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Board of Control Update

The MPSSAA Board of Control held its annual spring meeting on April 11, 2014. The following are highlights from the meeting.

- * Approved the 2014 Fall Bulletins and 2014-15 Winter Bulletins with the following modifications:
 - Voted to seed all teams in each section based on their regular season winning percentage.
 - Voted to send the proposal to add long jump and triple jump as non-team scoring events in the regional and state meets back to the indoor track committee for further review.
- * Accepted the 2014 winter financial report and the 2014 spring sports' updates.
- * Updates on the Minds in Motion Scholarship, Student Leadership Conference, and recently approved State Legislation.
- * Announced the First Practice Date as August 13, 2014.
- * Announced semifinal pairings for the 2014-15 school year.
- * Updates from USA Football, PNC Bank and Wendy's.

2014-15 Seeds Announced

The MPSSAA semifinal pairings for the 2014-15 state tournaments are determined based on a 24-year rotation. The below pairings are year two of the 24-year rotation. The complete rotation can be found on page 5 of this newsletter or on the publications page of mpssaa.org.

No. 1 North

No. 2 South

No. 4 East

Championship Game

No. 3 West

MPSSAA Holds Scholar Athlete Luncheon

The thirteen recipients of the 2014 Minds In Motion Scholarships provided by The Allstate Foundation received their \$1,000 scholarships at a luncheon held in their honor on May 29th in the Ravens' Team Locker Room at M&T Bank Stadium.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Yvette Rooks of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the Head Team Physician for the University of Maryland for this seventh annual event. This highly competitive scholarship program awarded \$1,000 toward post-secondary education to each of the chosen female and male senior student-athletes who attend an MPSSAA school and participate in MPSSAA recognized sports. This year's winners are:

Daniel Beck – Stephen Decatur HS
Erin Causey – Hereford HS
Emma Gerhold – Smithsburg HS
Brianna Hite – Calvert HS
Isabella Huang – Richard Montgomery HS
Connor Joyce – Broadneck HS
Ryan Le Tourneau – Eleanor Roosevelt HS
Jared Lichtman – Montgomery Blair HS
Ciara Marshall – North East HS
Stelios Mastoras – Baltimore Polytechnic
Emma Norman – Loch Raven HS
Warren Staver – Queen Anne's County HS
Kayla Truesdel – Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. HS

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As the school year ends, let us be sure to thank our sponsors for helping us serve students throughout Maryland. When making decisions about purchasing items for work, school, or home, don't forget those that have invested in Maryland student athletes.

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Occasionally a news source will cite some statistic that compares a segment of American education with that of other developed nations. For one, I find the validity of most of those comparisons to be irrelevant. Comparing achievement between vastly different education models appears to be as useful as a left handed monkey wrench. For now let's leave others to debate the merits of world education systems.

There is however one significant component of the American education experience that is never considered when comparing the actual results of American education to others. It is that missing variable that can't be quantified yet has a dramatic impact on the formation of productive citizens in a proud and strong nation.

Education based athletic programs sponsored by schools are unique to the United States. Unlike the European club model, American schools offer athletics because such programs teach the values required for personal enrichment and the formation of productive citizens. Through participation students learn: teamwork, respect for authority (coaches/officials) respect for others, esprit de corps, brotherhood, work ethic, determination, resolve, tenacity and sportsmanship to name a few. Perhaps it is the transfer of the values taught on school fields, courts, pools, tracks and gyms that when reflected in adult behavior helps to separate American education from others

As the school year winds down we all look forward to summer. In a couple of months, with batteries recharged, our opportunities to impact the high school students of our state begin anew. Rest assured that the total educational product of American schools can never be measured yet the impact of education based athletics can always be felt.

Official MPSSAA Balls

Field Hockey

Sponsor: Longstreth

Official Ball: Longstreth Chingford multi-turf balls
or Longstreth TK multi-turf ball

Soccer

Sponsor: Brine

Official Ball: Brine Championship Soccer Ball

Football

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson F1003GST

Volleyball

Sponsor: Molten

Official Ball: Molten IV58L Super Touch

Basketball

Sponsor: Spalding

Official Ball: Spalding TF-1000 Legacy

Baseball

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson A1010BPROSST

Softball

Sponsor: Dudley

Official Ball: OPTIC YELLOW version of Dudley
SB12LND-FP

Lacrosse

Sponsor: Harrow

Official Ball: Harrow Boy's Lacrosse Ball 38000
(White)

Harrow Girl's Lacrosse Ball 38001
(Yellow)

