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MPSSAA News and Notes

2013-14 Participation Survey

Participation for Maryland public high school athletics reached 113,223 participants in 2013-14. While participation slightly dropped from 2012-13, last year marked the seventh year in a row participation was over 110,000 and the 10th year in row over 100,000 participants. A complete history of the participation survey dating back to 1977-78 can be found in the MPSSAA handbook on page 44 (www.mpssaa.org).

The following is the sport participation breakdown:

Sports	Number of Boy Participants		Number of Girl Participants	
	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14
Badminton	179	219	616	564
Baseball	5743	5635	8	46
Basketball	5573	5641	4471	4665
Bowling	34	30	29	22
Cross Country	3736	3827	2661	2817
Field Hockey	1	1	3981	3976
Football	14118	14373	26	46
Golf	1333	1356	238	262
Gymnastics	0	0	147	122
Indoor Track	5053	5072	4423	4684
Lacrosse	6508	6406	5138	5137
Soccer	6345	6486	5808	5840
Softball	0	1	5157	4905
Swimming	1941	1955	2204	2116
Tennis	2226	2239	2496	2314
Track & Field	6888	6528	5873	5501
Volleyball	661	591	5197	4933
Wrestling	4880	4792	93	101
Ice Hockey	18	20	0	0
Total	65,237	65,172	48,566	48,051

2012-13 TOTAL COMBINED 113,803

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MPSSAA.org

The MPSSAA website is currently undergoing a redesign with the anticipation of launching the new site within the coming weeks. Some of the new features that will be available for the membership include:

- A member section designed for each school athletic director to be able to view and edit forms.
- Online reimbursement submissions for eligible state tournament contests.
- Online school directory system.
- Information center containing MPSSAA publications and useful documents.
- Easier navigation and ability to find information.
- Mobile site compatibility

Cross Country

The MPSSAA Cross Country Championships will return to Hereford High School for the 2014 season. Please make sure all cross country coaches and school athletic directors review the following information.

- Initial school cross country rosters must be submitted by Monday, October 20, 2014. Changes may be made to the roster through 10 a.m. on Monday, October 27, 2014. Registration completed on md.milesplit.com with information on page 11 of the cross country bulletin.
- Read the MPSSAA Last Minute Bulletin regarding specifics for the course, the meet, spectators, parking and bus information. Maps are in the bulletin as well.
- Review the course via a link on mpssaa.org on the cross country page. The course was filmed at the 2014 Bull Run and made available to the MPSSAA.

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE PREVIEW

Hereford High School will be available for course previews on Saturday, October 25th and Saturday, November 1st for any school wishing to preview the state course.

Schools may not preview the course on school days.

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The MPSSAA Girls Field Hockey state championships are scheduled to be held at Washington College on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Washington College is currently undergoing a field turf renovation due to damage caused by flooding storms earlier this year. An alternative site has been established if the renovations will not be complete in time for the finals. The MPSSAA will provide information via email and on their website if a change in plans needs to be made.

Football

The MPSSAA Football state championships will be played at M & T Bank Stadium on December 4, 5 and 6th. The Class 3A state finals will be played on December 4th at 7:00 p.m., Class 4A on December 5th at 7:30 p.m., Class 1A and 2A will play on December 6th at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Schools are reminded to report scores, regardless if you are home or away, as soon as possible at the end of each contest. This job should be appointed to a coach, manager, public address announcer, etc., to ensure that the final score is accurately reported each week.

Official point standings can be found at mpssaa.org. Each week the MPSSAA will update the standings with Week 10 concluding the regular season and the top four teams in each region advancing to the region semi-finals. Ties will be broken by

Required Football Score Reporting

Scores must be emailed to County Sports Zone at FootballScores@CountySportsZone.com or called/texted to Wick Eisenberg at 443-801-3404.

virtue of the tie-breaker criteria outlined in the current Fall Bulletin. The MPSSAA will announce the official seeding of the State Football Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 9.

County Sports Zone (CSZ) will be the official hub for school communities to access the 10-week schedule for all schools as well as for week-to-week results.

Golf

The MPSSAA Golf state championships will take place at the University of Maryland on Monday, October 27th through Wednesday, October 29th. District tournaments must be completed by Wednesday, October 21 for the state organizational meeting on October 22nd.

Coaches should review the state bulletin for information and must be available onsite for general supervision and assist in the scoring and marshaling the event.

