

# SCOUT

## MPSSAA To Offer Online Tickets For State Finals

The MPSSAA has reached an agreement with TicketLeap, an online ticketing company that will enable the MPSSAA to provide pre-event ticket sales via the internet. Fans interested in attending state finals will be able to follow links from the MPSSAA website to purchase general admission tickets online. Fans will print out their tickets which will have a unique barcode that will be scanned upon entry into the event.

TicketLeap, founded in 2003, is the fastest growing ticketing company in the U.S. for small-to-midsize events, helping over 8,000 event organizers increase their sales and simplify their ticketing.

## Getting Involved

Maryland public high school athletic participation continued to grow topping the 111,000 mark for the second consecutive year. Participation grew by 86 participants to an all-time high of 111,102 student-athletes.

The following is the sport participation breakdown:

Sports	Number of Boy Participants	Number of Girl Participants
Badminton	70	491
Baseball	5633	0
Basketball	5455	4624
Bowling	146	92
Cross Country	3531	2537
Field Hockey	6	4070
Football	15418	6
Golf	1413	333
Gymnastics	23	189
Indoor Track	4786	3991
Lacrosse	6303	4905
Soccer	5813	5638
Softball	0	5112
Swimming	2048	2126
Tennis	2327	2505
Track & Field	6317	4950
Volleyball	623	4676
Wrestling	4792	153
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,704</b>	<b>46,398</b>
<b>TOTAL COMBINED</b>	<b>111,102</b>	

## Respect The Game For Student-Athletes, Created By Student-Athletes

For the past two years the MPSSAA has provided a sportsmanship handbook geared to our campaign focused on renewing our shared commitment of creating better citizens through participation in interscholastic athletic programs. As we begin the third year of our "Respect the Game" initiative, we are highlighting the student's responsibility as a role model and leader.

The Respect the Game Handbook, For Student-Athletes, Created by Student-Athletes, was developed by the inaugural MPSSAA Student Leadership Delegation. As part of their action plan from the NFHS Student Leadership Conference, they collectively designed this book to be distributed to at least one captain of each varsity sport. The book focuses on not only what student-athletes wish others knew about why they participate, but also what it means to be a student leader and the responsibilities that come with being a student-athlete.

The MPSSAA encourages everyone to embrace this initiative and assist in furthering its message by doing their own individual part in respecting the game and creating a "Culture of Class". In addition, the MPSSAA has updated its Respect the Game Page to make all books available online and provide schools with the opportunity to use this information during coaches/parent meetings, team meetings or in any other manner they may deem appropriate.

## Cross Country Online Team Entry

All cross country entries for this fall's region meets MUST be completed utilizing a new online process available via the MPSSAA website.

The entry forms are located on the "Coaches/Athletic Directors" portion of our webpage, which is password protected. Each coach must get the username and password from their Athletic Director. Please do NOT wait until the last minute to do so! Note that the deadline for completing the initial online application will now be Monday, October 26th at 4 PM (instead of 10/16 as listed in the Fall Bulletin). For more information and directions go to mpssaa.org.

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## EXECUTIVE'S CORNER

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This issue begins the 26th year for "Scout" with its longtime future prospects in doubt. Much has changed since 1983 and we have begun to question the relevance of a printed newsletter in an internet era. Twenty-five years ago there were very few personal computers and those that existed were very basic to say the least. Cell phones came attached to a bag which was the size of a large lunch pail and reception was spotty at best. The internet was not in commercial use and the thought of instant messaging, email, facebook, blackberry, I-Phones, etc. was well beyond most people's imaginations.

It is however apparent that the days of a printed newsletter, or for that matter a printed seasonal bulletin, are limited. The question then becomes: At what point do we convert completely to online publications? The argument for online publications makes perfect sense. Electronic is timelier, saves money, can be instantly corrected or updated and provides the ability to instantly satisfy its potential reader. In addition, it also conscribes to the cause de jour in that it promotes green.

