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MPSSAA News and Notes

Checks In The Mail

The MPSSAA will be providing a rebate to its membership of surplus funds. In July, each district will be sent checks totaling \$1,000.00 per school to be specifically used for programs that directly benefit student-athletes. Distribution of funds will be based on the 2011-12 school membership (196 schools totaling \$196,000). Since the end of the 2006-07 school year the MPSSAA has rebated districts a total of \$670,000.

State Legislature Passes HB 1080 on Heat Acclimatization Guidelines

During the 2012 General Assembly, House Bill 1080 was passed by the state legislature and signed into law requiring a model policy for heat acclimatization guidelines by the State Department of Education and each local school system to adopt policies for heat acclimatization.

The bill calls for the preseason practice heat acclimatization guidelines to include requirements for the duration of a practice time, a walk-through, and a recovery period during the first 14 days of preseason practice.

A committee consisting of MSDE, DHMH, MPSSAA, athletic administrators, coaches, athletic trainers and doctors has already started to formulate a model policy which will be provided to local school systems by the end of June.

2012-13 Seeds Announced

Semifinal pairings for the 2012-13 MPSSAA state tournaments were determined by draw at the April 27, 2012, meeting of the Board of Control. The semifinal pairings in the state tournament are as follows:



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MPSSAA Holds Scholar Athlete Luncheon

The 2012 Allstate Foundation Minds in Motion Scholarship Awards luncheon was held on June 5, 2012 at M&T Bank Stadium. The MPSSAA, partnered with the Allstate Foundation, awarded 13 student athletes \$1,000 scholarships toward their college education. The 13 award winners hailed from all over the state and were recognized for their achievements not only on the athletic field, but in the classroom as well.

This is the fifth year for this highly competitive scholarship program which awards \$1,000 toward post-secondary education for senior student-athletes who attend an MPSSAA school and participate in MPSSAA recognized sports. The student-athletes who were recognized are:

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| Evan Anderson – Hereford HS | Danielle King – C. Milton Wright HS |
| Zachary Beil – Hereford HS | Mark LaPointe – River Hill HS |
| Katherine Buehner – Arundel HS | Russell Rollow – Wilde Lake HS |
| Joseph Cleary – Polytechnic | Emily Ruppel – Loch Raven HS |
| Anna Davis – Parkside HS | Katherine Usiak – Urbana HS |
| Stephanie Honig – Pikesville HS | Daniel Vitelli – Northwest HS |
| Christina Kaminsky – Glenelg HS | |

The MPSSAA wishes to thank each of the 600+ student-athletes that took the time and effort to submit an application. The credentials that are submitted are more impressive every year and make the selection process tougher and tougher. Best of luck to each of you in all of your future endeavors!

Thank our Sponsors

As the school year ends, let us be sure to thank our sponsors for helping us serve students throughout Maryland. When making decisions about purchasing items for work, school, or home, don't forget those that have invested in Maryland student athletes.

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Field Hockey

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Soccer

Sponsor: Brine

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Football

Sponsor: Wilson

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Volleyball

Sponsor: Molten

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Basketball

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Baseball

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson A1010BPROSST

Softball

Sponsor: Dudley

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Lacrosse

Sponsor: Harrow

Official Ball: Harrow Boy's Lacrosse Ball 38000
(White)

Harrow Girl's Lacrosse Ball 38001
(Yellow)

Tennis

Sponsor: Wilson

Official Ball: Wilson T1001

WRAP-UP

STATE CHAMPIONS

Spring 2012

BASEBALL

1A Mountain Ridge

2A Williamsport

3A J.M. Bennett
(2nd Consecutive)

4A Northwest

SOFTBALL

1A Mountain Ridge

2A Liberty

3A Northern (Cal.)
(5th Consecutive)

4A Sherwood

TRACK & FIELD

Boys

1A Perryville

2A Douglass-PG

3A Potomac

4A Henry A. Wise

Girls

1A Boonsboro
(2nd Consecutive)

2A Liberty
(2nd Consecutive)

3A Thomas Johnson

4A Bowie

LACROSSE

Boys

2A-1A Fallston

3A-2A Hereford
(5th Consecutive)

4A-3A South River

Girls

2A-1A Fallston

3A-2A Century

4A-3A Severna Park
(2nd Consecutive)

TENNIS

Boy's Singles Mateo Cevalles - Wootton

Boy's Doubles Sean Ngo & Aries Wong - Whitman
(2nd Consecutive)

Girl's Singles Megan Hahn - Wootton

Girl's Doubles Nicole Gottret & Nicole Welch -
Whitman

Mixed Doubles Aishu Iyer & Julian Mu - Wootton

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

BASEBALL

Patuxent

BOY'S LACROSSE

Glenc

GIRL'S LACROSSE

Severna Park

SOFTBALL

Lansdowne

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Fall Practice Start Date Reminder

Member schools are reminded that the start of the 2012 fall sports season will be August 11. Below is a calendar of the upcoming start dates over the next five years.