Tennis

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson T1001

2014 Winter Wrap-Up

STATE CHAMPIONS

BASKETBALL

Boys

1A Edmondson/Westside
2A Potomac
3A City College
4A Henry A. Wise

Girls

1A Southern-G
2A Patterson Mill
3A Milford Mill
4A Eleanor Roosevelt

INDOOR TRACK

Boys

1A Smithsburg
2A Douglass-PG
3A Long Reach
4A Northwest

Girls

1A Pikesville
2A Western STES
3A Huntingtown
4A South River

SWIMMING

Boys

3A/2A/1A Poolesville
4A/3A Richard Montgomery

Girls

3A/2A/1A C.M. Wright
4A/3A Wootton

DIVING

Boys

Jack Crow, Bethesda-CC

Girls

Mashel Hashem, Churchill

WRESTLING DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

2A-1A Kent Island
4A-3A Damascus

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

2A-1A Kent Island, South Carroll
4A-3A North Hagerstown

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

BOY'S BASKETBALL

JACK S. WILLARD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Dr. Henry A. Wise

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

MILDRED H. MURRAY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Southern-G

2014 Spring Wrap-Up

STATE CHAMPIONS

BASEBALL

1A Smithsburg
2A Southern-AA
3A Reservoir
4A Chesapeake-AA

SOFTBALL

1A Manchester Valley
2A Eastern Tech
3A Northern (Cal.)
4A Sherwood

TRACK & FIELD

Boys

1A Pikesville
2A Douglass-PG
3A Long Reach
4A Bowie

Girls

1A Manchester Valley
2A Oakdale
3A Huntingtown
4A Magruder/
Henry A. Wise

LACROSSE

Boys

2A-1A Fallston
3A-2A Kent Island
4A-3A South River

Girls

2A-1A Manchester Valley
3A-2A Marriotts Ridge
4A-3A Severna Park

TENNIS

Boy's Singles Aries Wong - Whitman
Boy's Doubles Nicholas Zhu & Prateek Swamykumar
- River Hill
Girl's Singles Miranda Deng - Wootton
Girl's Doubles Sriya Movva & Hayley Keats - Churchill
Mixed Doubles Katie Guach & Elliott Thacker -
Churchill

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

BASEBALL

Sparrows Point

BOY'S LACROSSE

North East-Cec.

GIRL'S LACROSSE

Walt Whitman

SOFTBALL

Bohemia Manor

MPSSAA News and Notes

Non-School Teams

There are some significant MPSSAA bylaws and interpretations regarding out-of-season competition. In an effort to help schools, below are some explanations of the changes to interpretations made at the December 6, 2012 Board of Control meeting regarding non-school teams and team camps.

While the regulation prohibiting school teams from attending a camp remains in place, those restrictions do not extend to non-school teams. The key words are non-school teams. That means that a team attending a camp along with a member of a school coaching staff must be able to clearly demonstrate that there is no school affiliation what-so-ever. That includes but is not limited to funding, organizational meetings, uniforms, equipment, etc.

The following language was adopted by the Board of Control and should serve as a directive for those coaches wishing to be associated with non-school teams beginning after the last 2014 spring state championship game.

Any paid or volunteer coach at a member school may coach a non-school team provided the team has no direct affiliation with the school. When coaching non-school teams, including returning school players on non-school teams, the following criteria shall be observed:

- a. The non-school team may not use a name directly connected with the school.
- b. The non-school team may not use school uniforms, equipment or funds.
- c. The non-school team may not use school facilities except as allowed by local school system guidelines.
- d. The non-school team must meet local school system standards of a non-school team.
- e. The number of returning school players on the non-school team is limited according to the following timeframe.
 1. From the start of the fall sports season as defined in Regulation .03, to the last state championship game of the spring season, the outside teams roster does not exceed 80% of the returning players of what would constitute a starting lineup in that sport OR a modified version thereof. i.e., 7-on-7 football, 3-on-3 basketball, indoor soccer, indoor lacrosse, etc.
 2. From the last state championship game of the spring season to the first day of fall practice, the outside team roster is unrestricted on the number of returning players.

Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Information

The MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference sponsored by the Allstate Foundation will begin with registration at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. The first session begins at 8:45 a.m. so we advise all students to arrive early and be ready for a great day.

Information Center

For the latest information on the Student-Athlete Leadership Conference, go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the Student Leadership Conf. tab on the left hand side. This page contains information on the day's events, a listing of participating schools, location and directions.

Date/Time

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location

North County High School
10 East First Avenue
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Who Can Attend

The conference is open to rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who participate in interscholastic athletics at MPSSAA member schools. Those who have attended a previous conference are not eligible to attend.

