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MPSSAA News and Notes

Board of Control Update

The MPSSAA Board of Control held its annual winter meeting on December 6, 2017. Here are highlights from that meeting:

- * Accepted the 2017 Fall Financial Report along with the 2017 fall sports and the 2017-18 winter sports updates by State Committee Directors in attendance, or their designees.
- * Heard about the preliminary plans for the third annual MPSSAA Coaches Conference to be held on Saturday, June 9th at Howard HS in conjunction with the ninth annual Student-Athlete Leadership Conference being held there at the same time.
- * Unanimously elected new officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Dana Johnson, Athletic Director at Dunbar HS in Baltimore City, will be the new President in 2018-2020, while Michael Duffy, Athletic and Activities Manager at Howard HS, is the President-Elect for 2018-2020.
- * Reviewed the starting date of fall practices and the start of school after Labor Day. Attendees were reminded that August 8 is the **first available** practice date and that the decision to move the start to a later date is up to each local school system. It was also emphasized that if a school system decides to start later than August 8, then the first play date is 20 calendar days from that date.
- * Unanimously approved the by-law amendment proposed by the Classification Committee that will provide more flexibility in determining how schools are divided into classifications based on enrollment and the number of classifications for each sport.
- * Approved the 2018 Spring Bulletins and Spring tournament plans presented by State Committee Directors in attendance or their designees.

Ron Belinko Inducted Into NIAAA Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Ron Belinko, retired Coordinator of Athletics for Baltimore County Public Schools, on being one of six high school athletic directors inducted into the ninth Hall of Fame class of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)! The ceremony took place on December 12 in Phoenix, Arizona, during banquet festivities at the 48th annual National Athletic Directors Conference.

Ron Belinko retired in 2011 after a 46-year career as a teacher, coach and athletic administrator in the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS), including the final 19 years as Coordinator of Athletics. After retirement, he served the BCPS as an interscholastic athletics consultant for several years.

Since 1983, Belinko served on the MPSSAA Board of Control and Classification Committee, and he was on the MPSSAA Executive Council since 1991. He also was MPSSAA President (1994-96), director of the MPSSAA Lacrosse Committee for 28 years and director of the state wrestling tournament for 17 years. During his years as president, the open tournament format for state playoffs was implemented.

Among his numerous awards, Ron has been inducted into the Maryland State Wrestling Hall of Fame (1987), the Eastern Technical High School Athletic Hall of Fame (2000) and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (2004). In 2013, Belinko was inducted into the MSADA Hall of Fame.

Happy 72nd Birthday to MPSSAA!

Seventy-two years ago on January 26, 1946 representatives from local school systems and the Maryland State Department of Education met at the Enoch Pratt Library in downtown Baltimore to establish the framework for a state high school athletic association to replace the loosely organized "Playground Athletic League".

Dr. Thomas Ferguson, the State Supervisor of Physical Education and Recreation at the time, was the driving force behind the formation of the (continued on page 2)

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Kevin Hook, President
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director

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"Health and Physical Education Association of Maryland Schools" which eventually became the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association that we know today. William Brish, Assistant Superintendent from Prince George's County, became the inaugural President of the newly formed MPSSAA with Herbert Steiner, Baltimore County's Supervisor of Health and Physical Education as his Vice-President. Seventy-two years and 48 Association Presidents later, the planning of those pioneering school representatives has stood the test of time. Today's MPSSAA serves over 112,000 student-athletes and administers 24 State Championships across Maryland!

NFHS Executive Director To Retire

Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) since May 2010, has announced his retirement, effective August 1, 2018. Gardner is the fifth full-time executive director of the NFHS, following H.V. Porter (1940-58), Cliff Fagan (1958-77), Brice Durbin (1977-93) and Bob Kanaby (1993-2010).

Gardner's eight-year run as head of the national organization for high school athletics and performing arts activities will conclude a 48-year career in secondary education, including the final 18 years on the NFHS staff in Indianapolis. During his eight years as Executive Director, participation in high school sports has increased by almost 400,000 participants including the expanded opportunity for students with disabilities. In addition, during his eight years as chief executive of the organization, operating revenue for the NFHS increased by \$4 million.

Indoor Track Information

The MPSSAA Indoor Track State Championships will again be held at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex. The Class 1A and 2A schools will compete on Monday, February 19 at 11 a.m. The Class 3A and 4A schools compete on Tuesday, February 20 at 4 p.m.

Indoor Track Region Meet Entries

All coaches should read the instructions on pages 18-20 of the Winter Bulletin to submit entries through MileSplit for the region meets.

Region Meet Entry Deadlines

A complete schedule including entry deadlines is online and on page 25 of the Winter Bulletin.

