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RESOLUTION

*Adopted by the Superintendents
and the State Board of Education,*

November 1, 1991.

Adopted by the MPSSAA State Board of Control,

December 7, 1991.

WHEREAS, the Interscholastic Sports Program is an integral part of the education program;

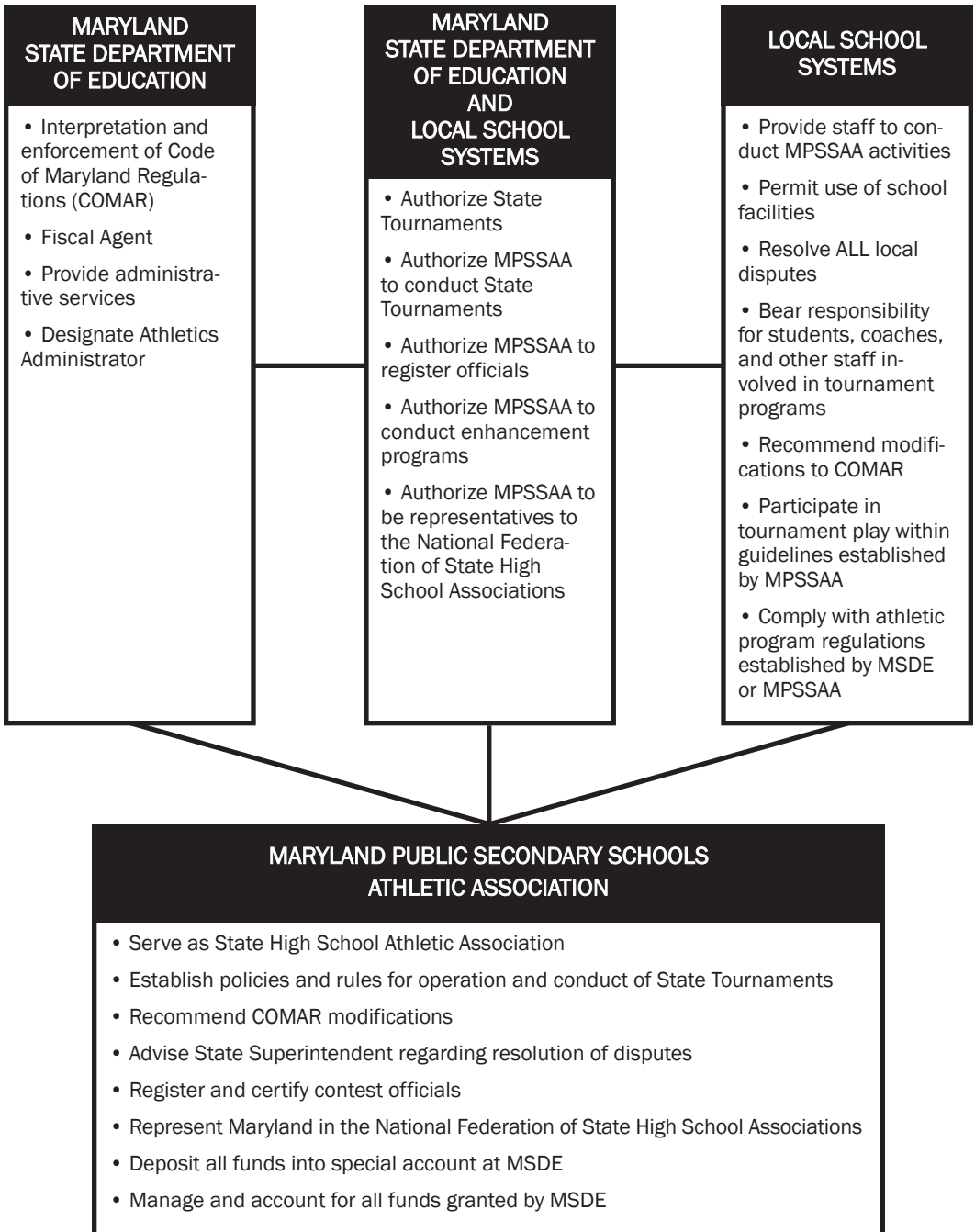
WHEREAS, it is essential to promote healthful living, character building, and good citizenship for students through competitive sports;

WHEREAS, emphasis shall be placed on equality of opportunity, wholesome competition, and safety of participation; and

WHEREAS, a Master Agreement has been enacted by the Maryland State Department of Education, the local school systems, and the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association to divide responsibility in a formal manner for the oversight, conduct, and operation of public interscholastic programs in Maryland; therefore be it,

RESOLVED that the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association shall be constituted as set forth herein to fulfill its obligation under the Master Agreement.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS IN MARYLAND



MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

(Adopted April 21, 1951, Amendments made April 5, 1952, April 10, 1954, March 9, 1963, March 14, 1964, March 12, 1966, March 8, 1969, March 14, 1970, March 27, 1971, March 25, 1972, March 31, 1973, March 31, 1974, March 15, 1975, December 5, 1987, December 7, 1991, December 10, 1994, December 10, 2003)

The State Board of Education, as recommended by the State Superintendent of Schools, shall establish rules and regulations governing athletic programs for all students in the Public Secondary Schools of Maryland, which shall be supervised by an organization known as the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association and which shall function under the Division of Instruction of the State Department of Education. The administrator in Interscholastic Athletics shall serve as the Executive Director of the organization.

ARTICLE I – Name

This organization shall be known as the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

ARTICLE II – Philosophy

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote, direct, and control all interscholastic activities of high school students; to establish, maintain, and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to assure that all such activities shall be part of and contribute toward the entire educational program of the state of Maryland; to cooperate closely with the state department of education in the development of that program to safeguard the physical, mental, and moral welfare of high school students and protect them from exploitation.

ARTICLE III – Purposes

Sec. 1—The Association shall supervise and administer all rules and regulations of the MPSSAA.

Sec. 2—The Association shall provide leadership in conducting athletic programs between the public schools in the state of Maryland.

Sec. 3—The Association shall recommend the development of new and innovative athletic programs.

Sec. 4—The Association shall promote clinics and assist in the distribution of instructional materials, including films, national rules and regulations, and other such aids.

Sec. 5—The Association shall register and certify athletic contest officials.

Sec. 6—The Association shall perform other functions as stated in the “*Master Agreement Outlining the Interscholastic Structure for Public Schools in Maryland*”.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Sec. 1—All public high schools in Maryland who qualify under rules and regulations of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association may become members. Application for membership to the Association must be made by May 1 of any school year.

Sec. 2—A school having become a member of the MPSSAA shall continue as a member until such time as it withdraws its membership.

ARTICLE V – Organization

Sec. 1—A member school must abide by the rules and regulations of the Association.

Sec. 2—A local association may be formed by the member schools for the purpose of regulating and administering local athletic events. The rules enacted by any association must be in accordance with, or more restrictive than, those of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

Sec. 3—To facilitate effective conduct of Association business between meetings of the state board of control, there shall be an executive council composed of the president, president-elect, past-president, executive director, a representative of the Maryland Secondary Schools Principals Association, and a representative from each district association.

Sec. 4—The legislative powers of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association shall be entrusted to a board of control whose members shall be selected as follows:

- a. One delegate appointed by each county superintendent.
- b. Three superintendents to represent all county superintendents.
- c. Representatives from each of the counties, based on school enrollment in grades 9-11 in all member schools in that county, according to the following:

Enrollment	Representatives
1 - 11,999	1
12,000 - 19,999	2
20,000 - 27,999	3
28,000 - 35,999	4
36,000 and above	5

- d. Each appointed board of control member, if present, shall have one vote.

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 1—For the purpose of implementing activities of the Association, the state is divided into districts, the division to be as follows:

District 1 —Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, & Washington Counties

District 2 —Montgomery County

District 3 —Prince George’s County

District 4 —Charles, Calvert, & St. Mary’s Counties

District 5 —Anne Arundel & Howard Counties

District 6 —Baltimore County

District 7 —Cecil & Harford Counties

District 8 —Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot,
Wicomico, & Worcester Counties

District 9— Baltimore City

Sec. 2—Each district association shall be comprised of member schools as established by Article VI, Section 1.

- a. Member representatives shall be professional employees as certified by the Maryland State Department of Education.
- b. All elected officers of the district association shall assume their offices as of June 1.

- c. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the unexpired term shall be filled by the remaining members of the association, or as otherwise specified in the bylaws of the district association.
- d. Each member school shall have one vote.

Sec. 3—At least one meeting shall be held each year.

Sec. 4—The officers of each district shall be a chairperson, assistant chairperson, and a secretary-treasurer.

Sec. 5—The chairperson shall have the power to call meetings of the district association. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings, and shall have the power to appoint, with the approval of the district board of control, such committees as are deemed necessary.

Sec. 6—The assistant chairperson shall preside in the absence of the chairperson.

Sec. 7—The secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of meetings, conduct all necessary correspondence, and handle the finances of the district association. The position of secretary-treasurer shall be bonded by MPSSAA.

Sec. 8—The district association may determine all necessary fiscal procedures for the efficient operation of the business and other activities of the respective district programs.

Sec. 9—The district association may create subcommittees to which it may delegate specific functions.

Sec. 10—The district association shall have the power to fill vacancies by appointment and the officers shall serve until the next regular election.

Sec. 11—The district associations are empowered to perform such functions not delegated to the state board of control, to assist in the organization and administration of the intercounty interscholastic athletic program within their respective districts, and to recommend study and action by the state board of control.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

Sec. 1—Meetings of the board of control shall be held in the winter and spring of each year at a time and place designated by the president of MPSSAA.

Sec. 2—A quorum of the board of control (one-half of the delegates plus one) must be present to take official action at scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE VIII — Officers

Sec. 1—The elected officers of this Association shall be a president and a president-elect.

Sec. 2—The president and the president-elect shall serve a term of two years. They shall begin their term of office by June 1 of the year in which they are elected.

- a. The retiring president shall serve as past-president until duly succeeded.
- b. The president shall have power to call meetings of the Association and to preside over them. The president shall appoint such committees as are designated in Article IX, Section 1 and Section 2 of the constitution.
- c. The president-elect shall preside in the absence of the president; the past-president shall preside in the absence of both the president and the president-elect.

Sec. 3—The Maryland State Department of Education administrator in interscholastic athletics shall serve as non-voting director of the Association.

- a. The executive director shall keep a record of the proceedings of meetings, conduct all necessary correspondence, and keep official records of meets and tournaments sponsored by the Association at the state level. He/she shall present the report of the fiscal representatives on finances of the Association at all board of control meetings and at other times at the request of the state board of control. He/she shall perform such other duties as are requested by the state board of control consistent with the “**Master Agreement**”.

ARTICLE IX — Committees

Sec. 1—The president, with the recommendation of the district associations, shall appoint committees as follows:

- a. Nominating
- b. Finance
- c. Constitution
- d. Tournaments
- e. Classification
- f. Appeals
- g. Officials

Sec. 2—The president, with the approval of the executive council, shall appoint such additional committees as are deemed necessary.

Sec. 3—All committees, except a and f, in Section 1 above, shall submit all proposals to the executive council for review and/or recommendation to the board of control.

ARTICLE X — Public Secondary School Interscholastic Athletic Revenues

Sec. 1—MPSSAA shall deposit all revenues generated by the operation of public secondary school interscholastic athletic programs into a special revenue account at MSDE entitled “Public Secondary School Interscholastic Athletic Revenues.”

Sec. 2—MSDE officials shall serve as fiscal agents for this account and shall administer it according to State policies and procedures.

Sec. 3—MPSSAA shall submit disbursement requests to the MSDE athletics coordinator. Upon approval, the MSDE athletics coordinator shall warrant the release of funds and authorize the issuing of checks chargeable to the Public Interscholastic Secondary Schools Athletic Revenues account.

Sec. 4—Disbursements of funds shall be predicated on policies determined by MSDE and the participating LEAs.

Sec. 5—MPSSAA shall manage all funds in accordance with State policies and procedures.

Sec. 6—MPSSAA shall present to MSDE and to all participating LEAs an annual financial statement which will include its annual budget and an accounting for all revenues generated and disbursed for the operation of the public secondary schools interscholastic athletic programs.

Sec. 7—Upon request from the MPSSAA, the MSDE fiscal officer may deposit reserves from the Public Secondary School Interscholastic Athletic Revenues account into the Local Government Investment Pool.

Sec. 8—The MPSSAA shall maintain comprehensive liability insurance coverage of not less than \$100,000 for each occurrence.

ARTICLE XI – Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be made as follows:

Sec. 1—The proposed written amendment(s) may be submitted by a member school, county association, district association, state board of control, county board of education, state board of education, county superintendent, and state superintendent of schools to the executive director at least forty-five (45) days before the first annual meeting.

- a. Unless an emergency has been declared by the president, constitutional amendments can only be proposed and voted upon during an even-numbered school year with 1989-90 being considered as an even numbered school year.

Sec. 2—Upon receipt of such amendment(s), they shall be referred to the constitution committee for appropriate action and recommendation.

Sec. 3—Notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall be sent to each member school, members of the executive council, board of control, local and state board members, and county and state superintendents of schools at least fifteen (15) days before the first annual meeting.

Sec. 4—Ratification of the proposed amendment(s) shall require a 2/3's majority vote of the delegates of the board of control present at the first annual meeting.