Registration has filled up with 138 schools participating in 2014.

School Representatives

School representatives may attend and observe all the general and workshop sessions. The MPSSAA asks you to provide your name in advance to Andy Warner at Rwarner@msde.state.md.us so we may provide you with a lunch and ID badge. School representatives wishing to assist in facilitating the conference should email Andy Warner at the above address.

Cost

FREE – There is no registration fee. The conference is put on as a service of the MPSSAA and conference sponsors.

Transportation

Student transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of participants. Please try to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to ensure registration runs smoothly and we start the conference promptly at 8:45 a.m. Please check with your local school system regarding any bus transportation that may be supplied.

Meals

Lunch will be provided by the MPSSAA. If attendees need special meals based on allergies please email Rwarner@msde.state.md.us.

Attire

Students should wear shorts of proper length, t-shirt and tennis shoes.

Materials

Conference materials and handouts will be distributed at registration. Participants will also receive a gift and T-shirt.

MPSSAA 24-year Semifinal Seeding Cycle

The MPSSAA Executive Council approved establishing a 24-year semifinal seeding cycle based on the 2013-14 pairings as established at the April 26, 2013 Board of Control meeting. The pairings below ensure over any four-year cycle each region will be seeded one through four once, each region will play the other regions four times during a 12-year cycle and semifinal pairings and seeds will not be repeated in consecutive years. While rescheduling so far into the future is at best speculative, the cycle below provides direction into the foreseeable future.

- OFFICIAL ROTATION FOR STATE SEMI-FINAL PAIRINGS, 2013 - 2037 -

SCHOOL YEAR	#1 SEED vs. #4 SEED	#2 SEED vs. #3 SEED
2013-14	South .....North	.....West .....East
2014-15	North .....East	.....South.....West
2015-16	East .....West	.....North .....South
2016-17.....	West .....South	.....East .....North
2017-18	North .....West	.....South .....East
2018-19	South .....North	.....East .....West
2019-20.....	East .....South	.....West .....North
2020-21	West .....East	.....North .....South
2021-22.....	East .....North	.....South.....West
2022-23	SouthEastWest.....North
2023-24	West.....SouthNorthEast
2024-25	NorthWestEastSouth
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2025-26	WestEastSouthNorth
2026-27	South.....WestNorthEast
2027-28	NorthSouthEastWest
2028-29.....	East .....North	.....West .....South
2029-30	South .....East	.....North .....West
2030-31.....	East .....West	.....South .....North
2031-32	West .....North	.....East .....South
2032-33	North .....South	.....West .....East
2033-34	South .....West	.....East .....North
2034-35	West .....North	.....South .....East
2035-36	North .....East	.....West .....South
2036-37.....	East .....South	.....North .....West

August 2014 - Sample Calendar for Heat Acclimatization

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Heat Acclimatization Day 1 Single Practice Day Equipment Restrictions FB - Helmets Only FH - Goalie Helmet and Kickers Only (No leg guards)	Heat Acclimatization Day 2 Single Practice Day Equipment Restrictions FB - Helmets Only FH - Goalie Helmet and Kickers Only (No leg guards)	Heat Acclimatization Day 3 Single Practice Day Equipment Restrictions FB - Helmets and Shoulder Pads FH - Goalie Hel- met, Chest Protec- tor and Kickers Only (No leg guards)	Heat Acclimatization Day 4 Single Practice Day Equipment Restrictions FB - Helmets and Shoulder Pads FH - Goalie Hel- met, Chest Protec- tor and Kickers Only (No leg guards)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Rest Day Sunday Practice is prohibited per MPSSAA Regulations	Heat Acclimatization Day 5 Single Practice Day Equipment Restrictions FB - Helmets and Shoulder Pads FH - Goalie Hel- met, Chest Protec- tor and Kickers Only (No leg guards)	Heat Acclimatization Day 6 No Equipment Restrictions First Allowable Double Practice and Full Contact Practice	Heat Acclimatization Day 7 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)	Heat Acclimatization Day 8 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)	Heat Acclimatization Day 9 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)	Heat Acclimatization Day 10 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Rest Day Sunday Practice is prohibited per MPSSAA Regulations	Heat Acclimatization Day 11 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)	Heat Acclimatization Day 12 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)	Heat Acclimatization Day 13 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)	Heat Acclimatization Day 14 Single/Double Practice Day (Double practice days must be fol- lowed by a single practice day)		

Note: The above suggested calendar is based off the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) *Pre-season Heat-Acclimatization Guidelines for Secondary School Athletics* and the Maryland State Department of Education's *Model Policy for Preseason Practice Heat Acclimatization Guidelines for Student Athletes* (the entire model policy can be found on the "Health and Safety" page of www.mpssaa.org). The suggested guidelines for local consideration are intended to provide direction to school teams for the acclimatization of student-athletes during preseason practice period required prior to the first play date. Each local school system is required to have their own policy for heat acclimatization and schools should check with their respective local school system regarding the specifics of their local policy.

