



MPSSAA SOCCER BULLETIN

State Finals - November 17,18,19, 2011
UMBC, Catonsville

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Soccer tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Soccer Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated on page 1 (Section I) of this publication as well as those appearing within this Soccer Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. *During the regular season, a player disqualified under National Federation (NF) Rule 12-8-2 can be permitted to play in the next game, depending on the ejection policies of the local school system or conference. Starting with the first region contest and continuing throughout the tournament, a player who is disqualified under NF Rule 12-8 (Articles 2, 3, or 4) shall be barred from participating in the team's next game. For interpretation refer to Misconduct Detrimental to a Tournament, see Rule .07C(11) on Page 40 in the MPSSAA Handbook.*
- F. All regional games must be played on the designated date shown below unless there is a field conflict. If a field conflict occurs, then the regional game should be played on the day prior to the designated date.
- G. Games postponed during the regular season shall be made up on the first available date and in the order originally scheduled. Subsequent games shall not be moved. Local supervisor(s) of athletics shall be consulted and will make final decisions on postponed games.
- H. Ties and suspended games (regular season)
 - 1. A game ending in a tie shall be resolved by two (if necessary) sudden-victory overtime periods of 10 minutes each. The game shall end with the first overtime goal. If two overtime periods are played without a goal being scored, the game shall be declared a tie. A coin shall be flipped prior to the first overtime period. The coin flip procedure is the same as used to start a game. The interval between the second half and the first overtime period shall be five minutes. The interval between the first overtime period and a second overtime period (if necessary) shall be two minutes.

2011 SOCCER TIME LINE		
Aug 13First practice date Sep 2First play date Oct 24Draw for tournament bracket positions Oct 26Last play date Nov 2Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	REGION TOURNAMENT Oct 28First Round Nov 1Quarterfinals Nov 4Semifinals Nov 8Finals	STATE TOURNAMENT Nov 11/12Semifinals Nov 17/18/19Finals Dec 15Reimbursement request due

2. *A game suspended prior to the completion of the first half* shall be continued from the point of suspension (see NF Rule 7-1-3, Situation A).
3. *A game suspended after the completion of the first half* shall be considered an official game unless the local supervisor(s) gives permission to complete the game from the point of suspension.

II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. Tournament Organization

1. Every team is automatically entered into the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
2. NO ENTRIES ARE TO BE SENT UNTIL THE QUARTERFINALS ARE OVER.
 - a. ONLY TEAMS THAT WIN REGION QUARTERFINALS ARE TO SUBMIT ONLINE ENTRIES. The entries must be received in the MPSSAA office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2 (day following the quarterfinals).
 - b. The mailed photo must be postmarked no later than Nov. 2.
 - c. THE ONLINE ENTRY METHOD MUST BE USED. The complete directions for submitting rosters and photos will be found on pages 6-7 in Section I of this publication.
3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
4. Doubleheaders will be played where boys and girls matchups exist for both schools, unless the draw or facility prohibits it. For the 2011 tournament, the girls game will be the early game. Each subsequent year, the order will be reversed.
5. A suspended tournament game shall be continued from the point of suspension unless the game is declared complete by mutual agreement between the two schools.

B. Playing Rules

1. The State Soccer Committee has adopted the National Federation recommendation that a player or coach disqualified from a region or state tournament game under NF Rule 12-8 (Articles 2, 3, or 4) shall be barred from participating in the team's next game. For interpretation refer to Misconduct Detrimental to a Tournament, see Rule .07C(11) on Page 40 in the MPSSAA Handbook.
2. The overtime procedure for tournament progression is the same as used during the regular season (refer to the preceding section I.H.1). In the event the match remains tied after two sudden victory overtime periods, there will be a penalty kick tiebreaker to determine a winner. The following Penalty Kick Procedure shall be used.
 - a. This procedure will be used for the state championship matches, as well as all regional and state semifinal matches.
 - b. Organization mechanics: The designated home team or tournament committee, (if the game is being managed by the committee), shall:
 - (1) supply sufficient ball persons to enable the procedure to operate efficiently.
 - (2) be responsible for providing sufficient security for the penalty kick procedure so that it may be conducted without interference to those involved.

