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MPSSAA News and Notes

Board of Control Update

The MPSSAA Board of Control held its annual winter meeting on December 7, 2016. Here are highlights from that meeting:

- * Approved the 2017 Spring Bulletins, including the use of Wilde Lake Tennis Center as the new venue for the State Tennis Championships and the new baseball pitching limitations rule regarding pitch count and required rest.
- * Accepted the 2016 spring and fall financial reports, 2016 fall sports and the 2016-17 winter sports updates.
- * Heard about the preliminary plans for the second annual MPSSAA Coaches Conference to be held on Saturday, April 22nd at North Point HS in Charles County.
- * Heard a report on plans for the annual Student-Athlete Leadership Conference from committee director Michael Duffy. The site will be Howard HS in Howard County and the date will be earlier than all previous Conferences, June 10th.
- * After review, the Board of Control voted to accept the recommendations of the Classification Committee for the 2017 - 2019 school years.

Executive Council and Board of Control

Please remember to refer to the Info Center on MPSSAA.org for meeting announcements, agendas, and meeting minutes for both the MPSSAA Board of Control and the MPSSAA Executive Council as required by the Open Meetings Act. These items are posted as soon as available and will continue to be stored on our website as a handy reference for recordkeeping and informational purposes. There are usually two Board of Control Meetings and three Executive Council meetings per year.

Welcome Aboard, Cheryl!

Our Administrative Assistant, Sharon Komornik, retired as of July 29th and is happily residing in West Virginia. The search got underway immediately for a worthy replacement. Finally, the search ended as Cheryl Wells took over Sharon's old desk on October 21st. Cheryl has worked at MSDE for the past ten years, most recently in the State Superintendent's Office on the 7th floor. Please introduce yourselves when you call and welcome Cheryl to the MPSSAA family!!

Sanctioning Reminders

We would like to re-emphasize that host schools for multi-team events need to file the appropriate sanction request form from the MPSSAA.org website with the MPSSAA Executive Director PRIOR to the first play date of that particular season (fall, winter, or spring) and at least 15 days prior to the event for events within the first two weeks of the season.

Each request must include an official listing of participating schools before it can be processed for approval and posting on the MPSSAA.org website. Please note that multi-team events involving MPSSAA member schools or approved non-member Maryland schools that have signed the "Standards of Competition" do not need to be sanctioned!

Happy 71st Birthday to MPSSAA!

Seventy-one 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 *(continued on page 2)*

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Kevin Hook, President
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director

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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. Seventy-one years and 45 Association Presidents later, the planning of those pioneering school representatives has stood the test of time. Today's MPSSAA serves over 112,000 student-athletes and administers 24 State Championships across Maryland!

Basketball Tournament Information

The MPSSAA Girls Basketball State Championships are scheduled to be hosted at Towson University's SECU Arena. The Semifinals will take place on Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10. The State Finals will take place on Saturday, March 11.

The MPSSAA Boys Basketball State Championships are scheduled to be hosted at the University of Maryland's Xfinity Center. The Semifinals take place on Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10. The State Finals will take place on Saturday, March 11.

All teams in each section will be seeded according to their winning percentage. Region directors and state committee members will meet on Tuesday, February 21 to seed the tournament. In addition, the last play date for seeding consideration will be Monday, February 20.

Indoor Track Information

The MPSSAA Indoor Track State Championships will again be held at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex. The Class 1A and 2A schools will compete on Monday, February 20 at 11 a.m. The Class 3A and 4A schools compete on Tuesday, February 21 at 4 p.m.

Indoor Track Region Meet Entries

All coaches should read the instructions on page 19 of the Winter Bulletin to submit entries through MileSplit for the region meets.

Region Meet Entry Deadlines

A complete schedule including entry deadlines is online and on page 25 of the Winter Bulletin.

2016 Fall Wrap-Up

STATE CHAMPIONS

FALL 2016

CROSS COUNTRY

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
1A Bohemia Manor	1A Boonsboro (2 nd consecutive)
2A Liberty (2 nd consecutive)	2A Hereford (2 nd consecutive)
3A River Hill (3 rd consecutive)	3A Northern-Calvert
4A Dulaney (2 nd consecutive)	4A Walter Johnson (4 th consecutive)

FIELD HOCKEY

1A Liberty
2A Hereford (3 rd consecutive)
3A Chesapeake-AA
4A South River

FOOTBALL

1A Fort Hill (4 th consecutive)
2A Walkersville
3A Damascus (2 nd consecutive)
4A Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. (2 nd consecutive)

GOLF

2A-1A Marriotts Ridge (5 th consecutive)
4A-3A Winston Churchill (2 nd consecutive)
Individual Boy: Nick Roberson, Bethesda-CC
Individual Girl: Lena Capoccia, Winston Churchill

