PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
2026-27 BOYS & GIRLS ALPINE SKIING

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The MHSAA Boys & Girls Ski Tournament will be conducted in two equal divisions based on school enrollment. Schools will be placed in one of three Regional groups in each Division for their initial assignment as determined by MHSAA staff based on geography and approved by the MHSAA Ski Committee. The tournament is conducted in slalom and giant slalom events, with both team and individual champions determined. From each Regional, the top three teams and the top ten individuals, or the first four individual finishers not on a qualifying team (minimum of four), advance to the Finals meet in each Division. **If an individual skier qualifies for the MHSAA Final in one discipline (Giant Slalom or Slalom) while competing at the MHSAA Regional, the skier will compete in both disciplines at the MHSAA Ski Final.** Girls and Boys competitions are held together at the Regional and Finals Tournaments.

Finals Tournament Locations – 2027 – Monday, February 22

2027 Finals

D1 –Schuss Mountain, Bellaire; - host Milford HS and Hartland HS
D2 – Boyne Mt., Boyne Falls – host Marian HS and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep HS

Tournament Dates – 2027

Regionals – February 8-12, 2027

Finals – February 22, 2027

2. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Equipment – Skis, ski boots, bindings, ski poles, gloves, helmets, goggles, and clothing in their commercially manufactured designs are permitted. All skis must be conventionally approved and have operable ski brakes to be used in competition, including the 55 mm ruling: the maximum allowable distance from the bottom (flat running surface) of the ski to any point along the bottom of the ski boot sole shall be 55 millimeters. (See MHSAA Ski Manual) The measurement will be taken with the boot out of the binding but with the brake treadle fully compressed.

Racers must wear the racing bib issued to them visibly on the chest and back during competition and visibly while inspecting the course; however, depending upon weather conditions, the meet manager may allow an outer garment to be worn over the bib during inspection. Failure to wear the racing bib issued shall result in disqualification.

Helmets designed and manufactured for the discipline of ski racing are required for all competitors and forerunners in all events and official training. **Helmets for giant slalom must completely cover the head (no soft ears). Helmets for slalom must have an integral chin guard. Helmets designed for slalom with soft ears are allowed.** The MHSAA neither specifies nor recommends any helmet design or brand name. It is the responsibility of the school/competitor to select an appropriate helmet and use it in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.

It is strongly recommended that coaches and competitors become aware of and consider the availability and value of supplemental equipment, such as shin guards or body armor.

Running Order—Team run orders for the State Final meet must be submitted, using the MHSAA Electronic form, to the State Final Meet Manager by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the State Final meet. In the event a Regional meet is postponed beyond the Monday before the State Final meet, run orders for teams competing in the postponed Regional meet are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the State Final meet.

Contestants are drawn for position within a flight by lot. All Number one skiers (team) constitute the first flight. Number two skiers are in the second flight, and so on. In the Final Meet, all individual qualifiers shall race in flights 2.5 and 4.5 with equal distribution in each flight **by place out of the Regional.** Flight 2.5 will have the top 50% of skiers, and flight 4.5 will have the remaining skiers. In the event there is an odd number of skiers, the additional skier shall be placed in **2.5**. Individual qualifiers who qualify in one discipline but not in the other and are advanced will be placed in Flight 6.5 for the discipline in which they did not qualify. For the second run of the same event, flights are scheduled in reverse order from the first run. Bibs shall be assigned by running order of the first event in which a skier competes.

Scoring – The combined times from a competitor's two completed runs shall determine his/her time for the race. The best time shall be awarded one point, the second best time two points, the third best time three points, and so forth, with all competitors who DQ, DNS or DNF to receive points equal to one greater than the total number of participants (those who were entered) in that event.

Team scores in each event shall be computed by combining the race points of the top four finishers from each competing team in each event. Points shall be awarded as described above.

The fifth-place finisher's score in both events will be used to break a tie. In the event of a tie of times for a position, the two times involved shall divide the total points for the two positions involved. For example, in a tie for 7th position: points for 7th and 8th positions shall be totaled to 15, and each tied time will receive 7½ points.

Final Meet Scoring
Individual – For determining the top ten individual winners in each event, the sum total of an individual's times in that event shall be utilized. The fastest total time is the individual champion.

Team – After determining the individual winners, all individuals not representing a team shall be eliminated from the scoring process. At that point, the scoring system for teams shall be applied. (One point for first, two points for second, etc.) The low team total wins.

