Basketball Tournament Bulletin

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - MARCH 14-15. 2025 - UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - XFINITY CENTER

DATE	EVENT	DATE	REGION TOURNAMENTS	DATE	STATE TOURNAMENTS
November 15	First Practice Date	February 28 (G)	Quarterfinals	March 7 (G)	Quarterfinals
December 5	First Play Date	March 1 (B)	Quarterfinals (or doubleheader on Feb. 28)	March 8 (B & G)	Quarterfinals
February 24	Last Play Date for Tournament Seeding	March 3 (G)	Semifinals	March 11 (B & G)	Semifinals
February 25	Tournament Seeding	March 4 (B)	Semifinals	March 12 (B & G)	Semifinals
February 27	Last Play Date	March 5 (G)	Finals	March 14 (B & G)	Finals
		March 6 (B)	Finals	March 15 (B & G)	Finals

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Basketball tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Basketball Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Basketball Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Basketball rule book will be followed.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. Games postponed during the regular season shall be made up on the first available date and in the order originally scheduled. Subsequent games shall not be moved. Local supervisor(s) of athletics shall be consulted and will make final decisions on postponed games.
- F. The MPSSAA State Basketball Committees have approved the use of S.A.G.A. timing devices during the regular season and region tournaments, provided that both teams agree. These devices will be used at the state semifinals and finals.
- G. The State Basketball Committees are requiring the use of the Spalding TF-1000 Precision basketball during the playoffs AND the state tournament. It is highly recommended that this same ball be used during the regular season as well.
- H. By state adoption, the State Basketball Committees have adopted the following rule regarding the use of running time. Once a 35-point differential exists in the second half, the following changes, and only these changes, will be made regarding rules which determine when the clock will and will not be stopped. **During** the regular season only, participating schools have the option to start running time in the first half if agreed upon prior to the start of the contest.
 - 1. An official's time-out for an injured participant.
 - 2. A charged (team) time-out occurs.
 - 3. A score occurs that reduces the point spread to less than 35 points (in which case regular timing procedures will be used.

- 4. A period ends.
- 5. Free throws are taken.

II. TOURNAMENT ENTRY INFORMATION

A. Tournament Organization

- 1. Every school is automatically in the tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
- 2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM for the state semifinals and finals must be filled out online in the password protected member's section of MPSSAA.org by teams winning their region final.
 - (a.) The girls entry must be submitted online no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, March 3.
 - (b.) The boys entry must be submitted online no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4.

III. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. Tournament Organization

- 1. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament with the champion advancing to state play.
- 2. Schools may not compete in any contest after February 27 that is not part of the state tournament.
- 3. All references to the official party in this bulletin shall be defined as follows:
 - (a.) The official party is limited to 21 persons and shall consist of authorized coaches, players, and managers of high school age or older.
 - (b.) Only those in the official party are permitted on the bench or in the locker room area.
- 4. No team may dress more than 15 players.
- 5. The designated home team will wear the white uniform. The designated visiting team will wear the dark uniform. Bring both colors.
- The coach is in charge of the bench. The coach's conduct should be exemplary, as it sets a pattern for both spectators and players.
- Playing rules, except as modified below, shall be in accordance with the current National Federation rules.
 - 1. Boys and girls shall use a 30-second shot clock.
 - 2. Girls will not have a 10-second count to move the ball from back court to front court.

C. General Policies

- 1. The official party will only be admitted in total and accompanied by its coach.
- 2. Per NFHS rules, noisemakers and other distractions, (i.e., whistles, sirens, horns, bells, clappers, 'thunder sticks', megaphones, balloons, etc.), are not permitted in the gymnasium at any time.
- When local jurisdictions allow and can accommodate pep bands, 45 band members will be admitted free. They must be accompanied by a faculty sponsor and adhere to the following guidelines:
 - (a.) Twenty minutes prior to each game, pep bands will be allowed to play for eight minutes each. The home team will play the first eight minutes and the visiting team will play the next eight minutes. The remaining four minutes will be used for player introductions.
 - (b.) Once a game starts, the pep bands will alternate playing only when time is out. Bands will coordinate their playing with the cheerleaders from their school.
 - (c.) Pep bands must remain in their designated areas. Bands ARE NOT permitted on the court.

- 4. When local jurisdictions allow and can accommodate, cheerleaders from each of the participating schools will be admitted free of charge only if they are in complete uniform and accompanied by a maximum of two authorized coaches. Local jurisdictions may set their own guidelines at region tournaments on the number of cheerleaders permitted on the floor at any one time.
- 5. Mascots are restricted to the designated half of the baseline area, except when performing on the court during pregame team introductions or full timeouts. During play, mascots should remain with their teams in the designated cheer area, away from the goal standard. At no time shall a mascot enter the general public seating area or interact with the opposing team's mascot.
- 6. The State Basketball Committee urges all schools to conduct a school-wide assembly prior to participation in postseason play. School personnel, students, and parents should be aware of their responsibilities as spectators. Information concerning crowd control and spectator behavior will be sent in the Last Minute Bulletin to region champions.
- 7. Teams are reminded they are guests of the host site and the use of drinks other than for consumption (example: dumping water on coaches) is prohibited.

IV. REGION TOURNAMENT

- A. Tournament Organization
 - 1. The region director is responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.
 - 2. The seeding of bracket positions will take place on Tuesday, February 25. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site < mpssaa.org > later that day.
 - (a.) Region directors will verify and submit the official records of all region teams through February 24 to their respective State Committee directors.
 - (b.) All teams in each region will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship.
 - (c.) Teams with less than 15 varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of 15 games.
 - (d.) Ties among teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
 - (e.) The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
 - 3. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved all region games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
 - 4. If schedule changes are necessary for a. through c. below, each region director, in consultation with the local Supervisor(s) of Athletics, State Tournament Director, and the MPSSAA Executive Director will establish the best schedule, site, and game combination that will expedite the tournament in that particular region.
 - (a.) The starting time for weekday contests when there is a single contest shall be any time after 5 p.m. and the starting time for a Saturday contest will be any time after 12 p.m. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be consulted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
 - (b.) Doubleheaders will be played in the first round where boys and girls match-ups exist for both schools. Doubleheaders will also be used to make-up postponed contests. The early game shall begin anytime after 5 p.m., with the late game beginning 20 minutes after the conclusion of the early game. Local school systems shall decide the order of contests for doubleheaders.

- (c.) Single games shall be scheduled on the chart on the next page:
- (d.) Region tournament directors and local supervisors of athletics shall be consulted and will make final decisions on postponed games.

Event	Girls	Boys
Regional Quarterfinals	Friday. February 28	Saturday, March 1
Region Semifinals	Monday, March 3	Tuesday, March 4
Region Finals	Wednesday, March 5	Thursday, March 6

^{*} NOTE: Region quarterfinal games scheduled for Saturday, March 1 may be played on Friday, February 28. Every effort shall be made to avoid conflicts between the boys and girls games. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be consulted and will make the final decision when conflicts occur. All other contests must be played on the date listed above.

- 5. Updated results shall be emailed to the respective State Directors by region directors as the tournament progresses.
- 6. For the region quarterfinals and semifinals, the region director shall have assigned a two-person crew and a table official from the officials board local to the designated home team. The table official will supervise the scoring table. Local supervisors of athletics may decide to use three-person crews in the first two regional rounds of the tournament. When a three-person crew is used, a table official may be assigned.
- 7. For the region finals, the region director shall have assigned a three-person crew from the officials board local to the designated home team. A table official MAY be assigned.
- 8. An experienced timer will be assigned as the clock operator. "Neutral" timers with experience may also be assigned in lieu of the usual clock operator as determined by local Supervisors of Athletics.

9. Pregame warm-up

- (a.) At neutral or central sites, the designated home team will sit at the bench to the left of the scorer's table, when facing it, and warm up according to National Federation rules.
- (b.) At the school site (entire school campus) of any regional playoff games, neither participating team may take part in any individual or team practice utilizing basketballs from 90 minutes prior to the designated tip-off until the 20-minute warm-up period immediately preceding the game.
- 10. For the region quarterfinal games, local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenues and pay approved expenses.
- 11. For region final games, the MPSSAA will receive all revenues and pay approved expenses.

B. General Policies

- 1. Individuals 7 years and older will be charged an admission of \$6 per session, regardless of the number of games played in each session.
- 2. The following recommendations are made for admittance of school personnel and issuance of passes for tournament games:
 - (a.) The official party (identified in Section II.A.13) will be admitted free at a designated entrance, after being identified by the coach.
 - (b.) Cheerleaders, a mascot, and their authorized coaches will be admitted free at the door used by the public.
 - (c.) Only the person whose name appears on the state pass will be admitted (See Complimentary Passes on Page 5 of the Winter Bulletin for more information).

- Only cheerleaders are permitted to use megaphones. Cheerleaders must follow NFHS Guidelines for cheering in a gymnasium.
- 4. No signs or banners may be carried in by spectators. Team signs may be posted by designated personnel 20 minutes prior to game time.
- 5. Local jurisdictions may set their own guidelines on the use of flash photography during game action.

V. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. State Quarterfinals

- 1. The region champions from each classification shall advance to a state quarterfinal round.
- 2. The eight region champions will be seeded 1-8 based on their regular season winning percentage used to seed each region. Ties among teams in the state quarterfinals will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
- 3. Unless a specific alternate plan has been approved, all state quarterfinal games will be played at the site of the higher seed under the following terms:
 - (a.) The girls state quarterfinal games shall be played on Friday, March 7 and the boys state quarterfinal games shall be played on Saturday, March 8.
 - (b.) The girls state quarterfinal games scheduled on Friday, March 7 may be moved to Saturday, March 8 for travel considerations.
 - (c.) When setting game times hosting sites must be mindful of other school activities and provide appropriate travel time for any schools with students taking the ACT or SAT Tests.
 - (d.) Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be contacted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
- 4. A three-person officiating crew from the association local to the higher seeded team will be assigned to the state quarterfinal contest. A table official may be assigned.
- 5. Admission to the state quarterfinals will be \$6.00 for ages 7 and over.
- For state quarterfinal games, the MPSSAA will receive all revenues and pay approved expenses through the district local to the hosting site.
- The head coach of each state quarterfinal winner must complete the media form (found on the basketball page of MPSSAA.org) and email it to their respective state committee chair.

