

# SCOUT

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## MPSSAA News and Notes

### Scout Goes To Electronic Newsletter

In the fall of 1984 the first Scout Newsletter was published, carrying a very familiar look to that of the Scout 26 years later. After 26 years and a completely different world in the way news and information is dispersed, the Scout goes exclusively to an electronic version.

### Getting Involved

Maryland public high school athletic participation continued to grow topping the 113,000 mark for the first time ever. Participation grew by 2,167 participants to an all-time high of 113,269 student-athletes.

The following is the sport participation breakdown:

Sports	Number of Boy Participants	Number of Girl Participants
Badminton	213	569
Baseball	5731	6
Basketball	5619	4707
Bowling	139	95
Cross Country	3734	2585
Field Hockey	0	3891
Football	15296	20
Golf	1384	228
Gymnastics	11	204
Indoor Track	5205	4285
Lacrosse	6404	5151
Soccer	6384	5598
Softball	0	5172
Swimming	2109	2105
Tennis	2495	2543
Track & Field	6771	5362
Volleyball	670	4601
Wrestling	3909	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,074</b>	<b>47,195</b>
<b>TOTAL COMBINED</b>	<b>113,269</b>	

### Concussion Awareness Week – September 6–11

The MPSSAA in conjunction with all 24 local school systems has declared the first full week of the 2010-11 fall season as Concussion Awareness Week. During the week, 25,000 "Concussion Awareness" refrigerator magnets will be provided to families of football, boys' soccer and girls' soccer players at respective sporting events. An additional 25,000 magnets will be provided throughout the school year to parents of student-athletes that participate in wrestling, boy's and girl's basketball and boy's and girl's lacrosse.

Handout fact sheets by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which appeared in the 2010 Fall State Tournament Bulletin, for athletes and parents and/or guardians will also be provided along with PA Announcements for all sporting events.

For the 2010-11 school year, all 9,000 coaches in MPSSAA member schools will undergo concussion training. An online NFHS Concussion course which includes MPSSAA interpretations will be required for 87 percent of the coaches by their local school system while the remaining 13 percent will receive training through local medical affiliates.

In addition the MPSSAA has designed a new health and safety page that features a section dedicated to concussions with resources for coaches, parents and student-athletes.

### State Board to Vote on Coaching Rule

After votes of approval by the MPSSAA Board of Control and the Local School System Superintendents, the COMAR amendments for coaching eligibility will go for a vote by the State Board of Education at their October meeting. If a vote of approval is granted, the amendments will go into effect according to the date established by the Board, paving the way for emergency coaches to become a credentialed MPSSAA coach.



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Dr. William Beattie, President  
Edward F. Sparks, Executive Director

## Girl's Golf Challenge Set For Oct. 16

The MPSSAA will host the fourth annual Girl's Golf Challenge on October 16 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 on the golf page while registration pages are included in this edition of the Scout.

## MPSSAA To Offer Online Tickets For State Finals

The MPSSAA will offer online tickets for MPSSAA State Championships during the 2010-11 school year. Last year the MPSSAA offered online ticket sales to 29 different state championship games providing a fast and easy way for parents and fans to what the state finals.

Be sure to go to MPSSAA.org and click on the link, "MPSSAA State Final Tickets" to access the MPSSAA Online Ticketing Program page.

## Cross Country Online Team Entry

All cross country entries for this fall's region meets MUST be completed utilizing the 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 be Monday, October 25th at 4 PM. For more information and directions go to mpssaa.org or check out the Fall Bulletin.

