



MPSSAA BASEBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - May 23/24, 2014
Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Baseball tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Baseball 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 in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Baseball Bulletin.
- C. *Eligibility rules for all participants are defined* in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current 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. The official state baseball is the **Wilson A1010BPROSST**.
- F. Playing rules for regular season, region, and state tournament
 - 1. National Federation rules will be used.
 - 2. A regular season regulation game is seven innings (turns at bat) for each team unless shortened as in Rule 4-2-2 or unless extra innings are necessary to break a tie score.
 - a. By state adoption, all games that are tied or not considered a complete game will be a suspended game. A suspended game will be continued from the point of interruption unless the game is declared complete by mutual agreement between the two schools.
 - b. Any inning started must be completed to be considered a complete game. No innings will be reverted back to the previous inning to be considered a complete game.
 - 3. All region and state tournament games will be a minimum of seven innings unless the 10-run rule applies.
 - 4. All games, including doubleheaders, must be scheduled for seven innings.
 - 5. The National Federation 10-run rule is mandatory for all games.

2014 BASEBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar 21First play date		
May 6Last play date for seeding consideration	May 9Sectional Quarterfinals (Rain date - May 10)	May 20Semifinals (RD-21)
May 7Draw for tournament bracket positions	May 12Sectional Semifinals (Rain date - May 13)	May 23/24Finals (RD-26)
May 8Last play date	May 14Sectional Finals (Rain date - May 15)	Jun 20Reimbursement request due
May 13....Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	May 16Regional Finals (Rain date - May 17)	

6. The MPSSAA will use the National Federation suggested speedup rules for courtesy runners.
7. **Intentional walks:** An intentional walk may be given by the defensive team by having their catcher or coach request such from the umpire. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball-and-strike count.
8. Pitching limitations (penalty for violation— forfeit game in which illegal pitcher was used):
 - a. A pitcher may pitch in a maximum of 14 innings in any seven calendar-day period and a maximum of 10 innings within a three calendar-day period. **(If a pitcher throws at least one pitch or attempts a play as a pitcher in an inning, it counts as one full inning against his limitation of innings.)**
 - b. It is the responsibility of the coach to have all pitchers, with their pitching limitations, listed on the lineup cards presented to the umpire and opposing coach at the beginning of the game.
 - c. The pitching limitations rule is in continuous effect between the regular season and playoffs.
 - d. When a suspended game is made up, the pitching limitations in effect at the time of suspension apply. *In addition, current pitching limitations apply at the time of the makeup.*

II. REGION TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. Every school 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 SUBMITTED UNTIL THE SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS ARE OVER.
 - a. ONLY TEAMS THAT WIN SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS ARE TO SUBMIT ONLINE ENTRIES. Entries must be received in the MPSSAA office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13 (day after the sectional semifinals).
 - b. The mailed photo must be postmarked no later than May 13.
 - c. THE ONLINE ENTRY METHOD MUST BE USED. The complete directions for submitting rosters and photos will be found on pages 5-6 in Section I of this publication.
3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
4. Responsibilities of region director
 - a. Notify schools as to their bracket position, site of upcoming contest, and starting time.
 - b. Schedule the local officials board that services the designated home team.
 - c. Inform the state committee director and MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.
5. The draw for bracket positions will take place on Wednesday, May 7, in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> that day.
 - a. A team must have completed a minimum of 14 regular season games by the draw date to be seeded in the top two positions in each **sectional** of the region tournament.
 - b. Region directors will verify and submit the official win-loss records of all teams to the state committee no later than 8 p.m. on May 6.

- c. The top **two** teams in each **section** will be seeded **1-2** as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship. Ties among the top **two** teams in a **section** 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 **section** 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.
- 6. All sectional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament. 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 section. Section I will host in 2014, Section II will host in 2015. The option to conduct region and sectional contests at neutral or central sites remains.**
- a. **The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed in sectional play or the school representing the designated host section in the regional finals. 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/section. The request must be received prior to April 10.**
 - b. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
7. Postponed/suspended sectional/region games may be required by the State Baseball Committee to be made up as part of a doubleheader.
8. The head coach of each region winner must complete the Media Information Form found on the baseball page of MPSSAA.org and bring 20 copies each to the state semifinal and final.

