

MPSSAA Basketball Report

Our sincere thanks go to the MPSSAA office and the dedicated team of Ken Kazmarek, Melissa Jones, Jason Bursick, Andy Warner, and Melissa Mertz for their unwavering support throughout the tournament.

Thanks to the committee's collaborative efforts, we enjoyed an outstanding four days of basketball and are already looking forward to next year. We also want to extend a special thank you to the staff and communities at Montgomery Blair, Gov. Thomas Johnson, New Town, North County, Richard Montgomery, C. Milton Wright, Woodlawn, Queen Anne's, North Point, and Dr. Henry E. Wise high schools. Their exceptional hospitality during the state semifinals set a standard for the entire state.

Below are the results for each classification and our sportsmanship winners:

Jack Willard Boys Sportsmanship Award: Col. Zadok Magruder

Mildred Haney Murray Girls Sportsmanship Award: Southern Garrett

State Championship Results

Class 1A

Girls: Southern Garrett won their 5th State Title

Boys: Seed School won their 1st State Title

Class 2A

Girls: Manchester Valley won their 1st State Title

Boys: Henry E. Lackey won their 4th State Title

Class 3A

Girls: Baltimore Poly won their 3rd State Title

Boys: South River won their 1st State Title

Class 4A

Girls: Walt Whitman won their 3rd State Title

Boys: James H. Blake won their 1st State Title



Indoor Track 2026-2027 Updates for Board of Control



Congratulations to our state champions!

1A Boys: Smithsburg

2A Boys: Dunbar

3A Boys: Linganore

4A Boys: Walt Whitman

1A Girls: Western

2A Girls: River Hill

3A Girls: Severna Park

4A Girls: Woodlawn

For all the individual results see the MPSSAA site

Proposed bulletin updates:

1. It was proposed and discussed to seed state meet based off times at regions, to use lanes 5-6-4-3 (eliminate lanes 1 and 2) for region and state in the 300m and 2x400m, seeded by time in region and state. **Motion passed unanimous 9-0**
2. The committee discussed in length the bulletin language of 'students may not compete as a representative of their school in an event that is not part of the state championship series after the date of the first statewide region meet'. Jurisdictions interpret this differently as to whether you can compete on the first day of regions or not. The committee unanimously voted to change the language to '**on or after the date**' **9-0**.
3. It was asked if all region classification could be run on one day, i.e., 1A all on Monday. Allows all to be on the same level playing field and allows participants to know if they qualified on the same day. This would allow for only four dates to be used rather than 6. Timeline each day would be 10:30 am to 8:00 pm. The committee decided to hold this discussion until next year. A committee member/members will work on writing this up. Can PGSLC be able to hold 6 days to include snow days and can they close the complex for the entire day from the community?
4. It was proposed including long and triple jumps into the region and state meets as an exhibition event. The events would permit top 2 in each region plus next six best marks. No advancement standards. The events would award the top 6 in each classification/gender, however, not be included in the team standings. Schools permitted 1 jumper per gender to enter region. It would count as an event for the athlete. Ms. Ward and Mr. Benjamin shared concerns about students being able to get qualifying marks as many facilities do not have the pits that their league meets are held in. Ms. Ward is against having these events included as team scoring events in a certain time frame. Ms. Muehl feels it is embarrassing that the state meet does not include these events and should be included even as exhibition. Mr. Mathias thinks this will enhance student participation in indoor track. **Motion passed 8-1**

To see the 26-27 DRAFT bulletin:

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Swimming & Diving Committee Report

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Congratulations 2025-2026 MPSSAA Swimming and Diving State Champions & Sportsmanship Award Winners

DIVING FINALS

BOYS	GIRLS
Dylan Imirowicz, BCC	Elise Pantezzi, Quince Orchard

SWIMMING FINALS

	BOYS	GIRLS
3A/2A/1A	Poolesville	Poolesville
4A/3A	Walter Johnson	Winston Churchill

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

3A/2A/1A: [Northern Garrett Huskies](#)

4A/3A: [Sherwood Warriors](#)

2026-2027 Information and Points of Emphasis

- [2026-2027 \(Draft\) MPSSAA Swimming and Diving Bulletin](#)
- Moving to four (4) Heats at the State Swimming Championships
- Region Diving is moving back to Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center
 - Walkersville High School will be used as a backup site

- Inclement Weather / Rescheduling / Next Available Date Communication
- MPSSAA / Maryland Swimming Club Championships Scheduling Conflict
 - Club swimmer/parent concerns should be directed to their local club team and [Maryland Swimming](#).
 - [MPSSAA Letter to Maryland Swimming](#)

(e.) Schools and coaches are reminded that when a student fails to continue participation when eligible to do so, it is a violation of athletic COMAR regulations [COMAR 13A.06.03.07(11)].

● Coaches do a disservice to the sport and challenge the integrity of the championships when they mask participant attendance (i.e. attendance at an outside/club event championship) at the state meet in relay events with NFHS relay substitution rules.