## Get Your Champ Passes

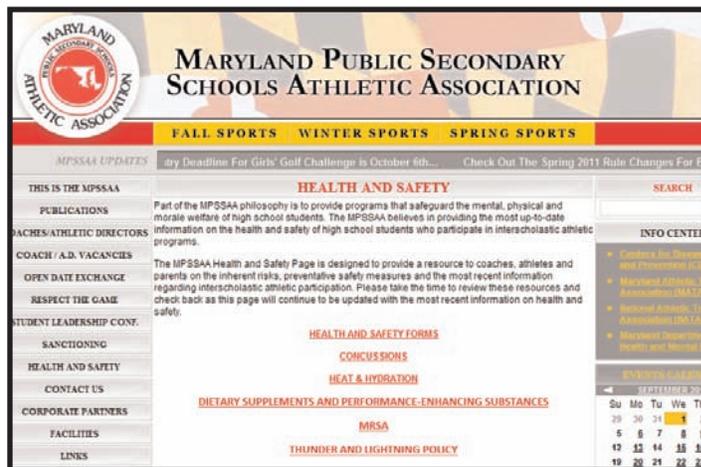
The MPSSAA continues its tradition of providing a special ticket for schools to use at state semifinals and finals. Known as the Champ Pass, member schools may purchase them to distribute as they see fit.

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.

## Health and Safety Page

The MPSSAA recently launched a Health and Safety page on MPSSAA.org. The MPSSAA Health and Safety Page is designed to provide a resource to coaches, athletes and parents on the inherent risks, preventative safety measures and the most recent information regarding interscholastic athletic participation. Please take the time to review these resources and check back as this page will continue to be updated with the most recent information on health and safety.



## Official MPSSAA Balls

### Field Hockey

**Sponsor:** Longstreth

**Official Ball:** Longstreth Chingford multi-turf balls or multi-turf TK Longstreth ball

### Soccer

**Sponsor:** Brine

**Official Ball:** Brine Championship Soccer Ball

### Football

**Sponsor:** Wilson

**Official Ball:** Wilson F1003GST

### Volleyball

**Sponsor:** Spalding (2010)

**Official Ball:** Spalding TF-4000

**Sponsor:** Molten (2011)

**Official Ball:** Molten IV58L Super Touch

### Basketball

**Sponsor:** Spalding

**Official Ball:** Spalding TF-1000

### Baseball

**Sponsor:** Rawlings

**Official Ball:** Rawlings R100-MD

### Softball

**Sponsor:** Dudley

**Official Ball:** OPTIC YELLOW version of Dudley SB12LND-FP

### Lacrosse

**Sponsor:** Harrow

**Official Ball:** Harrow Lacrosse Ball

### Tennis

**Sponsor:** Wilson

**Official Ball:** Wilson T1001

# First Leadership Conference Gets High Marks

The MPSSAA's first statewide Student-Athlete Leadership Conference came to a rousing conclusion on Tuesday, August 10th at Oakland Mills HS in Howard County. Attendees made new friends from across the state and learned how to be a true leader on their teams, in their schools, and in their communities.

The day began with the pre-registered students checking in and picking up the materials needed for the day's activities which included a name badge, drawstring bag, pen, spiral-bound workbook, and a commemorative t-shirt. Then it was on to the auditorium to be energized by guest speaker Harvey Alston who sent the student-athletes into their first of four breakout sessions motivated and focused by his positive message.



Breakout sessions were scheduled around the lunch provided on site and were titled "Captain's Course", "Good Decisions and Perspectives", "Virtues Project", "Powered By Me" and "Team Building" along with the Allstate Foundation session called "Keep The Drive". Another outstanding guest speaker, magician Stephen Bargatze, awed students and adults alike with his sleight of hand and compelling personal story. The Allstate Foundation also promoted safe driving by teens by distributing thumb bands with "TXTING KILLS" and asking attendees to take the pledge not to text while driving.

The culminating activity for the day had students meet as a group with other attendees from schools in their county/city and District to begin to apply the leadership lessons of the day by creating action plans to implement initiatives at the local and district levels. Ideas were discussed as pizzas were devoured and sodas and water washed it all down. Before leaving for the day, it was back to the auditorium where Harvey Alston gave the parting message and put the appropriate exclamation point on the day.

The MPSSAA would like to thank Oakland Mills HS and Athletic Director Troy Stevenson and his staff for their hospitality and assistance in hosting the conference. Also thanks to all of the Athletic Directors in Howard County for volunteering their time to assist throughout the day, the speakers and presenters who gave so freely of their time, and the many other volunteers without whom this event would not have been possible.

