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MPSSAA News and Notes

Board of Control Update

The MPSSAA Board of Control held its annual winter meeting on December 9, 2010. The following are highlights from the meeting.

- * Accepted and approved the new classifications and region alignments for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years from the classification committee. The classifications can be found on page two of this edition of the Scout.
- * Approved the 2010 Spring Bulletins and recommended the executive council to review the girl's lacrosse penalty chart as outlined in the US Lacrosse rules for girl's lacrosse at their February meeting.
- * Accepted the 2010 spring and fall financial report, 2010 fall sports' reports and the 2010-11 winter sports' updates.
- * Accepted and approved new language requiring concussion awareness courses by all coaches. The amendment will now be moved to local school system superintendents for approval prior to consideration before the state board of education. The new proposed language states:

(4) All coaches shall have completed a MPSSAA approved concussion awareness/management program.

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.

MPSSAA and Wilson To Continue Long Standing Tradition

The MPSSAA and Wilson Sporting Goods have reached an agreement for Wilson to continue to be the official football and tennis ball of the MPSSAA State Championships. Wilson will supply football for the MPSSAA State Championships through the fall of 2015 and tennis balls for the tennis state championships through the spring of 2014. The MPSSAA appreciates Wilson's continue sport of high school athletics.

New Committee Directors Set To Take Over

The MPSSAA is proud to welcome three new sport committee chairs for girl's basketball, tennis and football. Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor of Athletics for Baltimore County, will direct the girl's basketball committee beginning with the 2010-11 winter sports season. Taking over as chair of the tennis committee for the 2011 spring sports season will be Russell Maxwell from DuVal High School in Prince George's County. The football committee will welcome their fourth committee chair since 1974 when Mike Calhoun, Principal of Allegany High School, takes over as director at the football committee meeting on January 27.

The MPSSAA looks forward to their leadership and contributions in coming years.



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A frequent request to the MPSSAA is that a waiver be granted for one of the Maryland State Board of Education Regulations. While not specifically stated, the tone of most requests is such that granting the plea is a no brainer, and in the interest of justice it will no doubt be approved. Most request are also couched within the argument, "it is for the kids." That statement is frequently and loosely used to imply either sympathy or to trump any other considerations. Each of the requests are forwarded on the premise that a waiver is the only viable solution to the problem.

Unfortunately, the regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education do not make provisions for waivers. As one might expect there is sound reasoning behind that aspect of the rules. For example: Under what circumstances would waivers be granted? Would some receive a waiver while others are denied? Would some petitions be more credible than others? Would some try to game the system through a waiver? Would people lose trust that rules were being applied evenly? Does a waiver become a new rule? Would the so called glamour schools be perceived as getting waivers more frequently than others? Would schools with stronger parent, alumni or political backing receive greater consideration? I could go on but you get the point.

Athletic rules need to be exacting. You are either safe or out, it is either fair or foul, you are either in or out of bounds. Likewise, administrative athletic rules need to be equally straight forward. Back sliding in the face of controversy is the ultimate affront to our student athletes. Consistent rules applied equally to all are one of the greatest gifts adults can give to student athletes. Our athletes depend on us for the consistency of fairness. School athletics provides the ideal classroom to learn those valuable lessons.

Let us also not forget that we are talking about high school athletics. This is not life and death, war and peace, or the foundations of western civilization. The goals of our program are designed to teach values and citizenship. Losing sight of these big picture goals is a common mistake of those who feel their situation requires a different application of the rules.

Finally, a redeeming aspect of all MPSSAA post season tournaments less football is that either through the county or regional championships all students and teams have an opportunity to participate and succeed. While some might encounter more obstacles' than others, the value of perseverance is a wonderful trait to learn. Learning to cope with setbacks and adversity can only strengthen the character of those that participate.