- **2027 Region Diving Meet Schedule:**

REGION DIVING MEET SCHEDULE		
4A-3A West Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center February 12 (3:00 p.m.)	4A-3A North Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center February 11 (3:00 p.m.)	3A-2A-1A West Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center February 12 (3:00 p.m.)
** Diving warm-up times shall begin one hour prior to the start of each region meet. **		
Entry Deadline: February 8 Meet Director: Michael Good Phone: 301-471-2571		

- **2027 Region Swimming Meet Schedule:**

REGION SWIMMING MEET SCHEDULE			
4A-3A West Martin Luther King Swim Ctr. February 13 (2:00 p.m.) Warm-Up 1:00 p.m.	4A-3A North Martin Luther King Swim Ctr. February 13 (8:00 a.m.) Warm-Up 7:00 a.m.	4A-3A South Fairland Aquatic Center February 13 (9:00 a.m.) Warm-Up 8:00 a.m.	4A-3A East Arundel Swim Center February 13 (9:00 a.m.) Warm-Up 7:30 a.m.
Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: Akshay Gandhi Phone: 240-678-8287	Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: Jason Blanken Phone: 240-286-4699	Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: John Venit Phone: 301-725-7711	Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: John Adey Phone: 443-995-5072
3A-2A-1A West Fairland Aquatic Center February 13 (3:00 p.m.) Warm-Up 2:00 p.m.	3A-2A-1A North Magnolia Middle School February 13 (9:30 a.m.) Warm-Up 8:00 a.m.	3A-2A-1A South Edward T. Hall Aquatic Ctr. February 13 (9:00 a.m.) Warm-Up 7:30 a.m.	3A-2A-1A East Arundel Swim Center February 13 (3:00 p.m.) Warm-Up 1:30 p.m.
Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: John Venit Phone: 301-725-7711	Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: Chris Bley Phone: 301-752-1538	Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: Alex Marley Phone: 410-610-3404	Entry Deadline: February 9 Meet Director: John Adey Phone: 443-995-5072

2027 State Diving and Swimming Meet Schedule

STATE MEET SCHEDULE		
DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP (All Classes) University of Maryland Eppley Recreation Center February 19 (4:00 p.m.) Warm-Up 3:00 p.m. Doors Open 2:45 p.m. for Athletes & Coaches Only Meet Director: Michael Good Phone: 301-471-2571	4A-3A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP University of Maryland Eppley Recreation Center February 20 (8:30 a.m.) Warm-Up 7:15 a.m. Doors Open 6:45 a.m. for Athletes & Coaches Only Meet Director: Chris Bley Phone: 301-752-1538	3A-2A-1A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP University of Maryland Eppley Recreation Center February 20 (4:00 p.m.) Warm-Up 2:45 p.m. Doors Open 2:15 p.m. for Athletes & Coaches Only Meet Director: Chris Bley Phone: 301-752-1538



Wrestling 2026-2027 Updates for Board of Control



Congratulations Dual Meet State Champions

1A: South Carroll

3A: Chesapeake- AA

2A: Middletown

4A: Walt Whitman

Girls Team State Champions:

Wrestling Sportsmanship Award:

Quince Orchard

Rising Sun

For all the individual results:

[State Championship Results- Coed and Girls](#)

26-27 Proposed bulletin updates:

- To wrestle or accept a forfeit in a coed match, female athletes must be listed on the coed weigh-in form and participate in the shoulder-to-shoulder coed weigh-in. Female athletes may choose to weigh in for both the coed and girls' divisions; however, a wrestler cannot compete against the exact same opponent in both divisions on a single day.
- **Region Entry Deadlines:** Please adhere to the following Trackwrestling entry deadlines for the region wrestling tournament:
 - a. **Initial Deadline:** Monday, February 15, 2027 (by 4:00 p.m. ET).
 - b. **Missing Entry Audits:** Tuesday, February 16 (afternoon). Local supervisors will be notified of any non-compliant schools.
 - c. **Final Cutoff:** Thursday, February 18, 2027 (by 4:00 p.m. ET). *Any wrestler not entered by this time will be ineligible to compete in the region tournament. There will be no exceptions.*
- **4. Tournaments are required to span two days.** Region directors have the flexibility to utilize one of the following scheduling models:
 - a. **Option A (By Gender):** Friday is dedicated exclusively to one gender, and Saturday is dedicated to the other.
 - b. **Option B (By Tournament Progression):** Friday features all pigtail and quarterfinal matches. Saturday features all semifinals, consolation rounds, and placement matches.

***Please note:** All semifinals, finals, and "blood round" matches (coed consolation semifinals and girls' 3rd place matches) will be officiated by two referees.
- **5. Two gyms may be used for region tournaments.** Auxiliary gyms must have either fixed seats or a minimum of 20 chairs per mat for spectators. The mat layout must align with the NFHS rule book with a minimum of 6 feet out of bounds. ALL final and semifinal matches will be in the main gym.
- a.) Identification badges will be issued to coaches who qualify as part of the official school party, limited to and identified as follows:
 - i. **When one wrestler represents a school: two floor badges will be provided.**
 - ii. **When 2 – 6 wrestlers are representing a school: three floor badges will be provided.**
 - iii. **When 7 – 12 wrestlers are representing a school: four floor badges will be provided.**
 - iv. **When 13+ wrestlers are representing a school: five floor badges will be provided.**
- Anyone interested in hosting a regional tournament please reach to the amazing Micheal Duffy or Brian Layman.

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