# Important Dates To Remember

First Day of Fall Practice: August 14, 2010  
 First Play Date of Fall Season: September 3, 2010  
 First Day of Winter Practice: November 15, 2010

First Play Date of Winter Season: December 6, 2010  
 First Day of Spring Practice (2011): March 1, 2011  
 First Play Date of Spring Season (2011): March 21, 2011

## September 2010

SEP 3 .....First Play Date  
 SEP 8 .....Executive Council—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 13 .....Cross Country Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 15 .....Wrestling Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 16 .....Basketball Committees—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*.....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 20 .....Field Hockey Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 22 .....Indoor Track Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 23 .....Baseball and Softball Committees—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 28 .....Football Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 29 .....Volleyball Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 SEP 30 .....Soccer Committees—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.

## October 2010

OCT 5 .....Lacrosse Committees—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 OCT 6 .....Scholar Athlete Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
**OCT 6 .....Girl's Golf Challenge Entry Forms Due**  
 OCT 7 .....Swimming Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West* .....9:30 a.m.  
 OCT 14 .....Track and Field Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*.....9:30 a.m.  
**OCT 16 .....GIRL'S GOLF CHALLENGE—*Forest Park GC, Baltimore* .....1:00 p.m.**  
 OCT 19 .....Golf District Tournament Completion Date  
 OCT 20 .....Golf Committee—*University of Maryland Golf Course*.....9:30 a.m.  
**OCT 21 .....FIELD HOCKEY DRAW - MPSSAA Office .....TBA**  
 OCT 22 .....Last day to submit Bylaw changes for 2010–2011  
**OCT 25 .....CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE**  
**OCT 25 .....BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER DRAWS - MPSSAA Office .....TBA**  
**OCT 25-27 .....STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT - U. OF MARYLAND GOLF COURSE .....10:00 a.m.**  
 OCT 26 .....Field Hockey First Round  
 OCT 28 .....Classification Committee—*Holiday Inn, Laurel West*.....9:30 a.m.  
 OCT 28 .....Field Hockey QF  
 OCT 29 .....Boys and Girls Soccer First Round  
**OCT 29 .....FIELD HOCKEY TEAM ENTRY FORMS DUE .....4:00 p.m. deadline**

## 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. 28.7:00 pm ..Frederick/Washington Co .....Brunswick HS  
 Oct. 5....7:00 pm ..Baltimore Co/Northeastern .....Joppatowne HS  
 Oct. 11..7:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/SMAC .....Westlake HS  
 Oct. 12 7:00 pm ..Baltimore/Carroll Co .....Franklin HS  
 Oct. 13..7:00 pm ..Baltimore City .....Poly HS  
 Oct. 20 7:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/PG .....C H Flowers HS  
 Oct. 21..7:00 pm ..Eastern Shore.....Cambridge-SD HS (RM E124)  
 Nov. 3 ..6:00 pm ..AA Co. Coaches .....AA Co. Board of Ed Office  
 Nov. 6 ..9:00 am ..Montgomery Co.....Springbrook HS

### Swimming - David Stark, Interpreter

Oct. 13..7:00 pm ..Baltimore City .....McDonough School  
 Oct. 25 7:00 pm ..Frederick County .....Frederick HS  
 Oct. 26 6:00 pm ..Harford County .....Patterson Mill HS  
 Nov. 1 ..6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland.....Patuxent HS  
 Nov. 3 ..6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel County ....AA Co. Board of Ed Office  
 Nov. 4 ..6:00 pm ..Eastern Shore .....Talbot Co. Board of Ed Office  
 Nov. 10..7:00 pm ..Prince Georges County.....C.H. Flowers HS

### Wrestling - Bruce Malinowski, Interpreter

Oct. 5....7:00 pm ..Potomac Valley/Washington Co .....South  
 Hagerstown HS  
 Oct. 6....7:00 pm ..Eastern Shore .....Parkside HS  
 Oct. 21..7:00 pm ..WMWOA .....Springbrook HS  
 Nov. 3 ..6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co .....AA Co. Board of Ed Office  
 Nov. 8 ..7:00 pm ..Baltimore .....Poly HS (RM 115)



