

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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13A.06.03.04 Operational Guidelines

A – B Text Unchanged.

C. Limits of Participation.

(1) – (4) Text Unchanged

(5) Individual students may participate in ~~two~~ all-star games **and events** ~~per sport~~, upon the completion of their eligibility in the sport in which this participation occurs.

(6) – (9) Text Unchanged

D. – H. Text Unchanged

Rationale:

- The all-star game rule has gone through three amendments over the years. Initially no all-star competitions were allowed. The regulation was amended to allow one all-star contests upon the completion of eligibility in a particular sport. It was further amended to allow two all-star contests.
- The proposal from the MPSSAA Executive Council is to provide opportunities for students to participate in more all-star games following the completion of their eligibility in a particular sport. Today's generation of students have more opportunities and the limitation has had effects on local county and conference all-star contests to honor seniors.

Executive Council Action: 12 votes in favor of the new language, none opposed, no abstention.

Constitution Committee Action: 8 votes in favor of the new language, none opposed, no abstention.

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.03 Sports Season

The regulations given below are established for all MPSSAA interscholastic sports.

A - text unchanged.

B. Maximum Number of Contests Permitted During a Sports Season.

(1) All school athletic schedules shall be established before the first MPSSAA allowable playdate of each sport's season according to the following instructions:

(a) – (p) – text unchanged

(q) Wrestling

(i) 14 regular season contests including dual meets and a maximum of three tournaments and three tri-meets;

(ii) No more than two contests per week including maximum of one tournament; **Three contests may be scheduled one time during the season on a non-tournament week;**

(iii) Multi-team events may be used to make up postponed contests between teams originally scheduled;

(iv) A city/county/conference tournament required to qualify for the state tournament will not be counted as one of the three allowed tournaments; and

(v) Wrestling tournaments and meets are defined by regulations .04D(3) and (4).

(2) – (3) Text unchanged.

Rationale:

- The regulation proposal is to alleviate some scheduling concerns as it relates to the availability of student transportation, cancellations due to weather, and scheduling conflicts with other sports that utilize the school gymnasium. The regulation does not add to the total number of contests in a season and only provides an additional week of flexibility in scheduling the seasonal allotment of contests.

Wrestling Committee Action: 9 votes in favor of the new language, none opposed, no abstention.

Executive Council Action: 10 votes in favor of the new language, none opposed, no abstention.

Constitution Committee Action: 8 votes in favor of the new language, none opposed, no abstention.