

# SCOUT

## MPSSAA News and Notes

### 2012-13 Participation Grows

Participation for Maryland public high school athletics grew to an all-time mark during the 2012-13 school year. Total participation reached 119,647 participants.

The following is the sport participation breakdown:

Sports	Number of Boy Participants		Number of Girl Participants	
	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12
Badminton	179	169	616	584
Baseball	6050	5565	8	7
Basketball	5837	5618	4690	4665
Bowling	34	30	29	26
Cross Country	3950	3745	2753	2575
Field Hockey	1	1	4135	4055
Football	14606	14912	26	17
Golf	1362	1470	262	248
Gymnastics	0	0	147	119
Indoor Track	5439	4856	4746	4266
Lacrosse	7056	6622	5497	5206
Soccer	6577	6251	5985	5699
Softball	0	0	5407	5180
Swimming	1941	1904	2204	2167
Tennis	2343	2278	2593	2410
Track & Field	7454	6825	6287	5563
Volleyball	661	610	5410	4927
Wrestling	5245	5030	99	89
Ice Hockey	18	19	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,753</b>	<b>65,905</b>	<b>50,894</b>	<b>47,803</b>

2011-12 TOTAL COMBINED 113,708

2012-13 TOTAL COMBINED 119,647

### Football Schedules and Results

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association 2013 high school football season kicks-off Friday, September 6 with 186 schools set to start the regular season. The MPSSAA football regular season runs 10 weeks leading up to the state football tournament on December 5th - 7th. New this year is the official MPSSAA football site for schedules and scores hosted by County Sports Zone (CSZ).

County Sports Zone (CSZ) will be the official hub for school communities to access the 10-week schedule for all 186 schools as well as for week-to-week results. In addition, the MPSSAA will continue to post weekly updates to the region point standings allowing school communities to follow their team's progress, as well as the schedule and results of competitors in the same region.

### Required Reporting of Scores Reminder

Schools are reminded to report scores, regardless if you are home or away, as soon as possible at the end of each contest. This job should be appointed to a coach, manager, public address announcer, etc., to ensure that the final score is accurately reported each week. Scores should be emailed to County Sports Zone at [FootballScores@CountySportsZone.com](mailto:FootballScores@CountySportsZone.com) or called/texted to Wayne Countryman at 443-858-6890.

### Football Schedule Reminder

Football schedules for all 186 schools throughout the 10-week regular season are posted at County Sports Zone or are available by clicking on the link located on the MPSSAA home page. Schools are asked to review their schedule to ensure that all weeks are listed correctly. If any schedule changes have been made since the schedules were submitted to the MPSSAA office, please report those to us immediately.

### COMAR Changes Take Effect

The Maryland State Board of Education officially endorsed a comprehensive set of changes to the Interscholastic Athletic Regulations that govern the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association. The changes are the result of a two year review process by local school system administrators.

These amendments to the athletic regulations took effect on August 19, 2013 and are published in the annual MPSSAA Handbook (the MPSSAA Handbook can be found on the publications page of [mpssaa.org](http://mpssaa.org)). Among the highlights of the revisions are the permanent restructuring of the first Fall practice date, a redefinition of out-of-season practice to allow school coaching staffs to work during the off-season with a maximum of two returning players per day, restrictions of consecutive day meets for indoor and outdoor track as well as cross country, JV and Varsity participation on the same day and sanctioning guidelines.

The MPSSAA office and Executive Council will be working to ensure all schools are advised and understand the changes in the regulations.

### MPSSAA Meeting Dates

A list of MPSSAA Meeting dates for the fall are listed in the end of this publication. Also a full listing can be found in the calendar section of the MPSSAA handbook, which is located on the publications page of [www.mpssaa.org](http://www.mpssaa.org).

## EXECUTIVE'S CORNER

### Edward "Ned" Sparks

Executive Director, MPSSAA

Recently a reporter from a national publication called the MPSSAA office seeking the name of a Maryland nominee for a proposed contest to select the best high school football coach in America. The idea is for each state to nominate a coach so fans across the nation may vote to pick a national winner.

When I asked for the selection criteria, I was told career wins vs losses and the number of championships won. Okay, but what about the teaching of values such as teamwork, brotherhood, sportsmanship and work ethic. How about those that serve as positive role models to impressionable young men and women? Any consideration for coaches that have demonstrated class along with caring and mentoring characteristics? Perhaps someone respected in their community as an example to emulate.

