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MPSSAA News and Notes

2016-17 Participation Survey

Participation for Maryland public high school athletics reached 112,414 participants in 2016-17 which is a small increase over 2015-16. It is the tenth year in a row that participation was over 110,000 and the thirteenth 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 by gender:

Sports	Number of Boy Participants		Number of Girl Participants	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
Badminton	212	191	527	543
Baseball	5454	5468	12	4
Basketball	5591	5501	4435	4337
Bowling	29	28	27	28
Cross Country	3725	3741	2836	2710
Field Hockey	2	0	3868	3883
Football	13941	13418	27	9
Golf	1241	1246	270	303
Gymnastics	5	0	350	145
Indoor Track	5053	5266	4511	4497
Lacrosse	5919	6430	4866	5291
Soccer	6788	6769	5796	5902
Softball	0	0	4890	4826
Swimming	1752	1850	2256	2339
Tennis	2195	2145	2439	2318
Track & Field	7020	7155	5806	5726
Volleyball	652	674	5059	5215
Wrestling	4469	4240	128	152
Ice Hockey	33	22	89	2
Total	64,081	64,184	48,192	48,230

2015-16 TOTAL COMBINED: 112,273

2016-17 TOTAL COMBINED: 112,414

State Football Finals Return To The United States Naval Academy

The United States Naval Academy in beautiful Annapolis will be welcoming our teams and fans for a second consecutive year to the spectacular Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium for the State Finals on November 30th through December 2nd.

The stadium is located at 550 Taylor Avenue in Annapolis (21401). Most attendees will access the facility via Route 50 toward Annapolis and then to Rowe Boulevard. Follow Rowe Boulevard to a right turn at the second stop light onto Taylor Avenue and then follow the signs to a right turn into the Blue Parking Lot.

The Class 3A Final will take place at 7 PM on Thursday, 11/30 followed by the Class 4A Final at 7:30 PM on Friday, 12/1. On Saturday, 12/2 Class 1A takes the field at 3:30 PM with the Class 2A tilt at 7 PM. Parking is CASH ONLY and costs \$10 for cars and \$20 for buses/RV's. Additional information is available in the Football "Fan Focus" at www.mpssaa.org.

MPSSAA Launches "Become A Sports Official" Page

The MPSSAA registers officials in numerous sports but as school programs grow we need to provide greater assistance in publicizing this need and in the recruitment of individuals that are interested in becoming involved in officiating. Therefore, we have launched a new page in the Officials section of our website entitled "Become A Sports Official" which includes an interest form that collects the necessary information for the MPSSAA office to pass along to the designated officials' associations to follow-up on.

Being an official is demanding in requiring a thorough knowledge of game rules, the ability to make fair and firm decisions quickly, and the acceptance of sharp criticism. If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested, in officiating public high school interscholastic athletics, are at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate, the opportunity to become involved is only a couple simple steps away! Complete the online form found on the "Become A Sports Official" page with your name and contact information, then select the appropriate official association(s) in the drop down menu for the particular sport(s) you are interested in officiating. Someone from the MPSSAA Office and/or an Officials' Association will be in touch with you in the very near future. We thank you in advance for your interest in providing a vital service to the over 112,000 student-athletes in public high schools in our state!!

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Kevin Hook, President

R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director

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Cross Country

The MPSSAA Cross Country Championships will return to Herford High School for the 2017 season. Please make sure that all cross country coaches and school Athletic Directors review the following information.

- Initial school cross country rosters must be submitted by Monday, October 23, 2017. Changes may be made to the roster through 10 a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2017. 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 23, 2017.
See page 11 of the Cross Country Bulletin.

Girls Field Hockey

The MPSSAA Girls Field Hockey State Championships are scheduled to be held at Washington College on Saturday, November 11, 2017. The seeding meeting for the State Tournament will be held via conference call on Thursday, October 19th.

All schools must submit their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for games through Wednesday, October 18th to their Region Tournament Director. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available online on October 19th.

Football

The MPSSAA Football State Championships will return in 2017 to Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on November 30th - December 2nd. The Class 3A State Finals will be played on November 30th at 7:00 p.m., Class 4A on December 1st at 7:30 p.m., while Class 1A and 2A will play on December 2nd at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. respectively.

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 responsible individual to ensure that the final score of every game is accurately reported each week. Contact person at County Sports Zone (CSZ) is Wick Eisenberg. Scores may be called/texted to 443-801-3404 or emailed to FootballScores@CountySportsZone.com. CSZ will be the official hub to access the 10-week schedule for all schools as well as for week-to-week results.

Each week the MPSSAA will update the official point standings with Week 10 concluding the regular season as the top four teams in each region advance to the Region Semi-Finals. Ties will be broken by 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, November 5th.

