

## Junior Gold Report as of 1/22/2021

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Number of Teams 2020/21:

	Metro	Outstate	Total
JG-A	12	0	12
JG-B	37	4	41
JG-16	18	0	18
Total	67	4	71

Proposed allocation of JG-B teams to State Tourney:

- Metro:  $37/41 \times 8 = 7.2$ , or 7 teams
- Outstate:  $4/41 \times 8 = 0.8$ , or 1 team

Because of limited JG Tournaments, the Metro JGHSL is working diligently to help the 4 Outstate JG-B teams get games either in the Metro or Outstate. This process may be a struggle with the “no scrimmage rule” in most of the Maroon Districts. We’re hoping for dispensation from this rule in order to secure referees for games in the Metro area.

This season we only have three associations fielding two “equal” JG-B teams without fielding a JG-A team – Orono, Chaska & Elk River. Historically, we have had problems with these JG-B team pairs as they often don’t end up being equal. It is much preferred that an association field a JG-A team and a JG-B team before they field two equal JG-B teams.

All scheduling was done via a Zoom process and it went well, likely well enough that the process will be repeated in future seasons.

On Saturday, 1/16/21 and Sunday, 1/17/21, we conducted our USAH High Performance Level 4 Junior Gold Coaching Clinic using Zoom. We had 26 attendees and the Zoom process went very well. We are considering continuing doing this clinic with Zoom in future years. Special thanks to Andy Shriver, whose assistance was necessary and exemplary. We could not have done this clinic without his help.