

DECEMBER 2022 MPSSAA SOFTBALL REPORT

Highlights from the Spring 2023 Bulletin:

- Semifinals will be held at Bachmann Sports Complex in Glen Burnie --- 8 games to be played on Tuesday, May 23, beginning at 4:00 p.m. (raindate Wednesday, May 24)
- Finals will be played at the University of Maryland Softball Complex – as of right now, two games on Friday, May 26, and two games on Saturday, May 27. Schedule to be determined at the completion of the semifinal games.
- **Last play date will be Wednesday, May 10.**
- **First round of regionals will be played on Thursday, May 11.**
- **Region finals are set for Wednesday, May 17, with the state quarterfinals set for Friday, May 19. If either region winner has a prom on Friday, May 19, the quarterfinal game will be played on Saturday, May 20.**
- As always, please encourage your coaches to remain in constant contact with their region chairpersons throughout the season. Scores are to be submitted on a weekly basis so that they can be included on the MPSSAA website. **It is most important that we have your prom and graduation dates before regionals begin. We are most willing to work with schools, but we must know ahead of time if a conflict might occur.**

Rules Changes for 2023:

- jewelry is permitted as long as it does not present a distraction or is dangerous
- remove color restrictions on gloves as long as the pitcher's glove does not provide a distraction to the umpire or the batter

Committee Point of Emphasis:

- We will continue to take senior proms and graduations into consideration when scheduling regional and state games. **We will not change schedules to accommodate senior picnics, senior awards banquets, senior trips,**

Special Recognition:

- Special thanks to the Orioles for hosting our state champions at their stadium
- Congratulations to our state champions: Sherwood (4A), Linganore (3A), Calvert (2A), and Allegany(1A). Century and Damascus shared the Eugene G. Robertson Sportsmanship Award.
- In addition, we would like to congratulate Sherwood and Severna Park on their patience and “dance rave” during our “lighting outage” with one out to go in the game. It was long day with an “entertaining” ending.