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MPSSAA News and Notes

MPSSAA Turns 65

Sixty-five years ago on January 26, 1946, representatives from local school systems and the Maryland State Department of Education met at the Enoch Pratt Library in downtown Baltimore to establish the framework for a state high school athletic association to replace the loosely organized "Playground Athletic League".

Dr. Thomas Ferguson, the State Supervisor of Physical Education and Recreation at the time, was the driving force behind the formation of "The Health and Physical Education Association of Maryland Schools" which eventually became the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association that we know today.

William Brish, Assistant Superintendent from Prince George's County, became the inaugural President of the newly formed MPSSAA with Herbert Steiner, Baltimore County's Supervisor of Health and Physical Education as his Vice-President. Sixty-five years and 42 Association Presidents later the planning of those pioneering school representatives has stood the test of time. Today's MPSSAA serves over 110,000 student-athletes and administers 24 State Championships across Maryland!

Basketball Draw

The MPSSAA will host the boys and girls basketball tournament draw on Feb. 20, 2011. The draw will be held at Long Reach High School. Check the basketball page on the www.MPSSAA.org Web site for the latest news regarding directions and the start time of the draw. Coaches, athletes, and fans are encouraged to attend.

Coaches are reminded that the tournament will allow the top four teams in each region to be seeded based on their regular-season win-loss record (excluding holiday tournaments). The remaining teams in each region will be placed on the bracket by a blind draw. Region directors must verify and submit to the state committee on the morning of the draw the official records of each of their region's teams through Saturday, Feb. 19.

Rules Exceptions Adopted For 2011 Girls' Lacrosse

At the December 9, 2010 meeting of the MPSSAA Board of Control, issues were raised as to the revisions to the Girls' Lacrosse rules published in the 2011 US Lacrosse Rule book. Specifically, the misconduct and suspension articles were subject of much scrutiny and discussion. The Board of Control requested that the Executive Council review the implications and ramifications of the 2011 Girls' Lacrosse Rules and provide direction for its member schools. Among the items of concern were:

- Inequity of punishment for Girls' Lacrosse and Boys' Lacrosse.
- Inequity of punishment for Girls' Lacrosse and all other sports.
- Concern for game rules interfering with responsibility and authority of schools to discipline students.
- Penalizing players whose skills and experience hinder cohesive play.

After review and discussion of the issue, the MPSSAA Executive Council voted to retain the 2010 Girl's Lacrosse rules that speak to misconduct and suspension. Copies of the wording of that section can be found by on the Girls' Lacrosse page on the MPSSAA website or on page four of this edition of the Scout.

Steve Malone Earns NSCAA's Highest Honor

Steve Malone was awarded the Robert W. Robinson High School Long-Term Service Award at the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

A member of the NSCAA since 1971, Malone served as the NSCAA's 59th President. He served on the NSCAA Boys All-America committee and was a member of the original NSCAA High School Rankings Committee. He created and managed

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the NSCAA's High School Scholar All-America and Team Academic Award programs.

Malone coached at both Andover High School in Linthicum and North County High School in Glen Burnie, Md., leading Andover to the 1989 state title. He retired from coaching in 1993 and from teaching in 1999 after more than 32 years as an educator, athletics director and coach. A founding member of the Maryland Association of Coaches of Soccer (MACS), he twice served as its president and is one of only two two-time recipients of the MACS Service Award. Malone also served on the National Federation of High Schools Rules Committee for 12 years, including four as National Chair, and was the Maryland high school soccer rules interpreter for 20 years.

Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Set For August 9

The MPSSAA will host its second consecutive Student-Athlete Leadership Conference on Tuesday, August 9. Currently plans, agenda and a site are being lined up and information on the conference along with registration will be available in March.

Last year the MPSSAA hosted its first student-athlete leadership conference at Oakland Mills HS. That conference has prompted students to create captain's programs and public service announcements in their own schools. To view a video of last year's conference go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the student leadership conference page.

MPSSAA Scholar-Athlete Applications Coming Soon

The MPSSAA will be rolling out scholar-athlete applications on March 7 in search of distinguished student-athletes who have excelled athletically and academically. In the coming weeks a full release will be sent out to member schools detailing the scholar-athlete program.

Over the past four years the MPSSAA in conjunction with Allstate has awarded \$32,000 in scholarship money to winning recipients of this award.

Be sure to continue to check back at MPSSAA.org for the latest information on the MPSSAA Scholar-Athlete Program.

NFHS Sport Rule Changes

The MPSSAA website, www.mpssaa.org, posts all rule change release from the NFHS. To view NFHS rule changes go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the sport you wish to see the latest rule changes.