B. State Semifinals and Finals

- 1. The winners of the state quarterfinal round shall advance to the state semifinals. The girls and boys will play regional sites on Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 12.
 - (a.) The winners of the No. 1 versus No. 8 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 4 versus No. 5 seeded game in a state semifinal contest.
 - (b.) The winners of the No. 2 versus No. 7 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 3 versus No. 6 seeded game in a state semifinal contest.
 - (c.) The winners of the two state semifinal contests will meet in the state championship game at the University of Maryland - College Park in the Xfinity Center.
- 2. When determining state semifinal facility and game time assignments, the MPSSAA will take into consideration:
 - (a.) Facility capacity and the ability to accommodate anticipated crowd size

- (b.) Parking availability and the ability to transition between games (smaller game before larger game or stand-alone game to avoid transition altogether)
- (c.) Travel distance for participating schools (impact on teams and loss of instructional time)
- (d.) If the boys and girls teams from the same school qualify, efforts will be made to play the school together at the same site back-to-back.
- (e.) Ability to play both semifinals for one gender/classification at the same site
- 3. Member schools shall not schedule practice or scrimmage sessions at the sites of the state semifinal (unless you are a host school) and final championship games.
- 4. Directions (Please also direct your school's community to "Championship Central" on MPSSAA.org): UMD-College Park — Please adhere to all campus parking regulations. From I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway): Exit Rte. 1 South to MD. Rte. 193 (University Blvd.) - West one mile to left on Paint Branch Parkway. Follow signs to Xfinity Center parking.
- 5. Individuals 7 years and older will be charged an admission of \$10.00 for the state semifinals and finals. Tickets will be sold exclusively online through www.mpssaa.org.
- 6. Officials will be instructed before the game not to tolerate any unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches or players. A public expression of dissent from an official's judgment usually excites the spectators and often results in a technical foul. The coach's conduct, more than any other person, should be exemplary so as to set the pattern for the attitude of spectators.
- 7. The Association will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles. It is recommended that players give their valuables to team managers for safekeeping.
- 8. The home team will sit on the bench to the left of the scorers' table, when facing it, and will warm up according to National Federation rules.
- 9. If a team withdraws or is withdrawn from the tournament, the team last defeated by the withdrawing team shall be asked to replace it, and so on. This does not apply if there is a COVID-19 situtation, in which the Health and Safety guidelines on page 6 of this bulletin will apply.
- 10. The Spalding TF-1000 Precision basketball will be the official ball for the state semifinals and finals.

Event	Date	Time
State Semifinals	Tuesday, March 11	Game times will be set at 5 p.m. or later.
State Semifinals	Wednesday, March 12	Game times will be set at 5 p.m. or later.
State Finals	Friday, March 14	2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m.
State Finals	Saturday, March 15	12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
* N	OTE: Any classifications or teams for the	semifinals or finals are TBA.

Potential State Semifinal Sites

Aberdeen High School Montgomery Blair High School Thomas Johnson High School New Town High School North Point High School Henry A. Wise High School

C. General Policies

1. The official team bench party (limited to 21 persons and consisting of authorized coaches, players, and managers of high school age or older) will only be admitted in total and accompanied by their coach.

^{*} NOTE: The MPSSAA reserves the right to add additional sites as deemed necessary.

- (a.) Tournament personnel will issue a tournament pass to each member of the party.
- (b.) The cheerleader party shall consist of cheerleaders, mascot in uniform, and authorized coaches.
- (c.) The basketball party shall consist of a maximum of 21 persons, including coaches.
- (d.) The entrance to Xfinity Center for the official party will be through the loading dock from Parking Lot 4B.
- (e.) One photographer from each participating school will be allowed on the floor in addition to official press photographers. Spectators who wish to take photographs must do so from their seats.
- Games will be played on the basis of shared responsibilities. School staff personnel of the visiting schools must accept their joint responsibilities with the persons in charge.
 - (a.) A MINIMUM of three school staff members must be on the floor to assist with their spectators. A list of names and positions should be emailed to the respective tournament director by the team's head coach by Monday, March 10th.
 - (b.) The State Basketball Committees strongly urge that an assembly be conducted prior to participation in region and state tournament games. All school personnel, students, and parents should be made aware of their responsibilities as to their conduct as spectators.
- Cheerleaders of opposing teams should get together before the game to work out arrangements for each school to cheer, unopposed by the other. The main court may be used during a full time-out, between quarters, and at halftime. Cheerleaders should use their megaphones only for addressing their own student body and never allow spectators to take or use them.
- SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR DISPLAY AT THE XFINITY CENTER.
- 5. HAND-HELD SIGNS may be displayed at the tournaments. Obscene or derogatory signs will be confiscated. Signs may not be carried through the stands as a means of taunting other spectators. Principals and faculty members of participating schools are expected to enforce this regulation.
- No outside food or drink is permitted to be carried into the tournament site.
- 7. All schools are considered "visitors" when playing in the state tournament. For purposes of crowd control, the principal and school personnel brought to playoff sites should be alert to detect and correct or discipline any unsafe or unruly behavior of their spectators.
- The State Basketball Committee will recognize the school which displays the best overall sportsmanship while participating in its respective tournament with a Sportsmanship Award. Each school's coaches, players, cheerleaders, mascots, bands and spectators will be graded on the level of sportmanship they project. Immediately following the last game, the award will be presented to the principal of the school achieving the highest average score.

D. Officials

1. A three-person crew will be assigned to State Semifinal and Final games.

STATE BASKETBALL COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS ARE LISTED ON MPSSAA.ORG

Projected MPSSAA Basketball Championship Dates							
2026 - March 13-14	2027 - March 12-13	2028 - March 10-11					

2024-25 Basketball Classification Alignment

	Class 4A We	est			Class 4A No	orth			Class 4A Sout	th		Class 4A Eas	t
	Region I				Region I				Region I			Region I	
1.	Frederick	Fr		1.	Dundalk		ВСо	1.	High Point	PG	1	I. Crofton	AA
2.	Thomas Johnson	Fr		2.	Kenwood		B Co	2.	Laurel	PG	- 1	2. Glen Burnie	AA
3.	Urbana	Fr		3.	Parkville		B Co	3.	Northwestern	PG		B. Meade	AA
4.	Clarksburg	М		4.	Perry Hall		B Co	4.	Northwood	Mtg		1. North County	AA
5.	Northwest	M		5.	Woodlawn		B Co	5.	Montgomery Blair	Mtg		Troitin Godiney	7.0.
6.	Seneca Valley	M		6.	Mergenthaler		Balt	6.	Reservoir	How			
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1.	Bethesda-CC	М	tg	1.	Albert Einstein		Mtg	1.	Bladensburg	PG	1	L. Annapolis	AA
2.	Quince Orchard	М	tg	2.	John F. Kennedy		Mtg	2.	Charles H. Flowers	PG	2	2. Broadneck	AA
3.	Walt Whitman	М	tg	3.	Richard Montgome	γ	Mtg	3.	Dr. Henry A. Wise	PG	3	3. North Point	Cha
4.	Walter Johnson	М	tg	4.	Paint Branch		Mtg	4.	Duval	PG	4	1. Bowie	PG
5.	Winston Churchill	M	tg	5.	Springbrook		Mtg	5.	Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	5	5. Suitland	PG
6.	Gaithersburg	M	tg	6.	Wheaton		Mtg	6.	Parkdale	PG	1	6. Leonardtown	StM
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3.	Linganore		Car Fre	3.	Franklin		B Co		Old Mill	AA	3.	South River	AA
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3.	James Hubert Blake		Mtg	3.	Digital Harbor		Balt	3.	Oakland Mills	How	3.	Oxon Hill	PG
4.	Rockville		Mtg	4.	Patterson		Balt	4.	River Hill	How	4.	Chopticon	StM
5.	Sherwood		Mtg	5.	Aberdeen		Har	5.	Centennial	How	5.	Great Mills	StM
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Indoor Track and Field Bulletin

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 18/19, 2025 - PRINCE GEORGE'S SPORTS & LEARNING COMPLEX

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
November 15	First Practice Date	February 3-8	Region Meets
December 5	First Play Date	February 16	Seeding of State Meets
		February 18	1A & 4A State Meets
* View the Region Meet Schedule and Entry and Scratch		February 19	2A & 3A State Meets
Dea	dlines on p. 23 of this bulletin.		

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Indoor Track championships. Plans for the championships were formulated by the State Indoor Track Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Indoor Track Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Track and Field Rule Book will be followed.
- C. By State adoption, the State Track and Field Committee has adopted the following rule regarding the maximum number of events for an athlete. An athlete may participate in a maximum of six events.
- D. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- E. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- F. Coaches do a disservice to the sport and to competitors when they fail to scratch an athlete prior to the entry deadline with full knowledge that the athlete will be unable to compete in the entered event. Failure to afford those participation opportunities to other willing competitors may be considered misconduct detrimental to the tournament as outlined in the MPSSAA Handbook.
- G. Students may not compete as a representative of their school in any event that is not part of the state championship series after the date of the first statewide region meet.

II. REGION AND STATE MEETS

A. Meet Organization

- 1. The team or individual contestants must be accompanied to the meet by the coach or a designated representative.
- 2. Teams competing at the PG Sportsplex will be admitted through the ground level team entrance at the back of the building.
- 3. The meet director will make sure starting blocks are provided.
- 4. Starting blocks WILL BE PERMITTED in the 55m and 55m high hurdle trials.
- 5. Girls will precede boys in finals of all running events.
- 6. Slower sections will precede the fast section.
- 7. The lane order for seeding the 300m will be 4-5-3-6-2-1.
- Time limits for the 1600m races shall be: Girls 7:00; Boys 6:00. Time limits in the 3200m shall be: Girls - 14:45; Boys - 12:45. Competitors who do not conclude their event within the allotted time will be

- allowed to finish and score. However, competitors who do not conclude their event within the allotted time will not be allowed to advance to states regardless of region placement.
- 9. Order of field events: Pole Vault (Boys, followed by Girls); High Jump (Girls, followed by Boys); Shot Put (Girls, followed by Boys).
- 10. Only shots approved by the appropriate official shall be used in competition.

B. Playing Rules

- 1. All rules not modified here shall be in accordance with current National Federation rules.
 - (a.) Any team member listed on the school's roster may participate on any of that school's relay teams providing the maximum participation rule is not violated.
 - (b.) Any competitor who exceeds the maximum 6-event participation rule forfeits further participation in any and all events in the 2025 State Indoor Track Meet.
 - (c.) Should the competitor exceed the maximum participation rule while competing on a relay team, the entire relay team is excluded from that event at the 2025 State Indoor Meet.
 - (d.) Teams checking in at the bullpen for respective relay races must present relay cards with all participant names listed and present.
- 2. Shoes with spikes are prohibited in all facilities in Maryland except the Prince George's Sportsplex. Any infraction will result in the disqualification of the competitor from the meet.
- 3. Only shoes with 1/4" pyramid spikes or less are permitted in the Prince George's Sportsplex. Shoes with hard plastic spike plates may not be worn without spikes inserted at any facility.
- 4. The spraying of shoe soles is prohibited. Any infraction will result in the disqualification of the competitor from the meet.
- 5. No tape will be permitted on the floor for any running event.
- 6. Videotape or other electronic recording of appeals will not be accepted.