3. The officials will:
 - a. gather all **eligible field** players in the center circle who completed the second overtime period.
 - b. designate the goal at which the penalty kicks will be taken.
 - c. choose three balls for use.
 - d. begin the penalty kick procedure after a three-minute intermission period. The following procedures shall apply:
 - (1) A coin toss shall occur, with the visiting team calling the toss. The winner of the toss will have the choice of shooting first or defending first.
 - (2) The penalty kick tiebreaker will initially be based on the performance of five kickers designated by the coach from each team. Coaches should identify one kicker at a time. Attempts shall be made in alternating order until one team has an insurmountable advantage.
 - (a) If the score is tied after the five designated players have taken their shots, then a sudden-victory round begins which includes the remaining eligible players for each team who were not part of the initial penalty kicking phase.
 - (b) If the score remains tied after the completion of (a) above, then the sudden-victory round continues with all eligible players from each team becoming eligible for a second shot. A coach may change the order from the initial round. No player can take a third shot until all eligible players from both teams have taken their second shot, and so on.
4. Coaches' responsibilities:
 - a. Each coach shall be solely responsible for utilizing only eligible players as the team's participants. Participation by an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team. Ineligible participation would include, but not be limited to: a field player who was not in the game at the end of the second overtime or a shooter taking a second attempt in a cycle before all of the shooter's eligible teammates have taken their first attempts in the same cycle.
 - b. Only the head coach and one assistant will be permitted to join the players in the center circle. Remaining players, coaches, and team attendants shall be completely off the field of play and in their team bench areas.
5. Kicking Procedure
 - a. Participants
 - (1) Only those players on the field at the end of the second 10-minute sudden-victory overtime period, including the goalkeeper, are eligible for the penalty kick tiebreaker.
 - (2) If the goalkeeper is injured during the penalty kicks and must be removed, the goalkeeper may be replaced by a substitute. This substitute may be selected from any players on the team. However, a goalkeeper, once substituted for, may NOT be reinstated. The substitute for the goalkeeper will take part in the penalty kicks. If a player already on the field replaces the goalkeeper, an additional kicker may be brought in from the bench, but cannot kick until all of the players from that team have kicked. This substitute must be the team's final kicker in each cycle.
 - b. The eligible shooters for each team shall take scoring attempts in any sequence the head coach desires. The head coach shall direct each shooter to report to the official at the penalty kick stripe immediately after the completion of the previous shooter's attempt. A shooter may not be changed after reporting to the official. The shooting order need not be the same in the second cycle.

- c. The official shall record the player's name, number, the order in the team's cycle in which the attempt was made, and the result of the kick.
 - d. A goalkeeper who is to defend against the next penalty kick attempt shall be stationed outside the field of play at the intersection of the goal line and the penalty area boundary to the side designated by the officials.
 - e. If a player who is participating in the tiebreaker is issued a caution, then that player becomes the last player to kick in their next eligible round of kicks. For instance if a player has not kicked in the round of kicks in which the player is cautioned, then that player must be the last kicker in that round. If a cautioned player has already kicked in the round of kicks in which the player is cautioned, then the player may not kick again until the end of their next eligible round of 11 kicks.
 - f. If a goalkeeper is cautioned, then rule II.B.5.e. above applies. In addition the cautioned goalkeeper may not defend the next opponent's kick but may return to goal on the subsequent kick. The player replacing the goalkeeper in this situation must be from the players already participating in the tiebreaker.
 - g. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified may not participate any further and may not be replaced. Any player disqualified who has not kicked in the cycle of 11 becomes the last kicker and the kick is considered a miss. The same applies to subsequent cycles of 11.
6. The game shall end and the team declared the winner which has:
- a. attained an insurmountable lead over its opponent before the initial phase of five penalty kickers is completed; or
 - b. scored more goals than its opponent upon completion of the initial phase of five penalty kickers; or
 - c. scored one more goal than its opponent at any point after each has taken an equal number of shots during the sudden-victory phase of the penalty kick tiebreaker.

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The region director is responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.
 - a. The region director is responsible for the employment of local officials for region games plus qualified adults as scorers and timers. Two- or three-person crews will be used based upon the wishes of the local jurisdiction of the designated home team.
 - b. The region director shall inform the state committee director and the MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.
2. The draw for bracket positions (including the breaking of ties) will take place Monday, October 24, in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> the same evening.
 - a. **A team must have played a minimum of nine regular season games prior to the submittal of official records on October 23, 2011 to be eligible for a seeded position in the regional tournament.**
 - b. Region directors will verify and submit the official records of all teams through Oct. 22 to the state director by noon on Oct. 23.