The caller stated that he agreed with what I was saying but the realistic bottom line is wins and losses. I then told the caller that we had many great coaches in Maryland because they were first great men (and women). Again the answer, "We just want winning statistics." I thought to myself, how sad. An influential national publication does not see the true value of high school athletics.

In many respects that attitude reflects a loss of understanding of the purpose of school athletic programs. While achievement is important and should be celebrated, the influence of athletics over the lives of its participants cannot be measured in wins and losses. The opportunity to affect young people in a positive way cannot be overlooked. The ability to impart values that carryover into a lifetime cannot be trivialized.

The coaches we all respected and emulated while growing up made a profound contribution to our lives. Teaching character and values is the true calling of high school athletics. We should never miss a chance to remind folks that we do more than prepare future featured athletes on SportsCenter.

When the trophies and plaques begin to fade and the 15 minutes of fame is history the character of those who earned them will live on and positively affect those who follow.

## 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 Classic

### 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

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Earl Hawkins, President  
Edward F. Sparks, Executive Director

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## **Cross Country State Championships**

It is anticipated and pending final agreement that the 2013 MPSSAA Cross Country State Championships will be held at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., on Saturday, November 9, 2013. The change in the venue comes due to school construction at Hereford HS.

Schools should look for more information on the MPSSAA website and through email as details of the event are finalized. Schools should also review team entry information in the MPSSAA cross country bulletin.

## **Get Your Champ Passes**

The MPSSAA continues its tradition of providing a special ticket for schools to use at state semifinals and finals. Known as the Champ Pass, member schools may purchase them to distribute as they see fit.

The Champ Pass provides a school the unique opportunity to say "Thanks" or perhaps reward deserving people at a time of great interest in high school athletics. It provides a school the opportunity to make a magnanimous gesture to individuals such as Booster Club members, volunteers, community leaders, PTA officers, etc. It helps avoid the uneasiness and other awkward situations that arise over requests for tickets as a school's team heads to M&T Bank Stadium, UMBC, College Park or any other championship venue.

Order forms have been sent to principals and athletic directors. Ticket booklets will be mailed to schools starting in mid October.

## **Positive Momentum Is Result of Leadership Conference**

A highly motivated and energetic group of student-athletes from across the state left the 4th annual MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference held at Laurel High School with renewed focus and positive momentum to become leaders in their schools and communities.

The MPSSAA wishes to thank the Allstate Foundation for the funding provided to make the Leadership Conference a reality. Allstate's support of this endeavor is paramount to its' success and we appreciate their interest in partnering with us to make a difference in the lives of our students and programs.

The MPSSAA also wishes to thank DAVECO who supplied all 400 plus students in attendance with sandwiches and

salads courtesy of their local Wendy's restaurants.

Students in attendance took part in the Arrive Alive tour featuring a vehicle simulator to reinforce the dangers of texting and driving, team building, captains course as listening to guest speakers Richard Guerry, Dr. Greg Dale, Stephen Bargatze and Elliott Hopkins discuss safe social media use, inclusion, making good decisions, dangers of bullying and hazing, responsibility and many more topics.

Many thanks to our hosts at Laurel HS and the many volunteers who assisted with the multitude of tasks which made for a smooth running and orderly event. We look forward to next year's conference and hope to "set the bar" even higher!

## **NFHS Sport Rule Changes**

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

## **Fall Draw Dates**

The MPSSAA will conduct all fall draws via conference call with sport committee directors. Results for the draw will be available on [www.mpssaa.org](http://www.mpssaa.org) the day of the draw.

### **Fall 2013 Draw Dates**

**Girl's Field Hockey** - October 17  
**Boy's and Girl's Soccer** - October 21  
**Girl's Volleyball** - October 28

### **Fall 2013 Team Entry Form Dates**

**Girl's Field Hockey** - October 25  
**Boy's and Girl's Soccer** - October 30  
**Girl's Volleyball** - November 5  
**Football** - November 18

## **MPSSAA.ORG Is Your Home For State Championship Information**

The MPSSAA website, [www.mpssaa.org](http://www.mpssaa.org), has all the information you will need for the upcoming Fall state championships. This fall MPSSAA.org will feature:

- Live results from the state championships.
- Updated brackets.
- Online tickets to state tournament contests.
- New for 2013, live video on the MPSSAA Network featuring as many championship events as possible.