C. General Policies

1. All electronic listening devices are barred from the area of competition.

III. REGION MEET

A. Meet Organization

- 1. Any team that makes formal application on athletic.net by the established deadline will be entered into the meet.
- 2. An application received after the Region Meet Entry Deadline must be accompanied by a check, payable to the MPSSAA, in the amount of \$100.00, or the entry is invalid. The burden of proof is on the school. In no case will a team be entered into a region meet if the Region Meet Director does not have the completed application and \$100 late fee (if applicable) in hand by the Penalty Deadline (five calendar days prior to the start of the meet).
- Each school may submit three (3) entries per individual event and one (1) team in each relay event.
 - (a.) The top 18 verifiable entries per individual event will have a chance to compete in their respective region meet. Every school in the region may enter a team and compete in the relay events.
 - (b.) A verifiable entry is a regular season high school event during the current indoor track season that has official results for all competitors and teams competing in that event and is posted on athletic.net.

- (c.) The only conversions permitted, other than hand-timed converted to FAT, will be for the 1600m (1500m and 1 mile) and 3200m (3000m and 2 mile). Conversions must be made using the conversion calculator tool on the MPSSAA's Indoor Track and Field section.
- (d.) It is the school's responsibility to provide verified marks and any marks that can not be verified through official regular season results, will result in the entry being reseded to their next best verifiable mark.
- (e.) In the event of a tie for the 18th best mark, all tied competitors will have a chance to compete in the regional meet.
- 4. You may not make any changes (except scratches) to your entries once the entry deadline has passed; no additions or seed time/mark revisions will be permitted after the entry deadline. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure all entries are correct before the entry deadline.
- 5. A scratch in an individual event is due FOUR calendar days before the start of the meet to the region director (Scratch Deadline Date).
- 6. After the Scratch Deadline Date, the meet is seeded and no changes to accepted entries can be made. In addition, after that deadline, all entries in individual events count as an event that the athlete has participated in.
- 7. The following online method for entry must be used for regional entries. Please follow these directions for submitting entries.
 - (a.) Go to <www.athletic.net>, the site hosting the online entry process.
 - (b.) Log in to your coach account.
 - (c.) Your region meet should appear on your team's season calendar. Select the meet and then click the "Register Athletes" button.
 - (d.) You may choose to complete entries "by event" or "by athlete"
 - (e.) Enter/confirm your contact info and select the gender(s) in which you wish to complete entries for and then click Enter Team.
 - (f.) You are now able to enter athletes in events for the region meet.
 - (g.) After completing entries, print a confirmation copy of your entries by clicking on the print confirmation link at the top of your entry summary. The coach must bring a copy of this entry confirmation to the region meet.
 - (h.) Detailed entry instructions can be found at , https://support.athletic.net/article/z11f8f1jja- submitting-entries-for-a-meet>.
 - (i.) Additional help topics can be found at , https://support.athletic.net/category/ipfmxavxq2-teammanagement>.
- 8. The region meet director and the meet administrator are the only other individuals who will have access to team information (in order to seed the meet on basis of entries received).
- The Meet Director or Meet Administrator has the right to challenge any entry that does not have a verifiable performance throughout the current Indoor Track season. The Meet Director or Meet Administrator will notify the coach of the concern and may adjust entry to the best verifiable performance for the current season. If this changes the top 16, the next verifiable mark will be entered.
- 10. Eligible individuals, as found on the school's athletic.net roster, may participate in a region meet provided they have a minimum of three weeks of supervised training and have participated in at least one MPSSAA-sanctioned meets.
- 11. Meets run outdoors or in school hallways will not be counted as sanctioned meets.

- 12. Meets shall be organized and structured in a uniform way—entry on the basis of best performance, seeding, placement in lanes, etc.
- 13. Starting blocks WILL BE PERMITTED in the 55m and 55m high hurdle trials.
- 14. Region meets will be held at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex (8003 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785).

15. For meets at the PG Sportsplex, the following organizational procedures shall be followed:

- (a.) Teams are not permitted in the Sportsplex prior to announced times.
- (b.) Only shoes with 1/4" pyramid spikes or less are permitted in the Prince George's Sportsplex. Shoes with hard plastic spike plates may not be worn without spikes inserted.
- (c.) All pole vault competitors will weigh in immediately on entering the Sportsplex. Boys will be weighed in first, followed by girls. Boys competition will begin warmups immediately followed by the start of competition.
- (d.) Blocks are permitted to be used in the 55m dash, 300m, 500m, 4x200mR, 4x400mR, and 55m HH.

B. Playing Rules

- 1. The team or individual contestants must be accompanied to the meet by the coach or a designated representative.
- 2. In addition to the top 3 individuals and the top 3 relay teams advancing to the state meet, the next top 9 times or marks from all regions in a classification will advance to the state meet. If a tie occurs for third place, all tied competitors shall advance.
- In addition to the automatic qualifiers, individual competitors or relay teams who, in their region meet finals, meet the qualifying standard on the previous page may also compete.
- Order of track events girls will precede boys in all final running events, except where noted:

1) 55m HH Semifinals B, G	6) 500m	11) 4x200m Relay
2) 55m Semifinals B, G	7) 55m HH Finals	12) 800m
3) 4x800m Relay	8) 55m Finals	13) BREAK FOR CLEANUP
4) 300m	9) 3200m (G)	14) 4x400m Relay
5) 1600m	10) 3200m (B)	

- (a.) Only two rounds of 55m or 55m HH will be run. Heat winners plus next fastest times will advance to finals. In addition, any athlete that achieves the state automatic qualifying mark in the preliminary heats, will advance to the region meet final heat(s).
- (b.) If a two heat final in the 55m and 55m HH must be run, one section shall contain the maximum number of athletes that the track permits while the other section must contain a minimum of two athletes. Heat winners will be seeded first and the remaining athletes will be seeded on time.
- The State Committee will set common opening heights for the pole vault and high jump events for each region in a classification.

C. General Policies

- 1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6. There will be no on-site ticket sales. Tickets for admission can only be purchased online.
- 2. A plaque will be awarded to the first place team. The meet will be scored for the top-eight in each event and ribbons will be awarded to the top-eight finishers in each event.
- 3. The track and the infield are restricted areas and open only to meet officials and competitors in uniform.
 - (a.) Penalty for coaches in violation: disqualification of their athlete(s) from the contested event.

(b.) Violators will be asked to leave the facility.

IV. STATE MEET

A. Meet Organization

- 1. Region meet champions will be placed as the top seeds in each event contested in sections.
- 2. The following lane order will be used for seeding:
 - (a.) 55m and 55m hurdles (4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8). (The lane assignment in the final shall be determined by the following finish order in the semifinals: place, then time.)
 - (b.) 300m, 500m, 4x200MR, 4x400mR (4-5-3-6-2-1)
 - (c.) 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4x800mR (1-2-3-4-5-6)
 - (d.) 800m, 1600m, 3200m, and 4x800mR will be run on a 1-turn stagger, starting in the alleys (outside alley to top seeds).
- 3. The 2025 Championships will be held February 18 and 19 at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex, Landover. Class 1A and Class 4A meets will be held on February 18 beginning at 1 PM. The Class 2A and Class 3A meets will be held February 19, beginning at 1 PM.
 - (a.) Pole vaulters may enter early to begin warm-ups.
 - (b.) All spectators must park in the large lot on Brightseat Road just beyond the light at Sheriff Road.
 - (c.) Team buses should turn right at light onto Sheriff Road. Turn left at light at Harvey Drive into the Sportsplex entrance.

B. Playing Rules

1. Order of running events

1) 55m HH Semifinals - B, G	6) 500m Finals - G, B	11) 4x200m Relay Finals – G, B
2) 55m Semifinals - B, G	7) 55m HH Finals - G, B	12) 800m Finals – G, B
3) 4x800m Relay Finals - G, B	8) 3200m Final - G	13) 4x400m Relay Final – G, B
4) 300m Finals – G, B	9) 55m Finals – G, B	
5) 1600m Finals - G, B	10) 3200m Final - B	

2. Order of field events

FEBRUARY 18 - CLASS 1A AND CLASS 4A

SHOT PUT	HIGH JUMP	POLE VAULT
1A Girls	4A Girls	1A Boys
4A Girls	1A Girls	4A Boys
1A Boys	4A Boys	1A Girls
4A Boys	1A Boys	4A Girls

FEBRUARY 19 - CLASS 2A AND CLASS 3A

SHOT PUT	HIGH JUMP	POLE VAULT
3A Girls	2A Girls	3A Boys
2A Girls	3A Girls	2A Boys
3A Boys	2A Boys	3A Girls
2A Boys	3A Boys	2A Girls

- 3. Pole vaulting will begin promptly on each day of the state meet.
- 4. The MPSSAA will supply Batons at the State Meet for relay races.

- 5. Only shoes with 1/4" pyramid spikes or less are permitted in the Prince George's Sportsplex. Shoes with hard plastic spike plates may not be worn without spikes inserted. The Prince George's Sportsplex will check all spikes.
- 6. Opening heights in the field events will be determined by the Games Committee based on the entries received.
- 7. Shots used in competition will be weighed in and remain until the athlete has completed the event.
- 8. A competitor who is not ready to perform when called by the official will be charged with a trial in the field events and could be disqualified in a running event.
- 9. A competitor must notify the official when leaving one event after being called for competition in another event.
- 10. Eight places will be scored in the State meet.

C. General Policies

- 1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$10. There will be no on-site ticket sales. Tickets for admission can only be purchased online. No re-entry will be permitted.
- 2. Plaques will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in all events and ribbons to those placing fourth through eighth.
- 3. The track and the infield are restricted areas and open only to meet officials and competitors in uniform.
 - (a.) Penalty for coaches in violation: disqualification of their athlete(s) from the contested event.
 - (b.) Violators will be asked to leave the facility.

MPSSAA STATE INDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE LISTED ON THE MPSSAA WEBSITE AT MPSSAA.ORG.