B. Playing Rules

- 1. All region games will be a minimum of seven innings unless the 10-run rule applies.
- 2. The starting time for weekday contests will be 4 p.m. and the starting time for Saturday contests will be 1 p.m. unless, due to extenuating circumstances, both schools agree to modify the starting time. **Schools with lights may start contest up until 7 p.m. Any changes to the start time must be approved by the regional director and sport committee chair.**
- 3. Regional games must be played on the dates provided in the timeline with inclement weather as the only exception.

C. General Policies

- 1. The home team will provide NFHS approved baseballs for their games.
- 2. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$5.
- 3. A plaque and 25 individual certificates will be presented to the region champion.
- 4. Each coach who wins a region championship and advances to state play must complete the media information form (found at mpssaa.org's baseball page) and bring 20 copies to the state semifinal contest.
- 5. 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.

6. Noisemakers and other distractions, (i.e., sirens, whistles, horns, bells, etc.), are prohibited.

D. Officials

1. Two MPSSAA-certified officials will be assigned to each game.
2. More than two umpires may be assigned if this is consistent with the normal and ordinary practice of the home team during the regular season; however, the MPSSAA will pay for only two officials.

III. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. **2014 finals site:** Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen. Directions from I-95 North: Exit 85 (MD Rte. 85 toward Aberdeen/Churchville). Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Turn left on MD-22 W/Aberdeen Trwy/Churchville Rd.) MD-22 W/Aberdeen Trwy/Churchville Rd. becomes MD-22/Churchville Rd. Turn right onto Long Drive.
2. Format and schedule
 - a. **2014 semifinal pairings: No. 1 South vs. No. 4 North, No. 2 West vs. No. 3 East**
 - b. *The home team* will sit on the third base side.
 - c. Each team will have a 20-minute warm-up period prior to the game starting time. Each team may use the 20-minute warm-up in any way it may choose **following the host stadium's guidelines (example: no live batting practice on field at Ripken Stadium). The baseball committee will determine the order in which each team takes the field for warm-ups.**

B. Playing Rules

Semifinal and final games must complete a minimum of seven innings unless the 10-run rule applies.

C. General Policies

1. The MPSSAA will provide one dozen baseballs for each game.
2. Individuals 7 years and older will be charged an admission of \$6 to the semifinals and \$8 to the finals at Ripken Stadium.
3. Complimentary passes given out by MPSSAA will be honored when presented with proper identification, such as a valid driver's license and will admit the bearer only.
4. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. The championship team and finalist team will each be awarded a team plaque and 25 individual awards.
5. The State Baseball Committee will recognize the school which displays the best overall sportsmanship while participating in the baseball state tournament. The Paul Fahrner Sportsmanship Award will be presented to the principal of the school achieving the best overall sportsmanship of coaches, players and spectators at the completion of the tournament.
6. Noisemakers and other distractions, (i.e., sirens, whistles, horns, bells, etc.), are prohibited.

D. Officials - Three MPSSAA-certified officials will be assigned to each game.

We are counting on the full cooperation of all to make our 40th annual Maryland State Baseball Tournament a most successful one.

2014 MPSSAA Baseball Region Directors

Region	Director	School	Office	Home
4A West	Jason Gasaway	Quince Orchard	301-840-4581	301-221-7149
4A North	Ryan Wolfsheimer	Dulaney	410-887-7641 X3	443-286-9599
4A South	Bryan Harris	Bowie	301-805-2600	860-989-4819
4A East	Bruce Sider	Glen Burnie	410-761-8950	410-440-2617
3A West	Phil Rhodes	Frederick	240-236-7005	301-471-8939
3A North	Tim Larrimore	North Harford	410-638-3699	410-652-2527
3A South	Guy Smith Jr.	Huntingtown	410-414-7036	301-922-3787
3A East	Mike Lerner	Hammond	410-313-7605	443-691-6501
2A West	Mike DeSimone	Middletown	240-236-7420	301-514-7422
2A North	Jeff Walen	Towson	410-887-3633	
2A South	Matt Cooke (Gwynn Park)	Arrowhead Elem.	301-499-7071	301-932-8721
2A East	Brian Hollamon	Parkside	410-677-5144	443-359-1027
	Bruce Kline	Bohemia Manor	410-888-2075	
1A West	Fred Kreiger			301-416-7314
1A North	Tony Maggard	Patapsco	410-887-7060x502	410-935-7573
1A South	Damon Bomar	New Era	410-396-1625	410-679-1023
1A East	Todd Lampman	Snow Hill	410-632-5270	410-430-5677

Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the baseball page of mpssaa.org.