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## Sectional Seeding Guidelines

For the purpose of seeding regional and sectional play, the following guidelines have been developed to provide direction for competing within sectional brackets of each school's respective regional tournament. Sectional tournaments will take place in the following sports:

### Fall

Boys Soccer  
Girls Soccer  
Girls Volleyball  
Girls Field Hockey

### Winter

Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball

### Spring

Boys Baseball  
Girls Softball  
Boys Lacrosse  
Girls Lacrosse

The following procedures will be used for seeding and determining regional play.

- Schools are divided into sectionals as established by the MPSSAA Classification Committee and Board of Control.
- The top-two teams in each sectional, based on their regular season winning percentage, will be seeded.
- The remaining teams in each sectional will be seeded based on a random draw for that sectional.
- Schools will play out each sectional with a sectional quarterfinal round, sectional semifinal round, and a sectional championship.
- Sectional champions will meet in a regional championship game.
- **Regional Championship Sites:** During the first year of a classification period, Section I will host all fall and spring regional championship games, Section II will host all winter regional championship games. During the second year of a classification period, Section II will host all fall and spring regional championship games, Section I will host all winter regional championship games.

### 2013-14

**Fall** – Section I Host  
**Winter** – Section II Host  
**Spring** – Section I Host

### 2014-15

**Fall** – Section II Host  
**Winter** – Section I Host  
**Spring** – Section II Host

- Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all regional championship games will be held at the home site of the school representing the designated host sectional. The option to conduct region contests at neutral or central sites remains.
  - The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than that of the school representing the designated sectional host. This may be done upon a written request of the region director, with approval by a two-thirds representative vote of athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region. The request must be received by dates established in each sport's respective bulletin.
  - The region director shall inform the state committee director and the MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition by the date established in each sport's respective bulletin.
- The winner of the regional championship game will represent that region in the state tournament.

# Important Dates To Remember

First Day of Winter Practice: November 15, 2013  
 First Play Date of Winter Season: December 5, 2013

First Day of Spring Practice (2014): March 1, 2014  
 First Play Date of Spring Season (2014): March 21, 2014

## September 2013

SEP 4	.....Executive Council – BWI Residence Inn	.....9:30 a.m.
SEP 11	.....Baseball and Softball Committees – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
SEP 12	.....Track and Field Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
SEP 13	.....Lacrosse Committees – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
SEP 17	.....Tennis Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
SEP 18	.....Football Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
SEP 19	.....Cross Country Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
SEP 26	.....Field Hockey Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.

## October 2013

OCT 1	.....Volleyball Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 2	.....Soccer Committees – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 3	.....Swimming Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 9	.....Wrestling Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 10	.....Indoor Track Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 11	.....Basketball Committees – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 15	.....Scholar Athlete Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 16	.....Classification Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
<b>OCT 17</b>	<b>.....FIELD HOCKEY DRAW - MPSSAA Office</b>	<b>.....TBA</b>
<b>OCT 21</b>	<b>.....CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE</b>	
<b>OCT 21</b>	<b>.....BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER DRAWS - MPSSAA Office</b>	<b>.....TBA</b>
OCT 22	.....Golf District Tournament Completion Date	
OCT 22	.....Field Hockey First Round	
OCT 23	.....Golf Committee—University of Maryland Golf Course	.....9:30 a.m.
OCT 24	.....Field Hockey Region QF	
OCT 25	.....Boys and Girls Soccer First Round	
<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>.....FIELD HOCKEY TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE</b>	<b>.....4:00 p.m. deadline</b>
OCT 27	.....Last day to submit Bylaw changes for 2012–2013	
<b>OCT 28-30</b>	<b>.....STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT - U. OF MARYLAND GOLF COURSE</b>	<b>.....10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>OCT 28</b>	<b>.....VOLLEYBALL DRAW - MPSSAA Office</b>	<b>.....TBA</b>
OCT 28	.....Field Hockey Region SF	
OCT 29	.....Soccer Region QF	
OCT 30	.....FH Region Finals	
<b>OCT 30</b>	<b>.....SOCCER TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE</b>	<b>.....4:00 p.m. deadline</b>
OCT 31	.....Cross Country Region Meets	.....3:00 p.m.
OCT 31	.....Volleyball First Round	