Sec. 5—Amendments approved by the board of control shall be forwarded to the state superintendent and local superintendents of schools.

ARTICLE XII – Resolution of Problems

Sec. 1—Problems involving member schools shall be referred to the local superintendent of schools for approval and appropriate action within his/her jurisdiction. Disputes or protests involving two member school systems shall be referred to superintendents of the schools involved for settlement. Disputes not resolved within or between local school jurisdictions shall be referred to the state board of control appeals committee for further action.

Sec. 2—A superintendent shall consider a protest official when he/she has received a written protest from a principal of a member school in his/her jurisdiction, or from a superintendent in another system by June 30 of that school year.

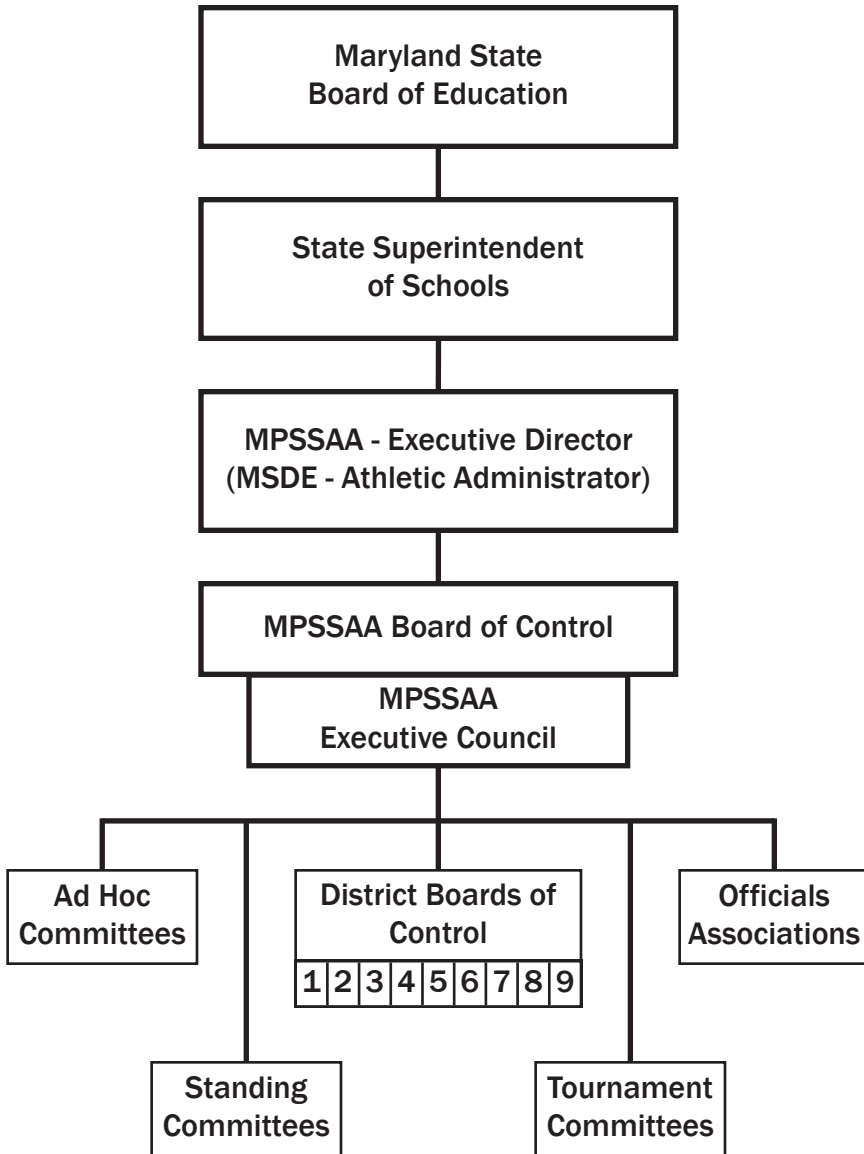
**MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
– Past Presidents –**

1947-48	William Brish	1973-74	Albert Cesky
1949-50	William Brish	1974-76.....	Earl Hersh
1950-51.....	George Carrington	1976-78	Robert M. Foster
1951-52.....	George Carrington	1978-80	Mildred H. Murray
1952-53	Arthur Ramey	1980-82	Robert E. Pence
1953-54	Ellery Ward	1982-84.....	Jim Heins
1954-55	Crescent J. Bride	1984-86	Roy Comer
1955-56	Stephan A. Lerda	1986-88	Clarence Johnson
1956-57	Edward Semler	1988-90	W. Cecil Short
1957-58.....	Charles Hudson	1990-92	Chuck Brown
1958-59	Warren R. Evans	1992-94.....	Patricia Barry
1959-60	Robert E. Pence	1994-96	Ronald J. Belinko
1960-61	Charles R. Berry	1996-98	Donald E. Cooke
1961-62	Vincent C. Holochwost	1998-00	Mary Etta Reedy
1962-63	William J. Callaghan	2000-02	Marlene Kelly
1963-64	G. Wayne Burgemeister	2002-04	Robert P. Wade
1964-65	William E. Dykes, Jr.	2004-06.....	Jay Berno
1965-66	Jack Willard	2006-08	David Byrd
1966-67	Edward Finzel	2008-10	Andrew Roper
1967-68	Harold S. Martin	2010-12	William Beattie
1968-69.....	Crescent J. Bride	2012-14	Earl Hawkins
1969-70	Warren Squires	2014-16	Kimberly N. Dolch
1970-71	Marvin C. Joy	2016-18	Kevin Hook
1971-72.....	John E. Molesworth	2018-20	Dana Johnson
1972-73	Robert Melville		

– Former Executive Directors –

1946-51	Thomas C. Ferguson
1951-70	Herbert R. Steiner
1970-71	Paul Rusko
1971-81	John E. Molesworth
1981-2015.....	Edward F. Sparks

MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Organizational Structure

MPSSAA BOARD OF CONTROL

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES 2020-2021

DISTRICT 1

Allegany County

1. Tracey Leonard—Asst. Supervisor, Allegany Co.
2. Amber Waltz—Athletic Director, Fort Hill HS

Carroll County

1. Michael Duffy—Supervisor, Carroll Co.
2. John Baugher—Principal, Westminster HS

Frederick County

1. Kevin Kendro—Supervisor, Frederick Co.
2. Mike Chavez—Ath. Dir., Gov. Thomas Johnson HS

Garrett County

1. Paul Edwards—Dir. of Sec. Education, Garrett Co.
2. James H. Maddy—Principal, Northern-G HS

Washington County

1. Eric Michael—Supervisor, Washington Co.
2. James Aleshire—Principal, North Hagerstown HS

DISTRICT 2

Montgomery County

1. Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan—Director of Athletics, MCPS
2. E. Kathy Green—Athletics Specialist, MPCPS
3. Anne Rossiter, Compliance Specialist, MCPS
4. Heather Podosek—Athletic Dir., Paint Branch HS
5. Bryan Walker—Athletic Director, Wheaton HS
6. Jared Fribush—Athletic Dir., James H. Blake HS

DISTRICT 3

Prince George's County

1. Shirley Diggs—Coordinating Supervisor, Prince George's Co.
2. George McClure—Athletic Direc., Suitland HS
3. Nathaniel Laney—Principal, Potomac HS
4. Thomas Green—Athletic Direc., El. Roosevelt HS
5. Cecille Greenfield—Athletic Direc., Oxon Hill HS

DISTRICT 4

Calvert County

1. Kevin Hook, J.D. —Supervisor, Calvert County
2. Kim Roof — Calvert Co. Public Schools

Charles County

1. Steve Lee—Coordinator, Charles Co.
2. Andy Shattuck—Athletic Dir., North Point HS

St. Mary's County

1. Michael Watson—Supervisor, St. Mary's Co.
2. Jake Heibel—Principal, Great Mills HS

DISTRICT 5

Anne Arundel County

1. Clayton Culp—Athletics Coord., Anne Arundel Co.
2. Brian Layman—Athletic Specialist, Anne Arundel Co.
3. Kyle Hines—Athletic Director, Glen Burnie HS

Howard County

1. John Davis—Athletics Coord., Howard Co.
2. Jeannie Prevosto—AAM, Centennial HS
3. Brandon Lauer—AAM, River Hill HS

DISTRICT 6

Baltimore County

1. Michael Sye—Athletics Coord., Baltimore Co.
2. Lynette M. Mitzel—Supervisor, Baltimore Co.
3. Dana Loverde—Athletic Director, Pikesville HS
4. Jeff Markle—Athletic Director, Parkville HS

DISTRICT 7

Cecil County

1. Jim Leitgeb—Supervisor, Cecil Co.
2. George Rash—Athletic Director, Perryville HS

Harford County

1. Debbie Basler—Supervisor, Harford Co.
2. Heather Crawford—Ath. Dir., Havre de Grace HS

DISTRICT 8

Caroline County

1. Rob Willoughby—Supervisor, Caroline Co.
2. Brett Ireland—Ath. Dir., Col. Richardson HS

Dorchester County

1. Derek Sabedra—Supervisor, Dorchester Co.
2. Kareem Falcon Otey—Ath. Dir., Cambridge-SD HS

Kent County

1. Kevin Taylor—Supervisor, Kent County
2. Dale Brown—Principal, Kent County HS

Queen Anne's County

1. Dan Harding—Athletic Director, Kent Island HS
2. John Schrecongost—Principal, Kent Island HS

Somerset County

1. Keith O'Neal—Supervisor, Somerset Co.
2. Greg Bozman—Athletic Director, Crisfield HS

Talbot County

1. William Keswick—Supervisor, Talbot Co.
2. Brian Femi—Athletic Director, St. Michaels HS

Wicomico County

1. Bryan Ashby—Supervisor, Wicomico Co.
2. Stosh Schtierman—Athletic Dir., Wicomico HS

Worcester County

1. Sam Slacum—Supervisor, Worcester Co.
2. David Byrd—Athletic Director, Pocomoke HS

DISTRICT 9

Baltimore City

1. Tiffany Byrd—Coordinator, Baltimore City
2. Todd Henning—Athletic Director, ACCE
3. Jason Williams—Athletic Dir., Southwestern HS

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2. Dr. Jeffrey A. Lawson - Superintendent
Cecil County
3. Dr. John B. Gaddis - Superintendent
Somerset County

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DISTRICT 5

John DavisHoward County

DISTRICT 6

Jeff MarkleParkville HS

DISTRICT 7

Debbie BaslerHarford County

DISTRICT 8

Bryan AshbyWicomico County

DISTRICT 9

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District 5

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District 6

Michael SyeBaltimore Co.

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George RashPerryville HS

District 8

Dan HardingKent Island HS

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District 5

John DavisHoward Co.

District 6

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District 7

Dave Cesky.....Fallston HS

District 8

Doug BloodsworthSomerset Co.

District 9

Yolanda SmallWestern-B HS

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District 2

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District 3

Shirley Diggs.....Prince George's Co.

District 4

Kevin HookCalvert Co.

District 5

Clayton CulpAnne Arundel Co.

District 6

Lynette MitzelBaltimore Co.

District 7

Gary Brown.....North East-C HS

District 8

Doug BloodsworthSomerset Co.

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DISTRICT 4

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DISTRICT 7

Jim LeitgebCecil Co.

DISTRICT 8

Bryan AshbyWicomico Co.

DISTRICT 9

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DISTRICT 2

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DISTRICT 3

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DISTRICT 4

Steve LeeCharles Co.

DISTRICT 5

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DISTRICT 2

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DISTRICT 3

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DISTRICT 4

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John DavisHoward Co.

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DISTRICT 7

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DISTRICT 8

Mary FisherNorth Caroline HS

DISTRICT 9

Yolanda SmallWestern-B HS

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DISTRICT 3

Shirley Diggs.....Prince George's Co.

DISTRICT 4

Michael Watson.....St. Mary's Co.

DISTRICT 5

John DavisHoward Co.

DISTRICT 6

Lynette MitzelBaltimore Co.

DISTRICT 7

Tim LindcampAberdeen HS

DISTRICT 8

Dan HardingKent Island HS

DISTRICT 9

Tiffany ByrdBaltimore City

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

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Eric MichaelWashington Co.

DISTRICT 2

Marco Fuggitti.....Northwood HS

DISTRICT 3

Terri DendyNorthwestern-PG HS

DISTRICT 4

Kevin HookCalvert Co.

DISTRICT 5

John DavisHoward Co.

DISTRICT 6

Lynette MitzelBaltimore Co.

DISTRICT 7

George RashPerryville HS

DISTRICT 8

Rick RomanWicomico Co.

DISTRICT 9

Tonisha MontgomeryBaltimore City

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE COMMITTEE

DISTRICT 1

Dave HobelMountain Ridge HS

DISTRICT 2

E. Kathy GreenMontgomery Co.

DISTRICT 3

Carlyle RoseC.H. Flowers HS

DISTRICT 4

Ryan HanleyGreat Mills HS

DISTRICT 5

John DavisHoward Co.

DISTRICT 6

Lynette MitzelBaltimore Co.

DISTRICT 7

Bruce Kline.....Bohemia Manor HS

DISTRICT 8

Dan HardingKent Island HS

DISTRICT 9

Jarrett IngramNew Era Academy

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 1

William GrossGov. Thomas Johnson HS

DISTRICT 2

Rita BouleMontgomery Blair HS

DISTRICT 3

Terri DendyNorthwestern-PG HS

DISTRICT 4

Michael Watson.....St. Mary's Co.