2010 Fall Wrap-Up

STATE CHAMPIONS

FALL 2010

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys		Girls	
1A	Catoctin	1A	Bohemia Manor (3 rd Consecutive)
2A	Winters Mill (2 nd Consecutive)	2A	Century (2 nd Consecutive)
3A	Hereford	3A	Hereford
4A	Walter Johnson (3 rd Consecutive)	4A	Walt Whitman

FIELD HOCKEY

1A	Pocomoke (8 th Consecutive)
2A	Glenelg
3A	River Hill
4A	Westminster

FOOTBALL

1A	Dunbar
2A	McDonough
3A	Wilde Lake
4A	Urbana

GOLF

2A-1A	North Carroll
4A-3A	Urbana (2 nd Consecutive)
Individual Boy	Connor Tendall, Wootton
Individual Girl	Elyse Smidinger, Arundel

SOCCER

Boys		Girls	
1A	Mountain Ridge	1A	Oakdale
2A	Marriotts Ridge (2 nd Consecutive)	2A	Middletown
3A	Reservoir	3A	Reservoir
4A	Magruder	4A	Bethesda-CC (2 nd Consecutive)

VOLLEYBALL

1A	Smithsburg (2 nd Consecutive)
2A	Fallston
3A	Towson
4A	Sherwood

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

Field Hockey

River Hill

Soccer

Boys: Mountain Ridge

Girls: Mountain Ridge

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Colonel Richardson

Football

Middletown

CLASS 4A

WEST	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST
1. Bethesda-CC-Mtg	1. Catonsville-B Co	1. Bladensburg-PG	1. Arundel-AA
2. Blair-Mtg	2. Dulaney-B Co	2. Bowie-PG	2. Broadneck-AA
3. Churchill-Mtg	3. Kenwood-B Co	3. C H Flowers-PG	3. Chesapeake-AA
4. Clarksburg-Mtg	4. Perry Hall-B Co	4. Dr. Henry A Wise Jr-PG	4. Glen Burnie-AA
5. Gaithersburg-Mtg	5. Mergenthaler-Balt	5. Duval-PG	5. Meade-AA
6. Kennedy-Mtg	6. Poly-Balt	6. Eleanor Roosevelt-PG	6. North County-AA
7. Magruder-Mtg	7. Southwestern-Balt	7. High Point -PG	7. Old Mill-AA
8. Northwest -Mtg	8. Western-Balt	8. Laurel-PG	8. Severna Park-AA
9. Quince Orchard-Mtg	9. Westminster-Car	9. Northwestern (PG)-PG	9. South River-AA
10. Richard Montgomery-Mtg	10. Blake-Mtg	10. Oxon Hill-PG	10. North Point-Cha
11. Walt Whitman-Mtg	11. Paint Branch -Mtg	11. Parkdale-PG	11. Great Mills-StM
12. Walter Johnson-Mtg	12. Sherwood-Mtg	12. Suitland-PG	12. Leonardtown-StM
13. Wootton-Mtg	13. Springbrook-Mtg		

CLASS 3A

WEST	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST
1. Frederick-Fre	1. Eastern Technical-B Co	1. Huntingtown-Cal	1. Annapolis-AA
2. Linganore-Fre	2. Franklin-B Co	2. Northern (Cal.)-Cal	2. Northeast (AA)-AA
3. Thomas Johnson-Fre	3. Hereford-B Co	3. La Plata-Cha	3. Atholton-How
4. Tuscarora-Fre	4. Milford Mill Academy-B Co	4. Thomas Stone-Cha	4. Centennial-How
5. Urbana-Fre	5. Parkville-B Co	5. Westlake-Cha	5. Hammond-How
6. Damascus-Mtg	6. Patapsco-B Co	6. Crossland-PG	6. Howard-How
7. Einstein-Mtg	7. Towson-B Co	7. Friendly-PG	7. Mt. Hebron-How
8. Northwood-Mtg	8. Woodlawn-B Co	8. Potomac-PG	8. Reservoir-How
9. Rockville-Mtg	9. City-Balt	9. Chopticon-StM	9. River Hill-How
10. Seneca Valley-Mtg	10. Digital Harbor-Balt		10. Wilde Lake-How
11. Watkins Mill-Mtg	11. Patterson-Balt		11. J. M. Bennett-Wic
12. North Hagerstown-Was	12. Aberdeen-Hfd		12. Stephen Decatur-Wor
13. South Hagerstown-Was	13. Bel Air-Hfd		
	14. C. Milton Wright-Hfd		
	15. North Harford-Hfd		

