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2014-15 Participation Survey

Participation for Maryland public high school athletics reached 113,045 participants in 2014-15. While participation slightly dropped from 2013-14, last year marked the eighth year in a row participation was over 110,000 and the 11th 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	
	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
Badminton	210	219	570	564
Baseball	5590	5635	11	46
Basketball	5651	5641	4726	4665
Bowling	29	30	29	22
Cross Country	3847	3827	2815	2817
Field Hockey	1	1	3909	3976
Football	14293	14373	18	46
Golf	1259	1356	253	262
Gymnastics	0	0	138	122
Indoor Track	4875	5072	4319	4684
Lacrosse	6276	6406	4850	5137
Soccer	6738	6486	5805	5840
Softball	2	1	5074	4905
Swimming	1801	1955	2140	2116
Tennis	2211	2239	2367	2314
Track & Field	6943	6528	5862	5501
Volleyball	623	591	5281	4933
Wrestling	4428	4792	87	101
Ice Hockey	12	20	2	0
Total	64,789	65,172	48,256	48,051

2014-15 TOTAL COMBINED 113,045

2013-14 TOTAL COMBINED 113,223

State Pass Gets 15% Off at Wendy's

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce that Wendy's has continued their outstanding support of member schools with the recently distributed Coach and Administrator passes for the 2015-16 school year which provide a 15% discount on personal Wendy's purchases.

The 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 an order. The 15% discount is only offered to coaches and administrators for personal use and NOT team purchases.

It's A Bird, It's A Plane...It's A Drone!

Schools participating in and hosting MPSSAA Tournament competition need to be aware of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy found in the front section of the MPSSAA Bulletin. In the interest of public safety and competitive equity, the use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones) is prohibited during MPSSAA district, region, and state tournament competition. Drones may not operate in airspace over host school grounds or facilities conducting MPSSAA events.

Please check with your local school system for regular season policies.

Thank You, Sue!

The MPSSAA would like to publicly thank Sue Diffenderfer for her years of expertise to the officials and schools. Sue had been the only interpreter for Girls Lacrosse and had served in that position since 1990 prior to stepping down at the end of the 2015 season. On behalf of everyone who has benefited from Sue's work, the MPSSAA would like to wish her the best.

WANTED: State Rules Interpreter For Girls Lacrosse

The MPSSAA has released the position announcement for a new State Rules Interpreter for Girls Lacrosse. Select the link on the MPSSAA website for the official announcement which lists the duties and responsibilities, minimum qualifications, and the application process for candidates interested in this position. **The deadline for all applications is October 9th.**

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Kim Dolch, President

R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director

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Cross Country

The MPSSAA Cross Country Championships will return to Hereford High School for the 2015 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 26, 2015. Changes may be made to the roster through 10 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015. A link to the MileSplit entry hub can be found on the Cross Country page at mpssaa.org.
- The MPSSAA will be sending out a Last Minute Bulletin regarding specifics for the course, the meet, spectators, parking, and bus information.

CROSS COUNTRY ENTRIES

**Must be Submitted by Monday, October 26, 2015.
See Page 11 of Cross Country Bulletin**

Girls Field Hockey

The MPSSAA Girls Field Hockey state championships are scheduled to be held at Washington College on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The seeding meeting for the state tournament will be held via conference call on Thursday, October 22nd.

All schools must submit to their regional director their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for games through Wednesday, October 21st. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available on October 22nd.

Football

The MPSSAA Football state championships will be played at M & T Bank Stadium on December 3, 4 and 5th. The Class 3A state finals will be played on December 3th at 7:00 p.m., Class 4A on December 4th at 7:30 p.m., Class 1A and 2A will play on December 5th 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 virtue of the tie-breaker criteria outlined in the current Fall Bul-

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.

letin. The MPSSAA will announce the official seeding of the State Football Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 8.

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 26th through Wednesday, October 28th. District tournaments must be completed by Tuesday, October 20 for the state organizational meeting on October 21st.

Coaches should review the state bulletin for information and must be available onsite at the State Tournament for general supervision and to assist with scoring and marshalling the event.

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

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR COACHES TO SAY IF
IT'S A BOYS GAME OR A GIRLS GAME**

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

Soccer

The MPSSAA Soccer state championships are scheduled to be hosted at Loyola University on November 19, 20 and 21st. Classifications and game times will be announced based on

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winners of the state semifinals on November 13 and 14th. Information on Ridley Athletic Complex including directions, parking and spectator information will be sent to participating schools and is posted in the "Fan Focus" on the MPSSAA website.

The seeding meeting for the state tournament will be held via conference call on Monday, October 26th. All schools must submit to their regional director their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for games through Saturday, October 24th. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available on October 26th.

Girls Volleyball

The MPSSAA Volleyball state championships are scheduled to be hosted at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum from November 16-20th and November 23rd. Please review the state tournament bulletin regarding the schedule and starting times.

The seeding meeting for the state tournament will be held via conference call on Monday, November 2nd. All schools must submit to their regional director their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for games through Saturday, October 31st. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available on November 2nd.

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 2015 MPSSAA Fall Playoffs. Schools are asked to use the contact information in this newsletter to report scores and schedules throughout their respective tournaments.

Officials' Clinics

Go to MPSSAA.org and click on the Officials' 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!