Soccer

The MPSSAA Soccer state championships are scheduled to be hosted at Loyola University on November 13, 14 and 15th. Classifications and game times will be announced based on winners of the state semifinals on November 7 and 8th. Information on the new site including directions, parking and spec-

tator information will be sent to participating schools and will be posted on the MPSSAA website.

A Reminder that the soccer seeding will take place on Monday, October 20th. All schools must submit to their regional director their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for games through Saturday, October 18th. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available on October 20th.

Girls Volleyball

The MPSSAA Volleyball state championships are scheduled to be hosted at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum from November 10-14th and November 17th. Please review the state tournament bulletin regarding classification and starting times.

A Reminder that the volleyball seeding will take place on Monday, October 27th. All schools must submit to their regional director their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for games through Saturday, October 25th. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available on the October 27th.

State Tournament Brackets, Schedule and Results

County Sports Zone (CSZ) will be the official hub for school communities to access brackets, schedules and results for the 2014 MPSSAA Fall Playoffs. Schools are asked to use the contact information below to report scores and schedules throughout their respective tournaments.

Report Schedule and Results

Field Hockey (Ed Waldman):

Email: FieldHockey@CountySportsZone.com
Text: 443-756-7601

Soccer (Wick Eisenberg):

Email:
BoysSoccer@CountySportsZone.com
GirlsSoccer@CountySportsZone.com
Text: 443-801-3404

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Volleyball (Ed Waldman):

Email: Volleyball@CountySportsZone.com
Text: 443-756-7601

Football (Wick Eisenberg):

Email: FootballScores@CountySportsZone.com
Text: 443-801-3404

Golf and Cross Country championships:
CSZ will be on-site to post results in real time.

If coaches have been sending CSZ scores during the regular season, they can continue to use the CSZ score text line
- 443-279-4676

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State Pass Gets 15% Off at Wendy's

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce that Wendy's has added to their outstanding ongoing support of member schools with the newly distributed Coach and Administrator passes for the 2014-15 school year which provide a 15% discount on personal Wendy's purchases.

The new plastic-coated Coach and Administrator cards were distributed to all school systems via their Athletic Supervisors/Coordinators. Please note that it is imperative for coaches and administrators to neatly and legibly place their names and signatures on the front of each card in order to activate it prior to use. The card should be presented to a Wendy's crew member prior to placing the order. The 15% discount will only be offered to coaches and administrators for personal use and NOT team purchases.

MPSSAA Network

Can't make it to a state final event, check out the MPSSAA Network. State final games will be video-streamed live on the internet for a fee on the MPSSAA Network. Unlimited free viewing and DVD purchases will be available, under normal circumstances, within days of the original contest on the MPSSAA Network. To access the MPSSAA Network, click on the link on the front page of mpssaa.org.

MPSSAA Network Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nov. 8	Cross Country Championships
Nov. 8	Field Hockey State Championships
Nov. 13-15	Soccer State Championships
Nov. 14/17	Volleyball State Championships
Dec. 4-6	Football State Championships

Fall SAT Date Change

After more than 30 years of scheduling the November Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) on the first Saturday of the month, the College Board has changed the 2014 testing date to the second Saturday (11/8/14) of November.

This revision of historic test dates presents some potential conflicts with scheduled MPSSAA Playoffs; most notably the Cross Country and Field Hockey State Finals and the Boys and Girls Soccer State Semi Finals.

Coaches and administrators are strongly urged to alert potentially affected athletes and their parents of the conflict and suggest students consider the October 11 or December 6 fall test dates.

A complete list of SAT and ACT test dates for the 2014 academic year can be found in the inside back cover of the Fall Bulletin.

Officials Clinics

Go to MPSSAA.org and click on the official's page for the latest listing of MPSSAA Rules Interpretation clinics. Attendance at a rules interpretation clinic is a certification requirement for officials assigned to MPSSAA contests - both regular and post-season play. COACHES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Official MPSSAA Balls

Field Hockey

Sponsor: Longstreth

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

Soccer

Sponsor: Brine

Official Ball: Brine Championship Soccer Ball

Football

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson F1003GST

Volleyball

Sponsor: Molten

Official Ball: Molten IV58L Super Touch

Basketball

Sponsor: Spalding

Official Ball: Spalding TF-1000 Classic

Baseball

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson A1010BPROSST

Softball

Sponsor: Dudley

Official Ball: OPTIC YELLOW version of Dudley SB12LND-FP

Lacrosse

Sponsor: Harrow

Official Ball: Harrow Boy's Lacrosse Ball 38000 (White)
Harrow Girl's Lacrosse Ball 38001 (Yellow)

Tennis

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson T1001