For many however, embracing the electronic age entirely requires a radical change from old familiarities. Having a printed version to hold and read as well as save for a reference is a habit that is hard for some of us to shake. While the morning newspaper gets smaller and smaller, reading it over breakfast still begins the day for many of us. Habits reinforced for 30, 40 or even 50 years do not die easily.

I recently read that the generation gap extends beyond social and cultural issues to now include electronic aptitude. The best example can be seen in the many parents who need to ask their children questions on uses and applications of the computer.

No question, the convenience of having information available on command is hard to argue against. I personally look forward to placing playoff tickets online with gate personnel scanning bar coded receipts similar to airline boarding passes.

Perhaps my biggest hang-up on letting go of the printed version is the fact that I along with Joe Powell began Scout back in the day. Moving on is not always easy. But when the day comes that Scout is no longer available in hard copy, I suspect that not long afterwards we will look back on those 25 plus years of Scout as a relic of days gone by.

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# WRAP-UP

## STATE CHAMPIONS Spring 2009

### BASEBALL

- 1A Bohemia Manor
- 2A River Hill
- 3A Frederick
- 4A Severna Park

### SOFTBALL

- 1A Pocomoke
- 2A McDonough
- 3A Northern (Cal.)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive)
- 4A Broadneck

### TRACK & FIELD

#### Boys

- 1A Smithsburg/  
Williamsport

#### Girls

- 1A Williamsport  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive)
- 2A Clarksburg
- 3A Westlake
- 4A Thomas Johnson
- 2A North Point
- 3A Western
- 4A Eleanor Roosevelt  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive)

### LACROSSE

#### Boys

- 2A-1A Pikesville
- 3A-2A Hereford  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive)
- 4A-3A South River

#### Girls

- 2A-1A Century
- 3A-2A Fallston

### TENNIS

- Boy's Singles** Timothy Klanke - Walt Whitman
- Boy's Doubles** Kevin Chu/Abdoalage Camara -  
Winston Churchill
- Girl's Singles** Katelyn Stokes - Eleanor Roosevelt
- Girl's Doubles** Tiffany Lin/Alysia Rogers  
Walter Johnson
- Mixed Doubles** Sarah Macy/Aaron Hoffman  
Walt Whitman

## SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

### BASEBALL

Fallston

### BOY'S LACROSSE

South River

### GIRL'S LACROSSE

Fallston

### SOFTBALL

North Carroll

## MPSSAA To Provide Schools With Opportunity to License Their School Merchandise

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) is constantly seeking new opportunities that will provide benefits to its member schools and their students, especially in these trying economic times. We believe that we have come across one such opportunity that will not only provide positive visibility for each member school, but create a new source of revenue that will benefit our overall mission.

Over the past few years, you may have noticed numerous products bearing the logos and names of various high schools in traditional retail storefronts. In most cases, these products are being sold without any financial return to the school. We feel that there is significant benefit in controlling these sales to help ensure that each school receives their rightful share of revenue generated; therefore, the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and the MPSSAA have entered into an agreement with the Licensing Resource Group (LRG) to help manage this new program.

As part of our agreement, LRG will track the revenue generated for each high school and will pay the royalties due directly to the school on an annual basis. This program will not affect any product sales being conducted by booster clubs, products sold for fund raising events, or merchandise sold at your high school bookstore. It also does not affect team uniform sales. These types of programs are considered exempt from any royalty charge.

## Girl's Golf Challenge Set For Oct. 3

The MPSSAA will host the second annual Girl's Golf Challenge on October 3 at Forest Park Golf Course. The event will feature an 18-hole tournament, 9-hole tournament and a clinic for MPSSAA female athletes currently on their high school team.

More information on the event can be found at [mpssaa.org](http://mpssaa.org) on the golf page.

## 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.

## Know Your Rule Changes

The MPSSAA publishes all NFHS sport rule changes through its website, [www.mpssaa.org](http://www.mpssaa.org). Administrators, coaches, players and fans can find out the latest changes to NFHS rules by going to the respective sport page on [mpssaa.org](http://mpssaa.org).