Lacrosse Classifications

Special alignments for the three-classification lacrosse system were developed by the State Lacrosse Committees at their September meeting. Those proposed alignments can be found on the last 2 pages of this newsletter. The proposed special alignments need to be ratified by the Classification Committee and by the MPSSAA Board of Control at their December meeting.

Sanctioning Reminders

Multi-team events which include non-member Maryland schools that have not signed the Standards of Competition or any out of state schools requires the host school to file the appropriate sanction request form with the MPSSAA Executive Director **PRIOR to the first play date of that particular**

season (fall, winter, or spring) and at least 15 days prior to the event for events within the first two weeks of the season. Each request must include an official listing of participating schools before it can be processed for approval and posting on the MPSSAA.org website.

Multi-team events involving MPSSAA member schools or approved non-member Maryland schools that have signed the "Standards of Competition" **DO NOT NEED TO BE SANCTIONED.**

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

2016 ALIGNMENT FOR BOYS LACROSSE

CLASS 4A-3A WEST		CLASS 4A-3A NORTH		CLASS 4A-3A SOUTH		CLASS 4A-3A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1. Westminster	Car	1. Bel Air	Hfd	1. Arundel	AA
2. Churchill	Mtg	2. Howard	How	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Glen Burnie	AA
3. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	3. Blake	Mtg	3. Dundalk	B Co	3. Meade	AA
4. Walt Whitman	Mtg	4. Paint Branch	Mtg	4. Kenwood	B Co	4. North County	AA
5. Walter Johnson	Mtg	5. Sherwood	Mtg	5. Parkville	B Co	5. Old Mill	AA
6. Wootton	Mtg	6. Springbrook	Mtg	6. Perry Hall	B Co	6. Severna Park	AA
						7. Broadneck	AA
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Urbana	Fre	1. Einstein	Mtg	1. Digital Harbor	Balt	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Clarksburg	Mtg	2. Kennedy	Mtg	2. Mergenthaler	Balt	2. South River	AA
3. Gaithersburg	Mtg	3. Magruder	Mtg	3. Poly	Balt	3. North Point	Cha
4. Northwest	Mtg	4. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	4. Milford Mill	B Co	4. Chopticon	StM
5. Quince Orchard	Mtg	5. Northwood	Mtg	5. Catonsville	B Co	5. Great Mills	StM
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg	6. Wheaton	Mtg	6. Franklin	B Co	6. Leonardtown	StM
CLASS 3A-2A WEST		CLASS 3A-2A NORTH		CLASS 3A-2A SOUTH		CLASS 3A-2A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. City	Balt	1. Winters Mill	Car	1. Kent Island	Qa
2. Middletown	Fre	2. Douglass	Balt	2. Centennial	How	2. Easton	Tal
3. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Hereford	B Co	3. Glenelg	How	3. J. M. Bennett	Wic
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Lansdowne	B Co	4. Marriotts Ridge	How	4. Parkside	Wic
5. North Hagerstown	Was	5. Towson	B Co	5. Mt. Hebron	How	5. Stephen Decatur	Wor
6. South Hagerstown	Was	6. Woodlawn	B Co	6. Oakland Mills	How		
				7. Reservoir	How		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Linganore	Fre	1. Eastern Technical	B Co	1. Chesapeake	AA	1. Calvert	Cal
2. Oakdale	Fre	2. Patapsco	B Co	2. Northeast (AA)	AA	2. Huntingtown	Cal
3. Damascus	Mtg	3. Rising Sun	Cec	3. Atholton	How	3. Northern (Cal.)	Cal
4. Poolesville	Mtg	4. Aberdeen	Hfd	4. Hammond	How	4. La Plata	Cha
5. Rockville	Mtg	5. C. Milton Wright	Hfd	5. Long Reach	How	5. St. Charles	Cha
6. Seneca Valley	Mtg	6. Edgewood	Hfd	6. River Hill	How	6. Thomas Stone	Cha
		7. North Harford	Hfd	7. Wilde Lake	How		
CLASS 2A-1A WEST		CLASS 2A-1A NORTH		CLASS 2A-1A SOUTH		CLASS 2A-1A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Century	Car	1. Chesapeake	B Co	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Southern (AA)	AA
2. Francis Scott Key	Car	2. Loch Raven	B Co	2. New Town	B Co	2. Patuxent	Cal
3. Liberty	Car	3. Overlea	B Co	3. Owings Mills	B Co	3. Lackey	Cha
4. Manchester Valley	Car	4. Sparrows Point	B Co	4. Pikesville	B Co	4. McDonough	Cha
5. North Carroll	Car	5. Fallston	Hfd	5. Randallstown	B Co	5. Westlake	Cha
6. South Carroll	Car	6. Joppatowne	Hfd	6. Western STES	B Co		
				7. Forest Park	Balt		
				8. Northwestern	Balt		
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2. Catocin	Fre	2. Havre de Grace	Hfd	2. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	2. Cambridge-SD	Dor
3. Walkersville	Fre	3. Patterson Mill	Hfd	3. Dunbar	Balt	3. Kent County	K
4. Boonsboro	Was	4. Bohemia Manor	Cec	4. Edmondson/Westside	Balt	4. Queen Anne's	Qa
5. Smithsburg	Was	5. Elkton	Cec	5. National Academy (NAF)	Balt	5. Wicomico	Wic
		6. North East (Cecil)	Cec	6. New Era Academy	Balt		
		7. Perryville	Cec	7. Patterson	Balt		
				8. Southwestern	Balt		

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