

# SCOUT

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## MPSSAA and Allstate To Award Eight Scholar-Athletes at Luncheon

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce the second year of a scholarship opportunity for graduating high school athletes. The Minds in Motion Scholarship, sponsored by AllState Foundation, will be awarded to four female and four male senior scholar athletes who attend a MPSSAA school and participate in MPSSAA recognized sports. The \$1000 scholarship will be awarded toward post secondary education for qualifying applicants and will be presented to the eight winners at a luncheon on May 26, 2009.

Applicants must have a minimum 3.25 unweighted GPA and have participated in interscholastic athletics while in high school. To enter, complete the application found on the publications page of MPSSAA.org and submit via email to the MPSSAA. Deadline is noon April 17, 2009. Four male and four female applicants will be selected and notified via email on May 1, 2009. Scholarship recipients and their parents will be honored at a luncheon on May 26, 2009.

The MPSSAA is honored to have the Allstate Foundation as a sponsor for the Minds in Motion Scholarship award.

## Allstate Cash For Quotes Program

Allstate Insurance Company, the official insurance partner of the MPSSAA is investing in local communities throughout the state of Maryland by sponsoring the Cash for Quotes Program. Allstate has agreed to donate \$5 per auto quote back to the local high schools throughout Maryland. With an investment up to \$5,000, Allstate will continue this incentive program until December 1, 2009. For more information on how your school can partake in the Cash for Quotes Program, visit mpssaa.org and click on the Allstate Cash for Quotes logo.

Allstate Insurance is the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurer and provides insurance products to more than 17 million households.

## MPSSAA And SSN To Provide Video Streaming of State Finals

The MPSSAA recently reached an agreement with Scholastic Sports Net (SSN) that will provide complete video coverage of all MPSSAA state championship events. The primary purpose of the agreement is to broaden and enhance the promotion provided to the athletic programs and student-athletes in the state of Maryland. Scholastic Sportsnet will provide free on-demand broadcasting of all MPSSAA championship events at [www.watchssn.com](http://www.watchssn.com), starting this winter with the basketball, wrestling, indoor track, and swimming championships.

## LPGA Scholarship Opportunities

Three scholarships are available through The LPGA Foundation for female high school seniors planning on attending an accredited college or university and they are: The Marilynn Smith Scholarship, The Dinah Shore Scholarship and The Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship.

The Marilynn Smith Scholarship will award two scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to young ladies who will be playing intercollegiate golf at an accredited university in the U.S.; The Dinah Shore, one scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 will be presented to a female that plays high school golf and plans to attend college but NOT play golf intercollegiately; and The Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. The Phyllis G. Meekins scholarship is need-based and will be awarded to a young woman from a recognized minority who intends to be a full-time college student playing intercollegiate golf within the U.S.

Scholarship criteria and applications are available at [mpssaa.org](http://mpssaa.org).

## Important Dates To Remember

**Last Day of Spring Season:** May 23, 2009 (Rain Date: May 25)

**First Day of Fall Practice:** August 15, 2009

**First Play Date of Fall Season:** September 4, 2009



## EXECUTIVE'S CORNER

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Last summer Governor O'Malley signed into law the Fitness and Athletic Equity for Students with Disabilities Act. This law guarantees greater access to school athletics for students with disabilities.

The time line for full implementation of the law is three years with the first year already completed. In the next two years local school systems will begin to take measures towards compliance.

The law outlines responsibilities and duties for each local school system as well as the State Department of Education. It also requires a careful accounting of participation levels for students with disabilities.

Among the several components of the law, there are two important provisions that will directly affect coaches.

First, students may be excluded from an activity if their participation presents an objective safety risk to themselves or others. Additionally, if their participation fundamentally alters the nature of the sport they may also be excluded. Coaches will need to be directly involved in determining the eligibility of students with disabilities to try out for a team. Their expertise will be critical to placing students with disabilities in the best possible athletic environment in which they can compete and succeed.