DISTRICT 5

Josh SullivanReservoir HS

Kyle HinesGlen Burnie HS

DISTRICT 6

David DeutschEastern Technical HS

DISTRICT 7

Jim Leitgeb.....North East-C HS

DISTRICT 8

Kurisha Hoffman.....Easton HS

DISTRICT 9

Phil Thompson ..Balto. Polytechnic Institute

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Subtitle 06 SUPPORTING PROGRAMS

Chapter 03 Interscholastic Athletics in the State

Authority: Education Article, §§2-205 and 2-303(k),
Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Authorization

- A.** The following regulations have been established by the State Superintendent of Schools to govern the athletic program for all high school students in Maryland public secondary schools which are members of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA).
- B.** Local school systems may adopt rules governing their athletic programs that are more restrictive than those of the MPSSAA. Less restrictive rules may not be adopted.

.02 Eligibility

Student eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics at the high school level shall be based on the following criteria:

- A.** Students shall be officially registered and attending the member MPSSAA school they are authorized to attend under regulations of the local school system. They may represent only the school in which they are registered and at which it is anticipated they will complete their graduation requirements.
- B.** Each local school system shall establish standards of participation which assure that students involved in interscholastic athletics are making satisfactory progress toward graduation.
- C.** Students who are 19 years old or older as of August 31 are ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- D.** Students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 may participate in interscholastic athletic contests for a maximum of four seasons in any one sport.
- E.** Middle, intermediate, or junior high school students are not eligible to compete or practice with high school teams. However, ninth grade public school students who reside in the attendance area of a high school organized grades 10–12 may participate in the interscholastic athletic program of that high school.
- F.** Students shall maintain amateur status as defined by Regulation .10 of this chapter.
- G.** Students, while participating on a school team, are permitted to participate on sports teams outside of school during the high school sport's season. This participation shall meet the following criteria:
 - (1)** The outside participation may not conflict with the practice or contests schedule of the school including district, regional, and State championship play unless prior written approval has been obtained from the school principal and coach;
 - (2)** Students who elect to participate on an outside team and do not participate and practice with the school team throughout the designated sport's season are ineligible to represent the school in all contests that determine a county, district, regional, or State championship during that sport season.
- H.** Students shall present to their high school principal a certificate of permission to participate signed by their parent(s) or guardian(s).
- I.** Students shall be examined and certified to the high school principal as being physically fit to participate in any try-out, practice, or contest of a school team. The examination shall be performed by a licensed physician, certified physician assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician, or certified nurse practitioner.

- J. Students legally transferred to another school may participate. “Legally transferred” means a change of residence or a transfer from one school to another by action approved by the local superintendent of schools.
- K. Graduates.
 - (1) Graduates of high schools are not eligible to practice with or participate on interscholastic sports teams. However, they may participate in the remaining athletic contests of that semester.
 - (2) Students are considered graduates when they have completed the work required for graduation and are declared graduates by the local board of education.

.03 Sports Season

Member MPSSAA schools shall conduct all interscholastic athletic contests and practice sessions in accordance with the following:

- A. The sports seasons shall be defined as follows:
 - (1) “Fall” means the 6th Wednesday following the first Sunday of July, until the final date of the local, conference, district, regional, or State tournament.
 - (2) “Winter” means November 15th until the final date of the local, conference, district, regional, or State tournament.
 - (3) “Spring” means March 1st until the final date of the local, conference, district, regional, or State tournament.
 - (4) When November 15th or March 1st falls on Sunday, practice will start the preceding Saturday.
 - (5) Required Practice. A member MPSSAA school may not participate in a regularly scheduled game until at least 20 calendar days have elapsed after and including the first day of practice. Golf is the only exception to this regulation.
- 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) Badminton
 - (i) 15 regular season games;
 - (ii) No more than two matches per week; and
 - (iii) Three matches in one week may be scheduled twice during the season.
 - (b) Baseball
 - (i) 18 regular season games or 20 with designated optional tournament;
 - (ii) No more than three games per week;
 - (iii) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament;
 - (iv) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 17 regular season games may be scheduled; and
 - (v) If a team elects to play in the designated optional two or three-game tournament, a fourth game may be played during that week.
 - (c) Basketball
 - (i) 20 regular season games or 22 with designated optional tournament;

- (ii) No more than two games per week;
 - (iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season;
 - (iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament; and
 - (v) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 19 regular season games may be scheduled.
- (d) Cross Country
- (i) 10 regular season meets;
 - (ii) No more than two meets per week; and
 - (iii) Three meets in one week may be scheduled once during the season.
- (e) Field Hockey
- (i) 12 regular season games or 14 with designated tournament;
 - (ii) No more than two games per week;
 - (iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season;
 - (iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament; and
 - (v) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 11 regular season games may be scheduled.
- (f) Football
- (i) 10 regular season games; and
 - (ii) No more than one game per week.
- (g) Golf
- (i) 12 regular season matches; and
 - (ii) No more than three matches per week.
- (h) Gymnastics
- (i) 8 regular season meets;
 - (ii) No more than two meets per week; and
 - (iii) Meets may not be held on consecutive days.
- (i) Indoor Track
- (i) 10 regular season meets;
 - (ii) No more than two meets per week; and
 - (iii) Three meets in one week may be scheduled once during the season.
- (j) Lacrosse
- (i) 12 regular season games or 14 with designated optional tournament;
 - (ii) No more than two games per week;
 - (iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season; and

- (iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two-game tournament.
- (k) Outdoor Track
 - (i) 10 regular season meets;
 - (ii) No more than two meets per week; and
 - (iii) Three meets in one week may be scheduled once during the season.
- (l) Soccer
 - (i) 12 regular season games or 14 with designated optional tournament;
 - (ii) No more than two games per week;
 - (iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season;
 - (iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament; and
 - (v) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 11 regular season games may be scheduled.
- (m) Softball
 - (i) 18 regular season games or 20 with designated optional tournament;
 - (ii) No more than three games per week;
 - (iii) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament;
 - (iv) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 17 regular season games may be scheduled; and
 - (iv) If a team elects to play in the designated optional two or three-game tournament, a fourth game may be played during that week.
- (n) Swimming
 - (i) 12 regular season meets;
 - (ii) No more than two meets per week; and
 - (iii) Three meets in one week may be scheduled once during the season.
- (o) Tennis
 - (i) 18 regular season matches; and
 - (ii) No more than three matches per week.
- (p) Volleyball
 - (i) 15 regular season matches or 14 with designated optional tournament;
 - (ii) No more than two matches per week;
 - (iii) Three matches in one week may be scheduled twice during the season;
 - (iv) A team may elect to play tri-matches provided the total number of opponents does not exceed 15 during the season; and
 - (v) Teams may play 14 matches plus one designated optional multi-team tournament.

- (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 a maximum of one tournament;
 - (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 Regulation .04D(3) and (4).
- (2) Conference/League Championships. One additional contest beyond the maximum allowable number may be played to determine a conference/league championship. The results of that contest may not count towards MPSSAA standings.
- (3) Postponed Games. Postponed contests may be rescheduled during the season, provided the number of games does not exceed the maximum number permitted in a week plus one additional contest.

.04 Operational Guidelines

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

- (A) Equal Opportunity for Participation.
 - (1) Students may not be excluded on the basis of sex from overall equal opportunity to participate in athletic programs. If a school sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one sex but sponsors no such team for members of the opposite sex, and before July 1, 1975, overall opportunities for members of the excluded sex have been limited, the excluded sex shall be allowed to try out for the team.
 - (2) Athletics Equity for Students with Disabilities.
 - (a) Students who meet the eligibility requirements of Regulation .02 of this chapter may not be excluded on the basis of disability from the opportunity to try out for and if selected, participate in mainstream interscholastic athletic programs.
 - (b) Member MPSSAA schools shall provide reasonable accommodations necessary to provide students with disabilities with equal opportunities to participate to the fullest extent possible in mainstream athletic programs.
 - (c) Students with disabilities who meet the eligibility requirements of Regulation .02 of this chapter may be excluded from mainstream athletic programs if inclusion:
 - (i) Presents an objective safety risk to the student or others based on an individualized assessment of the student; or
 - (ii) Fundamentally alters the nature of the school's mainstream athletic program.
- (B) MPSSAA Coaching Eligibility.
 - (1) Member MPSSAA schools shall employ as coaches:
 - (a) Teachers or certificated professional educator employed by the local Board of Education.
 - (b) Persons certifiable as professional educators by the State Department of Education according to 13A.12.01.
 - (c) Credentialed coaches who meet the following requirements:
 - (i) Are eligible to hold a Maryland certificate under COMAR 13A.12.01.03D;

- (ii) Possess a MPSSAA/MSDE Coaching Certification;
 - (iii) Have completed two years of successful coaching as an emergency coach; and
 - (iv) Have spent the previous one year as a successful emergency coach at the school of hire in the position of hire.
- (2) If no acceptable and qualified coaches are available from the teachers or certifiable professional educators employed by the local board of education, a temporary emergency coach may be employed if the following procedures are followed:
- (a) The person shall be officially appointed by the local superintendent of schools on a one-season basis for a specific coaching assignment;
 - (b) The coaching salary of the appointed coach shall be paid exclusively by the local school system;
 - (c) After July 1, 2010, an emergency coach is required to possess an MPSSAA/MSDE coach certification prior to the start of his or her fourth year as an emergency coach;
 - (d) Teams having more than one coach, emergency coaches may not comprise more than 50 percent of that sport staff;
 - (e) The emergency coach shall be at least 21 years old and possess a high school diploma.
- (3) All coaches shall have completed or be enrolled in a one-credit course in the prevention and care of athletic injuries.
- (4) Member MPSSAA schools may permit volunteer athletic coaches to assist their coaching staff. The volunteer coaches may not serve as head coaches at any level and shall work only under the direction of the head coach. The volunteer coach may be used if the following procedures are followed:
- (a) The volunteer coach is at least 21 years old and possesses a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - (b) The volunteer coach shall have completed or be enrolled in a one-credit course in the prevention and care of athletic injuries;
 - (c) The volunteer coach shall be formally appointed on a 1-season basis for a specific coaching assignment.

C. Limits of Participation.

- (1) Each local school system and state tournament committee shall establish guidelines that ensure a minimum loss of instructional time for coaches and students involved in interscholastic athletic contests.
- (2) Students who participate on both varsity and junior varsity teams may not play in a number of contests that exceed the maximum number allowed for that sport in a week or season. Students may not compete on both a varsity and junior varsity level against the same school on the same day.
- (3) School athletic teams may not participate in any contests representing their school before or after the defined sports season.
- (4) Member MPSSAA schools may not play or practice on Sundays.
- (5) Individual students may participate in two all-star games per sport, upon the completion of their eligibility in the sport in which this participation occurs.
- (6) Member MPSSAA schools shall practice with or play against only high school teams as defined in §H of this regulation.

- (7) Individual students or teams representing a member MPSSAA school shall participate only in games, meets, or tournaments which are conducted by appropriate educational institutions.
- (8) Member MPSSAA schools may not enter competition preliminary to a college or professional game.
- (9) A varsity or junior varsity team member of the previous season may not participate in interscholastic competition and in intramurals or school sponsored athletic programs in the same sport outside the sport season.

D. Policies Pertaining to Wrestling.

- (1) Students shall have their minimum weight class in which they can wrestle certified by a qualified physician before the students' first match.
- (2) Students may not wrestle below the minimum weight class established for them at the time of certification.
- (3) A wrestling meet is a contest involving two or three schools.
- (4) A wrestling tournament is a contest involving four or more schools.

E. Out-of-Season Practice.

- (1) Member MPSSAA schools and coaches of member schools shall confine school practices to the seasonal limitations as defined in Regulation .03 of this chapter.
- (2) A coach may not coach a team representing the coach's school beyond the sports season as defined in Regulation .03 of this chapter.

F. Sports Officials. Schools involved in interscholastic contests shall use only those officials certified by MPSSAA. Only qualified officials shall be used in all sports when MPSSAA certified officials are not available.

G. Summer Camps.

- (1) Students may attend a summer sports camp of their choice.
- (2) Member MPSSAA schools, member school coaches, school-related organizations, or individuals may not sponsor or conduct a camp in which students who are returning players are involved or participate. A camp composed of several coaches with their respective teams is a violation of this regulation.
- (3) Coaches of member MPSSAA schools, while affiliated with a camp, may not conduct any form of team or group practice involving their school. Such a practice is considered a violation of the out-of-season practice rule defined in Regulation .03 of this chapter.
- (4) A member MPSSAA school may not provide school uniforms or equipment for students who attend a camp outside of the defined sports season in Regulation .03 of this chapter.

H. Competitors.

- (1) Member MPSSAA schools shall only practice with or play against high school teams that:
 - (a) Ensure fair competition, athlete safety, and appropriate supervision by a responsible entity;
 - (b) Maintain athletics as an integral part of the total educational program;
 - (c) Promote academic progress;
 - (d) Develop leadership; and
 - (e) Deter exploitation of students.

