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2018 Boys and Girls State Soccer Tournaments



The Minnesota State High School League's boys' and girls' state soccer tournaments will begin a six-day run with the quarterfinals Oct. 23-25 at four Minnesota locations. The semifinals, third-place games and championship games will be played at U.S. Bank Stadium on Oct. 30-31, and Nov. 2.

In Class AA, defending boys' champion Wayzata and defending girls' champion Eagan, return in hopes of repeating as champions. Mahtomedi, the defending girls' champion in Class A, also returns. A new champion will emerge in the boys' Class A field.

Here is a look at the tournaments:

FAST FACTS

The schedule:

Class A

Girls quarterfinals

Wednesday, Oct. 24

At St. Cloud State University

No. 1 Mahtomedi (12-5-1) vs. Bemidji (14-4-2), 5:30 p.m.

At Farmington High School

No. 4 Academy of Holy Angels (16-2-1) vs. No. 5 Mankato West (17-1-1), 7:30 p.m.

At Chisago Lakes High School

No. 2 Orono (16-2-1) vs. Marshall School, Duluth (14-5-1), 5:30 p.m.

At Prior Lake High School

No. 3 Benilde-St. Margaret's (13-4-2) vs. Rochester Lourdes (15-1-2), 5:30 p.m.

At U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis

Semifinals

Oct. 30 --- Noon, 2 p.m.

Third place

Oct. 31 --- 8 a.m.

Championship

Nov. 2 --- 10 a.m.

Boys quarterfinals

Wednesday, Oct. 24

At Chisago Lakes High School

No. 1 The Blake School (16-1-2) vs. Duluth Denfeld (15-3-1), 7:30 p.m.

At Prior Lake High School

No. 4 Austin (16-0-2) vs. No. 5 Holy Family Catholic (17-2-0), 7:30 p.m.

At Farmington High School

No. 2 Academy of Holy Angels (18-0-1) vs. Worthington (17-2-0), 5:30 p.m.

At St. Cloud State University

No. 3 Mahtomedi (16-2-0) vs. Bemidji (17-2-1), 7:30 p.m.

At U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis

Semifinals

Oct. 30 --- 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

Third place

Oct. 31 --- 10 a.m.

Championship

Nov. 2 --- 12:30 p.m.

Class AA

Girls quarterfinals

Tuesday, Oct. 23

At Prior Lake High School

No. 1 Eagan (16-0-3) vs. St. Michael-Albertville (12-4-1), 5:30 p.m.

No. 4 Maple Grove (15-2-2) vs. No. 5 Minnetonka (13-4-1), 7:30 p.m.

At Farmington High School

No. 2 Wayzata (15-3-0) vs. Blaine (15-3-1), 5:30 p.m.

No. 3 Stillwater Area (14-1-4) vs. Lakeville North (11-3-4), 7:30 p.m.

At U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis

Semifinals

Oct. 30 --- 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Third place

Oct. 31 --- 4 p.m.

Championship

Nov. 2 --- 3 p.m.

Boys quarterfinals

Thursday, Oct. 25

At Chisago Lakes High School

No. 1 Duluth East (17-0-2) vs. Centennial (15-3-1), 5:30 p.m.

No. 2 Stillwater Area (16-1-2) vs. Lakeville North (11-6-2), 7:30 p.m.

At St. Cloud State University

No. 4 Minnetonka (13-2-4) vs. No. 5 Wayzata (9-4-5), 5:30 p.m.

No. 3 St. Paul Central (17-0-1) vs. St. Cloud Tech (14-2-2), 7:30 p.m.

At U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis

Semifinals

Oct. 31 --- Noon, 2 p.m.

Third place

Nov. 2 --- 8 a.m.

Championship

Nov. 2 --- 5:30 p.m.

Adult ticket prices: Quarterfinals \$7; semifinals/finals \$12; tournament pass \$30.

Student ticket prices: Quarterfinals \$5; semifinals/finals \$8; tournament pass \$18.

Online tickets: www.mshsl.org/tickets

Official ball: Nike Team Magia SC3252-100.

Streaming: School Space Media will livestream the entire tournament, with the exception of the third-place games in each class. There is no charge for viewing. Find the stream at www.prepspotlight.tv.

News media credentials: A news media credential is required to cover this event.

Game results and box scores: Posted on the League's website at www.mshsl.org

Social media: Follow the tournament on the League's Facebook page and on Twitter at @MSHSL and @MSHSLJohn.

State Tournament Preview

Class A

Girls

Mahtomedi (12-5-1) vs. Bemidji (14-4-2) --- Mahtomedi is the defending Class A champion and a seven-time titlist. The Zephyrs are 7-1 in championship game appearances. They advanced by defeating Hill-Murray 3-2 in the Section 4A final. In a thriller, Bemidji defeated Sartell-St. Stephen 2-1 in a shootout in the Section 8 final for a second consecutive state tournament appearance. This is a rematch of the 2017 quarterfinals.