SEMIFINAL GAMES

DATE: MAY 20

RAIN DATE - May 21

#1 (H) vs. #4 (V) 4 or 7 p.m.

#2 (H) vs. #3 (V) 4 or 7 p.m.

FINAL GAMES - Ripken Stadium

MAY 23

7:30 p.m.— Class 4A

(RAIN DATE — May 24 at 10 a.m.)

MAY 24

1 p.m.— Class 1A

4 p.m.— Class 2A

7 p.m.— Class 3A

RAIN DATE: May 26

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 7 p.m.— TBA

Site	Director
4A University of Maryland	Jason Gasaway
3A Joe Cannon Stadium	Tony Maggard
2A Montgomery Blair HS	Jeff Rabberman, Farron Riggs
1A McCurdy Field	Fred Kreiger, Roger Dawson, Mike Desimone

PROJECTED MPSSAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DATES

2015 - May 22/23

2016 - May 27/28

2017 - May 26/27

2014 STATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE

	Office	Other
DIRECTOR	Jason WoodwardGaithersburg.....	301-284-4545301-693-2577
DISTRICT 1	Phil RhodesFrederick.....	240-236-7005301-471-8939
DISTRICT 2	Jason GasawayQuince Orchard	301-840-4581301-221-7149
DISTRICT 3	Bryan HarrisBowie	301-805-2600860-989-4819
DISTRICT 4	Guy Smith, Jr.Huntingtown	410-414-7036301-922-3787
DISTRICT 5	Mike LernerHammond	410-313-7605443-691-6501
	Dave LanhamMeade.....	410-672-1369443-336-2424
DISTRICT 6	Jeff MarkleParkville	410-887-5430410-299-8691
DISTRICT 7	Tim LarrimoreNorth Harford	410-638-3699410-652-2527
DISTRICT 8	Todd LampmanSnow Hill	410-632-5284410-430-5677
	Brian HollamonParkside	410-677-5144443-359-1027
DISTRICT 9	Damon BomarNew Era Academy	410-396-1625410-679-1023
	Tom O'Hara	410-344-1801410-335-5107(443-617-7548)

RULES INTERPRETER

Email addresses for committee members can be found on the baseball page of mpssaa.org.