- (2) High school teams that meet these purposes include high school teams that:
 - (a) Are members of a state interscholastic athletic association recognized by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS);
 - (b) Have been approved to play members of a state interscholastic athletic association recognized by the NFHS;
 - (c) Are members of an athletic conference that:
 - (i) Formally adopts the standards of competition as established by the Maryland State Superintendent of Schools as part of its constitution and bylaws; and
 - (ii) Has enforcement authority; or
 - (d) Represent a school that verifies compliance with standards of competition as established by the Maryland State Superintendent of Schools.
- (3) To verify compliance under §H(2)(d) of this regulation, the administrative head of the school who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school shall:
 - (a) Sign the verification provided by the Maryland State Department of Education; and
 - (b) Submit the verification for approval to the State Superintendent of Schools annually before the first practice or athletic competition against a member MPSSAA school team.

.05 Violations, Penalties, and Appeals

- A. Failure to comply with these regulations shall constitute a violation which will result in the following penalties against the member MPSSAA school and either the student or the coach, or both. Depending upon the severity of the violation, more than one penalty may be imposed against the member MPSSAA school, student, or coach, or all of the above. Penalties shall be imposed in the order listed below:
 - (1) Against a member MPSSAA school:
 - (a) First—Declare forfeit of all games in which the violation occurred.
 - (b) Second—Declare the member MPSSAA school ineligible for championship honors for the current school year in the sport in which the violation occurred.
 - (c) Third—Declare the member MPSSAA school on probation for one school year which shall render the school ineligible to compete in any approved State meet or tournament for that year.
 - (d) Fourth—Impose additional penalties as may seem justified in the particular case considered.
 - (2) Against a student:
 - (a) First—Declare the student to be ineligible for the next 60 school days following the date the student was found to be in violation. These 60 school days will carry over into the next school year if the violation occurs during the second semester.
 - (b) Second—Declare the student to be ineligible to compete in the sport in which the violation occurred during the subsequent season.
 - (c) Third—Impose additional penalties as may seem justified in the particular case considered.
 - (3) Against a coach:
 - (a) First—Censure.
 - (b) Second—Declare the coach ineligible to coach a team for the current school year in the sport in which the violation occurred.

- (c) Third—Declare the coach ineligible to coach a team in any sport for the current year.
- (d) Fourth—Impose additional penalties as may seem justified in the particular case considered.

B. Procedure.

- (1) First—Any member MPSSAA school, student, or coach shall notify the local supervisor of interscholastic athletics and the MPSSAA Executive Director of the alleged violation.
- (2) Second—The superintendent or the superintendent’s designee of the local school system in which the school allegedly in violation is located shall convene a hearing within 5 school days.
- (3) Third—If the superintendent or the superintendent’s designee of the local school system in which the school allegedly in violation is located concludes that a violation has occurred, a penalty shall be imposed in accordance with this regulation.
- (4) Fourth—A report of the hearing and decision in the local school system shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the MPSSAA.
- (5) Fifth—The MPSSAA Executive Director, in consultation with the appropriate committees, or the Executive Council of the MPSSAA, shall review the report of the local hearing and decision in the local school system. The MPSSAA Executive Director shall either accept the penalty imposed or modify the penalty in accordance with this regulation.

C. Penalties imposed by local school systems for violations of local school system rules adopted in accordance with Regulations .01B and .02 B shall be uniform with the penalties designated in Regulation .05A of this chapter.

D. Appeals.

- (1) A member MPSSAA school, student, or coach may appeal the imposed penalty within 30 days and request a hearing before the Appeals Committee of MPSSAA.
- (2) The Appeals Committee of the MPSSAA serves in a quasi-judicial capacity.
- (3) The membership of the MPSSAA Appeals Committee shall include one representative from each district in the Association and a representative from the Association of Secondary School Principals. Five members will constitute a quorum.
- (4) The MPSSAA Executive Director shall notify the Appeals Committee of the hearing and establish a date, time, and hearing site. The appealing school, student, or coach, or all of the above, shall be notified of the date, site, and time of the hearing.
- (5) The MPSSAA Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee shall present the case to the Appeals Committee on behalf of the MPSSAA.
- (6) The principal of the involved school, the student, or coach, or all of the above, shall present grounds for appeal. If appropriate, the local school system’s supervisor of interscholastic athletics involved in the appeal may present the case.
- (7) The MPSSAA Appeals Committee shall convene in closed session and vote to deny or uphold the appeal or modify the penalty. A majority vote is required to deny or uphold an appeal or modify the penalty.
- (8) The MPSSAA Appeals Committee shall report its findings to the concerned parties.
- (9) Any party aggrieved by the MPSSAA Appeals Committee decision may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Schools within 30 days after receipt of the Appeals Committee decision. The State Superintendent of Schools, upon examination of the facts, may, in his or her discretion, allow the appeal and appoint a special committee of three local superintendents of schools to hear the appeal. The committee of superintendents may deny or uphold the appeal or modify the penalty.

- (10) Unless otherwise ordered by the State Superintendent of Schools, the application for appeal to the State Superintendent of Schools may not stay the enforcement of the MPSSAA Appeals Committee decision, or excuse the person affected thereby from complying with its terms.
- (11) The decision of the committee of local superintendents of schools is final.
- (12) A member of the MPSSAA Appeals Committee or the committee of local superintendents of schools may not hear an appeal if that member has offered advice, made a recommendation, rendered a decision, or in any other way participated in the case being appealed.

.06 Classification

- A. For the purpose of parity in competition in meets and tournaments **administered by the MPSSAA, member schools shall be divided into classifications** based on enrollment. If, in this calculation, two or more schools with equal enrollments fall between two classifications, they shall be placed in the lower classification.
- B. The local superintendent of schools shall submit to the MPSSAA Executive Director a report on the actual school enrollment of students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 in each of the member MPSSAA schools as of September 30, in each even-numbered year. The MPSSAA Executive Director and Classification Committee shall present a recommendation for classification of member schools **for each MPSSAA-administered sport** to the MPSSAA Board of Control for adoption. Classification shall be determined every 2 years based on the September 30 enrollment of the previous year.
- C. When the MPSSAA Board of Control adopts classifications for member schools, the classifications shall remain in effect for the next 2 school years.
- D. A new member MPSSAA school that opens or a member school whose enrollment is significantly changed by growth or consolidation during the two-year period shall be placed in the proper classification by the Classification Committee. "Significantly changed" means a decrease or an increase in enrollment of more than 25 percent. This new placement shall affect only the involved school and may not affect the classification of other member schools.
- E. When a member MPSSAA school does not have all three grades included in the enrollment figures upon which the classification is based in the even-numbered year, but will have all three grades in the following odd-numbered year when classification becomes effective, the enrollment figure shall include the existing grades and average of the current class sizes applied to each projected grade.

.07 State Tournament Policies

- A. The MPSSAA games or tournament committees representing all of the districts shall administer and supervise tournaments in the various sports at the district, regional, and State level.
- B. All participating schools shall abide by the rules established by each MPSSAA tournament committee.
- C. Although certain aspects of a tournament may vary from year to year, the following basic policies shall be observed by all tournament committees:
 - (1) The tournament may not interfere with local board of education policy.
 - (2) A member MPSSAA school or local school system may decide whether or not to participate in the tournament.
 - (3) A member MPSSAA school shall compete in its classification when the tournament is so structured.
 - (4) Certified and approved officials' organizations shall be assigned games in a fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory manner.
 - (5) All awards and recognition shall conform to Regulation .08.
 - (6) MPSSAA tournament committees shall make every effort to establish game sites to avoid extensive travel for participating teams.

- (7) All policy and procedure changes for State tournaments shall be subject to the approval of the MPSSAA Executive Council with the Association Tournament Committee serving in an advisory capacity. Emergency decisions on tournament policies and procedures may be made by the MPSSAA Executive Director.
 - (8) When a student is found ineligible during the progress of a tournament, the contest last played shall be forfeited, and the team which was defeated shall take its place.
 - (9) "All-star teams" or best "individual athlete" awards may not be selected from approved tournaments.
 - (10) Sports at the State tournament level shall be governed by approved game rules.
 - (11) If a team or any students participating in a State tournament contest leaves the field of competition before completion of a contest, or fails to continue play when eligible to do so, or is guilty of misconduct detrimental to the tournament, then the team, coach, or students may be suspended from further participation in the current tournament, and from the same tournament in the succeeding year, upon the determination of the tournament committee and the Executive Director.
 - (12) The rules of the MPSSAA do not provide authority to order games replayed. Protests arising from decisions and interpretations by officials during the game will not be considered. Officials' decisions and interpretations are final.
- D. Expansion of any sport to the State level shall be recommended by the State Board of Control of the MPSSAA and approved by the State Superintendent of Schools after consultation with local superintendents of schools.
 - E. Tournament rules and procedures established by the MPSSAA may be appealed on behalf of a student, coach, or school by a local superintendent of schools to the State Superintendent of Schools. The appeal shall be adjudicated by a committee of three local superintendents of schools appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools. The decision of the committee shall be final.

.08 Awards and Recognition

- A. Awards may be made as follows:
 - (1) A school, school related, or nonprofit group may purchase and present to a student for athletic achievement a school insignia, medal, pin, or similar article;
 - (2) Awards from outside the school may be given to individual athletes or school teams provided the awards are approved by the local superintendent, meet MPSSAA guidelines, and the presentation is made at a school-approved function.
- B. Recognition of student athletes and teams, other than through awards, shall be limited to appreciation banquets approved by the local superintendent.

.09 Sanction Rules

- A. Students or teams representing a member MPSSAA school shall participate only in contests conducted by educationally related organizations.
- B. Member MPSSAA schools may not compete in any contest in any other state if either school's participation violates the regulations or established policies of either state's high school interscholastic athletic authority.
- C. Sanctioning Guidelines
 - (1) Sanctioning for Interstate Competition
 - (a) Member MPSSAA schools may not compete in any of the following contests unless the contest has been sanctioned by each of the interested state authorities through the NFHS:
 - (i) Any interstate meet in which four or more schools participate;

- (ii) Any competition involving schools from three or more state athletic associations;
 - (iii) Any interstate two-school contest which is not sponsored by a NFHS state association or a state member school;
 - (iv) Any interstate two-school contest which involves travel outside the United States of America; or
 - (v) Any interstate two-school contest (regardless of distance to be traveled) which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a member MPSSAA high school.
- (b) A school or school system that wishes to serve as a host for an interstate contest shall file the appropriate sanction request form prior to the first play date and at least 15 days prior to the event for events within the first two weeks of the season.
 - (c) Schools participating in interstate contests shall use the National Federation contract form furnished by the MPSSAA Executive Director.
 - (d) In all interstate contests, each participating school shall follow the rules of the host state athletic authority.
- (2) Sanctioning for Intrastate Competition
- (a) Member MPSSAA schools may only compete against other member MPSSAA schools or schools approved through the Standards of Competition.
 - (b) Approval of the MPSSAA Executive Director is required for any intercounty contest involving more than three teams and sponsored by a non-member educational institution.
 - (c) The host school shall file the appropriate sanction request form with the MPSSAA Executive Director prior to the first play date and at least 15 days prior to the event for events within the first two weeks of the season.
 - (d) Member MPSSAA schools may host intercounty contests involving only other member MPSSAA schools or schools approved through the Standards of Competition without sanctioning approval.
- (3) MPSSAA Sanction Guidelines. The following criteria shall be met for sanction approval by the MPSSAA:
- (a) The competition may not determine a regional or national championship;
 - (b) The competition is not preliminary to a college or professional game;
 - (c) The competition is sponsored by an educational institution or similar nonprofit organization;
 - (d) Participation in the event is within the United States of America, does not involve loss of instructional time, and complies with the local school system policies and procedures for school-sponsored travel; and
 - (e) All awards shall comply with Regulation .08 of this chapter.

.10 Amateur Rules

- A. Students who have not used or are not using their athletic skill as players for financial gain, or who have not competed under assumed names as players, shall be considered amateurs. Employment as an instructor, counselor, or official may not be considered a violation.
- B. Students who have ceased to be amateurs in a particular sport may not represent their school in interscholastic athletics in that sport.

- C. Students who have lost amateur standing may apply for reinstatement to the MPSSAA Appeals Committee after the lapse of 60 days. The 60 days shall commence with a letter of determination from the local superintendent of schools.
- D. Students may not lose amateur standing by playing with or against professional players as long as they do not receive pay for their services.
- E. Students shall lose their amateur status in a particular sport if they sign a professional contract in that sport.

.11 Amendments

- A. Proposed written amendments to these regulations may be submitted only by a member MPSSAA school, local superintendent of schools, MPSSAA committee, or the MPSSAA Executive Director. Proposed amendments shall be received by the MPSSAA Executive Director at least 45 days before the annual meeting of the MPSSAA Board of Control.
- B. Upon receipt, proposed amendments shall be referred to the Constitution Committee for appropriate action and recommendation.
- C. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be sent to each member MPSSAA school, local superintendent of schools, and the State Superintendent of Schools at least 15 days before the annual legislative meeting of the MPSSAA.
- D. Ratification of the proposed amendments shall require a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual legislative meeting of the MPSSAA.
- E. Amendments approved by the MPSSAA shall be forwarded to the State Superintendent of Schools who will receive recommendations from local superintendents of schools before the State Superintendent of Schools submits recommendations to the State Board of Education.
- F. The amendments approved by the State Board of Education shall be in effect according to the date established by the Board.

RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS DEFINITIONS

Athletic Schedule	A team's declaration of the official number of contests, sequence, opponents, and tournaments.
Designated Optional Tournaments	In order for a tournament to be considered a Designated Optional Tournament, it must meet the following standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Participating may not result in the loss of instructional time.(b) Results shall not count towards MPSSAA standings.(c) If a team elects to participate, the team must declare their designated optional tournament prior to the start of the season.(d) The designated optional tournament must conform to the definition of a tournament as stated below.
Double-header	When a team plays two contests or contest with the same team or different teams on the same day.
Intrinsic value	Medals, pins, certificates, plaques, trophies, scholarships, appreciation (clothing, shoes, contracts are prohibited).
Licensed physician	Medical doctor.
Media	Any channel of communication. These forms include electronic (radio, television, webcasting, video streaming, photography) and print (newspaper, magazine, newsletters, internet).
Multi-team	Three or more teams.
Participation	Physical entry into a bonafide school-sanctioned athletic contest.
Practice	Any individual, group, or team gathering that has assembled for the purpose of instruction and/or play.
Returning players	A player who has represented his/her school in that sport.
School-related group	Any organization whose aim is to promote school programs and is under the supervision of the school.
Scrimmage	A practice or modified game involving two or more schools in which no score is reported, no admission is charged, no public report is made, and is purely for instructional purposes.
Sport staff	Each local school system shall determine the staff coaching titles (head, assistant, junior varsity head) in each sport, and the level of team competition in each sport (varsity, junior varsity, freshman).
Statue of Limitations	A time frame of one calendar year from the day of the state championship to investigate state athletic violations.
Tournament	Three or more teams or individuals competing in an elimination, round-robin or mixer (predetermined opponents) structure where a champion is determined.
Week	Monday, 12:00 a.m. through Saturday, 11:59 p.m.

RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION

.02G(1) “The outside participation shall not conflict with the practice or contests schedule of the school including district, regional, and State championship play unless prior approval has been obtained from the school principal and coach;”

Interpretation: Any factor of a non-school athletic activity that causes a student to miss any portion of a school practice or contest constitutes a conflict.

This would include but is not limited to:

1. Practice
2. Competition
3. Tryouts/qualifying
4. Travel to and from
5. Registration
6. Awards ceremony
7. Etc.

Note: It is expected that high school teams conduct practice for all members or engage in competition every day school is in session during the sports season.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS PERMITTED DURING A SPORTS SEASON

.03B

Interpretation: The seasonal limitations for each sport refer to one varsity team as well as to any under-squad teams. A school may field only one team that can be classified as “varsity”. The nomenclature of any under-squad, i.e., varsity “B”, junior varsity, freshman, novice, etc., must so designate its non-varsity status. Accordingly, any requirements or qualifying standards to state tournaments can only be satisfied through *varsity competition*.

50% SPORT STAFF

.04B(2)(d) “Teams having more than one coach, emergency coaches may not comprise more than 50 percent of that sport staff.”

Interpretation: The staff of each individual team (Varsity, JV, freshman) represents a separate sport staff.

CARE AND PREVENTION OF ATHLETIC INJURIES

.04B(3) “All coaches shall have completed or be enrolled in a one-credit course in the prevention and care of athletic injuries.”

Interpretation: The following interpretation of that bylaw was agreed upon by formal vote of the MPSSAA Board of Control:

1. The completion of the Care and Prevention Course will be required by August 15, 1989.
2. Coaches beginning employment after August 15, 1989, will have one (1) year to complete the course.
3. Beginning July 1, 2017, in order for coaches to stay relevant with the care and prevention of athletic injuries to students, all coaches are required to recertify utilizing a local school system approved online course within the last five years.
4. The major content areas in the course should be:
 - a. Legal Issues
 - b. Introduction to Injury
 - c. Prevention of Injuries
 - d. First Aid/On Field Management of Injuries
 - e. Life Threatening Injuries
 - f. Ankle Injuries
 - g. Knee Injuries

- h. Neck, Spine, Pelvis Injuries
 - i. Shoulder Injuries
 - j. Arm, Hand Injuries
5. Emergency coaches must have completed a Care and Prevention course in the first year of his/her employment.
 6. Local supervisors will certify that coaches have completed the course.
 7. COMAR 13A.05.05.09 states one certified person in CPR shall be available on site at all school-sponsored athletic events. COMAR 13A.05.10.03 states each county board shall develop and implement a high school AED program which shall require, at minimum: (1) one AED onsite in each public high school, which shall be available for use at each school-sponsored athletic event (includes practice and scrimmages); (2) one individual trained in the operation and use of an AED present at each school-sponsored athletic event (includes practice and scrimmages). It is strongly recommended that all coaches complete a course in CPR/AED.

Following is a suggested outline formulated by the MPSSAA Medical Advisory Board (revised April 22, 1998; September 8, 2010; April 17, 2014):

CARE AND PREVENTION OF ATHLETIC INJURIES COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Legal Issues** **Suggested time allocation: 45 mins.**
 - Emergency Plan
 - Knowledge of proper skills, techniques, and protective equipment
 - Laws and MSDE recommended procedures for Heat Acclimatization and Concussions
 - Medical records and documentation
 - Safety
- II. Introduction to Injury** **Suggested time allocation: 1 hr. 30 mins.**
 - Mechanisms of injury
 - Tissue response to injury (mild/moderate/severe)
 - Stages of healing
 - Psychology of injury
 - Psychology of sport
- III. Prevention of Injuries** **Suggested time allocation: 1 hr. 30 mins.**
 - Conditioning concepts
 - Alternate training concepts
 - Nutrition
 - Performance enhancing issues
- IV. First Aid/On Field Management of Injuries** **Suggested time allocation: 3 hrs.**
 - Concussion Awareness
 - o Signs and Symptoms
 - o Initial Intervention
 - o Evaluation
 - o Return to play decision making
 - Primary/Secondary survey
 - Cuts, blisters, bruises, skin issues
 - Hyperventilation
 - Care of eye, mouth, nose injuries
 - Thermal injuries
 - Choking
 - Hygiene and sanitation (facilities, equipment, supplies)
 - Hot and Cold Treatment (RICE/ICER treatment)
 - Ambulatory assistance
 - Bloodborne pathogens, use of personal protection equipment
 - First Aid kit
 - Principles of taping

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| <p>V. Life Threatening Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac • Head/Brain • Spinal • Respiratory • Circulatory • Thoracic/Internal injuries • EpiPen • Seizure | <p>Suggested time allocation: 1 hr.</p> |
| <p>VI. Ankle Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and mechanics of the joint • Physical examination • Common injuries and causes • Rehabilitation — specific exercises and techniques • Taping techniques | <p>Suggested time allocation: 2 hrs.</p> |
| <p>VII. Knee Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and mechanics of the joint • Physical examination • Common injuries and causes • Rehabilitation — specific exercises and techniques | <p>Suggested time allocation: 1 hr. 15 mins.</p> |
| <p>VIII. Neck, Spine, Pelvis Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and mechanics of the joint • Physical examination • Common injuries and causes • Rehabilitation — specific exercises and techniques | <p>Suggested time allocation: 1 hr.</p> |
| <p>IX. Shoulder Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and mechanics of the joint • Physical examination • Common injuries and causes • Rehabilitation — specific exercises and techniques | <p>Suggested time allocation: 1 hr. 15 mins.</p> |
| <p>X. Arm, Elbow, Hand Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and mechanics of the joint • Common injuries and causes • Rehabilitation — specific exercises and techniques • Taping techniques | <p>Suggested time allocation: 1 hr. 15 mins.</p> |
| <p>XI. Exit Exam</p> | <p>Suggested time allocation: 30 mins.
 TOTAL TIME: 15 Hrs.= 1 credit</p> |

ALL-STAR GAMES PER SPORT

.04C(5) “Individual students may participate in two all-star games per sport, upon the completion of their eligibility in the sport in which this participation occurs.”

Interpretation: Eligibility to participate in a specific sport is automatically forfeited following participation in an all-star event for that sport. The regulations only take jurisdictional control over participation related directly to representation of member schools. All-star selections as a result of camps, open tryouts, summer leagues, or any other non-school affiliated recreational athletic participation are not germane to the regulation.

Factors that constitute an All-Star Contest and violate the intent of the rule prohibiting returning players participating in such contests include:

- a. Players were selected to participate in the contest based on their participation as a member of a high school team. e.g. school records, player statistics, or league honors.
- b. Players were contacted through their school or a representative of their school.
- c. The game was advertised as an All-Star Contest or similar wording that would indicate as an All-Star Contest for current high school students; e.g. Underclassman Game.

OUT-OF-SEASON PRACTICE

.04E(1) “Member MPSSAA schools and coaches of member schools shall confine school practices to the seasonal limitations as defined in Regulation .03 of this chapter.”

Interpretation: Any school group or team gathering consisting of three or more players that has assembled for the purpose of drilling or instruction would constitute a violation. School coaching staffs may work with a maximum of two players per day.

.04E(2) “A coach may not coach a team representing the coach’s school beyond the sports season as defined in Regulation .03 of this chapter.”

Interpretation: Any paid or volunteer coach at a member school may coach a non-school team provided the team has no direct affiliation with the school. When coaching non-school teams, including returning school players on non-school teams, the following criteria shall be observed:

- a. The non-school team may not use a name directly connected with the school;
- b. The non-school team may not use school uniforms, equipment or funds;
- c. The non-school team may not use school facilities except as allowed by local school system guidelines;
- d. The non-school team must meet local school system standards of a non-school team; and
- e. The number of returning school players on the non-school team is limited according to the following timeframe.

Timeframe

1. From the start of the fall sports season as defined in Regulation .03, to the last state championship game of the spring season, the outside teams roster does not exceed 80% of the returning players of what would constitute a starting lineup in that sport OR a modified version thereof. i.e., 7-on-7 football, 3-on-3 basketball, indoor soccer, indoor lacrosse, etc.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>STARTING LINE UP</u>	<u>LIMIT</u>
Baseball	9	7
Basketball	5	4
Cross Country	7	5
Field Hockey	11	8
Football	11	8
Golf	4 State members.....	3
Gymnastics—Boys	6 events	4
Gymnastics—Girls	4 events	3
Lacrosse	10	8
Soccer	11	8
Softball.....	9	7
Swimming	12 events	9
Tennis	8 State events	6
Track & Field.....	18 events.....	14
Volleyball	6	4
Wrestling.....	14	11

2. From the last state championship game of the spring season to the first day of fall practice, the outside team roster is unrestricted on the number of returning players.

CAMP RULE

.04G(2), (3) “Member MPSSAA schools, member school coaches, school-related organizations, or individuals may not sponsor or conduct a camp in which students who are returning players are involved or participate. A camp composed of several coaches with their respective teams is a violation of this regulation.”

Interpretation: School-related individuals mean any school employee, volunteer, their relative, and/or agents. Coaches may instruct non-school teams at camps.

NOTE: Alleged violations brought by member schools, students or coaches will be investigated by the local superintendent or his/her designee. Those sponsoring and/or conducting a camp that is under investigation will be required to supply supporting data.

MISCONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO A TOURNAMENT

.07C (11) “If a team or any students participating in a State tournament contest leaves the field of competition before completion of a contest, or fails to continue play when eligible to do so, or is guilty of misconduct detrimental to the tournament, then the team, coach, or students may be suspended from further participation in the current tournament, and from the same tournament in the succeeding year, upon the determination of the tournament committee and the Executive Director. ”

Interpretation: Ejection from any district, region, or State tournament contest, failure of schools to follow state tournament policies and/or disruptive actions of students, coaches, school supporters, or administrators are considered misconduct detrimental to the tournament. Coaches, players, and bench personnel ejected from these tournament contests are disqualified from the succeeding contest in that tournament year. Additional sanctions such as, but not limited to, state tournament probation, disqualification from state tournaments in succeeding years, or disqualification from additional state tournaments in the same year, could be imposed depending on the circumstances.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA

.07D “Expansion of any sport to the State level shall be recommended by the State Board of Control of the MPSSAA and approved by the State Superintendent of Schools after consultation with the local superintendents of schools.”

MPSSAA Criteria:

- a. A minimum of 40% of MPSSAA member schools shall participate in the sport program on a varsity level.
- b. Schools shall be prepared to host home school contests on the school site.
- c. A plan of action shall be submitted to the Executive Director 30 days prior to the spring MPSSAA Board of Control meeting and shall include:
 1. Tournament structure
 2. Estimated budget
 3. Historical background
- d. A state tournament shall evolve from district/regional tournaments.

AWARD CRITERIA

.08A(2) “Awards from outside the school may be given to individual athletes or school teams provided the awards are approved by the local superintendent, ***meet MPSSAA guidelines, and the presentation is made at a school approved function.***”

MPSSAA Guidelines: Awards presented by non-school organization(s) to the school and/or athlete, excluding scholarship(s), must display the school name or insignia and team or individual accomplishment. Commercial messages may not be displayed on awards such as articles of clothing, jewelry, luggage, etc.

LOSS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

.09C(3)(d) “Participation in the event is within the USA, does not involve loss of instructional time, and complies with the local school system policies and procedures for school-sponsored travel.”

Interpretation: Events that require out of state travel beyond 300 miles may not involve any loss of school time.