## November 2013

NOV 1	.....Soccer Region SF	
NOV 3	.....Cross Country Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
NOV 4	.....Field Hockey State Semifinals	.....5 and 7 p.m.
NOV 4	.....Volleyball Region QF	
NOV 5	.....Soccer Region Finals	
<b>NOV 5</b>	<b>.....VOLLEYBALL TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE</b>	<b>.....4:00 p.m. deadline</b>
NOV 6	.....Field Hockey State Semifinals	.....5 and 7 p.m.
NOV 6	.....Volleyball Region SF	
NOV 8-9	.....Volleyball Region Finals	
<b>NOV 9</b>	<b>.....FIELD HOCKEY STATE FINALS at Washington College</b>	<b>.....11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4 and 6 p.m.</b>
<b>NOV 9</b>	<b>.....CROSS COUNTRY STATE FINALS at McDaniel College (pending)</b>	<b>.....All Day</b>
NOV 9	.....Soccer State Semifinals	.....12, 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m.
NOV 10	.....Football Committee – BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
NOV 11-14	.....Volleyball State Semifinals	.....6 and 8 p.m.
NOV 12	.....Nominating Committee— BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
NOV 13	.....Constitution Committee— BWI Courtyard Marriott	.....9:30 a.m.
<b>NOV 14</b>	<b>.....BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER STATE FINALS at UMBC</b>	<b>.....5 and 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>NOV 15</b>	<b>.....First Practice Date Winter Sports</b>	



**NOV 15 .....BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER STATE FINALS at UMBC .....5 and 7:30 p.m.**  
 NOV 15-16.....Football Region SF  
**NOV 16 .....VOLLEYBALL STATE FINALS at Ritchie Coliseum .....6 and 8 p.m.**  
**NOV 16 .....BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER STATE FINALS at UMBC.....12, 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m.**  
**NOV 18 .....FOOTBALL TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE .....4:00 p.m. deadline**  
 NOV 22-23 .....Football Region Finals  
 NOV 26 .....Football Press Conference - M&T Bank Stadium .....11:30 a.m.  
 NOV 29-30 .....Football State Semifinals

## DECEMBER 2013

**DEC 5.....FOOTBALL STATE FINALS at M&T Bank Stadium.....7:00 p.m.**  
**DEC 6.....FOOTBALL STATE FINALS at M&T Bank Stadium.....7:30 p.m.**  
**DEC 7.....FOOTBALL STATE FINALS at M&T Bank Stadium .....12:00 and 3:30 p.m.**  
 DEC 5 .....Winter Sports First Play Date  
 DEC 11 .....MPSSAA Board of Control - Turf Valley Inn Conference Center .....8:45 a.m.  
 DEC 19 .....Reimbursement Request Deadline - Fall Sports

## MPSSAA Winter 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 Donnee Gray at dgray@msde.state.md.us.

### Basketball- Al Battista, Interpreter

Sep. 24. 7:00 pm ..Frederick/Washington Co ..South Hagerstown HS  
 Sep. 25 7:00 pm ..IAABO Board #214.....Frederick HS  
 Oct. 1....6:30 pm ..Baltimore Co/Northeastern .....Joppatowne HS  
 Oct. 8....7:00 pm ..Baltimore/Carroll Co .....Franklin HS  
 Oct. 9....7:00 pm ..Baltimore City .....Poly HS  
 Oct. 14..7:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/SMAC .....Westlake HS  
 Oct. 23 7:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/PG .....C H Flowers HS  
 Oct. 24..7:00 pm ..Eastern Shore .....Cambridge/SD HS  
 Nov. 2 ..9:00 am ..Montgomery Co .....Kennedy HS  
 Nov. 6 ..6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel County .....Arundel HS  
 Nov. 7 ..7:00 pm ..Potomac Valley .....Fort Hill HS  
 Nov. 12 7:00 pm ..Delaware.....Perryville HS

### Swimming - David Stark, Interpreter

Oct. 9....6:00 pm ..Frederick County .....Frederick HS  
 Oct. 15..6:00 pm ..Harford County .....Patterson Mill HS  
 Oct. 23 6:30 pm ..Prince George's County .....C.H. Flowers HS  
 Oct. 24..6:30 pm ..Montgomery County ....Mont. Co. Bd. of Ed. Office  
 Oct. 28 6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland .....Thomas Stone HS  
 Oct. 29 7:00 pm ..Baltimore City .....McDonough School  
 Nov. 4 ..6:00 pm ..Eastern Shore .....Talbot Co. Board of Ed.  
 Nov. 6 ..6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel County .....Arundel HS

### Wrestling - Bruce Malinowski, Interpreter

TBA .....TBA.....Potomac Valley/Washington Co.....TBA  
 TBA .....TBA.....Eastern Shore .....TBA  
 TBA .....TBA.....WMWOA.....TBA  
 TBA .....TBA.....Baltimore.....TBA  
 Nov. 6 ..6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co .....Arundel HS

