



2020-2021

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Girls Softball

Section Tournament Information

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

Dates	Sections must be completed by Friday, June 11, 2021.
Location/Facility	Sections have local control to schedule host sites – high seeds or neutral sites are optional. High Seeds are recommended for sites to greatest extent possible.
Tournament Format	Per Softball Rules and Policies, each Section shall conduct a double elimination tournament for all final eight teams.
Changes/ Adjustments in MSHSL Approved Season Sport Guidance	All MSHSL Approved Season Sport Guidance and Information remain in effect.

State Tournament Advancement	One A, one AA, one AAA, and one AAAA team per section will advance.
Site Management (Spectators, Concessions, etc.)	See MSHSL Event and Facility Management Guidance and Information
Tournament Personnel	Team members, game officials and site staff (including ticket takers/sellers, administrative supervision from both schools, certified athletic trainer, announcer, etc.) should be limited as much as possible. Spring 2021 Post Season Squad Size (See separate document)
Seeding	Seeding for Sections should follow Region/Section Consistency. State Seeding will occur on Saturday, June 12, 2021.
Awards	Trophies 1st and 2nd Place Teams Medals 1st and 2nd Place Teams

	Medal and trophy ceremonies should be brief. If individual awards are distributed, they should be given to the student-athlete by a school representative or coach.
Officials	Sections should work with individual officials, crews or assigners to confirm availability prior to committing to dates.
Streaming	Streaming is allowed and streaming may be done at cost to the consumer.
Media	See <u>MSHSL Event and Facility Management Guidance and Information</u> .
Brackets/Results	Method for sharing brackets/results will be shared separately.
Ticketing/Passes	<p>See <u>MSHSL Event and Facility Management Guidance and Information</u> for information on ticketing, passes, and venue capacity.</p> <p>Region committees can determine how to best divide up tickets for its section games, allowing for fans from both teams the opportunity to attend (for example, the host team cannot use the maximum number of tickets, allowing none for the visiting team). <u>Most ADs have been doing this all season so will have ideas of how this is being handled best locally.</u> Some examples used during the regular season include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Schools may determine how to best select which student fans have an opportunity to purchase tickets: first-come, first-served; priority to seniors; as a reward for a contest, attendance, etc. • 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 assist ticket sellers with any conflicts regarding names or identities. <p>Region committees determine ticket prices.</p>

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 must be a constant priority at 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.