## 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 check our web site <[www.mpssaa.org](http://www.mpssaa.org)> or call the MPSSAA office, 410-767-0555 or Bill Burroughs at 410-767-0375-work / 301-884-3371-home, to verify any changes in date, time, or location of clinics.

### Basketball- Bill Burroughs, Interpreter

Sep. 29. 7:00 pm ..Frederick/Washington Co .....Brunswick HS  
Oct. 6....7:00 pm ..Baltimore Co/Northeastern .....Joppatowne HS  
Oct. 12 7:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/SMAC .....Westlake HS  
Oct. 13..7:00 pm ..Baltimore/Carroll Co .....Franklin HS  
Oct. 14..7:00 pm ..Baltimore City .....Poly HS  
Oct. 21..7:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/PG .....C H Flowers HS  
Oct. 22 7:00 pm ..Eastern Shore.....Cambridge-SD HS (RM E124)  
Nov. 7 ..9:00 am..Montgomery Co.....Springbrook HS

### Swimming - David Stark, Interpreter

Oct. 14..7:00 pm ..Baltimore City .....McDonough School  
Oct. 20 6:00 pm..Harford County .....Patterson Mill HS  
Oct. 26 7:00 pm ..Frederick County .....Frederick HS  
Nov. 2 ..6:00 pm..Southern Maryland.....Patuxent HS  
Nov. 4 ..6:00 pm..Anne Arundel County ....AA Co. Board of Ed Office  
Nov. 5 ..6:00 pm..Eastern Shore .....Talbot Co. Board of Ed Office  
Nov. 17..7:00 pm ..Prince Georges County.....C.H. Flowers HS

### Wrestling - Bruce Malinowski, Interpreter

Oct. 6....7:00 pm ..Potomac Valley/Washington Co .....North Hagerstown HS  
Oct. 7 ....7:00 pm ..Eastern Shore .....Parkside HS  
Oct. 21..7:00 pm ..WMWOA .....Springbrook HS  
Nov. 2 ..7:00 pm ..Baltimore .....Poly HS (RM 115)  
Nov. 4 ..6:00 pm..Anne Arundel Co .....AA Co. Board of Ed Office

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Fall

*Dates to Remember*



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## **Dates to Remember**

SEP 30 Volleyball Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
OCT 1 Soccer Committees—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
OCT 6 Lacrosse Committees—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
OCT 7 Scholar Athlete Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
OCT 8 Swimming Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
OCT 13 Track & Field Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
OCT 14 Golf Committee—*Potomac Ridge GC*  
OCT 15 Classification Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
OCT 22 Field Hockey Draw—*MPSSAA office*  
OCT 23 Last day to submit Bylaw changes for 2010–2011  
OCT 26 Soccer Draw—*MPSSAA office*  
NOV 2 Volleyball Draw—*MPSSAA office*  
NOV 8 Cross Country Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
NOV 8 Football Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
NOV 12 Constitution Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
NOV 17 Tennis Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*  
NOV 18 Nominating Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*

## **Sports Notes**

**CROSS COUNTRY** Tournament entry deadline: October 26  
Regionals: November 5  
**Finals:** November 14, Hereford HS

## **FIELD HOCKEY**

Regionals: October 27 - November 5  
Qualifier entry deadline: October 30  
Semifinals: November 9/11  
**Finals:** November 14, Washington College

## **FOOTBALL**

Regionals: November 13/14, 20/21  
Qualifier entry deadline: November 16  
Semifinals: November 27/28  
**Finals:** Dec. 4/5, M&T Bank Stadium

## **GOLF**

**Finals:** October 19/20, 21, Potomac Ridge GC

## **SOCCER**

Regionals: October 30 - November 10  
Qualifier entry deadline: November 4  
Semifinals: November 13/14  
**Finals:** November 19/20/21, UMBC

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Regionals: November 6- November 14  
Qualifier entry deadline: November 10  
Semifinals: Nov 16/17/18/19  
**Finals:** November 21: UMCP