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ADVANCEMENT STANDARDS FOR PERFORMANCE IN THE 2025 REGION FINALS

Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex

		GIRLS		
	4A	3A	2A	1A
55m	7.46	7.46	7.62	7.85
55HH	9.27	9.06	9.71	9.99
300m	41.91	42.29	43.27	43.80
500m	1:20.55	1:21.52	1:23.04	1:25.54
800m	2:25.91	2:28.74	2:30.51	2:35.36
1600m	5:26.91	5:33.24	5:36.57	5:55.33
3200m	11:53.55	12:10.72	12:27.34	13:03.07
4x200	1:49.39	1:50.24	1:51.70	1:55.15
4x400	4:13.35	4:16.57	4:21.19	4:27.46
4x800	10:07.40	10:16.75	10:33.71	10:54.88
HJ	4-10	4-10	4-07	4-08
SP	33-00	32-06	31-00	29-10
PV	7-06	7-05	7-08	7-00

		BOYS		
	4A	3A	2A	1A
55m	6.73	6.76	6.79	6.98
55HH	8.28	8.24	8.40	8.86
300m	36.91	36.77	37.34	38.02
500m	1:08.72	1:09.38	1:10.68	1:11.68
800m	2:03.69	2:05.32	2:06.83	2:10.14
1600m	4:35.92	4:39.58	4:43.11	4:55.86
3200m	10:03.74	10:17.39	10:25.22	10:55.69
4x200	1:35.01	1:36.04	1:37.45	1:39.54
4x400	3:35.16	3:36.90	3:40.82	3:44.81
4x800	8:28.96	8:36.71	8:48.94	9:07.58
HJ	5-10	5-10	5-09	5-06
SP	44-09	43-04	42-08	41-09
PV	10-05	10-00	10-09	9-07

2025 REGION MEET INFORMATION

All meets will be held at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex.

E-mail addresses for region directors can be found on the Indoor Track pages of mpssaa.org.

1A West	1A Central	1A East
PG Sports and Learning Complex	PG Sports and Learning Complex	PG Sports and Learning Complex
Saturday, February 8	Wednesday, February 5	Friday, February 7
(10:00 a.m.)	(1:00 p.m.)	(1:00 p.m.)
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Entry Deadline: February 1	Entry Deadline: January 29	Entry Deadline: January 31
Penalty Deadline: February 3	Penalty Deadline: January 31	Penalty Deadline: February 2
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Meet Director: Becky Ward	Meet Director: Joe Edwards	Meet Director: Kenneth Washington
School: Boonsboro	School: Frederick Douglass-B	School: Northwestern-PG
2A West	2A Central	2A East
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Tuesday, February 4	Thursday, February 6	Monday, February 3
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Entry Deadline: January 28	Entry Deadline: January 30	Entry Deadline: January 27
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Meet Director: Philip Rogers	Meet Director: Brad Duvall	Meet Director: Kevin Heider
School: Reservoir	School: Hereford	School: Thomas Stone
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School: Oakdale	School: Dulaney	School: Reservoir
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2024-25 Indoor Track and Field Classification Alignment

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2.	Bethesda-CC		Mtg	2.	Kenwood	B Co	2.	Bowie	PG
3.	Clarksburg		Mtg	3.	Parkville	B Co	3.	Charles H. Flowers	PG
4.	Gaithersburg		Mtg	4.	Perry Hall	B Co	4.	Dr. Henry A. Wise	PG
5.	John F. Kennedy		Mtg	5.	Woodlawn	B Co	5.	DuVal	PG
6.	Montgomery Blair		Mtg	6.	Mergenthaler	Balt	6.	Eleanor Roosevelt	PG
7.	Northwest		Mtg	7.	Western	Balt	7.	High Point	PG
8.	Northwood		Mtg	8.	Annapolis	AA	8.	Laurel	PG
9.	Paint Branch		Mtg	9.	Broadneck	AA	9.	Northwestern	PG
10.	Quince Orchard		Mtg	10.	Crofton	AA	10.	Parkdale	PG
11.	Richard Montgomery		Mtg	11.	Glen Burnie	AA	11.	Suitland	PG
12.	Seneca Valley		Mtg	12.	Meade	AA	12.	Leonardtown	StM
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Swimming and Diving Bulletin

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 21/22, 2025 - UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - EPPLEY RECREATION CENTER

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
November 15	First Practice Date	February 13-15	Region Meets
December 5	First Play Date	February 18	Seeding of State Meets
February 10	Region Meet Entry Deadline	February 21/22	State Meets
February 11	Region Meet Scratch/Late Entry Deadline		

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) is the official governing body for the Swimming Championships. Plans for the tournament will be formulated by the State Swimming Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication, as well as those appearing within this Swimming and Diving Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rule Book will be followed.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02 found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook, in the front section of this publication, and in the National Federation of State High School Swimming rules for administration of Championship/Large Meets. (Located on the Swimming and Diving page of NFHS.org)
- E. National Federation rulebooks are distributed by the MPSSAA office to every member school offering swimming. It is the responsibility of each coach to read and know the rules.
- F. Officials do a disservice to the sport and student athlete competitors when they set aside rules that apply to illegal uniforms or permit unsportsmanlike acts because they do not want to appear "too picky" or feel that "it is not a major meet." When those student athletes participate in a major competition, where the rules are enforced according to the code, they think that the rules are unfair or that they should have been warned, etc., because "no one called me on this all year." All too often, parents, coaches, and the media argue that the rules are unfair and that officials do not consider how devastating it is to a student athlete disqualified in a major meet because of an illegal uniform or meet conduct violation such as arriving late to the starting blocks. Certainly, this should not happen. However, such disqualifications are ultimately the responsibility of the student athlete and coach. Meet officials who tolerate illegal actions during the season must also assume some responsibility.

G. Points of Emphasis

- 1. Shaving No on-site shaving before, during, or after a meet (NFHS Rule 3).
- 2. Excessive celebration For safety reasons, excessive celebration is prohibited on the pool deck. Example: Throwing a coach in the pool (NFHS Rule 3).
- 3. A Declared False Start (DFS) counts as an event. A scratch removes the swimmer from the entire meet.
- 4. Video and other image-producing devices will not be accepted as a basis for an appeal.
- H. Each school entering a meet agrees to abide by decisions made by that meet's swim committee. The referee shall resolve protests at dual, triple dual, or tri meets. Protests at the City, County, Conference, or District championships based upon classification or State Meets shall normally be resolved by the Referee. However, if deemed serious enough by the Referee and/or Meet Manager, an Appeals Committee will be convened promptly, to consist of the Meet Manager, Administrative Referee, and Referee, at the site of the meet, to render a decision. The State Rules Interpreter will be a member of the Appeals Committee at the state meet.

- The State Swimming Committee has approved the use of Hy-Tek Team and Meet Manager during the regular season. This software will be used during the regional and state meets. All jurisdictions must use the Windows version of HY-Tek Team Manager software to submit entries to the Region managers.
- J. There is a four event limit per competitor with no more than two of which may be individual events as per National Federation Rules.

II. REGION AND STATE MEETS

A. Meet Organization

1.

Seeding Order	8-Lane Pool	6-Lane Pool
From middle lane	4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8	3-4-2-5-1-6

- 2. Specific information for order of swimming events is listed below. (NFHS Rule 5)
- 3. Meet Directors will be responsible for organizing the meets, securing officials, arranging for First Aid services, scoring, and reporting to the Executive Director those who qualify for state competition. ALL MEETS shall be organized and structured in a uniform way for seeding, placement in lanes, etc.
 - (a.) Hand timed (HT) races shall be recorded to one one-hundredth (1/100) of a second. Fully automatic timed races (AT) shall be recorded to one one-hundredth (1/100) of a second.
 - (b.) All key, paid officials will be registered with the MPSSAA. It is preferred that these officials have no conflict of interest with any participants in the meet. All teams will be expected to provide the names of two adult timers for region meets and state meets who will stay for the duration of the meet if selected.
- 4. A coaches' meeting will be held prior to the start of their appropriate meet, unless otherwise noted.
 - (a.) A printed meet schedule shall be handed out at the coaches' meeting and followed as closely as possible. Any necessary schedule adjustments will be made at this time. Whether present or not, each coach is responsible for all changes made at the meeting.
 - (b.) Entry in a relay becomes official when the team declares its four swimmers at the coaches' meeting prior to the meet. The lead swimmer and three others (in no order) will be designated for each relay. All swimmers, by stroke, will be designated for the medley relays. A form will be provided. Any changes to relays after the coaches' meeting must be put in writing listing the event, swimmer(s) added, and swimmer(s) replaced. It should be given to and approved by the Admin Referee (Swimmers must be one of the eight already declared in the Team Manager entry file.)
 - (c.) There will also be the opportunity for deck scratches, before or immediately after the coaches' meeting, using the form provided. A scratch at any time, including missing (failing to swim in) a scheduled event, disqualifies that swimmer or the designated lead swimmer of the relay team from the rest of their scheduled meet events. Teams at the coaches' meeting may scratch relays without penalty prior to the conclusion of the meeting.
 - (d.) Declared False Starts (DFS) can be stated at the coaches' meeting to all in attendance, including the REFEREE. A DFS made during the meet must be given to the Referee, who will let the field know before the start of the appropriate event and heat. A DFS will count as an event for that swimmer.
- 5. There will be a break of at least 15 minutes, including at least 10 minutes warm-up in the water just before the 100-yard butterfly. If there is no warm-up/warm-down pool, there will be a five-minute break following the 500 free to allow relay swimmers to get wet.
- Region Meet Directors shall email final meet results to State Meet Entry Coordinator Michael Kokoski (mpssaaswimdive@gmail.com) immediately following the completion of their meet(s) for posting on MPSSAA.org and County Sports Zone.

ORE	ORDER OF SWIMMING & DIVING EVENTS									
<u>BOYS</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>								
1	200-yard Medley Relay	2								
3	200-yard Freestyle	4								
5	200-yard Individual Medley	6								
7	50-yard Freestyle	8								
9	Break/Diving TBD	10								
11	100-yard Butterfly	12								
13	100-yard Freestyle	14								
15	500-yard Freestyle	16								
17	200-yard Freestyle Relay	18								
19	100-yard Backstroke	20								
21	100-yard Breaststroke	22								
23	400-yard Freestyle Relay	24								

B. Playing Rules

- 1. All rules not modified here shall be in accordance with the current National Federation rules.
- 2. Eligible individuals may participate in a region meet provided they have a minimum of three weeks of supervised training and have participated in at least two MPSSAA-sanctioned meets.
- 3. There is a 8-minute cut-off time for boys entries and 8-minute, 30-second cut-off for girls entries in the 500 freestyle events.
- 4. Competitors must compete in school approved team uniforms. Suits and caps must meet NFHS guidelines. Team caps must be identical. Failure to comply shall result in a warning for the first offense and an event disqualification for any subsequest offense.
- 5. Contestants are to report on the first call to the staging area.
- 6. Team points will be scored to 16th place according to NFHS Championship Meet Scoring Rules.