UPCOMING FALL SPORT START DATES

YEAR	Practice Date	Season Date
2012	August 11, 2012	August 31, 2012
2013	August 17, 2013	September 6, 2013
2014	August 16, 2014	September 5, 2014
2015	August 15, 2015	September 4, 2015
2016	August 13, 2016	September 2, 2016

Helpful Hint: Check out mpssaa.org/publications for a listing of fall sport practice dates through 2022.

NFHS Sport Rule Changes

The MPSSAA website, www.mpssaa.org, posts all rule change released from the NFHS. To view NFHS rule changes go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the sport you wish to see the latest rule changes.

Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Information

The MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference sponsored by the Allstate Foundation will begin with registration at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. The first session begins at 8:45 a.m. so we advise all students to show up early and be ready for a great day.

Information Center

For the latest information on the Student-Athlete Leadership Conference, go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the Student Leadership Conf. tab on the left hand side. This page contains information on the day's events, a listing of participating schools, location, directions, and a video on the 2010 and 2011 conferences.

Date/Time

Tuesday, August 7, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location

Reservoir High School
11550 Scaggsville Road
Fulton MD 20759

Who Can Attend

The conference is open to rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who participate in interscholastic athletics at MPSSAA member schools. **Those who have attended a previous conference are not eligible to attend.**

Initial registration allots each school two (preferably one male and one female) representatives. Schools may also register alternates with their two delegates and those alternates will be accepted after May 11 based on space availability. The capacity of the conference is 400 student-athletes. Last year's conference was at capacity.

MPSSAA Reference Documents

Check out mpssaa.org/publications for a listing of reference documents for the upcoming 2012-2013 schools year. Reference documents include a listing of classifications, quick reference calendar and the state tournament timeline chart. In addition, all Scouts from the 2011-12 school year are available.

Strategic Planning Survey

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) has initiated a strategic planning process. As a precursor to that activity, the Association conducted a survey from local Superintendents, Athletic Supervisors, School Principals, School Assistant Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches.

This survey was used to gauge the Association's effectiveness and level of service while at the same time prioritizing the concerns of member schools. In addition, the survey asked for opinions about possible modifications to MPSSAA financial and administrative policies.

Results of the survey, which will be used by the strategic planning committee, can be found at MPSSAA.org.

Adult Coaches

Each school participating is recommended to have an adult coach representing their school to ensure registered student's attendance the day of the event and to participate in sessions specifically designed for coaches to develop leaders within their school teams.

Cost

FREE – There is no registration fee. The conference is put on as a service of the MPSSAA and conference sponsors.

Transportation

Student transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of participants. Please try to arrive by 8 a.m. to ensure registration runs smoothly and we start the conference promptly at 8:45 a.m.

Meals

Lunch will be provided by the MPSSAA.

Attire

Students should wear shorts of proper length, t-shirt and tennis shoes.

Materials

Conference materials and handouts will be distributed at registration. Participants will also receive a gift and T-shirt.

Registration

Students wishing to attend the conference must register through their Athletic Director. Athletic Directors will be provided a consent form to have signed and will register their school's representatives at mpssaa.org and clicking on the Student Leadership Conference page.

Out-of-Season Teams Reminder

In an effort to be more precise regarding the role school coaches may play with non-school teams, the following list of activities are offered as examples of violations to the out-of-season practice rule.

Some of the characteristics of a school team that is practicing out of season under the guise of an out-of-school team would include...