2020-2021 COMAR WAIVERS

On June 23, 2020, the Maryland State Board of Education approved a request of waiver to certain regulations for the specific use of LSS navigating delayed, modified, or interruptions during the course of the 2020-2021 academic year. These regulations, at the request of the MPSSAA and local Superintendent of Schools, will give the LSS the flexibility to navigate county COVID-19 restrictions and administer interscholastic athletic opportunities based on local conditions.

MPSSAA member schools are reminded these waiver requests have been identified for specific purposes to assist schools related to delayed or modified instructional decisions. MPSSAA member schools are expected to be in full compliance with COMAR 13A.06.03 unless specific needs arise that require LSS to implement plans with the flexibility found in the waiver requests.

Please note the following important points regarding the waiver requests (APPENDIX A).

As MPSSAA members, the LSS agrees to institute schedules that adhere to defined practice and seasonal structure based on MPSSAA decisions. The MPSSAA maintains authority on defining sport seasons. The waiver request provides flexibility for athletic administrators to modify in-season sport schedules related to increased or decreased participation opportunities.

MPSSAA does not seek a waiver of the requirements for B(1)(a) through (q) for seasonal and weekly limitations for the number of contests allowed per school athletic team and student participation during the course of a season. MPSSAA member schools in any scheduling must adhere to the seasonal and weekly limitations on the number of contests.

As MPSSAA members, the LSS agree to institute a set out-of-season practice time frame per sport before operating any out-of-season practices and obtain approval from the MPSSAA Executive Director for the out-of-season practice time frame. These requests must be school system based requests through the LSS administrator for interscholastic athletics and be directly related to specific purposes regarding the LSS response to COVID-19. The intent of the out-of-season regulation waiver is for the specific purpose of LSS operating participation opportunities within an intra-school setting for an extended period of time or for the reconditioning of the deconditioned athlete.

MPSSAA member schools must continue to follow all regulations regarding sanctioning. The waiver request gives the MPSSAA office flexibility in approving sanction requests after deadlines.

2020-2021 COMAR WAIVERS

COMAR 13A.06.03.03 A - Sports Season - Request waiver of the start and length of sport seasons. The waiver request allows the MPSSAA to modify the length of seasons, allow schools to administer participation opportunities locally and starting at different times, and allows the MPSSAA to operate under the latest information to make calculated decisions to best support student participation. NOTE: Member MPSSAA schools will still be required to adhere to defined practice and seasonal structure based on MPSSAA decisions.

COMAR 13A.06.03.03 B(1) - Maximum Number of Contests During a Sports Season - Request waiver of the requirement that all sports schedules must be set by the first allowable playdate. This provides local school systems the flexibility to reschedule and adapt to the latest response to COVID-19 per locale. Some areas may see interruptions during the course of the year or their local health department implements stricter requirements that would mitigate intrastate play. NOTE: This recommendation does not change the seasonal and weekly limitations for the number of contests allowed per school athletic team and student participation during the course of a season.

COMAR 13A.06.03.04C(9) - Limits of Participation - Request waiver of the limit of participation for students who play on junior varsity and varsity teams and their eligibility for intramural teams. Intramural programs may be one of the earlier stages to create student participation before expanding into interscholastic and multi-school participation.

COMAR 13A.06.03.04E - Out-of-Season Practice - Request waiver of the regulations related to schools participation in practice outside the defined seasonal limitations or beyond the sports season. This waiver allows for the MPSSAA and local school systems to engage coach and student interaction for the mental and physical well-being of the student. A prolonged recondition of the deconditioned athlete may be necessary or schools may only be able to operate in a practice and individual drill setting. This will also allow the MPSSAA to look for ways to re-engage students with their coaches who lost their entire Spring Sport Season. NOTE: It is recommended that local school systems request from the MPSSAA Executive Director to institute a set out-of-season practice time frame per sport before operating any out-of-season practices.

COMAR 13A.06.03.08(1)(b) - Sanctioning for Interstate Competition - Request waiver of the sanction request deadline date for interstate competition. The waiver does not change the requirement to request sanction approval from the MPSSAA, but provides flexibility to make necessary modifications during the course of the year.

COMAR 13A.06.03.08(2)(c) - Sanctioning for Intrastate Competition - Request waiver of the sanction request deadline date for intrastate competition. The waiver does not change the requirement to request sanction approval from the MPSSAA, but provides flexibility to make necessary modifications during the course of the year.

OFFICIALS

Officials for MPSSAA-sponsored athletic contests, both regular and postseason, are to be certified and registered with the MPSSAA office. The MPSSAA coordinator of officials will facilitate this process with all local officials' boards. Registration and certification requirements are as follows:

1. Be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate.
2. Be a member in good standing with a local MPSSAA-recognized officials' group.
3. Attend an MPSSAA-sponsored rules interpretation clinic for the current year.
4. Pass the National Federation examination (75% is the lowest passing score).
5. Pay the MPSSAA registration fee (through the local officials' association).

Rules Interpretation Clinics

An assigned interpreter will conduct annual rules interpretation clinics for local boards of officials in each sport prior to the opening of each season. Dates, time, and location of all clinics will be published on the officials page of MPSSAA.org. Officials are required to attend a clinic as part of the certification process. Coaches are encouraged to attend.

Officials Associations Serving Member Schools (2020-21)

Baseball

1. Anne Arundel Diamond Baseball Umpires
2. Atlantic Coast Umpires Association
3. Eastern Shore Umpires Association
4. Free State Umpires Association
5. Interstate Baseball Umpires Association
6. Mason-Dixon Approved Umpires Association
7. Metro Baseball Umpires Association
8. Mid Atlantic Umpires Association
9. Northeastern Maryland Officials Association
10. Southern District Umpires Association, Inc.
11. Tri-State Sports Umpires Association
12. Washington County Umpires Association

Basketball

1. AlleGarr Basketball Officials Association
2. Baltimore Board IAABO #23
3. Baltimore Board of Officials for Womens' Sports
4. Baltimore City IAABO #290
5. Bayside Officials Board IAABO #157
6. Delaware Board IAABO #11
7. Delmarva Basketball Officials Association
8. District of Columbia IAABO #12
9. Maryland Basketball Officials Association
10. Mason-Dixon Board IAABO #244 (Carroll)
11. Southern Maryland Board IAABO #134
12. Tuscarora Board IAABO #214 (Frederick)
13. Upper Chesapeake Officials Assoc. IAABO #261
14. Washington County Basketball Officials Assoc.

Cross Country/Track and Field

1. Capital Board of Officials
2. Maryland Officials Club
3. Montgomery County Track Officials (MBLOA)
4. Western Maryland Track Officials

Field Hockey

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Officials
2. Baltimore Board of Officials for Womens' Sports
3. Central Maryland Officials Association
4. Frederick County Field Hockey Officials Association
5. Lower Eastern Shore Field Hockey Officials Assoc.
6. Maryland Select Officials Association
7. Northern Eastern Shore
8. Tri-County Field Hockey Association
9. Washington Field Hockey Umpires Association

Football

1. Bayside Football Officials Association
2. Champion Officials Group
3. Frederick County Football Officials Association
4. Maryland Board of Football Officials
5. Northeastern Maryland Officials Association
6. Northern Delaware Football Association
7. Potomac Valley Board
8. Washington County Board
9. Washington District Football Officials Association

Lacrosse - Girls

1. Baltimore Board of Officials for Womens' Sports
2. Central Maryland Officials Association
3. Eastern Shore Lacrosse Umpires Association
4. Harford County Lacrosse Officials
5. Lower Bayside Lacrosse Officials Association
6. Maryland Select Officials Association
7. Montgomery County Womens' Lacrosse Officials Association
8. Southern Maryland Womens' Lacrosse Officials Association
9. WLC Officials, LLC

Officials Associations Serving Member Schools (2020-21)

Lacrosse – Boys

1. Bayside Lacrosse Officials Association
2. Champion Officials Group
3. Montgomery County Boys Lacrosse Officials Assoc.
4. Southern Lacrosse Officials Association
5. Washington Area Lacrosse Officials Association
6. Western Maryland Lacrosse Officials Association

Soccer

1. Appalachian Soccer Officials Association
2. Baltimore Board of Officials for Womens' Sports
3. Capital Area Soccer Referee Association
4. Eastern Shore Soccer Officials Association
5. Harford Sports Officials Association
6. Mason - Dixon Soccer Officials
7. Metropolitan Washington Soccer Referees Assoc.
8. Old Line Board of Approved Soccer Officials
9. Potomac Valley Soccer Officials
10. Western Maryland Soccer Officials

Softball

1. Anne Arundel Umpires Association, Inc.
2. Calvert County Officials Association (CCOA)
3. Cascade Officials Association
4. Charles County Umpires Association
5. Delaware Softball Officials Association
6. Free State Umpires Association
7. Golden Triangle Officials Association
8. Greater Washington Softball Umpires Association
9. Lower Bayside Softball Umpires Association
10. MASO
11. Mid Atlantic Softball Umpires
12. Northern Bayside Umpires Association
13. Northeastern Maryland Officials Association
14. Tri-County Sports Officials Association
15. Tri-State Umpires Association
16. Washington County Umpires Association

Swimming

1. Capital Area Swimming Officials
2. Delaware Swimming & Diving Officials Association
3. Eastern Shore Swimming Officials Association
3. Frederick County Swimming Officials
4. Maryland Officials Club
5. Northeastern Maryland Officials Association

Volleyball

1. Allegany - Garrett County Volleyball Officials
2. Baltimore Board of Officials for Womens' Sports
3. Beltway Region Volleyball Officials (BRVO)
4. Capital Area Volleyball Officials Association
5. Central Maryland Volleyball Officials
6. Delaware Volleyball Officials Association
7. Frederick Volleyball Officials
8. Lower Eastern Shore Volleyball Officials
9. Northeastern Maryland Officials Association
10. Northern Bayside Volleyball Officials
11. Tri-County Sports Officials Association
12. Washington County Volleyball Officials

Wrestling

1. Eastern Shore Wrestling Officials Association
2. Maryland Wrestling Officials Association
3. Potomac Valley Wrestling Officials Association
4. Washington County Wrestling Officials Association
5. Washington Metropolitan Wrestling Officials Assoc.

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FootballBill Witte	240-567-1932.....	301-989-1432
Lacrosse–BJim Bateman.....	717-822-0070.....	443-604-8628
Lacrosse–GLiz Brush	607-222-8816	607-222-8816
SoccerRoss Burbage	410-848-2846	410-236-5427
SoftballAl Palmer.....	301-924-2464	301-502-1001
SwimmingDavid Stark	410-836-5064.....	443-752-4194
Track & FieldSteve Smith.....	410-665-7157	410-935-1219
VolleyballEd Tucholski	410-293-6668	443-995-7348
WrestlingBruce Malinowski.....	410-887-5428	410-802-3411

MPSSAA SPORT COMMITTEES

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Director: Jason Woodward, Sherwood HS

District 1

Phil RhodesFrederick HS

District 2

Sean DavisSherwood HS

District 3

Donald ClevelandLaurel HS

District 4

Guy Smith, Jr.Huntingtown HS

District 5

Matthew Sillers.....Oakland Mills HS

Wayne FeuerherdNorth County HS

District 6

Jeff Markle.....Parkville HS

District 7

Tim Larrimore.....North Harford HS

District 8

Todd LampmanSnow Hill HS

District 9

Todd HenningACCE

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE (BOYS)

Director: TBA

Tournament Director: Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan,
Montgomery County

District 1

Arnie McGahaOakdale MS

District 2

Dan HarwoodCol. Zadok Magruder HS

District 3

Brendan O'Connell....Eleanor Roosevelt HS

District 4

VaShawne GrossHuntingtown HS

District 5

Mike RuddGlen Burnie HS

Jon BrowneOakland Mills HS

District 6

Jim RhoadsHereford HS

District 7

Jeroud ClarkPatterson Mill HS

District 8

Derrick Fooks.....Pocomoke HS

District 9

Herman Harried.....Lake Clifton HS

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE (GIRLS)

Director: Lynette Mitzel, Baltimore County

Tournament Director: Diane George,
BCoPS-retired

District 1

Liz PadgettManchester Valley HS

District 2

Maggie DyerThomas S. Wootton HS

District 3

Ayana Ball-WardLargo HS

District 4

Matthew WoodGreat Mills HS

District 5

Lee RogersArundel HS

Teresa Waters.....River Hill HS

District 6

Lori BrewerCarver Center

District 7

Kathy StoudtRising Sun HS

District 8

Stosh SchtiermanWicomico HS

District 9

Rolynda Contee.....City College HS

CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE

Director: Michael Sye, Baltimore County

District 1

Larry O'Hara.....Gov. Thomas Johnson HS

District 2

Chad YoungBethesda-Chevy Chase HS

District 3

Kenneth Washington..Northwestern-PG HS

District 4

Jimmy Ball.....North Point HS

District 5

Brianna Bostic.....Broadneck HS

Phil Lang.....Howard Co.