MPSSAA.ORG Is Your Home For State Championship Information

The MPSSAA website, www.mpssaa.org, has all the information you will need for the upcoming winter state championships. This winter MPSSAA.org will feature:

- Live indoor track, swimming and wrestling results from the state championships.
- Box score results following all state semifinal and final basketball games.
- Updated brackets on the basketball tournament.
- Online tickets to state tournament contests.

Be sure to follow the 2011 winter state tournaments at www.mpssaa.org.

Spring Bulletins Coming Soon

The MPSSAA Spring Bulletins are currently being printed and will be sent out to school systems by February 18th. Schools should look for them to arrive the week of February 21-25.

Those bulletins are also available online either by going to the MPSSAA publications page or on each sport's respective home page.

The Spring sport first practice date is March 1 with the first play date March 21.

NFHS Approved Baseball Bats List Found Online

Currently there is a significant change in the "bat rule" being phased into baseball. This leads to many questions and perhaps misunderstandings. In the interest of making the transition as smooth as possible, we encourage all coaches to review the new rule and/or attend one of the MPSSAA baseball rules clinics scheduled around the State.

To help, the NFHS has published some information regarding the rule and is providing a searchable bat model link on the internet. It is not anticipated that the list of bats will change but coaches are encouraged to check again from time to time.

For information on compliant bats go to <http://www.nfhs.org/baseball> or click on the link found on the baseball page of www.mpssaa.org.

Basketball Coaches: What You Need To Know

Come Region and State Tournament Time

As schools conclude the regular season and begin Region and State Tournament play, a number of items will be required by schools as they progress through the tournament to ensure a smooth operation of the state tournament. The following is a general chronological checklist for coaches and athletic administrators to use as they advance through the tournament.

Regular Season

- **Review Tournament Bulletin:** Make sure you have reviewed your state tournament bulletin. If for some reason you do not have a bulletin you may find a copy on the MPSSAA website on your sport specific page. Most frequently asked questions can be answered in the bulletin.
- **Contact Regional Director:** Make sure you are in contact with you regional director prior to the end of the regular season. It is the responsibility of the school to work with regional directors to accurately report schedules, results and records for the purpose of tournament seeding. Regional directors can be found in the tournament bulletin and on each sport page of mpssaa.org.
- **Submit Final Regular Season Record:** At the conclusion of your final game prior to the draw date, contact your regional director with your record. The Basketball Draw will be held on Feb. 20. Region directors must verify and submit to the state committee on the morning of the draw the official records of each of their region's teams through Saturday, Feb. 19.

Regional Tournament

- **Draw Day:** The MPSSAA will host the boys and girls basketball tournament draw on Feb. 20, 2011. The draw will be held at Long Reach High School at 10 a.m.. After the draw is complete it will be posted on the MPSSAA website. Schools should identify their respective matchup and plan accordingly to setup all necessary logistics for the regional games.
- **Reporting Scores:** At the conclusion of each regional game, coaches should call in scores to regional directors who will in turn report all regional scores to the MPSSAA. This will allow the MPSSAA to update brackets accordingly. Failure to report scores significantly hinders the ability of the MPSSAA to update brackets and provide athletic administrators the necessary time to schedule the logistics for the next round of contests.
- **Regional Quarterfinal Round Champions Team Entry Form:** Schools that advance past the Regional Quarterfinals have an obligation to submit a **team photo** and **team entry form** to the MPSSAA. The deadline for these submissions is 4 p.m. the day following their quarterfinal win. Team entry forms and photos allow the MPSSAA to have all necessary information for the state tournament. Accuracy is extremely important as this information will be duplicated in the state playoff book and the state finals t-shirts.

- **Regional Final Champion:** Regional champions will be awarded a team plaque and individual certificates to members of the team. At the conclusion of the regional final game, schools should contact their regional director submitting the score of the regional final game and their season record, including all tournament games.

