The MPSSAA will be providing a rebate to its membership of surplus funds. In July, each district will be sent checks totaling $1,000.00 per school to be specifically used for programs that directly benefit student-athletes. Distribution of funds will be based on the 2011-12 school membership (196 schools totaling $196,000). Since the end of the 2006-07 school year the MPSSAA has rebated districts a total of $670,000.

State Legislature Passes HB 1080 on Heat Acclimatization Guidelines

During the 2012 General Assembly, House Bill 1080 was passed by the state legislature and signed into law requiring a model policy for heat acclimatization guidelines by the State Department of Education and each local school system to adopt policies for heat acclimatization.

The bill calls for the preseason practice heat acclimatization guidelines to include requirements for the duration of a practice time, a walk-through, and a recovery period during the first 14 days of preseason practice.

A committee consisting of MSDE, DHMH, MPSSAA, athletic administrators, coaches, athletic trainers and doctors has already started to formulate a model policy which will be provided to local school systems by the end of June.

2012-13 Seeds Announced

Semifinal pairings for the 2012-13 MPSSAA state tournaments were determined by draw at the April 27, 2012, meeting of the Board of Control. The semifinal pairings in the state tournament are as follows:

No. 1 South

No. 2 West

No. 4 East

Championship Game

No. 3 North

The MPSSAA wishes to thank each of the 600+ student-athletes that took the time and effort to submit an application. The credentials that are submitted are more impressive every year and make the selection process tougher and tougher. Best of luck to each of you in all of your future endeavors!

Thank our Sponsors

As the school year ends, let us be sure to thank our sponsors for helping us serve students throughout Maryland. When making decisions about purchasing items for work, school, or home, don’t forget those that have invested in Maryland student athletes.

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Sponsor: Wilson
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WRAP-UP

STATE CHAMPIONS
Spring 2012

BASEBALL
1A Mountain Ridge
2A Williamsport
3A J.M. Bennett (2nd Consecutive)
4A Northwest

SOFTBALL
1A Mountain Ridge
2A Liberty
3A Northern (Cal.) (5th Consecutive)
4A Sherwood

TRACK & FIELD

Boys
1A Perryville
2A Douglass-PG
3A Potomac
4A Henry A. Wise

Girls
1A Boonsboro (2nd Consecutive)
2A Liberty (2nd Consecutive)
3A Thomas Johnson
4A Bowie

LACROSSE

Boys
2A-1A Fallston
3A-2A Hereford (5th Consecutive)
4A-3A South River

Girls
2A-1A Fallston
3A-2A Century
4A-3A Severs Park (2nd Consecutive)

TENNIS

Boy’s Singles
Mateo Cevalles - Wootton

Boy’s Doubles
Sean Ngo & Aries Wong - Whitman (2nd Consecutive)

Girl’s Singles
Megan Hahn - Wootton

Girl’s Doubles
Nicole Gottret & Nicole Welch - Whitman

Mixed Doubles
Aishu Iyer & Julian Mu - Wootton

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

BASEBALL
Patuxent

BOY’S LACROSSE
Glenelg

GIRL’S LACROSSE
Severna Park

SOFTBALL
Lansdowne
Fall Practice Start Date Reminder

Member schools are reminded that the start of the 2012 fall sports season will be August 11. Below is a calendar of the upcoming start dates over the next five years.

### UPCOMING FALL SPORT START DATES

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**Helpful Hint:** Check out mpssaa.org/publications for a listing of fall sport practice dates through 2022.

**NFHS Sport Rule Changes**

The MPSSAA website, www.mpssaa.org, posts all rule change released from the NFHS. To view NFHS rule changes go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the sport you wish to see the latest rule changes.

**Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Information**

The MPSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference sponsored by the Allstate Foundation will begin with registration at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. The first session begins at 8:45 a.m. so we advise all students to show up early and be ready for a great day.

**Information Center**

For the latest information on the Student-Athlete Leadership Conference, go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the Student Leadership Conf. tab on the left hand side. This page contains information on the day’s events, a listing of participating schools, location, directions, and a video on the 2010 and 2011 conferences.

**Date/Time**

Tuesday, August 7, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location**

Reservoir High School
11550 Scaggsville Road
Fulton MD 20759

**Who Can Attend**

The conference is open to rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who participate in interscholastic athletics at MPSSAA member schools. **Those who have attended a previous conference are not eligible to attend.**

Initial registration allot each school two (preferably one male and one female) representatives. Schools may also register alternates with their two delegates and those alternates will be accepted after May 11 based on space availability. The capacity of the conference is 400 student-athletes. Last year’s conference was at capacity.

**Adult Coaches**

Each school participating is recommended to have an adult coach representing their school to ensure registered student’s attendance the day of the event and to participate in sessions specifically designed for coaches to develop leaders within their school teams.

**Cost**

FREE – There is no registration fee. The conference is put on as a service of the MPSSAA and conference sponsors.

**Transportation**

Student transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of participants. Please try to arrive by 8 a.m. to ensure registration runs smoothly and we start the conference promptly at 8:45 a.m.

**Meals**

Lunch will be provided by the MPSSAA.

**Attire**

Students should wear shorts of proper length, t-shirt and tennis shoes.

**Materials**

Conference materials and handouts will be distributed at registration. Participants will also receive a gift and T-shirt.

**Registration**

Students wishing to attend the conference must register through their Athletic Director. Athletic Directors will be provided a consent form to have signed and will register their school’s representatives at mpssaa.org and clicking on the Student Leadership Conference page.