CLASS 2A

WEST	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST
1. Century-Car	1. Chesapeake -B Co	1. Southern (AA)-AA	1. Elkton-Cec
2. Francis Scott Key-Car	2. Dundalk-B Co	2. Calvert-Cal	2. North East (Cecil)-Cec
3. Liberty-Car	3. Lansdowne-B Co	3. Patuxent-Cal	3. Rising Sun-Cec
4. South Carroll-Car	4. Loch Raven-B Co	4. Lackey-Cha	4. North Caroline-Cin
5. Winters Mill-Car	5. Owings Mills-B Co	5. McDonough-Cha	5. Edgewood-Hfd
6. Catoctin-Fre	6. Randallstown-B Co	6. Central-PG	6. Fallston-Hfd
7. Middletown-Fre	7. Carver Vo-Tech-Balt	7. Frederick Douglass -PG	7. Harford Tech-Hfd
8. Oakdale-Fre	8. Douglass-Balt	8. Gwynn Park-PG	8. Joppatowne-Hfd
9. Walkersville-Fre	9. Edmondson/Westside-Balt	9. Largo-PG	9. Patterson Mill-Hfd
10. Poolesville-Mtg	10. Lake Clifton-Balt	10. Glenelg-How	10. Kent Island-Qa
11. Wheaton-Mtg		11. Long Reach-How	11. Queen Anne's-Qa
12. Williamsport-Was		12. Marriotts Ridge-How	12. Easton-Tal
		13. Oakland Mills-How	13. Parkside-Wic
			14. Wicomico-Wic

CLASS 1A

WEST	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST
1. Allegany-All	1. Carver A&T-B Co	1. Dunbar-Balt	1. Colonel Richardson-Cin
2. Fort Hill-All	2. New Town-B Co	2. Forest Park-Balt	2. Cambridge-Dor
3. Mountain Ridge-All	3. Overlea-B Co	3. IBE-Balt	3. North Dorchester-Dor
4. Manchester Valley-Car	4. Pikesville-B Co	4. KASA-Balt	4. Kent-K
5. North Carroll-Car	5. Sparrows Point-B Co	5. Maritime Academy-Balt	5. Crisfield-Som
6. Brunswick-Fre	6. Western STES-B Co	6. Masonville Cove Acad.-Balt	6. Washington-Som
7. Northern (Gar.)-G	7. Balt. Freedom (BFA)-Balt	7. National Acad. (NAF)-Balt	7. Saint Michaels-Tal
8. Southern (Gar.)-G	8. Bluford Jemison Acad.- Balt	8. Northwestern -Balt	8. Mardela-Wic
9. Boonsboro-Was	9. FAET-Balt	9. Reginald Lewis-Balt	9. Pocomoke-Wor
10. Clear Spring-Was	10. FAST-Balt	10. Southside Academy-Balt	10. Snow Hill-Wor
11. Hancock-Was	11. Bohemia Manor-Cec	11. W.E.B. DuBois-Balt	
12. Smithsburg-Was	12. Perryville-Cec	12. Fairmont Heights-PG	
	13. Havre de Grace-Hfd	13. Forestville-PG	
		14. Surrattsville-PG	

Important Dates To Remember

First Day of Fall Practice: August 14, 2010
 First Play Date of Fall Season: September 3, 2010
 First Day of Winter Practice: November 15, 2010

First Play Date of Winter Season: December 6, 2010
 First Day of Spring Practice (2011): March 1, 2011
 First Play Date of Spring Season (2011): March 21, 2011

January 2011

JAN 26Cross Country Committee Meeting –*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*9:30 a.m.
 JAN 26Volleyball Committee Meeting –*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*10:00 a.m.
 JAN 27Field Hockey Committee Meeting –*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*9:30 a.m.
 JAN 27Football Committee Meeting –*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*10:00 a.m.
 JAN 31Wrestling - *Team Dual Meet Entry Form Due*

