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## *MPSSAA News and Notes*

### **Board of Control Update**

The MPSSAA Board of Control held its annual winter meeting on December 12, 2018. Here are the highlights from that meeting:

- \* Accepted the 2018 Fall Financial Report along with the 2018 fall sports and the 2018-19 winter sports updates by State Committee Directors in attendance, or their designees.
- \* Approved the 2019 Spring Bulletins and Spring tournament plans presented by State Committee Directors in attendance or their designees.
- \* Spring, 2019 will be the first year that Tennis will have sixteen region tournaments so that state champions can be crowned in each of the four classifications. It was noted that there is a tremendous amount of new information in the bulletin, including the regional tournament information and the new three-day State Tournament format. Just as is done in baseball, softball, and lacrosse, the hosting district for the tennis region tournaments shall provide the tennis balls.
- \* Heard about the plans for the tenth annual Student-Athlete Leadership Conference being held on June 8th at Howard HS.
- \* Heard reports on the Officials' Recruitment program and updates on MPSSAA Office staffing changes.
- \* Heard a Marketing/Sponsorship update and the importance of our schools continuing to support our current corporate sponsors in any way that they can.
- \* Unanimously approved the Classification Committee's recommended sport specific region and section alignments for the 2019-21 academic years.

### **WANTED: Coordinator of Officials**

MPSSAA is pleased to announce the release of the position announcement for a new Coordinator of Officials in our office by the MSDE Office of Human Resources. Deadline for applications is January 25th. An online application process utilizing MSDE Jobs on JobsAPs is preferred.

Please note that any and all questions regarding this position must be directed to the MSDE Office of Human Resources (410-767-0019). Go to MPSSAA.Org for links to view the official announcement which outlines the duties and responsibilities, minimum qualifications, the application process, salary, and other pertinent information.

### **Happy 73rd Birthday to MPSSAA!**

Seventy-three 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 "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 Superintendant 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-three 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!

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Dana Johnson, President  
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director

## USTA Mid-Atlantic HS Tennis Workshop

Registration for the 2019 High School Tennis Coaches' Workshop, hosted by USTA Mid-Atlantic, has begun and you won't want to miss this terrific professional development opportunity. This workshop is scheduled for Sunday, February 3 beginning with check-in at 8:30 am followed by the on-court and classroom presentations from 9 am until 3 pm at the Junior Tennis Champions Center located at 5200 Campus Drive in College Park.

A combination of classroom sessions and on-court activities will be led by area and national experts so that this day of learning will sharpen your skills and give you new strategies to try with your high school tennis teams to take their tennis game to the next level. Registration includes all workshop sessions, lunch, and resources from USTA and USTA Mid-Atlantic. Advanced registration is \$55 while onsite registration the day of the event is \$60. See the story on MPSSAA.Org for additional information including speaker/presenter bios and special hotel rates secured for this event.

### Get To Know MPSSAA.Org

The Info Center on our website contains numerous reference items for your convenience and use. A searchable directory of schools, the most current version of our Handbook with up-to-the-minute corrections/changes, media and meeting info, record books, references, Scout, sports bulletins, and our calendar. Reference documents include several general guidance resources along with a calendar of the first practice, first play, and state tournament dates for 2019-2026, projected state tournament timelines for 2018-20, and quick reference calendars for 2018-2020. Check it out!

### 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 18 at 11 a.m. The Class 3A and 4A schools compete on Tuesday, February 19 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.

# 2018 Fall Wrap-Up

## STATE CHAMPIONS FALL 2018

### CROSS COUNTRY

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
1A Boonsboro	1A Boonsboro (4 <sup>th</sup> consecutive)
2A Liberty (4 <sup>th</sup> consecutive)	2A Hereford (4 <sup>th</sup> consecutive)
3A Centennial	3A Northern-Calvert (3 <sup>rd</sup> consecutive)
4A Severna Park (2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive)	4A Severna Park

<u>FIELD HOCKEY</u>	<u>FOOTBALL</u>
1A South Carroll	1A Fort Hill
2A Liberty	2A Oakdale
3A C. Milton Wright	3A Franklin
4A South River (3 <sup>rd</sup> consecutive)	4A Quince Orchard

### GOLF

2A-1A Team Champ	Marriotts Ridge (7 <sup>th</sup> consecutive)
2A-1A Boys Champ	Kevin Hickey, River Hill
2A-1A Girls Champ	Faith McIlvain, Marriotts Ridge
4A-3A Team Champ	Urbana
4A-3A Boys Champ	Edward Coffren, Northern-Calvert
4A-3A Girls Champ	Bailey Davis, North Point