- c. The top four teams in each region will be seeded 1-4 as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional holiday tournament and any city, county, or conference championship. Ties among the top four teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used.
 - d. The remaining teams in each region will be placed on the bracket by a blind draw.
 - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
3. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, ALL REGION GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE SITE OF THE HIGHER SEED throughout the tournament. The option to conduct region contests at neutral or central sites remain.
- a. A site suitable for a regular season game may be unsuitable for a playoff game. Region directors should work with local supervisors to assure that region sites meet field and safety criteria.
 - b. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - c. The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than that of the higher-placed team. This may be done upon the written request of the region director, with the approval by a two-thirds representative vote of the 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 prior to October 1.
4. Uniforms shall comply with current Federation rules. The designated home team will wear the light jersey and light socks. The designated visiting team will wear the dark jersey and dark socks.
5. The Soccer Committee will approve for use only those sites that meet the following field criteria:
- a. The field shall be a minimum size of 110 yds. x 55 yds.
 - b. The field of play shall conform to current NF Rule 1-2, (Articles 1-11).
 - c. It is the responsibility of the host school to provide and enforce crowd control measures in accordance with NF Rule 1-6-1.
 - d. Restrooms, dressing rooms, and shower facilities must be available for those visiting teams that request such in advance.
 - e. There must be a qualified game manager other than the participating coach.
6. When a school cannot meet the game site criteria above, the region director shall designate an alternative site, after consultation with the local supervisor(s) of athletics.
7. Region playoffs will begin Oct. 28 and be completed by Nov. 8. The last play date shall be Oct. 26.
8. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.
- B. General Policies
- 1. College Board exams: When scheduling games, region directors should avoid conflicts with the SAT tests on Saturday, Nov. 5.
 - 2. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$5.

3. Region champions will receive a team plaque and 25 individual certificates.
4. Region champions will complete the media information form (found on the soccer page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the state semifinals **and finals with updated information.**

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. Both the boys' and the girls' tournament finals will be held at UMBC on November 17/18/19, with times and pairings to be determined.
2. Member schools shall not schedule practice or scrimmage sessions at the sites of final championship games.
3. Three-person crews will be assigned through the MPSSAA office.
4. The Soccer Committee shall appoint a Game Manager for each semifinal and final game. The game manager is responsible for the field preparation, finances, the safe conduct of the game, and should be in contact with both teams as to time, uniforms, and game procedures. The manager is responsible for tickets received, monies collected, monies paid out, and shall submit a financial report to the Association following the game.
5. 2011-2012 semifinal pairings: No. 1 West vs. No. 4 North, No. 2 East vs. No. 3 South
6. Both the boys and the girls semifinals will be played at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 11 or at 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 or 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 12. Schedules and times will be set after teams have advanced out of their regional tournament. Locations for each boys and girls classification are as follows:

DATE	CLASS	TENTATIVE SITES
November 11/12	1A.....	North County High School
November 11/12	2A.....	Bel Air High School
November 11/12	3A.....	CCBC - Essex
November 11/12	4A.....	Richard Montgomery High School

7. For the finals, two games will be played on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. and two games will be played on Friday, Nov. 18 at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Four games will be played on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

B. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged the following admission:
 - a. State Semifinals - \$6.
 - b. State Finals - \$8.
2. If a final game is tied at the end of the overtime periods, The penalty kick procedure will be used to determine a state champion.
3. The team champion in each classification will receive a plaque, 25 individual awards, and the game ball. The finalist team will receive a plaque and 25 individual awards.

PROJECTED MPSSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT DATES	
2012 - November 15/16/17	2013 - November 14/15/16
2014 - November 13/14/15	

SPECIAL SOCCER ALIGNMENT FOR CLASS 2A

West	North	South	East
1. Century Car	1. Chesapeake B Co	1. Southern AA	1. Elkton Cec
2. Francis Scott Key Car	2. Dundalk B Co	2. Calvert Cal	2. North East 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. Catoclin Fre	6. Randallstown (B) B Co	6. Central PG	6. Fallston Hfd
7. Middletown Fre	7. Glenelg How	7. Frederick Douglass PG	7. Harford Tech Hfd
8. Oakdale Fre	8. Long Reach How	8. Gwynn Park PG	8. Joppatowne Hfd
9. Walkersville Fre	9. Marriotts Ridge How	9. Largo PG	9. Patterson Mill Hfd
10. Poolesville Mtg	10. Oakland Mills How		10. Kent Island Qa
11. Wheaton Mtg			11. Queen Anne's Qa
12. Williamsport Was			12. Easton Tal
			13. Parkside Wic
			14. Wicomico Wic