MPSSAA Reference Documents

Check out mpssaa.org/publications for a listing of reference documents for the upcoming 2012-2013 schools year. Reference documents include a listing of classifications, quick reference calendar and the state tournament timeline chart. In addition, all Scouts from the 2011-12 school year are available.

**Strategic Planning Survey**

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) has initiated a strategic planning process. As a precursor to that activity, the Association conducted a survey from local Superintendents, Athletic Supervisors, School Principals, School Assistant Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches.

This survey was used to gauge the Association’s effectiveness and level of service while at the same time prioritizing the concerns of member schools. In addition, the survey asked for opinions about possible modifications to MPSSAA financial and administrative policies.

Results of the survey, which will be used by the strategic planning committee, can be found at MPSSAA.org.
Out-of-Season Teams Reminder

In an effort to be more precise regarding the role school coaches may play with non-school teams, the following list of activities are offered as examples of violations to the out-of-season practice rule.

Some of the characteristics of a school team that is practicing out of season under the guise of an out-of-school team would include...

- Holding more than one practice per day of competition.
- Holding practices that are not directly related to summer league schedule.
  **Example:** Holding practice during the summer for leagues that are schedule to play in the fall.
- Using unused practice time after the last day of summer league competition.
- Grouping of practice for summer league to coincide with the start of fall school practice schedule.
  **Example:** Saving unused practices for August 7, 8, 9 and 10th.
- Having the coach, not the league, create the schedule.
- Using school equipment, uniforms or supplies.
- Using the school name or related identification as an outside team moniker.
- Using school facilities for organizational activities, practice or games without following local procedures for non-school user groups.
- Assembling a team roster that is not open to anyone wishing to participate.
- Requiring (direct or implied) participation as a criterion for inclusion on the school team.
- Operating outside of an umbrella organization or formal league such as Parks and Rec. The umbrella organization or formal league is responsible for setting league rules and regulations, league procedures, registering teams and players, creating schedules and setting insurance requirements.
- Participating in a team camp with members of the school coaching staff (Violation of Camp Rule).

Don't gamble. It is much better to ask for permission than plead misunderstanding. Alleged violations brought by member schools or coaches will be investigated by the local superintendent or his/her designee. Those under investigation will be required to supply supporting data.
MPSSAA Fall 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 Bill Burroughs at bburroug@msde.state.md.us.

**Field Hockey - Vicki Rill, Interpreter**
Aug 6 ... 7:00 pm ..Howard/Carroll ..................Marriotts Ridge HS
Aug 7 ... 7:00 pm ..Northern Eastern Shore ..........St. Peter & Paul HS
Aug 8 ... 6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel ..........................South River HS
Aug 9 .... 7:00 pm ..Lower Eastern Shore .................Parkside HS
Aug 13 ... 7:00 pm ..Montgomery Co. .......................CESC BoE Office Cafeteria
Aug 14 ... 6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland ....................Great Mills HS
Aug 15 ... 7:00 pm ..BBOWS ..................................Franklin HS
Aug 16 ... 7:00 pm ..Frederick ............................Walkersville HS

**Soccer - Bill Warren, Interpreter**
July 23..7:00 pm ..Bayside ..................................Parkside HS
July 24 ... 7:00 pm ..WMSOA/Appalachian .................Frederick HS
July 26 ... 7:00 pm ..Allegany/Garrett .....................Mountain Ridge HS
July 31 ... 7:00 pm ..Metro Washington Area ..............Blake HS
Aug 6 ... 7:00 pm ..Old Line ....................................Westminster HS
Aug 8 ... 6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co ........................South River HS
Aug 9 ... 7:00 pm ..Mason-Dixon/BBOWS .....................Franklin HS
Aug 14 ... 6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/CASRA ...........Great Mills HS
Aug 16 ... 7:00 pm ..Harford County ........................Bel Air HS

**Football - Bill Witte, Interpreter**
July 24 .. 7:00 pm ..Bayside ..............................West Side Youth Club (Salisbury)
July 26 .. 7:00 pm ..Potomac Valley .......................Allegany College CE Building
July 31 ... 7:00 pm ..Washington Co .........................Williamsport HS
Aug 1 .... 7:00 pm ..Northeastern/Delaware ...............Bel Air HS
Aug 6 ... 7:00 pm ..Frederick ............................Frederick HS
Aug 7 ... 7:00 pm ..Central Maryland ......................Winters Mill HS
Aug 8 ... 6:00 pm ..COG/Anne Arundel Co ...............South River HS
Aug 13 ... 7:00 pm ..Washington District .................Eleanor Roosevelt HS
Aug 20 ... 7:00 pm ..Maryland Board .......................Franklin HS

**Volleyball - Phyllis Coleman, Interpreter**
July 23 .. 7:30 pm ..Allegany-Garrett/Washington Co ......Hancock HS
July 30 .. 7:00 pm ..NEMOA ..................................Bel Air HS
July 31 ... 7:00 pm ..National Capital ......................Richmond HS
Aug 1 .... 7:00 pm ..Central Maryland/Frederick ...........Century HS
Aug 8 ... 6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co/MATRIX ..............South River HS
Aug 9 ... 7:00 pm ..BBOWS .................................Franklin HS
Aug 13 ... 7:00 pm ..Northern/Lower Shore ...............North Dorchester HS
Aug 14 ... 8:00 pm ..Tri-County ...........................Great Mills HS

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