Important Dates To Remember

First Day of Fall Practice: August 13, 2014
 First Play Date of Fall Season: September 5, 2014
 First Day of Winter Practice: November 15, 2014

First Play Date of Winter Season: December 5, 2014
 First Day of Spring Practice: February 28, 2015
 First Play Date of Spring Season: March 20, 2015

August 2014

Aug 5MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference—North County High School8:00 a.m.
 Aug 13First Day of Fall Practice
 Aug 13First Play Date for Golf

MPSSAA Fall 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 Burroughs at bburroug@msde.state.md.us.

Field Hockey - Vicki Rill, Interpreter

Aug 11 ..6:00 pm..Anne ArundelSouth River HS
 Aug 12..7:00 pm ..Montgomery Co.CESC BoE Office Cafeteria
 Aug 13..6:45 pm..BBOWSRoland Park Country School
 Aug 14 ..7:00 pm ..Northern Eastern ShoreSt. Peter & Paul HS
 Aug 18..7:00 pm ..Howard/CarrollMarriotts Ridge HS
 Aug 19..6:00 pm..Southern MarylandThomas Stone HS
 Aug 20..7:00 pm ..FrederickWalkersville HS
 Aug 21..6:00 pm..Lower Eastern ShoreParkside HS

Football - Bill Witte, Interpreter

July 29 ..7:00 pm ..BaysideRichard Hazel Youth Club
 July 31 ..7:00 pm ..Northeastern/DelawareBel Air HS
 Aug 47:00 pm ..Frederick.....Frederick HS
 Aug 57:00 pm ..Potomac ValleyFort Hill HS
 Aug 67:00 pm ..COGChesapeake Arts Center
 Aug 77:00 pm ..Washington CoWilliamsport HS
 Aug 11..6:00 pm..Anne Arundel Co.South River HS
 Aug 12..7:00 pm ..Washington District.....Eleanor Roosevelt HS
 Aug 18..7:00 pm ..Maryland BoardLoch Raven HS

Soccer - Ross Burbage, Interpreter

July 17 ..7:00 pm ..Allegany/GarrettMountain Ridge HS
 July 22..7:00 pm ..WMSOA/AppalachianFrederick HS
 July 28..6:00 pm..BaysideParkside HS
 July 30..7:00 pm ..Metro Washington Area.....Paint Branch HS
 Aug 47:00 pm ..Old LineWestminster HS
 Aug 11..6:00 pm..Anne Arundel CoSouth River HS
 Aug 12..7:00 pm ..Mason-Dixon/BBOWSFranklin HS
 Aug 19..6:00 pm..Southern Maryland/CASRAThomas Stone HS
 Aug 21..7:00 pm ..Harford CountyBel Air HS

Volleyball - Ed Tucholski, Interpreter

July 29 ..7:00 pm ..Beltway RegionTBA
 July 30..7:00 pm ..Allegany-Garrett/Washington CoHancock H S
 July 31..7:00 pm ..Northern/Lower ShoreNorth Dorchester HS
 Aug 57:00 pm ..NEMOABel Air HS
 Aug 11..6:00 pm..Anne Arundel Co/Matrix.South River HS
 Aug 12..7:00 pm ..BBOWSTBA
 Aug 14 ..7:00 pm ..Central Maryland/FrederickCentury HS
 Aug 19..7:00 pm ..Tri-CountyThomas Stone HS

NOTE: Check the officials page on MPSSAA.org for the latest information on all clinic dates.

MPSSAA.ORG

The screenshot shows the MPSSAA.org website interface. At the top left is the logo for the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association. Below the logo is the text "MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION". A navigation bar contains tabs for "FALL SPORTS", "WINTER SPORTS", and "SPRING SPORTS". Below the navigation bar, there are sections for "MPSSAA UPDATES" and "TOP STORIES". A sidebar on the left contains links for "THIS IS THE MPSSAA", "PUBLICATIONS", "COACHES/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS", "COACH / A.D. VACANCIES", "OPEN DATE EXCHANGE", and "RESPECT THE GAME". The main content area features a "TOP STORIES" section with a photo of athletes on a track and a small MPSSAA logo.

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 Open Date Exchange and
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