State Tournament Brackets, Schedule, and Results

County Sports Zone (CSZ) will once again be the official hub for school communities to access brackets, schedules, and results for the 2017 MPSSAA Fall Playoffs. Schools are asked to use the contact information listed below to report scores and subsequent game 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

**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

Golf

The MPSSAA Golf State Championships will take place at the University of Maryland on Monday, October 23rd through Wednesday, October 25th. District tournaments must be completed by Tuesday, October 17th for the state organizational meeting on October 18th.

Coaches should review the Fall Bulletin for additional information and MUST be on site at the State Tournament and available to assist with general supervision, scoring, and/or marshalling if requested to do so by the Tournament Committee. Please note that range finders are allowed and permitted to be shared with competitors. Cell phones are NOT permitted and may not be used as range finders.

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Soccer

The MPSSAA Soccer State Championships are scheduled to be hosted again at Loyola University on November 16th, 17th, and 18th. Classifications and game times will be announced based on winners of the State Semifinals on November 10th and 11th. Information on Ridley Athletic Complex including directions, parking, and spectator information will be sent to participating schools and is also 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 23rd. All schools must submit their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for games through Saturday, October 21st to their Region Tournament Director. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available online on October 23rd.

Girls Volleyball

The MPSSAA Volleyball State Championships are scheduled to be hosted at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum from November 13th-16th and November 18th. Please review the Fall Bulletin regarding the schedule and starting times.

The seeding meeting for the State Tournament will be held via conference call on Monday, October 30th. All schools must submit their official record (excluding the designated optional tournament) for matches through Saturday, October 28th to their Region Tournament Director. Brackets for the tournaments will be made available online on October 30th.

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!

Lacrosse Moves To Four Classifications for 2018

Last April, the Executive Council and Board of Control approved of the expansion of Boys and Girls Lacrosse to a four classification tournament beginning with the Spring, 2018 season. The new sixteen region alignment, which has already been approved by the Classification Committee last spring, **can be found on the last page of this newsletter.** Please note that this alignment still needs to be ratified by the MPSSAA Board of Control at their December meeting prior to becoming official for the Spring, 2018 season.

Keep Refueling With Chocolate Milk!

For the third consecutive year, the MPSSAA is pleased to announce a partnership with the American Dairy Association North East for the 2017-18 school year which once again designates low-fat chocolate milk as the exclusive beverage of the MPSSAA. Studies show that low-fat chocolate milk is a great option for high school athletes. It's a nutrient-packed fitness drink that can play an important role in their workout recovery routines.

In addition to the American Dairy Association North East's contribution to the MPSSAA, the partnership will provide opportunities for participants and spectators at the Soccer, Indoor Track, Wrestling, and Outdoor Track state championships to receive nutritional information and samples of low-fat chocolate milk to spread the word about this tasty and healthy option in aiding the body's recovery from fitness activities.

Official MPSSAA Game 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: Spalding

Official Ball: VB-5 (in red, white & black)

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: Warrior

Official Ball: Warrior Boys Ball NLBN120WH (White)
Warrior Girls Ball NLBN120YL (Yellow)

Tennis

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson T1001

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MPSSAA Partners With HUDDLE For State Championship Ticketing

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce a partnership with Huddle® to provide ticketing for our state championship events, further expanding the nation's largest and most innovative ticketing solution for the high school market. Huddle offers an integrated digital and paper ticketing solution for both state association post-season events and individual school regular season events. "We are excited to add the MPSSAA to our rapidly expanding Huddle Tickets/GoFan family. The MPSSAA and its member schools are a perfect fit for our easy-to-use digital ticketing technology, and the fans will absolutely love it," stated Huddle CEO Joey Thacker.

Huddle® has freely provided over 1.3 billion event tickets to high schools since 2001, saving the schools tens of millions of dollars over the years. For the 2017-2018 school year, Huddle has expanded its free offerings to include the GoFan® digital ticketing app. GoFan® provides high schools with digital ticketing capabilities along with the convenience, safety and security of professional sporting events at no cost to the schools. "GoFan is going to help us lead the way nationally in the high school digital ticketing movement. We always want to be forward thinking in our approach to everything, and digital ticketing is the next step," said Brian Layman, Athletic Specialist for the Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Additionally, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) recently selected Huddle/GoFan as its exclusive partner for a national roll-out of a digital ticketing platform for high school sports.

NFHS Inducts Bernie Walter Into Their Hall Of Fame Class For 2017

The NFHS inducted former Arundel HS Baseball coach and Athletic Director Bernie Walter along with a group of five athletes, four coaches, one administrator and one contest official into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame July 2 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island. The 35th Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was the closing event of the 98th annual NFHS Summer Meeting.