State Tournament

- **Media Forms (DUE MONDAY MARCH 7):** Schools competing at the state semifinals need to fill out and submit copies of their media form to the MPSSAA by Monday, March 7 at noon. Media forms are found on the boys and girls sport pages of mpssaa.org. These forms are important to highlight school programs as media outlets who may not typically cover you during the season will be writing articles on your success. These forms will be placed into a media book along with team rosters and provided to media at the basketball press conference as well as used at the state semifinals and finals.
- **Press Conference (March 8):** Schools who advance to the state semifinals are invited to a press conference luncheon on Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m. At the luncheon schools will be provided with important information regarding the state tournaments at the University of Maryland and UMBC along with an opportunity to meet with members of the media.
- **Playoff Magazine:** The MPSSAA official state playoff program magazine will be given to all state semifinal participants. Team photo, roster and school information for each state semifinal participating team will be highlighted in the book. All information is based upon the team entry form so accuracy and spelling is important.
- **State Tournament:** Schools advancing to the state semifinals and finals should refer to the MPSSAA bulletin for state finals information. Each school will have an opportunity to compete for the state championship in their classification. Based on your seed (West-1, South-2, North-3 and East-4) and your opponent's seed will determine whether you are the designated home or away team for both your semifinal and final matchup. Be safe and bring both sets of uniforms. Schools should encourage their fan base to check the MPSSAA Fan Focus for event information and direct them to purchase state final tickets online to avoid lines at the gate the day of the event. Schools will be provided important information from their state committee chairs at the Basketball Press Conference Luncheon regarding all accomodation for the state tournament.

2011 MPSSAA GIRLS' LACROSSE RULES EXCEPTIONS

Sec 28: The umpire may warn the offending player by issuing a yellow card. The player receiving the yellow card must leave the field for 3 minutes of elapsed playing time and no substitute may take her place during the 3 minute period. If the carded player or any player replacing her enters before the penalty time has elapsed, it will be considered misconduct.

Sec 29: A player who receives a second yellow card will be suspended from further participation in that game and no substitute may take her place for the 3 minutes of elapsed playing time.

Sec 30: If the goal keeper receives a second yellow card, she will be suspended from further participation in that game. If the goalkeeper receives a red card she will be ejected from the game. The team may substitute another goalkeeper, and the team's coach must designate another player who must leave the field for 3 minutes of elapsed playing time.

Sec 31: The umpire has the power to eject without any previous warning a player, coach, or team follower guilty of flagrant or repeated violation of the rules, dissent, misconduct, or abusive language. This immediate ejection will be noted by issuing a red card and no substitute is allowed for 3 minutes. A player or coach who receives a red card will be prohibited from participating in the team's next game.

Note: An ejected player or coach serving the next game suspension shall not be allowed in attendance at the site of the game, either on the field, in the team bench area, or in the spectator areas of the site. Violation of this policy will result in the game being forfeited and a red card being issued to the offending player or coach.

Sec 32: A yellow or red card being issued to any coach or team personnel will not result in a player being removed from the field. A consecutive card issued to the same player during the stoppage of play will not result in any additional player being removed from the field.

Sec 33: In the event a coach or team follower is warned, suspended or ejected. Play is restarted within one minute with a free position to the opponent nearest the ball when play was stopped. Any coach or team personnel who is suspended (2 yellow cards) or ejected (red card) must leave the area (including the spectator area) of the game. In the event the umpire cannot identify which member of the coaching staff or other team personnel is responsible the head coach will assessed the card.

Important Dates To Remember

First Day of Spring Practice: March 1, 2011
 First Play Date of Spring Season: March 21, 2011
 First Day of Fall Practice (2011): August 13, 2011

First Play Date of Fall Season (2011): September 2, 2011
 First Day of Winter Practice (2011): November 15, 2011
 First Play Date of Winter Season (2011): December 5, 2011