C. General Policies

- 1. Each school shall supply its own lap counters and operators for the 500 freestyle events if requested by the Meet Director. All teams must bring stop watches for their timers.
- 2. Only designated officials and participants shall be permitted on deck. Coaches and members of their teams shall remain in their designated areas, from which point the coach can dispatch contestants to the proper location for participation.
- 3. Electronic audio devices are barred from use at pools during meets, especially around the starting blocks. The rule applies to spectators as well as participants. Any other devices emitting excessive noise will also be silenced.
- 4. Photography is PROHIBITED from behind the starting blocks (this includes cell phones).

III. REGION MEETS

A. Meet Organization

1. Any swim team that makes formal application (submits Team Manager entry files) by the established deadline (6 PM on February 10th) will be entered in the meet. Files must be emailed to the appropriate region meet managers. The Hy-tek entry report with times must be signed by coach, athletic director and principal, and emailed or faxed to the meet director by 6 PM on February 10th.

- 2. Late entries, in the correct format, will be accepted up to 24 hours after the deadline, (Late entry deadline: 6 PM on Feburary 11th). A late entry fee of \$100 must accompany the entries. NO entries will be accepted without this fee or in an incorrect format.
- 3. Team Manager files received after the late meet entry deadline (6 PM on Feburary 11th) will not be accepted. The burden of proof is on the school.
- 4. The Region Meet Directors are responsible for contacting those schools whose Team Manager files are incomplete or were not received by the deadline.
- Coaches are responsible for verifying their entries before the file is submitted.
- 6. Coaches are responsible for emailing or faxing to the Region Meet Director, a team administrative roster of coaches, manager names, and two adult timers. This form must be submitted with the Hy-tek entry by the entry deadline date (6 PM on February 10th).
- 7. This will be a timed finals meet.
- 8. Entry Guidelines
 - (a.) A diving entry does not count towards the entry limits.
 - (b.) No more than two competitors from a given school shall be allowed to enter in any individual event with documented times from a regularly scheduled swim meet in 2024-2025 (i.e., based upon a minimum of two "watch times" averaged or electronic timing). Each team will also submit their one automatic relay entry with up to eight swimmers per relay event and the documented seed time. (See II. A. 4. c. for entry in relays.) "No time" entries will not be accepted.
 - (c.) Competitors that are entered into, compete in, and qualify from their region meet are expected to participate in their State Championship Meet or be subject to "misconduct detrimental to the tournament" and its' penalties as found in the MPSSAA Handbook.
 - (d.) Schools are reminded they must be in compliance of COMAR 13A.06.03.02G related to participation on high school and outside teams.
 - (e.) Schools and coaches are reminded that when a student fails to continue participation when eligible to do so, it is a violation of athletic COMAR regulations [COMAR 13A.06.03.07(11)]. Coaches do a disservice to the sport and challenge the integrity of the championhips when they mask partcipant attendance (i.e. attendance at an outside/club event championship) at the state meet in relay events with NFHS relay substitution rules.
- The Meet Director or Meet Administrator has the right to challenge any entry that is not consistent with a verifiable performance throughout the current Swimming Season. The Meet Director or Meet Administrator will notify the coach of the concern.
- 10. Directions for Entry
 - (a.) Go to the MPSSAA Swimming page and click on the link "MPSSAA Swimming Championships Entry Page."
 - (b.) If Team Manager is not used during the regular season, download TM Lite and the Team Manager startup database for your region.
 - (c.) Create a team roster file in this database. This file must include the following information:
 - Swimmer's last name, first name, middle initial (Do NOT include date of birth.)
 - ii. Gender
 - iii. Three-letter MPSSAA team code only; No LSC Code (MPSSAA Handbook pages 48-49)
 - iv. Current school year (Example: Fr/So/Jr/Sr)

- (d.) Create an entry file. Entry limitations (See II. B. 2.) will be enforced.
- (e.) Export the roster file (An example of the team roster file name being exported and emailed is: LAC -Roster 001.) and the entry file (An example of the meet entry file being exported and e-mailed is: LAC-Entries 001.) from Team Manager.
- (f.) Print out a meet entry report from Hy-Tek, which includes proof of times. This report shall be signed by the school's Principal, Athletic Director and Swim Coach, and sent to the meet manager. A back up copy brought to the meet is strongly encouraged.
- (g.) Export a meet attendance report from Hy-Tek. This report is found under Reports > Meet Reports > Number of Meets Attended. Set the date filter for 12/5/2024.
- (h.) E-mail these four files (team roster file (zip), entry file (zip), meet entry report (pdf), meet attendance report (pdf)) to the Region Meet Manager/Hy-Tek Operator in your region.
 - **More specific instructions are available on the Entry Page.
- (i.) A return e-mail will be sent from the Region Meet Manager to confirm receipt of the files (This email does not confirm the validity of the entries, only the receipt of the files.).

11. Diving

- (a.) State and Region competition will consist of 11 dives per National Federation Rule 9.
- (b.) Diving shall be administered by a diving referee. There will be five, seven, or nine dive judges. An announcer shall announce the dives, competitors, describe the dives, and the awards given by each judge (NFHS Rule 9).
- (c.) Official entry card/score sheet with divers' first and last name, and school will be sent to the appropriate Meet Managers through the jurisdictional representative at the same time the swim entries are submitted.
- (d.) Divers will be limited to four boys and four girls per school.
- (e.) The top four scores in each region will advance to the State Finals.
- (f.) If a region does not fill the top four spots or state qualifier must withdraw, the next highest nonqualifier (from any region) shall be invited to the State Meet in order to guarantee a full complement of finalists.
- 12. All entries are final at 6 p.m., February 11, 2025. NO events will be reseeded. If a swimmer needs to be scratched from the meet (complete removal from the meet) they may be replaced, in individual events only, by another swimmer on the previously submitted electronic roster who has not exhausted their compliment of events. Scratches must be completed by the end of the coaches meeting.
- 13. There will be a meeting prior to the region meet for Region Meet Directors/Hy-Tek Operators who are unfamiliar with or who have not worked with the computer software.
- 14. Each District Representative/Meet Director shall email their region Meet Manager backup files to State Meet Entry Coordinator Michael Kokoski (mpssaaswimdive@gmail.com) immediately following the completion of their meet(s) for the seeding of the State Meets.

B. General Policies

- 1. Awards: Plaques will be given to the winning boys and girls team in each classification. Ribbons will be awarded to the top eight finishers in each event.
- 2. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6.

IV. STATE MEETS

A. Meet Organization

1. The State meet will be seeded from region results, based on time.

2. Swimming Championships

- (a.) In addition to the top three individuals and top three relay teams advancing from their region to the state meet, the individual competitors or relay teams who, in their region meet final, are among the top 12 statewide times will qualify for the state meet. (Excluding automatic qualifiers). In the event a tie for 24th, both individuals will be included.
- (b.) If a tie exists for third place in a region, both individuals or relay teams will qualify for states and an at-large position will be lost in that event.
- (c.) For individual events, the next two fastest non-qualifiers (alternates) shall be invited to the state meet in order to guarantee a full complement of finalists. If both alternates have the same time, then their position as first or second alternate will be assigned randomly. An alternate may elect to not swim if doing so would create a situation in which they would exceed the allowable number of swims. Heats will not be reseeded.

3. Diving Championships

- (a.) The top four male and female individual divers advancing from their region will compete at the state meet. If needed the next highest nonqualifier will advance in order to guarantee a full complement of finalists. Divers will be seeded (regardless of region) based on regional scores.
- 4. The 2025 Championships will be held February 21/22 at the University of Maryland, College Park, Eppley Recreation Center. Information on mpssaa.org.
 - (a.) Competition for diving will take place Friday, February 21st beginning at 5:00 PM.
 - (b.) Competition for the 4A/3A meet will take place Saturday, February 22nd at 9:00 AM.
 - (c.) Competition for the 3A/2A/1A meet will take place Saturday, February 22nd at 3:30 PM.

B. General Policies

- 1. Awards: Plaques will be given to the top boys and girls team in each classification. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers and ribbons will be awarded to the fourth through eighth place finishers in each individual and relay event.
- Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$10.

Projected MPSSAA Swimming and Diving Championship Dates									
2026	February 20/21	2027	February 19/20	2028	February 25/26				

SWIMMING AND DIVING STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE LISTED ON MPSSAA.ORG

REGION DIVING MEET SCHEDULE (Girls Dive First in 2025)								
4A-3A West	4A-3A North	3A-2A-1A West						
TBD	TBD	TBD						
February 13 (3:00 p.m.)	February 14 (3:00 p.m.)	February 14 (3:00 p.m.)						
** Diving warm-up times sh	nall begin one hour prior to the start of ea	ach region meet. **						
	Entry Deadline: February 11 Meet Director: Michael Good							
	Phone: 301-471-2571							

	REGION SWIMMING MEET SCHEDULE								
4A-3A West	4A-3A North	4A-3A South	4A-3A East						
Martin Luther King Swim Ctr.	Edward T. Hall Aquatic Ctr.	Fairland Aquatic Center	Arundel Swim Center						
February 15 (8:00 a.m.)	February 15 (9:00 a.m.)	February 15 (9:00 a.m.)	February 15 (9:00 a.m.)						
7:00 a.m. Warm-Up	7:45 a.m. Warm-Up	8:00 a.m. Warm-Up	7:30 a.m. Warm-Up						
Entry Deadline: February 11	Entry Deadline: February 11	Entry Deadline: February 11	Entry Deadline: February 11						
Meet Director: Jason Blanken	Meet Director: Penelope	Meet Director: John Venit	Meet Director: John Adey						
Phone: 240-286-4699	Michaels	Phone: 301-725-7711	Phone: 443-995-5072						
	Phone: 240-434-6689								
3A-2A-1A West	3A-2A-1A North	3A-2A-1A South	3A-2A-1A East						
Fairland Aquatic Center	Magnolia Middle School	Arundel Swim Center	Edward T. Hall Aquatic Ctr.						
February 15 (3:00 p.m.)	February 15 (10:00 a.m.)	February 15 (3:00 p.m.)	February 15 (3:00 p.m.)						
2:00 p.m. Warm-Up	8:30 a.m. Warm-Up	1:30 p.m. Warm-Up	1:45 p.m. Warm-Up						
Entry Deadline: February 11	Entry Deadline: February 11	Entry Deadline: February 11	Entry Deadline: February 11						
Meet Director: John Venit	Meet Director: Chris Bley	Meet Director: John Adey	Meet Director: Penelope						
Phone: 301-725-7711	Phone: 301-752-1538	Phone: 443-995-5072	Michaels						
			Phone: 240-434-6689						

STATE MEET SCHEDULE									
DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP (All Classes)	4A-3A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP	3A-2A-1A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP							
University of Maryland	University of Maryland	University of Maryland							
Eppley Recreation Center	Eppley Recreation Center	Eppley Recreation Center							
February 21 (5:00 p.m.)	February 22 (9:00 a.m.)	February 22 (3:30 p.m.)							
Meet Director: Michael Good	Meet Director: Chris Bley	Meet Director: Chris Bley							
Phone: 301-471-2571	Phone: 301-752-1538	Phone: 301-752-1538							

E-mail addresses for all site directors can be found on the Swimming & Diving page of mpssaa.org.