## **2010 GIRLS' GOLF CHALLENGE** **INFORMATION and ENTRY FORM**



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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 6, 2010**

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**WHAT:** In addition to the state tournament, the MPSSAA is sponsoring a regular season tournament for female golfers. There will be three different events on Saturday, October 16th at Forest Park Golf Course designed to accommodate all skill levels. There will be an 18-hole stroke play tournament for the better golfers, a 9-hole stroke play tournament for the average golfers, and a 3-hour clinic and skills challenge for up to 50 novice players. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each of the tournaments.

Total entries and player handicaps (or best 18-hole scores) will be used to determine placement in one of the three *Challenge* events or players may directly choose to participate in the clinic using this entry form. The clinic will begin at 2:00 pm with Forest Park's PGA Professional Tim Sanders working with small groups of golfers on full swing technique, pitching, chipping and putting. Sessions will culminate with competitive "Skills Challenges" where prizes will be awarded.

**WHEN & WHERE:** The tournament flights of this event are scheduled for a 1:00 PM shotgun start on Saturday, October 16th at Forest Park Golf Course in Baltimore, MD. The golf course is located at 2900 Hillsdale Road, Baltimore 21207 and the parking lot is across the street from the clubhouse. For additional golf course information and directions, please go to [www.bmgcgolf.com](http://www.bmgcgolf.com) and click on "Forest Park".

**WHO:** This event is open to any high school female who is currently a bona fide member of a Maryland public high school golf team. Golfers **MUST** be accompanied by their high school coach in order to participate that day. All golfers shall bring a bagged set of clubs to use. Tournament players shall provide their own tees and balls.

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**2010 GIRLS' GOLF CHALLENGE**  
**ENTRY FORM**

*Please print or type clearly and legibly!!*

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Golfer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer's USGA Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ -or- Best 18-hole score \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My preference is to participate in the (check one):

18-hole Tournament     9-hole Tournament     Skills Clinic

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Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(This should be the name and email address of the person accompanying the student-athlete to this event.)*

Coach's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form to:**  
MPSSAA  
200 W. Baltimore Street  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
-or-  
(FAX) 410-333-3111

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# MPSSAA.ORG

## Concussion Awareness Week

The screenshot shows the MPSSAA.org website in an Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays 'http://www.mpssaa.org/HealthandSafety/Concussions.asp'. The website header features the MPSSAA logo and the text 'MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'. Below the header are navigation tabs for 'FALL SPORTS', 'WINTER SPORTS', and 'SPRING SPORTS'. A banner below the tabs reads 'MPSSAA UPDATES' with two update items: 'Entry Deadline For Girls' Golf Challenge is October 6th...' and 'Check Out The Spring 2011 Rule...'. The main content area is titled 'CONCUSSIONS' and contains the following text: 'Proper education on the signs, symptoms, prevention and treatment of concussions is a major health and safety issue with interscholastic athletics. Concussions have the ability to show signs not just right after a bump, blow or jolt to the head or body but days or even weeks after the occurrence. This section of the MPSSAA Health and Safety site is dedicated to providing the most up-to-date resources on concussion management for coaches, parents and student-athletes.' Below this text are several links: 'What Is A Concussion', 'Resources for Coaches', 'Resources for Parents/Guardians', 'Resources for Student-Athletes', and 'Concussion Review Committee'. To the left of the main content is a vertical menu with items like 'THIS IS THE MPSSAA', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'COACHES/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS', etc. To the right is a 'SEARCH' box and an 'INFO CENTER' with links to CDC, MATA, NATA, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. At the bottom right is an 'EVENTS CALENDAR' for 'SEPTEMBER 2010' showing a calendar grid with the 1st highlighted in yellow.

MPSSAA.org features a Health and Safety section, dedicated to providing the most up-to-date resources on concussion management for coaches, parents and student-athletes. Get to know the facts on concussions and other high school athletic health and safety issues by logging on to MPSSAA.org and clicking on Health and Safety.