District 6

Matthew Clever.....Randallstown HS

District 7

Steve Pizzulli.....Bohemia Manor HS

District 8

Sean ReinckeCambridge-SD HS

District 9

Keysha FearonForest Park HS

MPSSAA SPORT COMMITTEES

FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Director: Phyllis Hemmes, HaCPS-retired

District 1

Denean Koontz...Manchester Valley HS

District 2

Megan LusbyMontgomery Blair

District 4

Anne VallandinghamChopticon HS

District 5

Heather ArnoldOld Mill HS

Ginger KincaidHoward Co. (retired)

District 6

Caitlin Duvall.....Hereford HS

District 7

Ashley ChristyBohemia Manor HS

District 8

Gina Dean.....Pocomoke ES

GOLF COMMITTEE

Director: Eric Michael, Washington County

District 1

Kyle WalkerManchester Valley HS

District 2

Cliff ElginDamascus HS

District 3

Theodore Smith.....Suitland HS

District 4

David RussellLa Plata HS

District 5

Phelps PrescottArundel HS

Jon BrowneOakland Mills HS

District 6

Tony RuoccoKenwood HS

District 7

Raymond Paquin, III.....Patterson Mill

District 8

Dan Stearman.....Stephen Decatur HS

Brad NieszQueen Anne's HS

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Director: Ryan Hines, Urbana HS

District 1

Kurt Stein.....Oakdale HS

District 2

Michael NesmithPaint Branch HS

District 3

Julius Pinkney.....Douglass-PG HS

District 4

Andy ShattuckNorth Point HS

District 5

Nick Good-MalloyAnnapolis HS

Brian Van Duesen.....River Hill HS

District 6

Reggie White.....Milford Mill Academy

District 7

Todd Shives.....Bohemia Manor HS

District 8

James McCormick....North Caroline HS

District 9

Patrick Nixon.....Mergenthaler HS

MPSSAA SPORT COMMITTEES

INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE

Indoor Director: Clayton Culp,
Anne Arundel County

Outdoor Director: Beth Shook, Westlake HS

District 1

Becky WalterBoonsboro HS

Curtis GraffWashington Co.-retired

District 2

Dessalyn DillardPaint Branch HS

Scott MathiasClarksburg HS

District 3

Bryan BrownCharles H. Flowers HS

Kenneth Washington..Northwestern-PG HS

District 4

Kevin ReisingerDavis MS

Josh DawsonNorthern-Calvert HS

District 5

Ashley Kelso.....Glen Burnie HS

Brianna Bostic.....Broadneck HS

Tyler Wade.....Howard HS

Philip RogersReservoir HS

District 6

Brad DuvallHereford HS

Eric Benjamin.....Patapsco HS

District 7

Tom DeckerNorth East-C HS

Donnie MickeyC. Milton Wright HS

District 8

Justin Holland.....Kent Island HS

Jody StiglerStephen Decatur HS

District 9

Duane Downer.....Baltimore City College

Joseph EdwardsFrederick Douglass-B

LACROSSE COMMITTEE (BOYS)

Director: Ken Zorbach, HaCPS-retired

District 1

John PiperManchester Valley HS

District 2

David Heiney Gonzalez ..Quince Orchard HS

District 3

Carlos PettigrewCharles H. Flowers HS

District 4

Peter KirwinHuntingtown HS

District 5

Josh HatmakerGlenelg HS

Brendan BraceSouthern-AA HS

District 6

Shaun DowneyChesapeake-BC HS

District 7

Jason BellamyEdgewood HS

District 8

Dennis KeenanEaston HS

District 9

Jason WilliamsSouthwestern HS

LACROSSE COMMITTEE (GIRLS)

Director: Melba Williams, BCoPS-retired

District 1

Shelly Brezicki....Manchester Valley HS

District 2

Kelly Hughes.....Sherwood HS

District 3

John O'HaraDuVal HS

District 4

Maggie PikeWindy Hill ES

District 5

Katy Kelley.....Broadneck HS

Ginger KincaidHoward Co. (retired)

District 6

Todd HawkinsLansdowne HS

District 7

Kristen Barry.....Bel Air HS

District 8

Sara BranieckiStephen Decatur MS

District 9

Mary HainWestern-B HS

MPSSAA SPORT COMMITTEES

Soccer Committee (Boys)

Director: Matt Roberts, Cecil County

District 1

Mike TeslaWashington Co. (retired)

District 2

Hector MoralesWalter Johnson HS

District 3

George KallasEleanor Roosevelt HS

District 4

Jason CranfordCalvert HS

District 5

Sean Tettermer.....Broadneck HS

Josh SullivanReservoir HS

District 6

Peter Glaudemans ..Eastern Technical HS

District 7

Brian TullyC. Milton Wright HS

District 8

Jamie GreenwoodStephen Decatur HS

District 9

Jarrett IngramNew Era Academy

Soccer Committee (Girls)

Director: Marianne Shultz, North County HS

District 1

Howie PuttermanTuscarora HS

District 2

Haroot Hakopian.....Winston Churchill HS

District 3

Bonnie HydeHigh Point HS

District 4

Jennifer Henderson ..Leonardtwn HS

District 5

Kim CollinsChesapeake-AA HS

Tim DeppenMount Hebron HS

District 6

Lisa Martin.....Owings Mills HS

District 7

Lissy DeanBohemia Manor HS

District 8

Mike Kern.....Queen Anne's HS

District 9

Todd HenningACCE

Softball Committee

Director: Lynn Pitonzo, AACPS-retired

District 1

Steve Nibbs.....Frederick Co. (retired)

District 2

Colleen AdamsQuince Orchard HS

District 3

Luanne SmithBowie HS

District 4

Michael JohnsonHuntingtown HS

District 5

Tim Williams.....South River HS

Jeannie PrevostoCentennial HS

District 6

Ted WinnerOwings Mills HS

District 7

Kathleen DonaldsonBel Air HS

District 8

Kory Shiles.....Mardela HS

District 9

Suzanne BlumBaltimore City

Swimming & Diving Committee

Director: Kevin Kendro,
Frederick County

District 1

Sara FranciscovichWalkersville HS

Matt Ginalick.....Tuscarora HS

District 2

Jason BlankenBethesda-CC HS

District 3

John VenitLaurel HS

District 4

Troy KrollGreat Mills HS

District 5

Ellen HaysOld Mill HS

District 7

Chris Bley.....Magnolia MS

District 8

TBATBA

District 9

Cynthia Tucker-TysonCarver Vo-Tech

MPSSAA SPORT COMMITTEES

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Director: Jean Vanderpool, HoCPS-retired

District 1

Shaun WeissOakdale HS

District 2

Judy RothsteinPaint Branch HS

District 3

Robert Vinson....Charles H. Flowers HS

District 4

Matt OrdilleChopticon HS

District 5

Chip BolingHoward HS

Grant YingerChesapeake-AA HS

District 6

Fletcher BurchettKenwood HS

District 7

Lucy Samra.....Patterson Mill HS

Fran McCullinWest MS

District 8

Dennis White.....North Caroline HS

District 9

Zachary PalmerWestern-B HS

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Director: Sybil Kessinger, River Hill HS

Asst. Tourn. Director: Debbie Basler, HaCPS

District 1

Dan Cunningham ..No. Hagerstown HS

District 2

Scott ZanniCol. Zadok Magruder HS

District 3

Linda Henson-HubbGwynn Park HS

District 4

Steve Correll.....Leonardtwn HS

District 5

Ashley YuscavageArundel HS

Michael BossomCentennial HS

District 6

Denikwa JamesFranklin HS

District 7

Christine McDonough.....Bel Air HS

District 8

Jennifer PowellEaston HS

District 9

Yolanda SmallWestern-B HS

WRESTLING COMMITTEE

Director: Brian Layman,

Anne Arundel County

Tournament Director:

Michael Duffy, Carroll County

Dual Meet Director:

Dave Dodson, Manchester Valley HS

District 1

Mike RechterovicWilliamsport HS

District 2

Rob PinskyClarksburg HS

District 3

Odist FelderCharles H. Flowers HS

District 4

Rich PauoleLa Plata HS

District 5

Troy StevensonOakland Mills

Chris DykeNortheast-AA HS

District 6

Gary BurkhardtParkville HS

District 7

Craig ReddishBel Air HS

District 8

Tim Frey.....Caroline Co. (retired)

District 9

Wavie Gibson,IIIBalto. Polytechnic Instit.

MPSSAA Enrollment Numbers 2020-21 (Grades 9-11)

Montgomery Blair-Mtg2489	North Point-Cha1323	North Harford-Hfd932	Mountain Ridge-All673
High Point-PG2063	Great Mills-StM1302	Oakdale-Fre927	Western STES-BCo673
Northwest-Mtg2035	Chopticon-StM1301	Thomas Stone-Cha925	M. J. McDonough-Cha.....665
Walter Johnson-Mtg2008	Watkins Mill-Mtg.....1293	Glennelg-How915	Loch Raven-BCo663
Eleanor Roosevelt-PG.....2007	Woodlawn-BCo1279	Seneca Valley-Mtg.....910	Cambridge-SD-Dor656
Rich. Montgomery-Mtg.....1934	Col. Z. Magruder-Mtg1276	La Plata-Cha909	Fairmont Heights-PG.....655
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Parkdale-PG1880	Mount Hebron-How1233	Walkersville-Fre.....900	Central-PG644
Bowie-PG1858	James M. Bennett-Wic ...1223	Milford Mill Academy-BCo..899	Patterson Mill-Hfd632
Gaithersburg-Mtg1857	Centennial-How.....1207	Owings Mills-BCo890	Joppatowne-Hfd629
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Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.-PG..1779	Tuscarora-Fre1204	Queen Anne's-QA890	Allegany-All588
Western-Balt1736	Reservoir-How1199	Southwestern-Balt883	Perryville-Cec.....588
Charles H. Flowers-PG.....1719	Kenwood-BCo1198	Parkside-Wic877	Brunswick-Fre571
Old Mill-AA1700	Long Reach-How1191	North Caroline-Cln.....874	Catoctin-Fre569
Wheaton-Mtg.....1685	Bel Air-Hfd1183	Century-Car873	Fort Hill-All566
Broadneck-AA1679	Aberdeen-Hfd1175	Patterson-Balt870	Southern-G552
South River-AA1669	Westminster-Car1174	Middletown-Fre859	Surrattsville-PG541
Winston Churchill-Mtg ...1665	Northern-Cal1121	Eastern Technical-BCo856	Havre de Grace-Hfd.....511
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Thomas S. Wootton-Mtg..1565	C. Milton Wright-Hfd1085	South Carroll-Car.....798	Colonel Richardson-Cln395
Sherwood-Mtg.....1542	Marriotts Ridge-How1077	Sparrows Point-BCo791	Clear Spring-Was.....387
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John F. Kennedy-Mtg.....1371	Lansdowne-BCo968	Williamsport-Was725	Ches. Science Point-AA.....170
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James H. Blake-Mtg1344	Kent Island-QA952	P. Laurence Dunbar-Balt..698	The SEED School-MD123
Gov. Thos. Johnson-Fre ..1335	Potomac-PG.....942	Pikesville-BCo696	Hancock-Was.....103
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		Largo-PG675	(50)
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MPSSAA Athletic Participation Survey Totals

<u>Year</u>	<u>Male Participants</u>	<u>Female Participants</u>	<u>Total</u>
1977-78	44,508	23,407	67,915
1978-79	45,464	23,699	69,163
1979-80	44,315	22,781	67,096
1980-81	41,269	23,778	65,047
1981-82	45,455	22,613	68,068
1982-83	45,361	26,309	71,670
1983-84	44,938	24,845	69,783
1984-85	46,344	26,790	73,134
1985-86	46,571	28,017	74,588
1986-87	45,240	26,472	71,712
1987-88	42,633	25,695	68,328
1988-89	44,532	27,695	72,227
1989-90	41,839	23,392	65,231
1990-91	41,753	27,476	69,229
1991-92	42,436	26,363	68,799
1992-93	47,042	31,652	78,694
1993-94	45,307	31,266	76,573
1994-95	44,909	31,133	76,042
1995-96	47,912	34,517	82,429
1996-97	50,441	34,070	84,511
1997-98	49,935	38,329	88,264
1998-99	52,036	38,889	90,925
1999-00	53,994	40,214	94,208
2000-01	54,632	40,477	95,109
2001-02	55,346	40,224	95,570
2002-03	55,898	41,358	97,256
2003-04	57,071	40,557	97,628
2004-05	58,311	42,770	101,081
2005-06	60,572	43,830	104,402
2006-07	63,587	46,397	109,984
2007-08	64,674	46,342	111,016
2008-09	64,704	46,398	111,102
2009-10	66,074	47,195	113,269
2010-11	66,262	47,797	114,059
2011-12	65,905	47,803	113,708
2012-13	65,237	48,566	113,803
2013-14	65,172	48,051	113,223
2014-15	64,789	48,256	113,045
2015-16	64,068	48,103	112,173
2016-17	64,184	48,230	112,414
2017-18	63,775	48,531	112,306
2018-19	62,766	48,325	111,091
2019-20*	61,424	45,552	106,976

* - Spring sport season data was limited in certain school systems as the sport season was cancelled prior to the first competition due to COVID-19.