2024-25 Swimming Classification Alignment

	Class 4A-3A West			Class 4A-3A North			Class 4A-3A South			Class 4A-3A East		
1.	Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1.	North Point	Cha	1.	Frederick	Fre	1.	Annapolis	AA	
2.	Clarksburg	Mtg	2.	St. Charles	Cha	2.	Thomas Johnson	Fre	2.	Arundel	AA	
3.	Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	3.	Chopticon	StM	3.	Linganore	Fre	3.	Broadneck	AA	
4.	Gaithersburg	Mtg	4.	Great Mills	StM	4.	Oakdale	Fre	4.	Crofton	AA	
5.	Northwest	Mtg	5.	Leonardtown	StM	5.	Tuscarora	Fre	5.	Glen Burnie	AA	
6.	Quince Orchard	Mtg	6.	Albert Einstein	Mtg	6.	Urbana	Fre	6.	Meade	AA	
7.	Richard Montgomery	Mtg	7.	James Hubert Blake	Mtg	7.	Bladensburg	PG	7.	North County	AA	
8.	Seneca Valley	Mtg	8.	John F. Kennedy	Mtg	8.	Bowie	PG	8.	Old Mill	AA	
9.	Thomas S. Wootton	Mtg	9.	Montgomery Blair	Mtg	9.	Charles H. Flowers	PG	9.	Severna Park	AA	
10.	Walt Whitman	Mtg	10.	Northwood	Mtg	10.	Dr. Henry A. Wise	PG	10.	South River	AA	
11.	Walter Johnson	Mtg	11.	Paint Branch	Mtg	11.	Duval	PG	11.	Severn Run	AA	
12.	Watkins Mill	Mtg	12.	Springbrook	Mtg	12.	Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	12.	Digital Harbor	Balt	
13.	Winston Churchill	Mtg	13.	Wheaton	Mtg	13.	High Point	PG	13.	Mergenthaler	Balt	
			14.	Sherwood	Mtg	14.	Laurel	PG	14.	Western	Balt	
						15.	Northwestern	PG	15.	Aberdeen	Har	
						16.	Parkdale	PG				
						17.	Suitland	PG				

C	Class 3A-2A-1A West			Class 3A-2A-1A North			Class 3A-2A-1A South			Class 3A-2A-1A East		
1.	Damascus	Mtg	1.	Elkton	Cec	1.	Brunswick	Fre	1.	Calvert	Cal	
2.	Poolesville	Mtg	2.	Rising Sun	Cec	2.	Catoctin	Fre	2.	Huntingtown	Cal	
3.	Rockville	Mtg	3.	Bohemia Manor	Cec	3.	Middletown	Fre	3.	Northern	Cal	
4.	Central	PG	4.	Perryville	Cec	4.	Walkersville	Fre	4.	Patuxent	Cal	
5.	CMIT - North	PG	5.	Bel Air	Har	5.	Baltimore City College	Balt	5.	Henry E. Lackey	Cha	
6.	CMIT - South	PG	6.	C. Milton Wright	Har	6.	Polytechnic	Balt	6.	La Plata	Cha	
7.	Crossland	PG	7.	Edgewood	Har	7.	Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	7.	McDonough	Cha	
8.	Fairmont Heights	PG	8.	Fallston	Har	8.	Edmondson-Westside	Balt	8.	Thomas Stone	Cha	
9.	Frederick Douglass	PG	9.	Harford Tech	Har	9.	Frederick Douglass	Balt	9.	Westlake	Cha	
10.	Friendly	PG	10.	Havre de Grace	Har	10.	Patterson	Balt	10.	Cambridge-SD	Dor	
11.	Gwynn Park	PG	11.	Joppatowne	Har	11.	Dunbar	Balt	11.	Kent County	K	
12.	Largo	PG	12.	North Harford	Har	12.	Southwestern	Balt	12.	Kent Island	QA	
13.	Oxon Hill	PG	13.	Patterson Mill	Har	13.	Chesapeake	AA	13.	Queen Anne's	QA	
14.	Potomac	PG				14.	Northeast	AA	14.	Easton	Tal	
15.	Surrattsville	PG				15.	Southern	AA	15.	Pocomoke	Wor	
									16.	Stephen Decatur	Wor	

2024-25 Diving Classification Alignment

	Class 4A-3A West			Class 4A-3A North	
1.	Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1.	Frederick	Fre
2.	Clarksburg	Mtg	2.	Thomas Johnson	Fre
3.	Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	3.	Linganore	Fre
4.	Gaithersburg	Mtg	4.	Oakdale	Fre
5.	Northwest	Mtg	5.	Tuscarora	Fre
6.	Quince Orchard	Mtg	6.	Urbana	Fre
7.	Richard Montgomery	Mtg	7.	Albert Einstein	Mtg
8.	Seneca Valley	Mtg	8.	James Hubert Blake	Mtg
9.	Thomas S. Wootton	Mtg	9.	John F. Kennedy	Mtg
10.	Walt Whitman	Mtg	10.	Montgomery Blair	Mtg
11.	Walter Johnson	Mtg	11.	Northwood	Mtg
12.	Watkins Mill	Mtg	12.	Paint Branch	Mtg
13.	Winston Churchill	Mtg	13.	Springbrook	Mtg
			14.	Wheaton	Mtg
			15.	Sherwood	Mtg

	Class 3A-2A-1A W	est
1.	Brunswick	Fre
2.	Catoctin	Fre
3.	Middletown	Fre
4.	Walkersville	Fre
5.	Damascus	Mtg
6.	Poolesville	Mtg
7.	Rockville	Mtg

Wrestling Bulletin

DUAL MEET STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 15. 2025 - NORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
November 15	First Practice Date	February 11	Region First Round & Quarterfinals
December 5	First Play Date	February 13	Region Semifinals & Finals
February 8	Last Play Date for Seeding	February 15	State Semifinals & Finals
February 10	Tournament Seeding		

STATE TOURNAMENT - MARCH 6-8, 2025 - THE SHOW PLACE ARENA

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
November 15	First Practice Date	February 28/March 1	Region Finals
December 5	First Play Date	March 2	State Tournament Meeting
February 22	Last Play Date	March 6-8	State Finals

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the State Wrestling tournaments. Plans for the tournaments were formulated by the State Wrestling Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournaments have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Wrestling Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book will be followed.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. All wrestlers must have their minimum weight class certified by a physician prior to their first competition. A hydration test and body fat analysis must be completed for all participants prior to certification, indicating a weight that corresponds to a 7% level of body fat for each wrestler (12% for females). Coaches should refer to the MPSSAA Weight Certification/Management Program regarding specific guidelines and regulations.
- F. A two-pound weight allowance will be added to each weight class on December 25.
- G. The MPSSAA will use the 14 weight classes approved by NFHS. The following weights will be utilized:

	106 lb	138 lb	175 lb
	113 lb	144 lb	190 lb
CO-ED	120 lb	150 lb	215 lb
	126 lb	157 lb	285 lb
	132 lb	165 lb	

	100 lb	125 lb	155 lb
	105 lb	130 lb	170 lb
GIRLS	110 lb	135 lb	190 lb
	115 lb	140 lb	235 lb
	120 lb	145 lb	

II. REGION INFORMATION FOR DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Tournament Organization

- 1. Each region will conduct a single elimination 16-line tournament with the champion advancing to state competition. Region Bouts will begin no earlier than 4:30 p.m. with the second round bouts to follow.
- 2. The weigh-in will begin one hour before the posted start time. A team may weigh-in a maximum of 20 wrestlers.
- 3. Teams will be seeded based on their regular season winning percentage in dual meet competition. Schools will use their entire dual- and tri-meet schedule. Dual meet tournaments and meets conducted in quadrangular events do not apply. The minimum divisor of 11 will be used to calculate winning percentage. If more than 11 meets, the winning percentage will be calculated by dividing the number of wins by the total number of matches.
- 4. Ties among teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding. Please refer to Page 4 in the General Section.
- 5. All teams are automatically entered in the dual meet tournament unless:
 - (a.) a team is unable to fill seven weight classes.
 - (b.) a letter, signed by the principal, is received by the MPSSAA Executive Director by February 8th.

B. General Policies

- 1. The cost of admission is \$6 for any person 7 years of age or older.
- 2. A plaque will be awarded to the region championship teams. Individual certificates will be awarded to each member of a region championship team.

MPSSAA Dual Wrestling Region Directors							
<u>Region</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Other</u>			
4A West	Eric Britton	Gaithersburg		240-285-5671			
4A North	Will Richter	Kenwood		443-846-9271			
4A South	Marcus Jackson	Laurel		240-505-7874			
4A East	Odist Felder	Charles H. Flowers	301-636-8000	304-452-1678			
3A West	Ben Arneson	Linganore		301-401-0501			
3A North	Scott Asher	Dulaney		410-375-3173			
3A South	Andrew McIntyre	Reservoir		410-888-8853			
3A East	Randy Curtin	Chesapeake-AA	410-255-9600	443-867-7242			
2A West	John Furgeson	Damascus		301-655-2181			
2A North	Mike Whisner	Sparrows Point		410-916-5982			
2A South	Johnathon Pankhurst	La Plata	301-934-1100				
2A East	Tim Frey	North Caroline		410-200-1873			
1A West	Shawn Smith	Boonsboro		410-714-4498			
1A North	Bill Hyson	Francis Scott Key	410-751-3320	443-547-2954			
1A South	John Lush	Henry E. Lackey		484-695-8559			
1A East	Dion Johnson	Mardela		410-251-0420			
E-mail ac	E-mail addresses for regional directors can be found on the Wrestling page of mpssaa.org.						