2017 Fall Wrap-Up

STATE CHAMPIONS

FALL 2017

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys	Girls
1A Bohemia Manor (2 nd consecutive)	1A Boonsboro (3 rd consecutive)
2A Liberty (3 rd consecutive)	2A Hereford (3 rd consecutive)
3A Linganore	3A Northern-Calvert (2 nd consecutive)
4A Severna Park	4A Walter Johnson (5 th consecutive)

FIELD HOCKEY

1A Patuxent
2A Glenelg
3A Chesapeake-AA (2 nd consecutive)
4A South River (2 nd consecutive)

FOOTBALL

1A Paul Laurence Dunbar
2A Damascus (3 rd consecutive)
3A Linganore
4A Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. (3 rd consecutive)

GOLF

2A-1A Team Champ	Marriotts Ridge (6 th consecutive)
2A-1A Boys Champ	David Stephens, Marriotts Ridge
2A-1A Girls Champ	Faith McIlvain, Marriotts Ridge
4A-3A Team Champ	Walt Whitman
4A-3A Boys Champ	Brad Riley, Sherwood
4A-3A Girls Champ	Bailey Davis, North Point

SOCCER

Boys	Girls
1A Sparrows Point	1A Sparrows Point (5 th consecutive)
2A Eastern Technical	2A River Hill (2 nd consecutive)
3A C.Milton Wright	3A Linganore
4A Bethesda-CC	4A Broadneck

VOLLEYBALL

1A Smithsburg (4 th consecutive)
2A Oakdale
3A Northern-Calvert
4A Northwest (3 rd consecutive)

FALL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Cross Country

Boonsboro-1A

Hereford-2A

Reservoir-3A

Gaithersburg-4A

Field Hockey

James H. Blake

Football

Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.

Soccer

Boys: Great Mills

Girls: River Hill

Volleyball

Smithsburg

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Swimming and Diving Information

The MPSSAA Swimming and Diving State Championships will be held at the University of Maryland's Eppley Recreation Center. The Diving Championships will be held on Friday, February 23 at 5 p.m. The Swimming Championships will take place on Saturday, February 24 with the Class 4A-3A starting at 9:30 a.m. and the Class 3A-2A-1A at 4 p.m.

Swimming and Diving Entries

All coaches should read the instructions on pages 31-32 of the Winter Bulletin to submit entries for the region meets.

Region Meet Entry Deadlines

A complete schedule including entry deadlines is on page 34 of the Winter Bulletin.

Wrestling Information

The MPSSAA Dual Meet Wrestling State Championships will be held at North Point High School on Saturday, February 10th and will crown a state champ in each of the four classifications for the first time ever. The Class 2A and 1A Semifinals will take place at 12 p.m. on 4 mats, while the Class 4A and 3A Semifinals will take place at 2 p.m. The Finals for Class 2A and 1A will start at 4 p.m. on two mats followed by the Class 4A and 3A Finals at 6:30 p.m.

The MPSSAA Individual Wrestling State Championships return again to The Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. Bouts begin at 2:30 on Friday, March 2. The competition will resume on Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. with the Championships Finals scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

1st Annual Girls Wrestling Tourney

The State Wrestling Committee is hosting a first ever girls wrestling invitational tournament on February 3rd at Northeast AA HS in Pasadena. The goal of this inaugural event is to highlight girls wrestling, provide skill instruction, and to increase the popularity of this growing division within the sport of wrestling. Information and an entry link were emailed to all Athletic Directors and Supervisors on Jan. 3rd. A link to the entry form is also on the Wrestling landing page at MPSSAA.org.

Basketball Tournament Information

The MPSSAA Girls Basketball State Championships are scheduled to be hosted at Towson University's SECU Arena. The Semifinals will take place on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9. The State Finals will take place on Saturday, March 10.

The MPSSAA Boys Basketball State Championships are scheduled to be hosted at the University of Maryland's Xfinity Center. The Semifinals take place on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9. The State Finals will take place on Saturday, March 10.

All teams in each section of each region will be seeded according to their winning percentage. Region directors and state committee members will meet on Tuesday, February 20 to seed the tournament. In addition, the last play date for seeding consideration will be Monday, February 19.

Executive Council and Board of Control Meeting Info

Please remember to refer to the Info Center on MPSSAA.org for meeting announcements, agendas, and meeting minutes for both the MPSSAA Board of Control and the MPSSAA Executive Council as required by the Open Meetings Act. These items are posted as soon as available and will continue to be stored on our website as a handy reference for recordkeeping and informational purposes. There are usually two Board of Control Meetings and three Executive Council meetings per year.

Sanctioning Reminders

We would like to re-emphasize that host schools for multi-team events need to file the appropriate sanction request form from the MPSSAA.org website 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. Please note that 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!

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!** Please note that changes are made to clinic dates/times/sites due to weather or other scheduling conflicts. These changes will appear in **RED** on the online list.

State Tournament Brackets, Schedule, and Results

County Sports Zone (CSZ) continues to be the official hub for school communities to access brackets, schedules, and results for the 2018 MPSSAA Winter Playoffs. Schools are asked to use the contact information below to report scores and schedules throughout their respective tournaments.

Report Schedule and Results

Indoor Track, Wrestling State Finals and Swimming and Diving Championships:

CSZ will be on-site to post results in real time.

Email:

BoysBasketball@CountySportsZone.com

GirlsBasketball@CountySportsZone.com

Text: 443-801-3404

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

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

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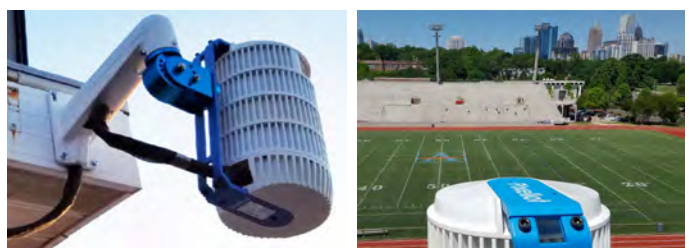
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