Substitutions - In both the Regional and State Final Meets, a school may substitute for a Team Member if the substitute assumes that Team Member's running position. The coach may substitute any eligible skier who meets participation requirements. Individual qualifiers to the Finals may NOT be substituted or replaced with another skier. The substitution may be made no later than the scratch deadline established by the Meet Manager. No athlete who has been scratched from an event may be re-inserted into that same event.

If a competitor is forced to withdraw due to injury, illness, or force majeure, all of which must occur at the event, and there are no Team Members who meet participation requirements available for substitution, the Meet Manager *and Jury* may allow participation by the remaining Team Members *if the team falls below four skiers*. The scratched skier's start position will be vacant, with all other Team Members maintaining their originally assigned running positions. The remaining Team Members will be scored as individuals and have the same opportunities for medals as an individual qualifier. All substitution requirements and deadlines apply in this situation.

Coaching—Individuals and teams representing a school in a sport under MHSAA jurisdiction must be accompanied by the school's coach, administrator, or appointee.

3. OPT OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ROSTERS

To enter the 2026 MHSAA Alpine Ski Regional Meet, a school must recognize a bona fide high

school team and comply with all MHSAA Regulations listed in the MHSAA Handbook and the MHSAA Ski Coaches manual. To be eligible for post-season competition, a team must consist of a minimum of four (4) skiers in each discipline (four skiers must be entered and actually ski in each discipline). A girl to be eligible to compete on a boys team must have at least four starts on the boys team prior to the Regional or State Finals race. Boys cannot compete on a girls ski team.

Participating schools must submit to the Regional Tournament Manager a Master Eligibility List and Ski Running Order form by the **Opt-out Due Date of February 2, 2026**. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified Opt-out Due Date will result in MHSAA penalties as stipulated in the MHSAA Handbook.

If the Ski Running Order Form and Master Eligibility List are received after the Opt-Out Due Date, they may be accepted with a $50 late fee. The host school retains late fees. The Regional Manager will provide the email and/or address to which **the entries are sent.**

Team Entry—To be considered a team, a school must enter and ski a minimum of four skiers in each of the two events. Individual entries are not permitted in the Regional competition. The maximum number of entries per team per event shall be six for boys teams and six for girls teams.

Individual Entry-Final—Entry to Regional Meets is only by team. For the Final Meet, the top ten individuals or the first four individual finishers in each Regional competition who are not members of the first, second, or third-place team qualify as individuals for the Final Meet in the event in which they qualify.

Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility List (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9 [G]) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of competition for any team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned. All team members on the submitted Master Eligibility List are eligible for tournament play, even if their individual names are not on the roster.

Ineligible Players – Teams that are defeated by teams that have allowed an ineligible student to participate do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. Placement in MHSAA tournaments is vacated as a result of a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate

Withdrawals – Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the Opt-Out Due Date for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments, or flights are determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in that sport. The MHSAA staff member responsible for the sport will request a written explanation from the school principal for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is deemed unacceptable by MHSAA Staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense during the two-year probationary period will result in the school being prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

4. DRAW PROCEDURES – NA (See “Running Order” in #2)

5. TIME SCHEDULES
Regionals – Suggested start time for MHSAA Regional Tournaments is 9:30 a.m.
Finals – Suggested start time for the MHSAA Final Tournament is 10:00 a.m.

At the Regional and Final Tournament, the girls begin with the Slalom event, and the boys begin with the Giant Slalom event. After two runs, there is a course reset and rest period. Competition then resumes with the Girls' Giant Slalom and Boys' Slalom events. Regional hosts may adjust locally as needed.

6. AWARDS
Each Regional Team Champion will receive a team trophy and twelve team medals. Medals will be given to the top 10 individual places in slalom and giant slalom at the Regional. At the Finals, the first and second

place teams will receive trophies and twelve team medals, and the top ten individuals in slalom and giant slalom receive medals.

Extra Medal Order Form – **http://www.mhsaa.com/Portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/medal%20form.pdf**

7. LIMITS OF COMPETITION

School teams are allowed to compete in seventeen competitions and two scrimmages. The 17-meet limit can include both school meets and sanctioned USSS Meets. A student may participate in USSS Meets sanctioned by the MHSAA and listed on the MHSAA website, but each meet must count as one of the seventeen ski meets allowed for that team and individual that season. If two team members compete in two different MHSAA-sanctioned USSS meets on the same weekend, they count as a single meet toward the 17 allowed. An eligibility list from the school must be presented to the designated high school representative for the sanctioned meet before the student participates in that meet.

Individuals may participate in two non-school events without penalty. An event is defined as no more than 3 consecutive days.

Exceeding contest maximums will result in disqualification from the MHSAA Tournament.