III. STATE INFORMATION FOR DUAL MEET STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Tournament Organization

- 1. The 2025 single-elimination Dual Meet State Tournament will be conducted at North Point High School on Saturday, February 15th.
- 2. Weigh-in
 - (a.) Class 2A & Class 1A 10:30 a.m.
 - (b.) Class 4A & Class 3A − 12:30 p.m.
- 3. Schedule
 - (a.) State Semifinals
 - i. Class 2A & Class 1A 12 p.m. (four mats)
 - ii. Class 4A & Class 3A 2 p.m. (four mats)
 - (b.) State Finals
 - i. Class 2A & Class 1A 4 p.m. (two mats)
 - ii. Class 4A & Class 3A 6:30 p.m. (two mats)

B. General Policies

- 1. The cost of admission is \$12 all day for any person 7 years of age or older. Admission for just the finals will be \$10.
- 2. A plaque will be awarded to the championship team and the finalist team. Individual awards will be presented to members of the championship team and the finalist team.

IV. REGION AND STATE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournament Organization
 - 1. The city/county/conference tournament is considered the beginning of the state tournament series and will be governed by state tournament policies.
 - A team may enter a maximum of one wrestler per weight class in the city/county/conference tourna-
 - 3. A wrestler must be entered in the city/county/conference tournament in order to compete in the region tournament. A wrestler may not change weight classifications after the city/county/conference tournament.
 - The city/county/conference tournament is NOT a precursor for girls entered into the region tournament.
 - 5. Teams may only participate in sanctioned tournaments.
 - 6. All weight certification criteria or other entry criteria must be satisfied prior to the city/county/conference tournament.
 - The four regional champions will be seeded on the state tournament bracket. When there is a tie, the following tie-breaking criteria will be utilized:
 - (a.) Wins
 - (b.) Winning Percentage
 - (c.) Coin Flip
 - If two state champions from the previous season both win region championships, the State Wrestling Committee will adjust the state tournament seeding format so that the two state champions are in separate halves of the state championship bracket.

B. Playing Rules

- 1. Wrestlers entered in the region and state tournaments must be eligible in their local school systems at the time of seeding.
- 2. A contestant who is disqualified for flagrant misconduct at the city/county/conference or region tournament will be eliminated from further tournament competition.
- 3. Weight Rules
 - (a.) Each contestant must comply with weight control regulations found in the current MPSSAA Handbook and as described in the MPSSAA Weight Certification/Management program.
 - (b.) The region tournament director will verify the certified weights of all wrestlers entered.

V. REGION INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

- 1. Each region will conduct an eight-line tournament, double elimination beginning with the quarterfinals. The top four wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the state tournament.
- 2. All Trackwrestling entry registration for the regional tournament, Co-Ed and Girls, must be completed by 4pm on Thursday, February 20. A wrestler may be changed after this time period if they follow guidelines set forth by each tournament.
- 3. Region directors are responsible for scheduling a seeding meeting to occur within 48 hours of the conclusion of the last city/county/conference championship in their respective regions and to notify representatives of participating schools.
- Two-day region tournaments will begin at 5 p.m on Friday, weigh-ins will begin at 3:30 p.m.
- 5. One-day region tournaments will begin at 9:30 a.m on Saturday, weigh-ins will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- 6. All mats/wrestling will be in one gymnasium. The layout of mats must conform to NFHS standards.
- 7. Individual Wrestling Region Tournaments (Tournament directors' contact info is on MPSSAA.org.)

REGION	SITE	DATE(S)	START TIME	TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
4A/3A West	Quince Orchard	TBA	TBA	Rob Wolf
4A/3A North	Aberdeen	ТВА	ТВА	Gary Burkhardt, Parkville
4A/3A South	Laurel	TBA	TBA	Marcus Jackson
4A/3A East	Old Mill	TBA	TBA	Chris Dyke
2A/1A West	Boonsboro	TBA	TBA	Shawn Smith
2A/1A North	South Carroll	TBA	TBA	Tim Novotny
2A/1A South	Patuxent	TBA	TBA	Mike Bartley
2A/1A East	Queen Anne's	TBA	TBA	David Stricker

B. Seeding and Qualifying

- 1. The eight wrestlers in each weight class who have achieved the highest point totals will qualify and will be seeded 1 through 8, respectively.
- 2. The Point System Criteria shall be used to determine point totals (page 40). All schools must electronically complete the region seeding form found on MPSSAA.org and bring a copy to the seeding meeting. This will be the only form accepted for determining wrestler point totals.
- 3. Wrestlers who have not otherwise qualified according to the Point System Criteria will automatically qualify for the region tournament if they place in their city/county/conference tournament as described

below (Placement Criteria). A wrestler who so qualifies will wrestle the No. 8 seed in order to advance to the quarterfinal round unless seeded to a higher position in the bracket (See "Point System Criteria For MPSSAA Region Tournament Seeding", Item 6.).

PLACEMENT CRITERIA

5 Teams or fewer	1st and 2nd Place Wrestlers Qualify
6-10 Teams	1st through 3rd Place Wrestlers Qualify
11-15 Teams	1st through 4th Place Wrestlers Qualify
16-20 Teams	1st through 5th Place Wrestlers Qualify
21-25 Teams	1st through 6th Place Wrestlers Qualify

- 4. The number of teams in a city, county, or conference tournament will be defined as the number of teams that participate in the tournament.
- If qualifiers are withdrawn, substitutes/alternates may be inserted up to the conclusion of weigh-ins, with the bracket reseeded accordingly. A substitute/alternate may not be added unless the total number of wrestlers in a particular weight is less than eight, including wrestlers who qualify according to the placement criteria.

C. Girls Division

- 1. There will be a girls division at each of the eight region meets.
- 2. All varsity coed and girls' matches will count toward each wrestler's record. In order to receive a forfeit win in a dual meet, each team must be able to fill seven weight classes.
- 3. Each region will conduct an eight-line tournament, double elimination beginning with the quarterfinals.
- The girls' region tournament will be seeded based upon the following criteria:
 - (a.) Wins
 - (b.) Winning Percentage
 - (c.) Coin Flip
- 5. Female wrestlers may chose to enter the girls division or their respective classification division for any gender. Entry registration into the Female division must be completed by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February
- The top three wrestlers in each weight class of the eight regions will advance to a single classification 24line bracket at the state tournament.

D. General Policies

- 1. Certificates will be presented to the **state qualifiers** for each weight class.
- Persons age 7 years and older will be charged admission. The cost of admission is \$12 for any round of the tournament.

VI. STATE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

- A. Tournament Organization
 - 1. The format of the tournament shall be double elimination.
 - (a.) The seeding meeting will take place at Mt. Hebron High School on Sunday, March 2nd at 9:30 AM.
 - (b.) To ensure a full complement of wrestlers in each bracket, alternates from the same region as a withdrawn qualifier may be inserted up to the conclusion of weigh-ins, with the bracket reseeded accordingly. If an alternate from the same region is not available, the entry will be replaced by the alternate present with the next highest regional points, regardless of region.

- (c.) In the girls division, to determine an alternate from a different region, the criteria that will be utilized will be wins and then winning percentage.
- 2. The 2025 tournament: March 6-8 at The Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD
 - Directions From Washington, DC: Use I-495 and take Exit 11A, for Route 4/Pennsylvania Avenue South/East. Follow Route 4 South for seven miles to the Upper Marlboro exit. At the stop sign at the end of the exit ramp, turn right and enter The Show Place Arena property.
 - Directions From Baltimore: From I-695 take Exit 4 for I-97 South for Annapolis/Bay Bridge. Continue on I-97 to Exit 7, MD Route 3 South. At Bowie, Route 3 will become Route 301 South. Continue on Route 301 South to the exit for Route 4 North/West, towards Washington, D.C. From Route 4, take the first exit for Upper Marlboro. At the stop sign, turn left and enter the Arena property.
- 3. Team packets may be picked up by the Head Coach after 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 and 11 a.m. on Friday, March 7 in the main lobby. At that time, the head coach will receive identification bands and the student manager(s) will have their hand(s) stamped.
- 4. Although space will be available to shower and change clothes, lockers will not be available.
- 5. Required meetings
 - (a.) Coaches of all competing wrestlers will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 and 1:45 p.m. on Friday, March 7.
 - (b.) Coaches of wrestlers remaining in the tournament after Thursday and Friday sessions will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 8.
- 6. Official school party (issuance of identification bands)
 - (a.) Identification bracelets will be issued to coaches who qualify as part of the official school party, limited to and identified as follows:
 - When one wrestler represents a school: two wrestling coaches or one coach and one manager.
 - When two or more wrestlers are representing a school: two wrestling coaches and one other non-contestant (i.e., student manager or assistant coach).
 - (b.) Identification bracelets must be worn for authorized entry into all areas that are off-limits to nonparticipants.
 - (c.) Wrestlers will be stamped at team check-in. Wrestlers who are eliminated from competition do not have to pay admission for the second day, however, they must enter with their team during the normal check-in process.

B. General Policies

- 1. Medals will be presented to the top six finishers for each weight class.
- Persons age 7 years and older will be charged admission. Tickets will be sold online at mpssaa.org or at the tournament site and are for general admission. Ticketing prices and information can be found at www.mpssaa.org.
- To be admitted free, cheerleaders must be in uniform, be accompanied by a school sponsor, and enter through the Pass Gate. The wrestling coach will not be considered a sponsor.
- 4. No materials may be distributed unless approved by the MPSSAA State Tournament Wrestling Committee Director.
- 5. Filming and photography will be permitted from the stands.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Bout time frames will not be finalized until 2025.)						
Thurs	sday, March 6		Friday, March 7			
Weig	gh-In 12:30 p.m.		w	/eigh-In	9:00 a.m.	
	BOUTS			BOL	JTS	
Girls' Pigtails	2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	8 mats	Girls' Consolation Prelimin		10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	8 mats
4A/3A Preliminaries 2A/1A Preliminaries Girls' Preliminaries	4:00 – 9:00 p.m. 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.	8 mats 8 mats 8 mats	4A/3A Quarterfinals 2A/1A Quarterfinals Girls' Quarterfinals		11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	8 mats 8 mats 8 mats
			4A/3A Consolation Prelimi 2A/1A Consolation Prelimi Girls' Consolation 2 nd Rour	inaries	2:30 – 4:30 p.m. 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	8 mats 8 mats 8 mats
			4A/3A Consolation 2 nd Rou 2A/1A Consolation 2 nd Rou Girls' Consolation 3 rd round	und	4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	8 mats 8 mats 8 mats
			4A/3A Semifinals 2A/1A Semifinals Girls' Semifinals		6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	2 mats 2 mats 2 mats
		Satı	urday, March 8			
		We	eigh-In 9:30 a.m.			
			BOUTS			
4A/3A Consolation Qu 2A/1A Consolation Qu Girls' Consolation Qua	arterfinals	11:00 a.m 1 11:00 a.m 1 11:00 a.m 1	12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m.	2 mats 2 mats 2 mats	1	
4A/3A Consolation Ser 2A/1A Consolation Ser Girls's Consolation Ser	mifinals	12:15 - 1:45 12:15 - 1:45 12:15 - 1:45	p.m.	2 mats 2 mats 2 mats		
CONSOLATION FINALS $3^{rd} \& 4^{th} $ place $5^{th} \& 6^{th} $ place			.m. 6 mats			
CHAMPIONSHIP FINA	CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. 3 mats					
BOUT ORDER FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS						
Class 4A/3A - 106# to 285# Class 2A/1A - 285# to 106# Girls Division - 235# to 100#						
ALL PL	ALL PLACE WINNERS MUST BE IN SCHOOL-ISSUED UNIFORMS FOR PHOTOS AND AWARDS					

MPSSAA Wrestling Committee Members are listed on the MPSSAA Website at www.mpssaa.org.