Bernie was the most successful high school baseball coach in Maryland history during his 36 years at Arundel High School in Gambrills, Maryland. Walter won 670 games during his career that ended in 2009, winning 15 regional titles and a record 10 Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) state championships. His teams also finished second in the state tournament two times and won 16 Anne Arundel County titles. His 1993 team was selected mythical national champions by Collegiate Baseball. Walter won 80 games in seven years at Archbishop Curley High School in Maryland to begin his career, and he served four years as director of baseball operations at the University of Maryland, College Park, after retiring from Arundel High School. Walter has been involved with USA Baseball for many years, including coaching the junior team to medals in 1988 and 1990. He was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007, and he was a contributor to the Coaching Baseball online course in the NFHS Learning Center.

Bernie Walter HOF Induction (con't.)

The National High School Hall of Fame was started in 1982 by the NFHS to honor high school athletes, coaches, contest officials, administrators, performing arts coaches/directors and others for their extraordinary achievements and accomplishments in high school sports and performing arts programs. This year's class increases the number of individuals in the Hall of Fame to 458.

The 11 individuals were chosen after a two-level selection process involving a screening committee composed of active high school state association administrators, coaches and officials, and a final selection committee composed of coaches, former athletes, state association officials, media representatives and educational leaders. Nominations were made through NFHS member associations.

Give Your School A "W" With Wendy's

Community Events are a great way to help your school organization raise money while combining the best of both worlds: great food and fun! Plus, you will be amazed at how easy it is to start making money. Setting up your school Community Event at your local Wendy's can be done in 4 EASY STEPS:

1. Sign up your group through your local Wendy's using this Community Event Application & W-9 Form available on the MPSSAA website and SPREAD THE WORD!
2. Have one or more easily recognized adult representative(s) at the event to greet customers, members, and students.
3. Enjoy this special event with your supporters!
4. Receive a check for 10% of all sales during the event.

Contact your local Wendy's Manager for more information or to schedule an event.

NFHS #MyReasonWhy Campaign

The MPSSAA was founded on the belief that participation in high school sports brings tremendous value to students. To highlight the countless benefits of high school sports, we are once again partnering with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to continue the #MyReasonWhy campaign for a second year to celebrate all of the reasons why students participate.

We would again like to invite students to share their personal reasons for participating in high school sports. We also encourage parents, coaches, officials and community members to share their reasons why they support high school sports by using the hashtag #MyReasonWhy.

Students can submit their #MyReasonWhy story throughout the year by visiting nfhs.org/myreasonwhy. For more information on the campaign, visit MyReasonWhy@nfhs.org.





AUTOMATED SPORT PRODUCTION

The NFHS Network has partnered with **Pixelot** to offer a new hardware & software solution for automated live event production.

- One-time installation in your athletic venue
- All events are live broadcasted to the NFHS Network
- Fully automated (*no people required*)

HOW IT WORKS

- Panoramic view captures the whole playing field
- Auto-tracking feature enables cameras to follow the action
- No camera operator required
- Scoreboard automatically populates data for broadcast graphics
- All events stream to your branded school page on NFHSnetwork.com



HARDWARE

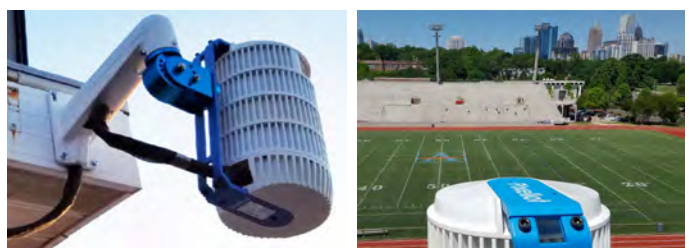
Fixed installation includes:

- **Camera Unit** – single-mounted unit contains weatherproof HD cameras
- **Scoring Device** – plugs into scoreboard for automated score graphics in broadcast
- **Video Processing Unit** – for combining the video feeds and creating the automated production



PRICING

- Exclusive pricing only through NFHS Network



Contact **Che Vialpando** for more information: (303) 901-5079 | Che.Vialpando@nfhsnetwork.com

