



POSTSEASON POLICY FOR TEAM QUARANTINES

Minnesota Hockey has developed the following quarantine policy for the 2021 Region and State Tournaments in the event entire teams are not able to participate due to quarantine rules.

Minnesota Hockey is publishing this policy in advance to maximize transparency. However, situations may occur beyond the scope of this document, and Minnesota Hockey reserves the right to assess each situation on an individual basis. Any objections must be submitted to and will be reviewed promptly by the Minnesota Hockey Executive Committee.

Region Tournaments

Each Minnesota Hockey District shall have a process in place for replacing a team or teams from their respective District in the event a qualified team is placed in quarantine due to COVID-19 and is unable to participate in a Region Tournament. If a District is not be able to provide a replacement team for a Region Tournament, the following process will be used in order until the vacant seed is filled:

1. If the District participates in a combined league at that classification, the District Director shall work with the District Directors to determine the next eligible team from their league.
2. An additional seed will be offered to a District in the same Region who was initially assigned two seeds to the 2021 Regions.
3. An additional seed will be offered to the remaining District in the same Region who was initially assigned three seeds to the 2021 Regions.
4. If there are no further teams available from any District in the Region, a bye may be used.

Teams who finish third or fourth place in all District Tournaments should be aware that they may be contacted to participate in place of one of the qualifiers being quarantined due to a Covid-19 quarantine.

The deadline for the notification of a replacement team for a Region Tournament shall be Thursday March 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Any team quarantines that occur after this deadline shall result in a bye being used. Team quarantines that occur after the first game of the tournament will also result in the use of a bye.

State Tournaments

The following process shall be used for replacing a team or teams from their respective Region in the event a qualified team is placed in quarantine due to COVID-19 and is unable to participate in a State Tournament:

1. The next eligible team (ex: 3rd or 4th place) in the same Region.
2. The next eligible team from the Region in which the State Tournament host participated.
3. The next eligible team from one of the remaining Regions.

Teams who finish third or fourth place in all Region Tournaments should be aware that they may be contacted to participate in a State Tournament, in place of one of the qualifiers being quarantined due to a Covid-19 quarantine.

The deadline for the notification of a replacement team for a State Tournament shall be Thursday March 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Any team quarantines that occur after this deadline shall result in a bye being used.