February 2011

FEB 5	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 1A West at Hagerstown CC	.....	12:30 p.m.
FEB 7	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 1A Central at Baltimore Armory	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 7	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 1A East at PG Sportsplex	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 8	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 4A Central at PG Sportsplex	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 8	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 3A East at Baltimore Armory	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 9	.....	WRESTLING DUAL MEET REGIONALS - at top seeded regional sites	.....	5:30 p.m.
FEB 9	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 4A East at PG Sportsplex	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 9	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 3A West at Baltimore Armory	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 10	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 4A West at PG Sportsplex	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 10	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 3A Central at Baltimore Armory	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 12	.....	WRESTLING DUAL MEET STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - at Linganore H.S.	.....	12:00 p.m.
FEB 12	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 2A West at Hagerstown CC	.....	12:30 p.m.
FEB 15	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 2A East at Baltimore Armory	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 15	.....	Football Committee Meeting — <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	.....	9:30 a.m.
FEB 16	.....	Boy's and Girl's Soccer Committee Meeting — <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	.....	9:30 a.m.
FEB 16	.....	INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET - 2A Central at Baltimore Armory	.....	3:30 p.m.
FEB 17	.....	Girl's Field Hockey Committee Meeting — <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	.....	9:30 a.m.
FEB 19	.....	Indoor Track Committee Meeting - Milford Mill High School	.....	9:30 a.m.
FEB 19	.....	4A-3A SWIMMING REGIONAL MEETS	.....	10:00 a.m. (North Region at 3:00 p.m.)
		(North Region at Arundel Swim Center, Central at Fairland Aquatic Center, South at PG Sportsplex)		
FEB 19	.....	3A-2A-1A SWIMMING REGIONAL MEETS	.....	4:00 p.m. (North Region at 10:00 a.m.)
		(North Region at Magnolia Middle School, Central at Fairland Aquatic Center, South at PG Sportsplex)		
FEB 20	.....	Boy's and Girl's Basketball Committee and Region Directors - Long Reach High School	.....	9:00 a.m.
FEB 20	.....	Boy's and Girl's Basketball Draw - Long Reach High School	.....	10:00 a.m.
FEB 21	.....	INDOOR TRACK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Class 1A and 2A at PG Sportsplex	.....	11:00 a.m.
FEB 21	.....	Swimming Committee Meeting — <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	.....	9:30 a.m.
FEB 22	.....	INDOOR TRACK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Class 3A and 4A at PG Sportsplex	.....	4:00 p.m.
FEB 25	.....	4A-3A WRESTLING REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS	.....	5:00 p.m.
		(West Region at Shewood, North Region at Patapsco, South Region at Bowie, East Region at Wilde Lake)		
FEB 25	.....	2A-1A WRESTLING REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS	.....	5:00 p.m.
		(West Region at Boonsboro, North Region at Dundalk, South Region at Glenelg, East Region at Joppatowne)		
FEB 25	.....	BOY'S BASKETBALL REGION ROUND 1	.....	TBA
FEB 26	.....	SWIMMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - University of Maryland Eppley Recreation Center	.....	10:00 a.m.
FEB 26	.....	4A-3A WRESTLING REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS	.....	TBA
		(West Region at Shewood, North Region at Patapsco, South Region at Bowie, East Region at Wilde Lake)		
FEB 26	.....	2A-1A WRESTLING REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS	.....	TBA
		(West Region at Boonsboro, North Region at Dundalk, South Region at Glenelg, East Region at Joppatowne)		
FEB 26	.....	GIRL'S BASKETBALL REGION ROUND 1	.....	TBA
FEB 27	.....	Wrestling Committee Meeting - Blake High School	.....	9:30 a.m.
FEB 28	.....	BOY'S BASKETBALL REGION QUARTERFINALS	.....	TBA

March 2011

MAR 1	.....	GIRL'S BASKETBALL REGION QUARTERFINALS	.....	TBA
MAR 1	.....	BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE	.....	4:00 p.m.
MAR 1	.....	FIRST PRACTICE DATE SPRING SPORTS	.....	TBA
MAR 2	.....	GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE	.....	4:00 p.m.
MAR 2	.....	BOY'S BASKETBALL REGION SEMIFINALS	.....	TBA
MAR 3	.....	GIRL'S BASKETBALL REGION SEMIFINALS	.....	TBA
MAR 4	.....	BOY'S BASKETBALL REGION FINALS	.....	TBA
MAR 4	.....	WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - University of Maryland Cole Field House	.....	2:30 p.m.
MAR 5	.....	GIRL'S BASKETBALL REGION FINALS	.....	TBA
MAR 5	WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - University of Maryland Cole Field House	9:30 a.m.

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MAR 7	Boy's and Girl's Basketball Media Forms Due	12:00 p.m.
MAR 8	Boy's and Girl's Basketball Press Conference	11:30 a.m.
MAR 10	BOY'S BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - University of Maryland Comcast Center	3:00 p.m.
MAR 10	GIRL'S BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UMBC RAC Arena	3:00 p.m.
MAR 11	BOY'S BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - University of Maryland Comcast Center	3:00 p.m.
MAR 11	GIRL'S BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UMBC RAC Arena	3:00 p.m.
MAR 12	BOY'S BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - University of Maryland Comcast Center	1:00 p.m.
MAR 12	GIRL'S BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UMBC RAC Arena	1:00 p.m.
MAR 15	Indoor Track Committee— <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	9:30 a.m.
MAR 17	Swimming Committee— <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	9:30 a.m.
MAR 21	SPRING SPORTS FIRST PLAY DATE	TBA
MAR 22	Wrestling Committee— <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	9:30 a.m.
MAR 24	Boy's and Girl's Basketball Committee— <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	9:30 a.m.

April 2011

APR 6	MPSSAA Finance Committee — <i>Holiday Inn, Laurel West</i>	9:30 a.m.
APR 11	Golf Committee — <i>U. of Maryland</i>	10:00 a.m.
APR 14	MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting — <i>Ocean City</i>	TBA
APR 14-16	MSADA Conference	TBA
APR 15	MPSSAA Board of Control Meeting — <i>Ocean City</i>	TBA
APR 27	Spring Sport Committee Meetings— <i>Oregon Ridge Park</i>	9:30 a.m.