- Holding more than one practice per day of competition.
- Holding practices that are not directly related to summer league schedule.
Example: Holding practice during the summer for leagues that are schedule to play in the fall.
- Using unused practice time after the last day of summer league competition.
- Grouping of practice for summer league to coincide with the start of fall school practice schedule.
Example: Saving unused practices for August 7, 8, 9 and 10th.
- Having the coach, not the league, create the schedule.
- Using school equipment, uniforms or supplies.
- Using the school name or related identification as an outside team moniker.
- Using school facilities for organizational activities, practice or games without following local procedures for non-school user groups.
- Assembling a team roster that is not open to anyone wishing to participate.
- Requiring (direct or implied) participation as a criterion for inclusion on the school team.
- Operating outside of an umbrella organization or formal league such as Parks and Rec. The umbrella organization or formal league is responsible for setting league rules and regulations, league procedures, registering teams and players, creating schedules and setting insurance requirements.
- Participating in a team camp with members of the school coaching staff (Violation of Camp Rule).

Don't gamble. It is much better to ask for permission than plead misunderstanding. Alleged violations brought by member schools or coaches will be investigated by the local superintendent or his/her designee. Those under investigation will be required to supply supporting data.

Important Dates To Remember

First Day of Fall Practice: August 11, 2012
 First Play Date of Fall Season: August 31, 2012
 First Day of Winter Practice: November 15, 2012

First Play Date of Winter Season: December 5, 2012
 First Day of Spring Practice: March 1, 2013
 First Play Date of Spring Season: March 21, 2013

August 2012

Aug 7MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference—Reservoir High School8:00 a.m.
 Aug 11First Day of Fall Practice
 Aug 11First Play Date for Golf
 Aug 31First Play Date Fall Sports

MPSSAA Fall Rules Interpretation Clinics

Attendance at a rules interpretation clinic is a certification requirement for officials assigned to MPSSAA contests—both regular and post-season play. COACHES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Please continue to check the officials page on MPSSAA.org for the latest information on all clinic dates. You may also email Bill Burroughs at bburroug@msde.state.md.us.

Field Hockey - Vicki Rill, Interpreter

Aug 67:00 pm ..Howard/CarrollMarriotts Ridge HS
 Aug 77:00 pm ..Northern Eastern ShoreSt. Peter & Paul HS
 Aug 86:00 pm ..Anne ArundelSouth River HS
 Aug 97:00 pm ..Lower Eastern ShoreParkside HS
 Aug 13..7:00 pm ..Montgomery Co.CESC BoE Office Cafeteria
 Aug 14 ..6:00 pm ..Southern MarylandGreat Mills HS
 Aug 15..7:00 pm ..BBOWSFranklin HS
 Aug 16..7:00 pm ..FrederickWalkersville HS

Football - Bill Witte, Interpreter

July 24 ..7:00 pm ..BaysideWest Side Youth Club (Salisbury)
 July 26..7:00 pm ..Potomac ValleyAllegany College CE Building
 July 31..7:00 pm ..Washington CoWilliamsport HS
 Aug 17:00 pm ..Northeastern/DelawareBel Air HS
 Aug 67:00 pm ..Frederick.....Frederick HS
 Aug 77:00 pm ..Central MarylandWinters Mill HS
 Aug 86:00 pm ..COG/Anne Arundel CoSouth River HS
 Aug 13..7:00 pm ..Washington District.....Eleanor Roosevelt HS
 Aug 20..7:00 pm ..Maryland BoardFranklin HS

Soccer - Bill Warren, Interpreter

July 23..7:00 pm ..BaysideParkside HS
 July 24 ..7:00 pm ..WMSOA/AppalachianFrederick HS
 July 26..7:00 pm ..Allegany/GarrettMountain Ridge HS
 July 31..7:00 pm ..Metro Washington AreaBlake HS
 Aug 67:00 pm ..Old LineWestminster HS
 Aug 86:00 pm ..Anne Arundel CoSouth River HS
 Aug 97:00 pm ..Mason-Dixon/BBOWSFranklin HS
 Aug 14 ..6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/CASRAGreat Mills HS
 Aug 16..7:00 pm ..Harford CountyBel Air HS

Volleyball - Phyllis Coleman, Interpreter

July 23..7:30 pm ..Allegany-Garrett/Washington CoHancock H S
 July 30..7:00 pm ..NEMOABel Air HS
 July 31..7:00 pm ..National CapitalRichard Montgomery HS
 Aug 17:00 pm ..Central Maryland/FrederickCentury HS
 Aug 86:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co/Matrix.South River HS
 Aug 97:00 pm ..BBOWSFranklin HS
 Aug 13..7:00 pm ..Northern/Lower ShoreNorth Dorchester HS
 Aug 14 ..8:00 pm ..Tri-CountyGreat Mills HS

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