Second, as always the coach will make the final determination of the makeup of his or her squad. All students cleared to try out for the school team should be evaluated and selected based on the same criteria. The law does not guarantee a spot on the interscholastic team, it does however, provide guaranteed access for students to try out.

School athletic programs are in existence because they contain a strong educational component. For years the values of school athletic programs have been touted as an integral part of the total educational program. Providing more students with the opportunities to benefit from school athletics broadens the number of beneficiaries to one of the finest educational tools available to our schools.

# WRAP-UP

## STATE CHAMPIONS Winter 2008-2009

### BASKETBALL

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>1A</b> Digital Harbor	<b>1A</b> Digital Harbor
<b>2A</b> City College	<b>2A</b> City College
<b>3A</b> Lake Clifton	<b>3A</b> Fallston
<b>4A</b> Springbrook (2 <sup>nd</sup> Consecutive)	<b>4A</b> Eleanor Roosevelt (5 <sup>th</sup> Consecutive)

### INDOOR TRACK

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>1A</b> Western STES	<b>1A</b> Williamsport
<b>2A</b> North Point	<b>2A</b> Middletown (2 <sup>nd</sup> Consecutive)
<b>3A</b> Westlake	<b>3A</b> Paint Branch
<b>4A</b> Gaithersburg/ Thomas Johnson	<b>4A</b> Eleanor Roosevelt (9 <sup>th</sup> Consecutive)

### SWIMMING

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>3A/2A/1A</b> Fallston (3 <sup>rd</sup> Consecutive)	<b>3A/2A/1A</b> Queen Anne's
<b>4A/3A</b> Broadneck (2 <sup>nd</sup> Consecutive)	<b>4A/3A</b> Severna Park

### WRESTLING DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

<b>2A-1A</b> Southern Garrett
<b>4A-3A</b> Old Mill

### WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

<b>2A-1A</b> Southern Garrett
<b>4A-3A</b> Old Mill

## SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

### BOY'S BASKETBALL

#### JACK S. WILLARD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Frederick Douglass

### GIRL'S BASKETBALL

#### MILDRED H. MURRAY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

River Hill

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## 2009 Update

**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.**

### Out-of-Season Teams

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 11, 12, 13 and 14th.
- 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).

**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.**

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## SPRING

### *Dates to Remember*



## 2009

**Mar 24** ....Indoor Track Committee  
Holiday Inn Laurel West

**Mar 26** ....Swimming Committee  
Holiday Inn Laurel West

**Mar 31** ....Wrestling Committee  
Holiday Inn Laurel

**Apr 2**.....Boy's and Girl's Basketball Committees  
Holiday Inn Laurel West

**Apr 15** ....Finance Committee  
Holiday Inn Laurel West

**Apr 20** ....Golf Committee  
University of Maryland

**Apr 22** ....Spring Sport Committees  
Oregon Ridge Park

**Apr 23** ....MPSSAA Executive Council  
Sheraton - Columbia

**Apr 24**.....MPSSAA Board of Control  
Sheraton - Columbia

**May 4** .....Tournament Draw – Lacrosse

**May 5** .....Tournament Draw – Softball

**May 6** .....Tournament Draw – Baseball

**May 11**....Entry Application Deadline – Lacrosse

**May 12**....Entry Application Deadline – Baseball/Softball

**May 17** ....Track & Field Committee – Westlake HS

**May 18**....Entry Application Deadline – Tennis

**May 19**....Tennis Committee - Montgomery Co Board of Ed.

**Track & Field** .....Entry application deadline: **See Bulletin**

.....Region Meets: **May 13-16**

.....Finals: **May 21-23**

**Baseball/Softball** ..Entry application deadline: **May 12**

.....Regionals: **May 8-15**

.....Semifinals: **May 19**

.....Finals: **May 22-23 (Softball: May 23)**

**Lacrosse**.....Entry application deadline: **May 11**

.....Regionals: **May 7-13**

.....Semifinals: **May 15-16**

.....Finals: **May 19-20**

**Tennis**.....Entry application deadline: **May 18**

.....Preliminary Rounds: **May 22**

.....Semifinals and Finals: **May 23**