### SOCCER

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
1A Patterson Mill	1A Sparrows Point (6 <sup>th</sup> consecutive)
2A Oakdale	2A River Hill (3 <sup>rd</sup> consecutive)
3A C.Milton Wright (2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive)	3A Northern-Calvert
4A Walt Whitman	4A Perry Hall

### VOLLEYBALL

1A Clear Spring
2A Williamsport
3A Atholton
4A Northwest (4 <sup>th</sup> consecutive)

## FALL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

<u>Cross Country</u>	<u>Field Hockey</u>	<u>Football</u>	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>
Cambridge/SD-1A	Kent Island	Frederick Douglass-	<u>Boys:</u> Oakdale	Western STES
Poolesville-2A		PG	<u>Girls:</u> Smithsburg	
N. Hagerstown-3A				
Urbana-4A				

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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 22 at 5 p.m. The Swimming Championships will take place on Saturday, February 23 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 9th and will again crown a state champ in each of the four classifications. 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 1. The competition will resume on Saturday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m. with the Championships Finals scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

## 2nd Annual Girls Wrestling Tourney

The State Wrestling Committee is hosting the 2nd annual girls wrestling invitational tournament on February 2nd at North-east-AA HS in Pasadena. The goal of this 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 January 7th. A link to the entry form is also on the Wrestling landing page at MPSSAA.org as well as contained in the story on MPSSAA.Org. Entry deadline is January 25th.

## 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 only MPSSAA member schools or approved non-member Maryland schools that have signed the "Standards of Competition" do not need to be sanctioned!

## Basketball Tournament Information

The MPSSAA Girls Basketball State Championships are scheduled to be hosted at Towson University's SECU Arena but a week later than usual due to a facility conflict. The Semifinals will take place on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15. The State Finals will take place on Saturday, March 16.

The MPSSAA Boys Basketball State Championships are scheduled to be hosted at the University of Maryland's Xfinity Center but also a week later than usual due to a facility conflict. The Semifinals take place on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15. The State Finals will take place on Saturday, March 16.

All teams in each section of each region will be seeded according to their winning percentage. The tournament seeding will be conducted on Tuesday, February 26 therefore, the last play date for seeding consideration will be Monday, February 25.

## Wendy's Community Night Fundraiser

Want to have a fun, easy way to raise funds for your school, organization, or team? Hold a "Community Night" at your local Wendy's! The more people that you bring to the event, the more money you can make because Wendy's donates 10% of the total sales at the event back to your school, organization, or team. Make the events a regular occurrence as fundraising nights can be held once a month on Monday through Thursday nights. Schedule your event now by going to MPSSAA.Org for more information, ask the General Manager of your local Wendy's about setting up an event, or email Tricia Alfaro at [triciaalfaro@npcinternational](mailto:triciaalfaro@npcinternational) for more details.

## 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 2019 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](mailto:BoysBasketball@CountySportsZone.com)

[GirlsBasketball@CountySportsZone.com](mailto:GirlsBasketball@CountySportsZone.com)

Text BOTH:

Ed Waldman @ 443-756-7601 **AND**

Anthony Saleiro @ 301-908-5678

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO STATE 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.

# SAT/ACT Prep

The eKnowledge SAT/ACT Prep Project with Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association enters its 14<sup>th</sup> year.

The Project waives the \$350 program price so the student pays only the \$19.99 streaming and support fee. All student fees are reinvested to improve the program and reach more families. The Project does not create a profit.

[eKnowledge.com/MPSSAA](https://eKnowledge.com/MPSSAA)

35,000+ 5-Star comments [view](#)

*"We are so grateful for your sponsorship! We cannot afford \$300-\$600 to prepare for the SAT/ACT tests. Without your support we would be going it alone without the benefit of those skilled to train our kids how to study effectively for these important mile markers!" – Cindy Boston*

*"Thank you, Sponsor, from the bottom of this mother's heart! Your program helped my second son bring his ACT score up into the range for a full-ride scholarship to our local university! Now, we will begin using your program to help our daughter as she enters junior high school." - Lydia Headrick*



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## SAT & ACT Test Dates 2018 - 2019

SAT	March 9, 2019	May 4, 2019	June 1, 2019	
ACT	Feb 9, 2019	April 13, 2019	June 8, 2019	July 13, 2019

For further information, contact Cheryl Litras, 951-256-4076 [Cheryl@eKnowledge.com](mailto:Cheryl@eKnowledge.com)