Academy of Holy Angels (16-2-1) vs. Mankato West (17-1-1) --- Holy Angels advanced with a 2-1 victory over Visitation in the Section 3A final. It is the first state tournament appearance for the Stars since 2015 and seventh overall. Mankato West defeated Fairmont 3-0 in the Section 2A final to make its third consecutive state tournament appearance and fifth overall. Mankato West was the No. 2 seed in 2017.

Orono (16-2-1) vs. Marshall School, Duluth (14-5-1) --- Orono was the runner-up to Mahtomedi in 2017. The Spartans needed overtime to defeat Monticello in the Section 6A final. Orono has qualified for the championship game three times since 2014. Marshall School is making its state tournament debut following a 4-0 victory over Chisago Lakes in the Section 7A final.

Benilde-St. Margaret's (13-4-2) vs. Rochester Lourdes (15-1-2) --- Benilde-St. Margaret's was the No. 2 seed in Section 5A, but topped No. 1 The Blake School, 2-1 in the final. The Red Knights are a four-time Class A champion since 2012. Rochester Lourdes advanced with a 3-0 victory over Byron in the Section 1A final. The Eagles are making their ninth state tournament trip. They were the Class A runner-up in 2000.

Boys

The Blake School (16-1-2) vs. Duluth Denfeld (15-3-1) --- The Blake School dethroned Totino-Grace, the defending Class A champion, with a 2-1 victory in the Section 5A final. It is the first appearance for the Bears since 2016 and fifth overall. Duluth Denfeld used a 3-2 victory over Grand Rapids in the Section 7A final to record its third state tournament trip.

Austin (16-0-2) vs. Holy Family Catholic (17-2-0) --- Austin went overtime to defeat Rochester Lourdes 1-0 in the Section 1A final. The Packers shared the third-place trophy with Orono in 2017. This is the first state tournament appearance for Holy Family Catholic, which used a 1-0 victory over Waconia in the Section 6A final.

Academy of Holy Angels (18-0-1) vs. Worthington (17-2-0) --- Holy Angels is back in the state tournament for the first time since finished as the Class A runner-up in 2001.

The Stars defeated St. Thomas Academy 3-1 in the Section 3A final to advance. Worthington defeated Mankato East 2-1 in the Section 2A final to qualify for the second consecutive season.

Mahtomedi (16-2-0) vs. Bemidji (17-2-1) --- Mahtomedi defeated Hill-Murray 3-1 in the Section 4A final to advance to the state tournament for the first time since 2014 and seventh time overall. The Zephyrs were the Class A runner-up in 1997 and the Class A champion in 2009. Bemidji is making its third consecutive state tournament appearance following its 3-1 victory over Sartell-St. Stephen in the Section 8A final. The Lumberjacks lost to Austin in last year's quarterfinals.

Class AA

Girls

Eagan (16-0-3) vs. St. Michael-Albertville (12-4-1) --- Eagan is the defending Class AA champion and a three-time champion since 2014. The Wildcats advanced with a 4-1 victory over Rosemount in the Section 3AA final. St. Michael-Albertville, which lost to Wayzata in the state quarterfinals in 2017, outlasted Moorhead for a 1-0 victory (5-4 in the shootout) in the Section 8AA final.

Maple Grove (15-2-2) vs. Minnetonka (13-4-1) --- Maple Grove is making its second consecutive state tournament trip following a 3-2 overtime victory over Centennial in the Section 5AA final. The Crimson were the Class AA runner-up in 2017. Minnetonka needed overtime to defeat Eden Prairie 2-1 in the Section 2AA title game. The Skippers are making their eighth state tournament appearance. They were the Class AA champions in 2001 and 2013.

Wayzata (15-3-0) vs. Blaine (15-3-1) --- Wayzata, a perennial power, is a seven-time state champion and a five-time runner-up. The Trojans advanced to another state tournament appearance after a 1-0 victory over Cretin-Derham Hall in the Section 6AA title game. Blaine is in the state tournament for the first time since 2015 and seventh time overall. The Bengals defeated Andover 3-1 in the Section 7AA final.

Stillwater (14-1-4) vs. Lakeville North (11-3-4) --- This is Stillwater's first state tournament trip since 2010. From 1994-2001, the Ponies won two Class AA crowns and were runner-up twice. Lakeville North defeated Lakeville South 1-0 in the Section 1AA final to make an eighth consecutive state tournament trip.

Boys

Duluth East (17-0-2) vs. Centennial (15-3-1) --- Duluth East placed third in the 2017 state tournament. The Greyhounds defeated Blaine 4-1 in the Section 7AA final to make a fifth state tournament trip. This is the first state tournament trip for Centennial, which recorded a 1-0 victory over Champlin Park in the Section 5AA final.