SOCCER

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
1A Pikesville	1A Sparrows Point (4 th consecutive)
2A Middletown (2 nd consecutive)	2A River Hill
3A Urbana	3A Urbana
4A Walter Johnson	4A Walter Johnson

VOLLEYBALL

1A Smithsburg (3 rd consecutive)
2A Williamsport
3A Atholton
4A Northwest (2 nd consecutive)

FALL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Cross Country

Snow Hill-1A

Catoctin-2A

Reservoir-3A

Digital Harbor-4A

Field Hockey

South River

Football

Havre de Grace

Soccer

Boys: Urbana

Girls:

Walter Johnson

Volleyball

Bowie

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Swimming and Diving Information

The MPSSAA Swimming and Diving State Championships will be held at the University of Maryland's Eppley Recreation Center. The Diving Championships will be held on Friday, February 24 at 5 p.m. The Swimming Championships will take place on Saturday, February 25 with the Class 4A-3A starting at 9:30 a.m. and the Class 3A-2A-1A at 4 p.m.

Swimming and Diving Entries

All coaches should read the instructions on pages 31-32 of the Winter Bulletin to submit entries for the region meets.

Region Meet Entry Deadlines

A complete schedule including entry deadlines is online and on page 34 of the Winter Bulletin.

Wrestling Information

The MPSSAA Dual Meet Wrestling State Championships will be held at North Point High School on Saturday, February 11th. The Class 4A-3A Semifinals will take place at 12 p.m., the Class 2A-1A Semifinals at 2 p.m. and the Finals for both classifications will be starting earlier this year at 4 p.m.

The MPSSAA Wrestling State Championships return to The Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. Bouts begin at 2:30 on Friday, March 3. The competition will resume on Saturday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. with the Championships Finals scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

2017 USTA/MD Coaches' Workshop!!

Registration is now open for the 2017 USTA/Maryland High School Tennis Coaches' Workshop on February 4, 2017! The workshop will be held at the Northeast Regional Recreation Center located at 7501 Oakleigh Road in Parkville, 21234. Go to the MPSSAA website (www.mpssaa.org) for links to registration and other detailed information on this highly worthwhile professional development opportunity.

Officials Clinics

Go to MPSSAA.org and click on the Officials' page for the latest listing of MPSSAA 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 note that changes are made to clinic dates/times/sites due to weather or other scheduling conflicts. These changes will appear in **RED** on the online list.

Brooks Running Sponsorship Renewed For Three More Years

The MPSSAA is pleased to report that we will be able to continue to "Run Happy" with Brooks Running as a corporate sponsor for an additional three years following the end of the current contract in December, 2017. Brooks Running has supported our Cross Country, Indoor Track and Field, and Outdoor Track and Field State Championships since 2006.

REFUEL With Low-Fat Chocolate Milk

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce the renewed partnership with the American Dairy Association North East for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year which designates low-fat chocolate milk as the exclusive beverage of the MPSSAA. Studies show that low-fat chocolate milk is a great option for high school athletes. It's a nutrient-packed fitness drink that can play an important role in their workout recovery routines.

In addition to the American Dairy Association North East's contribution to the MPSSAA, the partnership will provide opportunities for participants and spectators at the Indoor Track, Wrestling, and Outdoor Track state championships to receive nutritional information and samples of low-fat chocolate milk to spread the word about this tasty and healthy option in aiding the body's recovery from fitness activities.

Partnership With eKnowledge Donation Project

The MPSSAA has a new partnership with the eKnowledge Donation Project to provide donated ACT/SAT Prep Courses to our students. The ACT/SAT Donation Project waives the complete \$350 course price for the SAT or ACT Prep Programs which work on all devices and computers: iOS, Android, Google, Apple, and PC.

There is a small student fee of \$19.99 for the cost of materials, student support, shipping, and streaming. All fees are reinvested to improve the program and reach more families. The Project does not create a profit as it is supported by professional athletes from the NFL and MLB along with 250 partners including BSA, National Federation of High Schools, and US Youth Soccer. Thank you eKnowledge!!

State Tournament Brackets, Schedule, and Results

County Sports Zone (CSZ) continues to be the official hub for school communities to access brackets, schedules, and results for the 2017 MPSSAA Winter Playoffs. Schools are asked to use the contact information below to report scores and schedules throughout their respective tournaments.

Report Schedule and Results

Indoor Track, Wrestling State Finals and Swimming and Diving Championships:

CSZ will be on-site to post results in real time.

Email:

BoysBasketball@CountySportsZone.com

GirlsBasketball@CountySportsZone.com

Text: 443-801-3404

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR COACHES TO SAY IF IT'S A BOYS GAME OR A GIRLS GAME

If coaches have been sending CSZ scores during the regular season, continue to use the CSZ score text line — 443-279-4676.



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