2018 ALIGNMENT FOR BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE

CLASS 4A WEST		CLASS 4A NORTH		CLASS 4A SOUTH		CLASS 4A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Arundel	AA
2. Churchill	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. DuVal	PG	2. Glen Burnie	AA
3. Einstein	Mtg	3. Perry Hall	B Co	3. High Point	PG	3. Meade	AA
4. Kennedy	Mtg	4. Mergenthaler	Balt	4. Laurel	PG	4. North County	AA
5. Walt Whitman	Mtg	5. Western (Girls only)	Balt	5. Northwestern	PG	5. Old Mill	AA
6. Walter Johnson	Mtg	6. Howard	How	6. Parkdale	PG	6. Severna Park	AA
7. Wheaton	Mtg						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Clarksburg	Mtg	1. Urbana	Fre	1. Bowie	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg	2. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	2. Charles H. Flowers	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Northwest	Mtg	3. Northwood	Mtg	3. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG	3. South River	AA
4. Quince Orchard	Mtg	4. Paint Branch	Mtg	4. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	4. North Point	Cha
5. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	5. Sherwood	Mtg	5. Suitland	PG	5. Leonardtown	StM
6. Wootton	Mtg	6. Springbrook	Mtg				
CLASS 3A WEST		CLASS 3A NORTH		CLASS 3A SOUTH		CLASS 3A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Manchester Valley	Car	1. Franklin	B Co	1. City College	Balt	1. Atholton	How
2. Westminster	Car	2. Lansdowne	B Co	2. Digital Harbor	Balt	2. Centennial	How
3. Blake	Mtg	3. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	3. Baltimore Polytechnic	Balt	3. Long Reach	How
4. Magruder	Mtg	4. Parkville	B Co	4. Southwestern (Boys only)	Balt	4. Mount Hebron	How
5. Rockville	Mtg	5. Towson	B Co	5. Oxon Hill	PG	5. Reservoir	How
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg	6. Woodlawn	B Co	6. Potomac	PG		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Dundalk	B Co	1. Huntingtown	Cal	1. Chesapeake	AA
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Northern	Cal	2. Northeast	AA
3. Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. St. Charles	Cha	3. James M. Bennett	Wic
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Aberdeen	Hfd	4. Chopticon	StM	4. Stephen Decatur	Wor
5. North Hagerstown	Was	5. Bel Air	Hfd	5. Great Mills	StM		
6. South Hagerstown	Was	6. C. Milton Wright	Hfd				
		7. Edgewood	Hfd				
CLASS 2A WEST		CLASS 2A NORTH		CLASS 2A SOUTH		CLASS 2A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Century	Car	1. Eastern Technical	B Co	1. Glenelg	How	1. Fallston	Hfd
2. Liberty	Car	2. Hereford	B Co	2. Hammond	How	2. Harford Technical	Hfd
3. South Carroll	Car	3. New Town	B Co	3. Marriotts Ridge	How	3. North Harford	Hfd
4. Winters Mill	Car	4. Owings Mills	B Co	4. Oakland Mills	How	4. Elkton	Cec
5. Oakdale	Fre	5. Edmondson-Westside	Balt	5. River Hill	How	5. North East	Cec
		6. Northwestern (Boys only)	Balt	6. Wilde Lake	How	6. Rising Sun	Cec
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Carver Vo-Tech (Boys only)	Balt	1. Southern	AA	1. North Caroline	Cln
2. Poolesville	Mtg	2. Lake Clifton (Boys only)	Balt	2. Calvert	Cal	2. Kent Island	QA
3. Seneca Valley	Mtg	3. Patterson (Boys only)	Balt	3. Patuxent	Cal	3. Queen Anne's	QA
4. Middletown	Fre	4. Central	PG	4. La Plata	Cha	4. Easton	Tal
5. Walkersville	Fre	5. Crossland	PG	5. Thomas Stone	Cha	5. Parkside	Wic
		6. Gwynn Park	PG	6. Westlake	Cha	6. Wicomico	Wic
CLASS 1A WEST		CLASS 1A NORTH		CLASS 1A SOUTH		CLASS 1A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Francis Scott Key	Car	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Fairmont Heights	PG	1. Havre de Grace	Hfd
2. Pikesville	B Co	2. Chesapeake	B Co	2. Frederick Douglass	PG	2. Joppatowne	Hfd
3. Randallstown	B Co	3. Loch Raven	B Co	3. Intrnatl. HS @ Langley Pk.	PG	3. Patterson Mill	Hfd
4. Western STES	B Co	4. Overlea	B Co	4. Largo	PG	4. Perryville	Cec
		5. Sparrows Point	B Co	5. North CMIT	PG		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Brunswick	Fre	1. BDJ/KASA (Boys only)	Balt	1. Lackey	Cha	1. Cambridge-SD	Dor
2. Catocin	Fre	2. Dunbar	Balt	2. McDonough	Cha	2. Kent County	K
3. Boonsboro	Was	3. Douglass (Boys only)	Balt	3. Croom Vocational	PG	3. Bohemia Manor	Cec
4. Smithsburg	Was	4. Natl. Academy Found.	Balt	4. Friendly	PG		
		5. Reginald Lewis (Boys only)	Balt	5. South CMIT	PG		
				6. Surrattsville	PG		