2014 ALIGNMENT FOR BASEBALL

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Arundel	AA
2. Churchill	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Duval	PG	2. Chesapeake	AA
3. Kennedy	Mtg	3. Kenwood	B Co	3. High Point	PG	3. Glen Burnie	AA
4. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	4. Perry Hall	B Co	4. Laurel	PG	4. Meade	AA
5. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	5. Mergenthaler	Balt	5. Northwestern (PG)	PG	5. North County	AA
6. Walt Whitman	Mtg	6. Southwestern	Balt	6. Parkdale	PG	6. Old Mill	AA
7. Walter Johnson	Mtg	7. Western	Balt			7. Severna Park	AA
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Clarksburg	Mtg	1. Howard	How	1. Bowie	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg	2. Blake	Mtg	2. C H Flowers	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Magruder	Mtg	3. Paint Branch	Mtg	3. Dr. Henry A Wise Jr	PG	3. South River	AA
4. Northwest	Mtg	4. Sherwood	Mtg	4. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	4. North Point	Cha
5. Quince Orchard	Mtg	5. Springbrook	Mtg	5. Oxon Hill	PG	5. Great Mills	StM
6. Wootton	Mtg			6. Suitland	PG	6. Leonardtown	StM
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Northeast (AA)	AA	1. City	Balt
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	2. Huntingtown	Cal	2. Digital Harbor	Balt
3. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Parkville	B Co	3. Northern (Cal.)	Cal	3. Poly	Balt
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Towson	B Co	4. J. M. Bennett	Wic	4. Centennial	How
5. Urbana	Fre	5. Woodlawn	B Co	5. Stephen Decatur	Wor	5. Long Reach	How
6. North Hagerstown	Was	6. Westminster	Car			6. Mt. Hebron	How
7. South Hagerstown	Was						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Aberdeen	Hfd	1. La Plata	Cha	1. Atholton	How
2. Einstein	Mtg	2. Bel Air	Hfd	2. Lackey	Cha	2. Glenelg	How
3. Northwood	Mtg	3. C. Milton Wright	Hfd	3. Thomas Stone	Cha	3. Reservoir	How
4. Rockville	Mtg	4. Edgewood	Hfd	4. Westlake	Cha	4. River Hill	How
5. Seneca Valley	Mtg	5. North Harford	Hfd	5. Chopticon	StM	5. Wilde Lake	How
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg	6. Dundalk	B Co	6. Crossland	PG		
7. Wheaton	Mtg	7. Patapsco	B Co				
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Mountain Ridge	All	1. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	1. Calvert	Cal	1. Fallston	Hfd
2. Catocin	Fre	2. Dunbar	Balt	2. Patuxent	Cal	2. Harford Tech	Hfd
3. Middletown	Fre	3. Patterson	Balt	3. McDonough	Cha	3. Patterson Mill	Hfd
4. Oakdale	Fre	4. Loch Raven	B Co	4. Hammond	How	4. Elkton	Cec
5. Walkersville	Fre	5. Lansdowne	B Co	5. Marriotts Ridge	How	5. North East (Cecil)	Cec
6. Boonsboro	Was	6. Western STES	B Co	6. Oakland Mills	How	6. Rising Sun	Cec
7. Williamsport	Was						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Century	Car	1. Chesapeake	B Co	1. Southern (AA)	AA	1. North Caroline	Cin
2. Francis Scott Key	Car	2. Eastern Technical	B Co	2. Frederick Douglass	PG	2. Kent Island	Qa
3. Liberty	Car	3. Hereford	B Co	3. Friendly	PG	3. Queen Anne's	Qa
4. South Carroll	Car	4. Overlea	B Co	4. Gwynn Park	PG	4. Easton	Tal
5. Winters Mill	Car	5. Owings Mills	B Co	5. Largo	PG	5. Parkside	Wic
6. Poolesville	Mtg	6. Randallstown	B Co	6. Potomac	PG	6. Wicomico	Wic
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Allegany	All	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Benjamin Franklin	Balt	1. Colonel Richardson	Cin
2. Fort Hill	All	2. New Town	B Co	2. Lake Clifton	Balt	2. Kent County	K
3. Northern (Gar.)	G	3. Pikesville	B Co	3. KASA	Balt	3. St. Michaels	Tal
4. Southern (Gar.)	G	4. Sparrows Point	B Co	4. Reginald Lewis	Balt	4. Bohemia Manor	Cec
5. Hancock	Was	5. ACCE	Balt	5. Maritime Academy	Balt	5. Perryville	Cec
		6. Bluford Drew Jemison	Balt	6. New Era Academy	Balt	6. Havre de Grace	Hfd
		7. FAET	Balt	7. W.E.B. DuBois	Balt	7. Joppatowne	Hfd
		8. FAST	Balt				
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Manchester Valley	Car	1. Chesapeake Science Point	AA	1. Douglass	Balt	1. Cambridge-SD	Dor
2. North Carroll	Car	2. Central	PG	2. Edmondson/Westside	Balt	2. North Dorchester	Dor
3. Brunswick	Fre	3. Croom Vocational	PG	3. Forest Park	Balt	3. Crisfield	Som
4. Clear Spring	Was	4. Fairmont Heights	PG	4. Northwestern	Balt	4. Washington	Som
5. Smithsburg	Was	5. Forestville	PG	5. National Academy (NAF)	Balt	5. Mardela	Wic
		6. Surrattsville	PG			6. Pocomoke	Wor
		7. Tall Oaks	PG			7. Snow Hill	Wor