Post-Season Eligibility – A team must have an actual schedule in that sport for the current season and have participated against MHSAA member schools in four or more contests in that sport during the current season. A student must have competed in at least four meets with his/her school team against other MHSAA member schools.

Waiver Procedure for Individuals – (1) If a student has been a member of the high school ski team since the earliest practice within the MHSAA season – including dry land training, classroom preparation and on-hill practice – but has not skied in four high school meets due to cancellation of meets due to weather conditions, injury, illness or family tragedy (not ineligibility under MHSAA rules or school action for academic or discipline reasons), an administrator of that school may make a written request to the MHSAA for that student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must describe the student's involvement with the team and the reason he/she does not have four starts. The student's name must have been included on the Master Eligibility List previously. If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may allow this student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must be received by noon of the last business day prior to the MHSAA meet.

Team Waiver procedure - A school administrator may make a written request to the MHSAA staff if weather conditions caused the cancellation of one or more ski meets and the school team has not competed in the required minimum four meets. The request must include the following:

- The season's pre-arranged schedule;
- An explanation of conditions which led to the cancellation of meets;
- Good faith efforts were made to reschedule;
- Be received by Noon of the last business day prior to the Regional Meet;
- All other entry requirements (eligibility list, rosters) have been met.

If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director, or his/her designee, concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may be permitted to participate in the MHSAA Alpine Skiing tournament.

8. FINANCES

Schools participating in the MHSAA Regional and Finals Tournament are responsible for all travel, lodging, and meal expenses. At the Finals, the MHSAA will pay for the first $20 of the lift ticket expense.

Spectator Admission – If admission is charged, it will be $7/person for the MHSAA Regional Tournament and $7/person at the MHSAA Finals or $10/car.

9. OFFICIALS SELECTION/ASSIGNMENTS – NA

10. PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS
Rules of Competition as detailed in the MHSAA Ski Manual will be followed.

11. MEDIA
Local managers process media credential requests for Regional meets. The MHSAA will handle credential requests for Semifinal and Final games.

Videotaping – Competing schools may videotape games in which they compete. The tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game/meet officials. Schools wishing to videotape games at other sites may do so without securing advance permission but must tape from the stands unless press box space is available. Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). The tape may not be distributed, sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

Souvenir Program Policies – NA

Merchandising/Promotion Policies
Use of MHSAA Logo – The MHSAA logo and acronym are registered trademarks. MHSAA tournament trophy designs are also copyrighted. Use of these legally protected marks requires written permission of the MHSAA. Contact the MHSAA Communications Director for additional information.

Multimedia Policies
https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Media/Media-Info-for-Schools.pdf

Audio/Video/Still Photography Rights – The MHSAA owns the rights to all multimedia (audio, video, still images, Internet) at all levels of its tournaments. Still and video photography is allowed by individual spectators in the venue seating area unless the host school district or facility has a more restrictive policy. The MHSAA has exclusive multimedia arrangements for its Final events.

MHSAA Handbook Regulation II, Section 14(A) reads as follows: “No school may sell or rent videos (DVD, tape or film) or sell still images of contests which are part of an MHSAA tournament without the permission of the MHSAA.”

If a school wishes to authorize an individual(s) to create multimedia content, the principal or athletic administrator must contact the tournament manager for passes and access. Refer to the publication, MHSAA Multimedia Regulations, for more information.

Post-Game Interviews -- Coaches should also be readily available to meet with the media shortly after a contest concludes. It is recommended that, approximately five minutes after the game, managers provide a location other than the team locker rooms for post-game interviews with coaches and/or players, and that the coach may wish to designate for interviews. Locker room access should never be allowed to media. Inasmuch as many media outlets are often on deadline following contests, interviews should be granted before any lengthy team meetings occur.

Participating Team/Spectator Internet Streaming – The broadcast and streaming rights of MHSAA post-season tournament events belong exclusively to the N-F-H-S Network, FanDuel Sports Network Detroit, the M-H-S-A-A, and those media outlets that have pre-arranged to secure those rights.

Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet - including using social media platforms like Periscope and Facebook – or any other method.

Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from streaming video through any means.

Participating schools are responsible for informing their students, parents and other fans of this policy and to assist the MHSAA upon request in enforcing it. Participating schools are asked to help promote where their

game may be viewed when being streamed by the MHSAA, one of its television partners, or a media outlet which has pre-arranged to secure such rights

12. SPORTSMANSHIP
When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team.

When a coach is disqualified during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day of competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that coach's team.