MPSSAA Spring Rules Interpretation Clinics

Attendance at a rules interpretation clinic is a certification requirement for officials assigned to MPSSAA contests—both regular and post-season play. COACHES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Please continue to check the officials page on MPSSAA.org for the latest information on all clinic dates. You may also email Bill Burrroughs at bburroughs@msde.state.md.us.

Baseball - Tom O'Harra, Interpreter (410) 335-5107

Jan 24	7:00 pm	Mason-Dixon	Lutheran HS
Jan 31	8:00 pm	Free State/Frederick Co	Winters Mill HS
Feb 1	7:00 pm	Northeastern	Patterson Mill HS
Feb 7	7:00 pm	Atlantic Coast/No Bayside	Cambridge-SD HS, E-124
Feb 9	7:30 pm	Metropolitan Washington	High Point HS
Feb 14	6:30 pm	Washington Co	Williamsport HS
Feb 16	6:00 pm	Anne Arundel	North County HS
Feb 17	7:00 pm	Mid Atlantic/Howard Co	Hammond HS
Feb 21	7:00 pm	Tri State	Mountain Ridge HS
Feb 23	6:00 pm	Southern Dist/Mid Atlantic/Calvert	Patuxent HS

Softball - Al Palmer, Interpreter (301) 924-2464

Jan 31	7:00 pm	Free State/Frederick Co	Winters Mill HS
Feb 1	8:00 pm	Northeastern	Patterson Mill HS
Feb 2	7:00 pm	Greater Washington	Storm Water Mgmt. @ Fairland
Feb 7	8:00 pm	Lower Shore/No Bayside	Cambridge-SD HS, E-124
Feb 8	7:00 pm	MASO/Baltimore Area	Lansdowne HS
Feb 14	7:30 pm	Washington Co	Williamsport HS
Feb 16	6:00 pm	Anne Arundel Co	North County HS
Feb 21	8:00 pm	Tri State Area	Mountain Ridge HS
Feb 23	8:00 pm	Calvert/Charles Co/Tri County	Patuxent HS
Feb 24	7:00 pm	Montgomery Co	CESC Board of Ed Cafeteria

Boys Lacrosse - Jim Bateman, Interpreter (717) 774-1879

Jan 24	7:00 pm	Montgomery Co	CESC Board of Ed Cafeteria
Feb 2	7:00 pm	Western Maryland	Oakdale HS
Feb 16	6:00 pm	Anne Arundel	North County HS
Feb 21	7:00 pm	SLOA	CCBC-Essex, Building N RM 120
Feb 23	6:00 pm	Southern Maryland	Patuxent HS
Feb 28	7:00 pm	Eastern Shore	Cambridge-SD HS, E-124

Girls Lacrosse - Sue Diffenderffer, Interpreter (410) 329-1991

Feb 8	7:00 pm	Bayside	Parkside HS
Feb 9	7:00 pm	Howard/Carroll	Liberty HS
Feb 15	7:00 pm	Western Maryland	Oakdale HS
Feb 16	6:00 pm	Anne Arundel	North County HS
Feb 17	7:00 pm	Mont. Co Girls Lax Officials	Springboork HS
Feb 22	6:00 pm	BBOWS	Franklin HS
Feb 23	6:00 pm	Southern Maryland	Patuxent HS
Feb 24	6:30 pm	Harford/Cecil Co	Aberdeen HS

Track and Field - Steve Smith, Interpreter (410) 887-4266 x478

Feb 9	7:00 pm	Eastern Shore	Cambridge-SD HS, E-134
Feb 15	7:00 pm	Carroll/Howard	Glenelg HS
Feb 16	6:00 pm	Anne Arundel	North County HS
Feb 23	6:00 pm	Southern Maryland	Patuxent HS
Feb 24	6:00 pm	Cecil/Harford Co	Aberdeen HS
Feb 27	1:00 pm	Frederick/Wash Co	Hagerstown CC
Feb 28	6:30 pm	Baltimore Co	Balt. Co. BoE Greenwood Rm 114
Mar 1	7:00 pm	Maryland Officials Club	Northwestern HS
Mar 2	7:00 pm	Montgomery Co	Blake HS
Mar 3	7:00 pm	Allegany/Garrett Co	Mountain Ridge HS
Mar 8	7:00 pm	Prince George's Co	C.H. Flowers HS -Lecture Hall

NOTE: Text in red signifies a change to the original schedule. Check the officials page on MPSSAA.org for the latest information on all clinic dates.