

# Important Bulletin Changes and Notes

## Fall Sports

- Cross Country
  - There are no significant changes to the Cross Country Bulletin
  
- Field Hockey
  - The field hockey committee removed the region quarterfinal round based on lack of teams in their 2-year classification cycle.
  - The field hockey committee adjusted their last play date and seeding tournament date based on removing the region quarterfinal round.
  - The field hockey committee adjusted game times at the state finals location.
  
- Football
  - The committee adopted language to set the seeding lock date at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023.
  - The committee agreed to authorize Thursday competition for Region Round 1, Region Round 2.
  - Game times and dates will be set and decided by Monday at 2 p.m.
  - State Semifinal games may begin as early as 1 p.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023.
  
- Golf
  - The Golf committee set a state qualifying team cut score of 350 or less for advancement from district events to the state championship. The purpose of the state team cut score is to ensure appropriate pace of play at the state championships.
  - The committee modified language to ensure a full complement of medal winners advance in the individual events to Day 2 of the state tournament.
  
- Soccer
  - The soccer committee added some state semifinal sites.
  - The soccer committee clarified penalty kick language.
  
- Volleyball
  - The committee was able to secure a Saturday state championships date, shifting state finals and semifinal contests.

## Winter Sports

- Basketball
  - The basketball committee moved the state basketball tournament one week later due to changes in the NCAA Calendar. The tentative schedule will spread out the regional rounds.
  - The committee decided to hold the tournament across two days instead of three on Friday and Saturday.
  - New language was added on the considerations for deciding game times and sites for the state semifinals.
  
- Indoor Track
  - The committee made the decision to hold all region meets at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex.
  - Region meets are being requested to start at 1 p.m. to allow students and schools to return home at a decent hour (previous region meets were ending as late as 9 p.m. with near midnight for student's returning home)
  - The state meet is being requested to start at 1 p.m. as well. Both state meets in 2022 ended at 10 p.m.
  - The top 16 entries, instead of 24, will compete in their region meet.
  - The only conversions permitted are for the 1600m (1500m and 1 mile) and 3200m (3000m and 2 mile) and conversions may only be made on the provided conversion calculator on the MPSSAA site.
  - The committee has decided that in addition to the top 3 individuals and top 3 relay teams, the next top 7 from all regions in a classification will advance to the state meet.
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- Swimming
  - The committee did not make any significant changes to the bulletin.
  
- Wrestling
  - The committee is requesting the expansion to a three-day state wrestling tournament to equitably include the growth of girls wrestling.
  - Girls wrestling increased from 180 to over 330 regional entries in 2022. The three -day expansion sets a schedule that provides the same opportunities to boy and girl participants.
  - The committee is requesting to start wrestling at 10:30 a.m. on Friday to complete all rounds and allow appropriate rest between days of the tournament.
  - The committee expanded state entries for girls from 16 to 24 based on the participation growth.
  - The committee established tie breaker considerations for seeding and alternate advancement.