SPECIAL SOCCER ALIGNMENT FOR CLASS 1A

West	North	South	East
1. Allegany All	1. Carver A&T B Co	1. Manchester Valley Car	1. Colonel Richardson Cin
2. Fort Hill All	2. New Town B Co	2. North Carroll Car	2. Cambridge Dor
3. Mountain Ridge All	3. Overlea B Co	3. Baltimore Freedom Balt	3. North Dorchester Dor
4. Brunswick Fre	4. Pikesville B Co	4. Bluford Drew Jem. Balt	4. Kent K
5. Northern (Gar.) (G) G	5. Sparrows Point B Co	5. FAST Balt	5. Crisfield (B) Som
6. Southern (Gar.) (G) G	6. Western STES B Co	6. National Acad. Balt	6. Washington (B) Som
7. Boonsboro Was	7. Bohemia Manor Cec	7. Northwestern (B) Balt	7. Saint Michaels (B) Tal
8. Clear Spring Was	8. Perryville Cec	8. Fairmont Heights (B) PG	8. Mardela Wic
9. Hancock (G) Was	9. Havre de Grace Hfd	9. Forestville PG	9. Pocomoke (B) Wor
10. Smithsburg Was		10. Surrattsville PG	10. Snow Hill Wor

2011 GIRLS SOCCER REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Region	Director	School	Office	Home
4A West	Haroot Hakopian	Churchill	301-469-1217	301-330-4454
4A North	Sue Winemiller	Western	410-396-7035	410-444-2648
4A South	Patrick Colgan	High Point		443-745-5373
4A East	Kim Collins	Chesapeake-AA	410-437-3218	
3A West	Mark Wolcott	Tuscarora	240-236-6547	301-639-9840
3A North	Matt Roberts	Aberdeen	410-273-5522	410-652-0306
3A South	Jennifer Henderson	Leonardtown	301-475-0200	301-475-9197
3A East	Dean Sheridan	Glenelg	410-313-5528	301-829-0683
2A West	Heather Kline	Middletown	240-236-7400	301-432-5510
2A North	Dean Sheridan	Glenelg	410-313-5528	301-829-0683
2A South	Sue Lane	Randallstown	410-887-0748	410-461-7515
2A East	Mike Kern	Queen Anne's	410-758-0883	
	Chris Hersl	Cecil Co.	410-996-5496	
1A West	Martha Mauzy	(Mountain Ridge)	301-687-8014	301-264-4660
1A North	Lori Brewer	Carver A&T	410-887-2546	410-426-9670
1A South	Sue Lane	Randallstown	410-887-0748	410-461-7515
1A East	Mike Kern	Queen Anne's	410-758-0883	

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4A South	George Kallas	Eleanor Roosevelt	301-513-5400	301-782-7353
4A East	Sean Tetterer	Broadneck	410-757-1300	410-544-7502
3A West	Jim Reigel	Thomas Johnson	443-340-1681	410-871-1747
3A North	Pete Glaudemans	Eastern Tech	410-887-0190	410-455-0566
3A South	Dave Anderson	Lackey	301-743-5431	301-645-1642
3A East	Matt Shagogue	Reservoir (River Hill)	410-888-8850	410-313-7120
2A West	Mike Tesla	South Hagerstown	301-766-8377	301-797-3196
2A North	Kevin Flynn	Marriotts Ridge	410-313-5421	410-978-8633
2A South	Dave Anderson	Lackey	301-743-5431	301-645-1642
2A East	Don Barclay	Rising Sun	410-658-9115	410-642-2724
1A West	Ray Kiddy	Allegany	301-777-8110	301-707-2467
1A North	Dave Lane	Catonsville	410-887-0815	410-461-7515
1A South	Carol Ansell	Reginald Lewis	410-545-3776	410-661-1504
1A East	Alan Byrd (Pocomoke)	Pocomoke Middle	410-632-5150	410-957-1875

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