Projected State Tournament Dates - 2021-2027

(All dates are tentative and subject to change)

Fall Sports Championships

Practice Start Dates

2021 - Wed. August 11
2022 - Wed. August 10
2023 - Wed. August 9
2024 - Wed. August 14
2025 - Wed. August 13
2026 - Wed. August 12

Golf

2021 - October 25-27
2022 - October 24-26
2023 - October 23-25
2024 - October 28-30
2025 - October 27-29
2026 - October 26-28

Field Hockey

2021 - November 13
2022 - November 12
2023 - November 11
2024 - November 9
2025 - November 8
2026 - November 14

Volleyball

2021 - November 20
2022 - November 19
2023 - November 18
2024 - November 16
2025 - November 15
2026 - November 21

First Play Dates

2021 - Fri. September 3
2022 - Fri. September 2
2023 - Fri. September 1
2024 - Fri. September 6
2025 - Fri. September 5
2026 - Fri. September 4

Cross Country

2021 - November 13
2022 - November 12
2023 - November 11
2024 - November 9
2025 - November 8
2026 - November 14

Soccer

2021 - November 18-20
2022 - November 17-19
2023 - November 16-18
2024 - November 14-16
2025 - November 13-15
2026 - November 19-21

Football

2021 - December 2-4
2022 - December 1-3
2023 - Nov. 30-Dec. 2
2024 - December 5-7
2025 - December 4-6
2026 - December 3-5

Winter Sports Championships

Practice Start Dates

2021-22 - Mon. November 15
2022-23 - Tue. November 15
2023-24 - Wed. November 15
2024-25 - Fri. November 15
2025-26 - Sat. November 15
2026-27 - Sat. November 14

Dual Wrestling

2021-22 - February 12
2022-23 - February 11
2023-24 - February 10
2024-25 - February 15
2025-26 - February 14
2026-27 - February 13

Swimming & Diving

2021-22 - February 25-26
2022-23 - February 24-25
2023-24 - February 23-24
2024-25 - February 21-22
2025-26 - February 20-21
2026-27 - February 19-20

Basketball

2021-22 - March 10-12
2022-23 - March 9-11
2023-24 - March 7-9
2024-25 - March 13-15
2025-26 - March 12-14
2026-27 - March 11-13

First Play Dates

2021-22 - Mon. December 6
2022-23 - Mon. December 5
2023-24 - Tue. December 5
2024-25 - Thu. December 5
2025-26 - Fri. December 5
2026-27 - Fri. December 4

Indoor Track

2021-22 - February 21-22
2022-23 - February 20-21
2023-24 - February 19-20
2024-25 - February 17-18
2025-26 - February 16-17
2026-27 - February 15-16

Wrestling

2021-22 - March 3-5
2022-23 - March 2-4
2023-24 - Feb. 29-Mar. 2
2024-25 - March 6-8
2025-26 - March 5-7
2026-27 - March 4-6

Spring Sports Championships

Practice Start Dates

2022 - Tue. March 1
2023 - Wed. March 1
2024 - Fri. March 1
2025 - Sat. March 1
2026 - Sat. February 28
2027 - Mon. March 1

Lacrosse

2022 - May 24-26
2023 - May 23-25
2024 - May 21-23
2025 - May 20-22
2026 - May 19-21
2027 - May 25-27

Baseball

2022 - May 27-28
2023 - May 26-27
2024 - May 24-25
2025 - May 23-24
2026 - May 22-23
2027 - May 28-29

Tennis

2022 - May 26-28
2023 - May 25-27
2024 - May 23-25
2025 - May 22-24
2026 - May 21-23
2027 - May 27-29

First Play Dates

2022 - Mon. March 21
2023 - Tue. March 21
2024 - Thu. March 21
2025 - Fri. March 21
2026 - Sat. March 20
2027 - Mon. March 22

Track & Field

2022 - May 26-28
2023 - May 25-27
2024 - May 23-25
2025 - May 22-24
2026 - May 21-23
2027 - May 27-29

Softball

2022 - May 27-28
2023 - May 26-27
2024 - May 24-25
2025 - May 23-24
2026 - May 22-23
2027 - May 28-29

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Aberdeen.....	Harford Co.	Eagles	ABE	Paul Laurence Dunbar.....	Baltimore City	Poets	DNB
ACCE	Baltimore City	Eagles	ACC	Dundalk.....	Baltimore Co.	Owls.....	DUN
Allegany	Allegany Co.....	Campers.....	ALL	DuVal	Prince George's Co.	Tigers.....	DUV
Annapolis	Anne Arundel Co.	Panthers	ANN	Eastern Technical	Baltimore Co.	Mavericks.....	EVT
Arundel	Anne Arundel Co.	Wildcats.....	ARU	Easton	Talbot Co.	Warriors	EAS
Atholton	Howard Co.	Raiders.....	ATH	Edgewood	Harford Co.	Rams	EDG
Bel Air	Harford Co.	Bobcats	BAR	Edmondson/Westside	Baltimore City	Red Storm	EDW
Benjamin Franklin	Baltimore City	Bayhawks	BEN	Albert Einstein.....	Montgomery Co.	Titans.....	AEI
James M. Bennett.....	Wicomico Co.	Clippers	JMB	Elkton	Cecil Co.	Golden Elks	ELK
Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Montgomery Co.	Barons	BCC	Fairmont Heights	Prince George's Co.	Hornets	FAH
Bladensburg	Prince George's Co.	Mustangs	BLA	Fallston	Harford Co.	Cougars	FAL
Montgomery Blair	Montgomery Co.	Blazers	MTB	Charles H. Flowers	Prince George's Co.	Jaguars	CHF
James Hubert Blake	Montgomery Co.	Bengals	JHB	Forest Park	Baltimore City	Foresters	FPK
Bohemia Manor	Cecil Co.	Eagles.....	BHM	Fort Hill	Allegany Co.....	Sentinels	FTH
Boonsboro.....	Washington Co.....	Warriors.....	BOO	Franklin	Baltimore Co.	Indians	FRA
Bowie	Prince George's Co.	Bulldogs	BOW	Frederick	Frederick Co.	Cadets	FRE
Broadneck.....	Anne Arundel Co.	Bruins	BDN	Friendly	Prince George's Co.	Patriots	FRI
Brunswick	Frederick Co.....	Railroaders	BRN	Gaithersburg.....	Montgomery Co.	Trojans	GAI
Calvert.....	Calvert Co.....	Cavaliers	CAL	Glen Burnie	Anne Arundel Co.	Gophers	GLB
Cambridge/South Dorch	Dorchester Co.	Vikings.....	CSD	Glenelg	Howard Co.	Gladiators	GLG
Carver Center for A & T.....	Baltimore Co.	Wildcats.....	CVR	Great Mills.....	St. Mary's Co.	Hornets	GTM
Carver Vo-Tech	Baltimore City	Bears	CVT	Gwynn Park	Prince George's Co.	Yellow Jackets	GWP
Catocin	Frederick Co.....	Cougars	CTT	Hammond	Howard Co.	Golden Bears	HAM
Catonsville.....	Baltimore Co.	Comets	CAT	Hancock	Washington Co.....	Panthers	HAN
Centennial.....	Howard Co.	Eagles	CTN	Harford Technical	Harford Co.	Cobras	HVT
Central.....	Prince George's Co.	Falcons	CEN	Havre de Grace.....	Harford Co.	Warriors	HDG
Century	Carroll Co.	Knights	CNT	Hereford	Baltimore Co.	Bulls.....	HER
Chesapeake-AA.....	Anne Arundel Co.	Cougars	CHA	High Point	Prince George's Co.	Eagles	HPT
Chesapeake-B.....	Baltimore Co.	Bayhawks	CHB	Howard	Howard Co.	Lions.....	HOW
Ches. Math & IT - North	Prince George's Co.	Tigers	CMN	Huntingtown	Calvert Co.	Hurricanes	HUN
Ches. Math & IT - South	Prince George's Co.	Tigers	CMS	Internatl. HS at Langley Pk.....	Prince George's Co.	Phoenix	LGI
Chesapeake Science Pt.	Anne Arundel Co.	Tigers	CSP	International HS at Largo.....	Prince George's Co.	Sea Turtles	LRI
Chopticon	St. Mary's Co.	Braves	CHO	Gov. Thomas Johnson	Frederick Co.	Patriots	GTJ
Winston Churchill	Montgomery Co.	Bulldogs	WCH	Walter Johnson	Montgomery Co.	Wildcats	WAJ
Baltimore City College	Baltimore City	Knights.....	CTY	Joppatowne	Harford Co.	Mariners.....	JOP
Clarksburg.....	Montgomery Co.	Coyotes	CLK	John F. Kennedy	Montgomery Co.	Cavaliers.....	JFK
Clear Spring	Washington Co.....	Blazers	CLS	Kent County	Kent Co.....	Trojans.....	KTC
College Park Academy	Prince George's Co.	Phoenix	CPA	Kent Island	Queen Annes Co.	Buccaneers.....	KTI
Coppin Academy	Baltimore City	Eagles	COA	Kenwood	Baltimore Co.	Blue Birds	KEN
Crisfield	Somerset Co.	Crabbers	CRI	Francis Scott Key	Carroll Co.	Eagles	FSK
Crofton.....	Anne Arundel Co.	Cardinals	CRF	La Plata	Charles Co.	Warriors	LAP
Croom Vocational	Prince George's Co.	Panthers	CVP	Henry E. Lackey	Charles Co.	Chargers.....	LAC
Crossland	Prince George's Co.	Cavaliers	CRO	Lake Clifton	Baltimore City	Lakers.....	LCE
Damascus.....	Montgomery Co.	Hornets.....	DAM	Lansdowne	Baltimore Co.	Vikings	LAN
Stephen Decatur.....	Worcester Co.	Seahawks	STD				
Digital Harbor	Baltimore City	Rams.....	DGH				
Frederick Douglass-B	Baltimore City	Ducks.....	FDB				
Frederick Douglass-PG.....	Prince George's Co.	Eagles	FRD				
Dulaney	Baltimore Co.	Lions	DUL				

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Largo	Prince George's Co.	Lions	LAR
Laurel	Prince George's Co.	Spartans	LAU
Leonardtown	St. Mary's Co.	Raiders	LEO
Reginald Lewis	Baltimore City	Falcons	RGL
Liberty	Carroll Co.	Lions	LIB
Linganore	Frederick Co.	Lancers	LIN
Loch Raven	Baltimore Co.	Raiders	LCR
Long Reach	Howard Co.	Lightning	LGR
Col. Zadok Magruder	Montgomery Co.	Colonels	CZM
Manchester Valley	Carroll Co.	Mavericks	MVM
Mardela	Wicomico Co.	Warriors	MAR
Marriotts Ridge	Howard Co.	Mustangs	MRR
Maurice J. McDonough	Charles Co.	Rams	MDU
Meade	Anne Arundel Co.	Mustangs	MEA
Mergenthaler Vo-Tech	Baltimore City	Mustangs	MVT
Middletown	Frederick Co.	Knights	MID
Milford Mill Academy	Baltimore Co.	Millers	MLM
Richard Montgomery	Montgomery Co.	Rockets	RMT
Mount Hebron	Howard Co.	Vikings	MTH
Mountain Ridge	Allegany Co.	Miners	MTR
Natl. Academy Foundation	Baltimore City	Eagles	NAF
New Era Academy	Baltimore City	Jaguars	NEB
New Town	Baltimore Co.	Titans	NWT
North Caroline	Caroline Co.	Bulldogs	NCN
North County	Anne Arundel Co.	Knights	NCT
North Dorchester	Dorchester Co.	Eagles	NDC
North East	Cecil Co.	Indians	NEC
North Hagerstown	Washington Co.	Hubs	NHG
North Harford	Harford Co.	Hawks	NHF
North Point	Charles Co.	Eagles	NPT
Northeast	Anne Arundel Co.	Eagles	NEA
Northern-Cal	Calvert Co.	Patriots	NOC
Northern-G	Garrett Co.	Huskies	NOG
Northwest	Montgomery Co.	Jaguars	NWM
Northwestern	Prince George's Co.	Wildcats	NWE
Northwood	Montgomery Co.	Gladiators	NWD
Oakdale	Frederick Co.	Bears	OAD
Oakland Mills	Howard Co.	Scorpions	OAK
Old Mill	Anne Arundel Co.	Patriots	OLM
Overlea	Baltimore Co.	Falcons	OVE
Owings Mills	Baltimore Co.	Eagles	OWM
Oxon Hill	Prince George's Co.	Clippers	OXH
Paint Branch	Montgomery Co.	Panthers	PBR
Parkdale	Prince George's Co.	Panthers	PKD
Parkside	Wicomico Co.	Rams	PKS
Parkville	Baltimore Co.	Knights	PKV
Patapsco	Baltimore Co.	Patriots	PAT
Patterson	Baltimore City	Clippers	PPK
Patterson Mill	Harford Co.	Huskies	PPM
Patuxent	Calvert Co.	Panthers	PTX
Perry Hall	Baltimore Co.	Gators	PEH
Perryville	Cecil Co.	Panthers	PEV
Pikesville	Baltimore Co.	Panthers	PIK
Pocomoke	Worcester Co.	Warriors	POC

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Balt. Polytechnic Institute	Baltimore City	Engineers	BPI
Poolesville	Montgomery Co.	Falcons	POO
Potomac	Prince George's Co.	Wolverines	POT
Queen Anne's	Queen Anne's Co.	Lions	QAN
Quince Orchard	Montgomery Co.	Cougars	QOR
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Reservoir	Howard Co.	Gators	RES
Colonel Richardson	Caroline Co.	Colonels	CLR
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