Failure of the school for any reason to enforce this regulation will prohibit the school from entry in the next MHSAA tournament for that sport, or from the remainder of the current tournament if the disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament or during the last regular-season contest.
Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season in that sport for undergraduates and coaches, or the next season in any sport for seniors. If the playing rules for a sport specify an additional penalty or more rapid progression, or use of such a progression for other violations, the playing rules apply.

Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

If a team is removed from competition in protest, the contest is forfeited to the opponent, and the coach and principal of the removed team must appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken. The Executive Committee may also require the appearance of personnel from other schools and game officials.

If the coach is ejected from the contest and an assistant coach, or an assigned school representative, is not available to continue as the coach, the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

When a contest is interrupted or it ends prematurely because of a breakdown of proper sportsmanship and whether the on-site officials forfeit the contest to one team, one or both schools may be subjected to any or all, but not limited to, the following: censure, probation with competition, probation without competition, forfeiture, loss of privilege of revenue sharing, expulsion. In addition, it may be required of one or both schools that their coaches and administrators appear before the Executive Committee to explain why no additional action should be taken.

13. WEATHER POLICIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS
When teams are delayed in arriving at tournament sites due to inclement weather, management is encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches within brackets of teams/individuals who are present and prepared to participate. If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams/individuals have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled. If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament will be conducted on the scheduled day.

14. INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS
If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed.

Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be resolved on site before the meet proceeds.

Meet management will make the final decision regarding game events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next meet concerns.

15. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY
Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches' meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

16. YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY
During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials, or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing, and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

17. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY
The use of unmanned aerial vehicles ("UAV"), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided that the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under MHSAA control.

18. LOCKER ROOM PRIVACY POLICY
Using any device to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors who discover such use should immediately move to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the person's activity.

19. SPECTATOR POLICIES
The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA Tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.
- **Spectator Videotaping**—Spectators may tape games from designated areas but must not interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups or tripod space.
- The policies of the local host site shall prevail with respect to pets/animals. In the absence of local host policy, animals or pets shall not be permitted to enter MHSAA tournament venues, including spectator and team areas. However, properly marked or documented service animals that are leashed or harnessed at all times may accompany spectators paying admission or attending with other approved team or school personnel. Individuals who bring service animals are asked to bring their own waste disposal bags and request special seating before the event if needed.

20. RETURN TO ACTIVITY & POST-CONCUSSION CONSENT FORM
https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/documents/health%20safety/returntoplay.pdf

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL SKI RUNNING ORDER FORM

_____ - _____ High School
(City) (School)

hereby enters its Ski Team or Teams in Regional Ski Meet No._____. Your Master Eligibility Lists and this Running Order Form must be sent to the appropriate Regional Manager found on the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com. The manager must receive these forms **NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M. MONDAY, FEB. 1, 2027 (the OPT-OUT date).** Individual lift charges will be charged at the site, where applicable.

A student who is used as a substitute must have been included on the Eligibility List.

We agree to abide by the MHSAA regulations under which this Tournament is to be conducted. Further, we have read the *Ski Manual* concerning these meets and have entered our athletes accordingly.

(Signed) _____ School Phone No. _____
(Athletic Director or Principal)

(Signed) _____ Phone No. of Boys Coach _____
(Boys Coach)

(Signed) _____ Phone No. of Girls Coach _____
(Girls Coach)

IMPORTANT: THIS RUNNING ORDER FORM AND MASTER ELIGIBILITY LISTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MANAGER NOT LATER THAN THE STATED OPT-OUT DATE.

Call the Manager if there are any questions about whether this material will arrive by the specified time. COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR FORWARDING THIS MATERIAL RESTS WITH THE COMPETING SCHOOL!

A $50 LATE FEE MADE PAYABLE TO THE HOST SCHOOL WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR LATE ENTRY UNTIL THE FLIGHTS AND POSITIONS ARE DETERMINED

Further details concerning this Meet will be sent to you by the Meet Manager.



OFFICIAL SKI RUNNING ORDER FORM

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL _____

BOYS TEAM					
SLALOM			GIANT SLALOM		
Flight	Name	Grade	Flight	Name	Grade
1)			1)		
2)			2)		
3)			3)		
4)			4)		
5)			5)		
6)			6)		

(Print) _____

(Boys Coach)

CONTACT INFO

Phone- _____

Email- _____

GIRLS TEAM					
SLALOM			GIANT SLALOM		
Flight	Name	Grade	Flight	Name	Grade
1)			1)		
2)			2)		
3)			3)		
4)			4)		
5)			5)		
6)			6)		

(Print) _____

(Girls Coach)

CONTACT INFO

Phone- _____

Email- _____