February 2011

FEB 1Boy's and Girl's Soccer Committee Meeting –*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*.....9:30 a.m.
 FEB 2Wrestling Committee Meeting –*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*9:30 a.m.
 FEB 3-4Executive Council Meeting –*TBA*TBA
 FEB 5**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 1A West at Hagerstown CC12:30 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 Sportsplex3:30 p.m.
 FEB 8**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 4A Central at PG Sportsplex3:30 p.m.
 FEB 8**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 3A East at Baltimore Armory3:30 p.m.
 FEB 9.....**WRESTLING DUAL MEET REGIONALS** - at top seeded regional sites5:30 p.m.
 FEB 9**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 4A East at PG Sportsplex3:30 p.m.
 FEB 9**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 3A West at Baltimore Armory3:30 p.m.
 FEB 10**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 4A West at PG Sportsplex3:30 p.m.
 FEB 10**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 3A Central at Baltimore Armory3:30 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 CC12:30 p.m.
 FEB 15.....**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 2A East at Baltimore Armory3:30 p.m.
 FEB 16.....**INDOOR TRACK REGION MEET** - 2A Central at Baltimore Armory3:30 p.m.
 FEB 19.....Indoor Track Committee Meeting - Milford Mill High School9:30 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 School9:00 a.m.
 FEB 20.....Boy's and Girl's Basketball Draw - Long Reach High School10:00 a.m.
 FEB 21.....**INDOOR TRACK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Class 1A and 2A at PG Sportsplex11:00 a.m.
 FEB 21.....Swimming Committee Meeting – *Holiday Inn, Laurel West*.....9:30 a.m.
 FEB 22.....**INDOOR TRACK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Class 3A and 4A at PG Sportsplex4:00 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 Epley Recreation Center10:00 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 School9:30 a.m.
 FEB 28.....**BOY'S BASKETBALL REGION QUARTERFINALS**TBA

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

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

Jan 247:00 pmMason-Dixon.....Lutheran HS
Jan 318:00 pmFree State/Frederick CoWinters Mill HS
Feb 17:00 pmNortheasternPatterson Mill HS
Feb 77:00 pmAtlantic Coast/No BaysideCambridge-SD HS, E-124
Feb 97:30 pmMetropolitan WashingtonHigh Point HS
Feb 146:30 pmWashington CoWilliamsport HS
Feb 166:00 pmAnne ArundelNorth County HS
Feb 177:00 pmMid Atlantic/Howard CoHammond HS
Feb 217:00 pmTri StateMountain Ridge HS
Feb 236:00 pmSouthern Dist/Mid Atlantic/CalvertPatuxent HS

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

Jan 317:00 pmFree State/Frederick CoWinters Mill HS
Feb 18:00 pmNortheasternPatterson Mill HS
Feb 27:00 pmGreater WashingtonStorm Water Mgmt. @ Fairland
Feb 78:00 pmLower Shore/No BaysideCambridge-SD HS, E-124
Feb 87:00 pmMASO/Baltimore AreaLansdowne HS
Feb 147:30 pmWashington CoWilliamsport HS
Feb 166:00 pmAnne Arundel CoNorth County HS
Feb 218:00 pmTri State AreaMountain Ridge HS
Feb 238:00 pmCalvert/Charles Co/Tri CountyPatuxent HS
Feb 247:00 pmMontgomery CoCESC Board of Ed Cafeteria

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

Jan 247:00 pmMontgomery CoCESC Board of Ed Cafeteria
Feb 27:00 pmWestern MarylandOakdale HS
Feb 166:00 pmAnne ArundelNorth County HS
Feb 217:00 pmSLOACCBC-Essex, Building N RM 120
Feb 236:00 pmSouthern MarylandPatuxent HS
Feb 287:00 pmEastern ShoreCambridge-SD HS, E-124

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

Feb 86:00 pmBaysideParkside HS
Feb 97:00 pmHoward/CarrollLiberty HS
Feb 157:00 pmWestern MarylandOakdale HS
Feb 166:00 pmAnne ArundelNorth County HS
Feb 177:00 pmMont. Co Girls Lax OfficialsSpringboork HS
Feb 226:00 pmBBOWSFranklin HS
Feb 236:00 pmSouthern MarylandPatuxent HS
Feb 246:30 pmHarford/Cecil CoAberdeen HS

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

Feb 97:00 pmEastern ShoreCambridge-SD HS, E-134
Feb 157:00 pmCarroll/HowardGlennelg HS
Feb 166:00 pmAnne ArundelNorth County HS
Feb 236:00 pmSouthern MarylandPatuxent HS
Feb 246:00 pmCecil/Harford CoAberdeen HS
Feb 271:00 pmFrederick/Wash CoHagerstown CC
Feb 286:30 pmBaltimore CoBalt. Co. BoE Greenwood Rm 114
Mar 17:00 pmMaryland Officials ClubNorthwestern HS
Mar 27:00 pmMontgomery CoBlake HS
Mar 37:00 pmAllegany/Garrett CoMountain Ridge HS
Mar 87:00 pmPrince George's CoC.H. Flowers HS -Lecture Hall