Projected MPSSAA Dual N	Meet Championship Dates	Projected MPSSAA Wrestling Championship Dates		
2026 – February 14	2027 - February 13	2026 - March 5-7	2027 – March 4-6	

POINT SYSTEM CRITERIA FOR MPSSAA REGION INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING

- 1. Points are not awarded for "Byes" whether it is no name on a bracketed tournament or no name in pool play.
- 2. Points are not awarded for scheduled contests not wrestled.
- Individual placement points are not awarded in a dual meet tournament.
- 4. While each wrestler is allowed to enter a maximum of three tournaments prior to the state tournament series, only the points earned in two of these tournaments will apply towards regional seeding. The two tournaments in which the wrestler accumulates the greatest number of points shall apply for regional seeding.
- 5. Points are earned as follows:
 - a. Each dual meet or tri-meet win 4 points
 - b. Each dual meet tournament win 2 points
 - c. Each non-dual meet tournament win 1 point
 - d. The maximum number of points that can be earned by a wrestler in a tournament is 20.

^{*} Note: A wrestler may receive a maximum of one point per win in any tournament (this includes "hybrid" tournaments) that includes placement points for individual wrestlers.

16-TEAM TOURNAMENT (14 or more teams participating) $1^{st} - 16$ $2^{nd} - 12$ $3^{rd} - 9$ $4^{th} - 6$ $5^{th} - 3$ Bouts must be $6^{th} - 2$ wrestled.	12-TEAM TOURNAMENT (10-13 teams participating) 1 st - 12 2 nd - 9 3 rd - 6 4 th - 4	8-TEAM TOURNAMENT (7-9 teams participating) 1 st - 9 2 nd - 7 3 rd - 5 4 th - 3
6-TEAM TOURNAMENT (5-6 teams participating) 1 st - 7 2 nd - 5 3 rd - 3 4 th - 0	DUAL MEET TOURNAMENT (4 or more teams) 2 points awarded for each win	
e. POINTS FOR TOURNAM STATE TOURNAMENT 1st - 16 2nd - 12 3rd - 9 4th - 6 5th - 4 6th - 2	MENT PLACERS THE PREVIOUS YEAREGION TOURN 1st - 9 2nd - 7 3rd - 5 4th - 3	

(Placers from other States must have written verification from State or local school system.)

- f. TIE-BREAKERS (Includes results of all matches):
 - i. Winner of most head-to-head matches this season
 - ii. Most wins in current season
 - iii. Overall win percentage in current season (3 or more matches)
 - iv. Most falls in current season (a forfeit is not a fall)
 - v. Most technical falls and major decisions in current season
 - vi. Discussion
 - vii. Coin toss

6. Once wrestlers have qualified for the tournament according to the Point System Criteria and/or the "Placement Criteria", the order of seeds may be adjusted. In order for a seeding adjustment to be brought to the floor for discussion, 50% of the voting coaches must agree to having the discussion. If the adjustment is to occur, twothirds of the voting coaches must vote in favor of the adjustment.

^{*} Note: If two wrestlers are tied for eighth and ninth place after criteria 1 through 7 are applied, both advance into a pigtail.

2024-25 Alignment for Dual Meet & Individual Wrestling

Class 4A West			Class 4A North			Class 4A South			Class 4A East			
1.	Frederick	Fre	1.	Dundalk	ВСо	1.	Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1.	Annapolis	AA	
2.	Thomas Johnson	Fre	2.	Kenwood	B Co	2.	Montgomery Blair	Mtg	2.	Broadneck	AA	
3.	Urbana	Fre	3.	Parkville	ВСо	3.	Northwood	Mtg	3.	Glen Burnie	AA	
4.	Clarksburg	Mtg	4.	Perry Hall	ВСо	4.	Bladensburg	PG	4.	Meade	AA	
5.	Gaithersburg	Mtg	5.	Woodlawn	B Co	5.	Dr. Henry A. Wise	PG	5.	North County	AA	
6.	Northwest	Mtg	6.	Mergenthaler	Balt	6.	Duval	PG	6.	North Point	Cha	
7.	Quince Orchard	Mtg	7.	Paint Branch	Mtg	7.	Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	7.	Leonardtown	StM	
8.	Seneca Valley	Mtg	8.	Wheaton	Mtg	8.	High Point	PG	8.	Bowie	PG	
9.	Walt Whitman	Mtg	9.	Springbrook	Mtg	9.	Laurel	PG	9.	Charles H. Flowers	PG	
10.	Walter Johnson	Mtg	10.	Richard Montgomery	Mtg	10.	Northwestern	PG	10.	Suitland	PG	
11.	Winston Churchill	Mtg	11.	Albert Einstein	Mtg	11.	Parkdale	PG				

	Class 3A West	Class 3A North			Class 3A South			Class 3A East			
1.	Linganore	Fre	1.	Catonsville	ВСо	1.	Baltimore City College	Balt	1.	Arundel	AA
2.	Oakdale	Fre	2.	Dulaney	ВСо	2.	Polytechnic	Balt	2.	Crofton	AA
3.	Tuscarora	Fre	3.	Franklin	ВСо	3.	Digital Harbor	Balt	3.	Severna Park	AA
4.	Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	4.	Lansdowne	ВСо	4.	Patterson	Balt	4.	South River	AA
5.	James Hubert Blake	Mtg	5.	Overlea	ВСо	5.	Howard	How	5.	Chesapeake	AA
6.	John F. Kennedy	Mtg	6.	Towson	B Co	6.	Marriotts Ridge	How	6.	Northeast	AA
7.	Rockville	Mtg	7.	Westminster	Car	7.	Mount Hebron	How	7.	Old Mill	AA
8.	Sherwood	Mtg	8.	Aberdeen	Har	8.	Oakland Mills	How	8.	Severn Run	AA
9.	Thomas S. Wootton	Mtg	9.	Bel Air	Har	9.	Long Reach	How	9.	Northern	Cal
10.	Watkins Mill	Mtg	10.	Edgewood	Har	10.	Atholton	How	10.	St. Charles	Cha
11.	North Hagerstown	Was				11.	Reservoir	How	11.	Oxon Hill	PG
12.	South Hagerstown	Was				12.	River Hill	How	12.	Chopticon	StM
						13.	Guilford Park	How	13.	Great Mills	StM

Class 2A West			Class 2A North				Class 2A South			Class 2A East			
1.	Southern	AA	1.	Chesapeake	ВСо	1.	Calvert	Cal	1.	Elkton	Cec		
2.	Century	Car	2.	Eastern Tech	ВСо	2.	Huntingtown	Cal	2.	North East	Cec		
3.	Manchester Valley	Car	3.	Hereford	ВСо	3.	La Plata	Cha	3.	Rising Sun	Cec		
4.	Winters Mill	Car	4.	Milford Mill Academy	B Co	4.	McDonough	Cha	4.	North Caroline	Cin		
5.	Walkersville	Fre	5.	New Town	ВСо	5.	Thomas Stone	Cha	5.	Kent Island	QA		
6.	Centennial	How	6.	Owings Mills	B Co	6.	Westlake	Cha	6.	Queen Anne's	QA		
7.	Glenelg	How	7.	Patapsco	ВСо	7.	Crossland	PG	7.	Easton	Tal		
8.	Hammond	How	8.	Randallstown	ВСо	8.	Fairmont Heights	PG	8.	James M. Bennett	Wic		
9.	Wilde Lake	How	9.	Sparrows Point	ВСо	9.	Frederick Douglass	PG	9.	Parkside	Wic		
10.	Damascus	Mtg	10.	Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	10.	Gwynn Park	PG	10.	Wicomico	Wic		
11.	Poolesville	Mtg	11.	C. Milton Wright	Har	11.	Potomac	PG	11.	Stephen Decatur	Wor		
			12.	North Harford	Har								

	Class 1A West			Class 1A North			Class 1A South	Class 1A East			
1.	Allegany	All	1.	ACCE	Balt	1.	Carver A&T	ВСо	1.	Bohemia Manor	Cec
2.	Fort Hill	All	2.	Coppin Academy	Balt	2.	Loch Raven	ВСо	2.	Perryville	Cec
3.	Mountain Ridge	All	3.	Edmondson-Westside	Balt	3.	Pikesville	B Co	3.	Colonel Richardson	Cin
4.	Brunswick	Fre	4.	Forest Park	Balt	4.	Western Tech	ВСо	4.	Cambridge-SD	Dor
5.	Catoctin	Fre	5.	Frederick Douglass	Balt	5.	Patuxent	Cal	5.	North Dorchester	Dor
6.	Middletown	Fre	6.	Lake Clifton	Balt	6.	Henry E. Lackey	Cha	6.	Harford Tech	Har
7.	Northern	Gar	7.	Paul Laurence Dunbar	Balt	7.	Central	PG	7.	Havre de Grace	Har
8.	Southern	Gar	8.	Francis Scott Key	Car	8.	Friendly	PG	8.	Kent County	K
9.	Boonsboro	Was	9.	Liberty	Car	9.	International HS at Langley Park	PG	9.	St. Michael's	Tal
10.	Smithsburg	Was	10.	South Carroll	Car	10.	Largo	PG	10.	Mardela	Wic
11.	Williamsport	Was	11.	Fallston	Har	11.	Surrattsville	PG	11.	Snow Hill	Wor
			12.	Joppatowne	Har						
			13.	Patterson Mill	Har						