <p>Thursday, June 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,200-meter races, all classes and divisions; times TBA, but will be in late afternoon. <p>Friday, June 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A: Boys, 10 a.m.; girls, 3:30 p.m. <p>Saturday, June 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class AA: Boys, 10 a.m.; girls, 3:30 p.m. <p>State Meet Format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timed finals for all running events • Field events, TBD <p>Specific Meet Media Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media seating available in bleachers on north side of field. • No infield access for media • Photographers may shoot from designated positions beyond the finish line for running events. • Shooting positions for the jumping pits are beyond the chain-link fence. • Shooting positions for the shot put and discus are in the north side bleachers. • No in-person, on-site interviews are permitted. • No press box access • School Space Media will provide a complimentary stream of the meet to approved media.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live scoring at www.mshsl.org via www.wayzataresults.com
<p>Baseball</p>	<p>Last date of sections: Friday, June 11</p> <p>Credentials deadline: Noon, Sunday, June 13</p> <p>State Tournament</p> <p>Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A St. Cloud --- Putz and Faber fields • Class AA St. Cloud --- Putz and Faber fields • Class AAA Jordan --- Mini Met • Class AAAA Chaska --- Chaska Athletic Park <p>Championship Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, June 18 --- Target Field • Saturday, June 19 --- Rain Date <p>Specific Tournament Media Details</p> <p>Quarterfinals and Semifinals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No press box admittance at Jordan and Chaska • Tournament management at Putz and Faber will determine media placement in press areas. • Consult tournament management for photo locations. • No on-site, in-person interviews at any venue. • School Space Media will provide a complimentary stream of state tournament games to approved media. • LiveStats available at www.mshsl.org <p>Championship Series, Target Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If approved for the quarterfinals and semifinals, there is no need for media to reapply for the Championship Series at Target Field. • Approved media enter at Gate 29 • Venue may require a health screening for admittance. • No press box access • Media seating in the Delta Club

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See League Staff for photo locations • Postgame in-person interviews permitted in TBD designated area; see on-site League media representative for details.
<p>Lacrosse</p>	<p>Last date of sections: Friday, June 11</p> <p>Credentials deadline: Noon, Sunday, June 13</p> <p>State Tournament</p> <p>Stillwater High School</p> <p>Tuesday, June 15-Saturday, June 19</p> <p>Specific Tournament Media Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgame in-person interviews permitted in TBD designated area; see on-site League media representative for details. • No press box access • See League media representative for details on photo shooting locations.
<p>Clay Target</p>	<p>Qualifying completed: Saturday, June 19</p> <p>Credentials deadline: Tuesday, June 22</p> <p>State Tournament</p> <p>Minneapolis Gun Club, Prior Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, June 25 <p>Tentative schedule here:</p> <p>https://www.mshsl.org/sports-and-activities/clay-target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, June 26 Rain date <p>Specific Tournament Media Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No post-event in-person interviews are permitted. • See League media representative for photo shooting locations.