Minnetonka (13-2-4) vs. Wayzata (9-4-5) --- Minnetonka blanked Bloomington Jefferson 3-0 in the Section 2AA final for its first state tournament trip since 2015 and fifth overall. Wayzata is the defending Class AA champion. The Trojans posted a 1-0 victory over St. Louis Park in the Section 6AA final. Wayzata defeated Minnetonka twice during the Lake Conference schedule.

Stillwater Area (16-1-2) vs. Lakeville North (11-6-2) --- This is the third consecutive state tournament trip and 19th overall for Stillwater. The Ponies have been in the Class AA title game the past two seasons, winning in 2016 and finishing runner-up in 2017. They advanced with a 2-1 shootout victory over East Ridge in the Section 4AA final.

Lakeville North lost to Duluth East in last season's state quarterfinals. The Panthers defeated Rochester Mayo 1-0 in the Section 1AA final for a return state tournament trip. **St. Paul Central (17-0-1) vs. St. Cloud Tech (14-2-2)** --- St. Paul Central is making its second state tournament trip and first since finishing as the Class AA runner-up in 2003. The Minutemen defeated Eastview 1-0 in the Section 3AA final to advance. St. Cloud Tech needed a 3-2 edge in the shootout for a 1-0 victory over Maple Grove in the Section 8AA final. It is the third state tournament appearance for the Crimson.

2017 State Tournament Recap

Class A

Mahtomedi, the No. 3 seed, handed top-seeded Orono its first loss of the season following a 2-1 victory in the Class A girls championship game. It was the eighth championship game appearance for Mahtomedi (17-3-2). The Zephyrs' last championship was captured in 2008. In 2010, Mahtomedi was the Class A runner-up to Rogers. Orono (19-1-3) was trying to win its second Class A championship in the past four seasons. The Spartans were the Class A champions in 2014 and the runner-up in 2015. Junior midfielder Grace Padelford scored the game-winner in the 73rd minute when she drilled a shot from 40 yards into the top left corner of the goal. In the third-place game, Visitation, Mendota Heights, ended its second-ever state tournament appearance with a 1-0 victory over North Branch (16-5-1). Sophomore forward Katherine Jones scored in the first half and senior midfielder Mary Jurich added another in the second to spur the Blazers (16-3-2).

In the Class A boys tournament, top-seeded Totino-Grace captured its third championship with a 1-0 victory over defending champion St. Thomas Academy. Senior Collin Matzoll and sophomore Steevenson Lamarre combined to score the game's only goal in the eighth minute. Matzoll maneuvered the ball into the goalie box and Lamarre finished off the play with a header goal. The victory gave the Eagles (18-1-1) their first crown since 2004. The school's first championship came in 2002. St. Thomas Academy finished the season (15-2-3). Orono (16-4-2) and Austin (18-1-3) shared the third-place trophy after playing to a scoreless tie.

Class AA

Eagan won the girls championship for the third time in the past four seasons with a 2-1 victory over Maple Grove. With overtime looming, the unseeded Wildcats (17-2-2) won in dramatic fashion when junior midfielder Ellen Pagois scored on a header goal with three seconds remaining in regulation time. Off a hurried corner kick from junior forward Grace Sjoberg, Pagois battled through traffic to head the ball past Maple Grove sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Cortez. Eagan won back-to-back championships in 2014 and 2015 when the state tournament was held at Husky Stadium on the St. Cloud State University campus while U.S. Bank Stadium was being built. Maple Grove (19-3-0), making its first state tournament appearance, opened the scoring in the 18th minute on a header goal from senior midfielder Meredith Haakenson off a free kick from senior midfielder Zyah Alam. In the third-place game, top-seeded Wayzata (17-1-3) bounced back from its first loss of the season in the semifinals to record a 3-1 victory over Lakeville North (10-7-4).

In the boys tournament, Wayzata avenged its loss to Stillwater Area in the 2016 title game with a 2-0 victory a year later. It was the third championship for the Trojans (20-0-2), who won previously in 1985 and 2005. Wayzata and Stillwater Area (18-2-2) played to a scoreless tie deep into the second half before the Trojans capitalized on a Ponies' yellow card in the 54th minute. Junior Aditya Bhati delivered a strong pass from 40 yards out into the penalty area on the far side. Sophomore Patrick Weah then slipped the ball past senior goalkeeper Fred LeClair on the right side. With 21 seconds remaining in regulation, Weah placed a perfect pass to junior Ethan Wagner, who slipped behind the Stillwater Area defenders. The 10-yard pass from Weah's right foot at the half line connected perfectly with Wagner's stride, and he dashed 40 yards to beat LeClair for the breakaway goal. In the third-place game, junior William Francis scored in the 58th minute to give Duluth East a 2-1 victory over Maple Grove (16-3-2). He hit a low shot from five yards to help the Greyhounds end their season with a 20-2-0 record.