

November 10, 2023

- **TO:** Potential Qualifier Hosts
- FR: Perry Coonce Minnesota Sports Federation

IMPORTANT NOTE

If your association has not paid for last year's qualifier berths yet, please do not apply until the recently resent invoice has been paid.

RE: MSF Youth Baseball Qualifiers

The MSF is currently making preparations for the 2024 youth baseball season. We are ready to schedule this season's MSF Qualifiers. The 2024 MSF State Tournaments will be held on July 19-21 and July 26-28.

As always, the MSF will not be charging associations, teams, coaches, or players additional membership or insurance fees to participate in MSF Qualifiers. To participate in an MSF Qualifier, you will only be required to pay the tournament entry fee to the host of the specific Qualifier. The fee for hosting an MSF Qualifier in 2024 is still just \$35 per tournament age & class awarded. For each qualifier awarded, two state tournament berths are provided in that age/class.

Teams must qualify for the 36th Annual MSF Baseball State Championships by finishing first or second* at MSF Qualifier Tournaments. See the MSF Baseball Program Guide (available in Spring) for eligibility requirements, tournament rules, a list of MSF Qualifiers, and an "At-Large Application."

*If the 1st and/or 2nd place teams have already qualified, or if they are an all-star team or not from Minnesota, the 3rd place team and then 4th place team will be offered berth(s).

As a service to youth baseball enthusiasts, the Minnesota Sports Federation is once again compiling an extensive list of youth baseball tournaments throughout the area. The MSF Youth Baseball Calendar will be published on our website, **www.msf1.org**, in the baseball section after the qualifier application deadline.

Attached you will find the 2024 Fillable Qualifier Application to make your tournament a 2024 MSF Qualifier. You may also find it at http://www.msf1.org in a fillable fashion in the right hand column on the Youth Baseball Page. *Please read carefully and pay close attention to deadline dates.* A copy of your tournament flyer or link to it should be attached with your Qualifier Application in PDF format and sent to perry@msf1.org.

Sincerely,

Perry Coonce State Commissioner

P.S. - From time to time, openings exist to host an MSF State Tournament. If your association is interested, please email perry@msf1.org.

Attached is an order form to purchase used game balls from MSF State Tournament play at a low, low cost. Most of the balls have only been used for one game.



2024 MSF STATE QUALIFIER APPLICATION



I would like these divisions to be considered for MSF State Qualifier State Qua		Association			Tournament Name		
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Note: All Qualifiers must use MSF playing rules, unless an exception has been granted by the MSF in advance of obtaining qualifier status. The exception must be communicated to the participating teams in advance of their entry. If you have questions, please call MSF Offices.

This nominal fee per tournament age/class will help cover the expenses associated with sending pertinent information and supplies to hosts and the advertising provided on the MSF website. Selected tournaments will be billed \$35 for each MSF Qualifier awarded (i.e. 10AAA, 12AAA, 12AA = \$105). It is not necessary to send money with this application, but the per tournament fee MUST be paid at least 10 days after receipt of invoice. If this fee is not received at least 10 days prior to the qualifier tournament, state tournament berths will not be awarded.

Please attach a copy of your tournament flyer with this application, or email a PDF copy to perry@msf1.org. Emailed applications should be sent to perry@msf1.org. We will link tournament flyers to the online tournament calendar.

MSF State Qualifiers may not be conducted before April 7 or after July 7, 2024. This form must be received by **Tuesday**, **January 2, 2024** in order to be considered for MSF Qualifier status. Watch for the approved qualifiers to appear on our website by **January 20, 2024**.

Tournament Director's Statement

I hereby certify that the information supplied above is accurate and permission is granted to publish this information in the MSF Baseball Tournament Calendar. I understand that if tournament information changes, it is my responsibility to immediately notify the MSF so the Tournament Calendar may be updated.

I understand that no tournament is guaranteed MSF Qualifier status.

Director's Signature_____

Date

Return to: MSF Baseball ● 118 12th Ave N. ● South St. Paul, MN 55075 perry@msf1.org ● (651) 451-3140

The MSF would like to share tournament information with as many youth baseball enthusiasts as possible. Please help us to spread the word about the MSF Tournament Calendar. Thank you!