

MPSSAA Cross Country Committee Report

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

BWI Marriott

Linthicum Heights, Maryland

This year's Cross Country State Championship was held at Hereford HS in Parkton, MD. The Cross Country Championships were a success and would have not been possible without the following people:

Michael Sye (Tournament Director)

Jason Bursick (Assistant Director)

Ken Kazmerek – MPSSAA Coordinator of Officials

Morgan Lisby – M&D Timing

Andy Warner (MPSSAA Executive Director)

Melissa Jones (MPSSAA Program Specialist)

Adam Hitner– Hereford HS Site Director

Jean-Paul Bibaud -Athletic Director Hereford HS

Important Information

MPSSA Entries:

1A Boys: 219

2A Boys: 241

3A Boys: 310

4A Boys: 238 = 1008 Total

1A Girls: 124

2A Girls: 179

3A Girls: 251

4A Girls: 194 = 748 Total

1756 Total (+42)

Congratulations

2024 State Championships

Boys 4A Teams

1. Walt Whitman - 75
2. Bethesda-Chevy Chase – 143

Boys 4A Individuals

1. Mateo Gros-Slovinsky, W. Whitman – 15:44.74

Boys 3A Teams

1. Thomas Wootton – 75
2. Severna Park – 95

Boys 3A Individuals

1. Tsedeke Jakovics, Old Mill – 15:52.04

Boys 2A Teams

1. Centennial – 70
2. Poolesville – 96

Boys 2A Individuals

1. Eric Penkala, Southern(AA) – 15:37.37

Boys 1A Teams

1. Harford Tech – 81
2. Smithburg – 100

Boys 1A Individuals

1. Gregory Schellberg, Liberty – 16:19.22

Girls 4A Teams

1. Bethesda-Chevy Chase - 72
2. Frederick - 74

Girls 4A Individuals

1. Emma Colavito, Rich. Mont. – 18:53.80

Girls 3A Teams

1. Severna Park – 48
2. Towson – 101

Girls 3A Individuals

1. Lauren Stine, North Hagerstown – 18:23.46

Girls 2A Teams

1. Centennial – 39
2. Hereford – 67

Girls 2A Individuals

1. Riley Herdson, Centennial – 19:12.54

Girls 1A Teams

1. Harford Tech – 77
2. Smithburg – 90

Girls 1A Individuals

1. Isabel Devos, Harford Tech – 19:32.29

Sportsmanship Award Winners:

4A – Urbana 3A – Sherwood 2A – Randallstown 1A – Brunswick



Field Hockey State Committee Board of Control Report

Monday, November 25, 2024

Director – Regina Grubb, Regina_R_Grubb@mcpsmd.org

2024 State Tournament Appreciation

- The state tournament director would like to thank members of the field hockey state tournament committee, local school athletic directors, and the athletic department staff at Glen Burnie and Crofton HS for hosting and administering the state semi-final games.
- The state tournament director would like to thank Stevenson University for being terrific hosts for the Field Hockey Championship Games. Thank you also goes out to all workers who spend their day helping at the finals. You helped to make sure everything ran smoothly.
- In addition, appreciation is expressed to the MPSSAA staff; Andy Warner, Melissa Jones, Jason Bursick, and Ken Kazmarek for their assistance with ensuring a successful field hockey state tournament.
- Special thanks to participating schools for ensuring local school administrators and athletic directors were present, visible, and ready to assist with fan behavior and crowd control.
- The new system of track results was beneficial this season.

2023 State Champions



4A
Crofton defeated Broadneck 2-0
3A
Severna Park defeated Westminster 4-0
2A
Manchester Valley defeated Glenelg 5-3
1A
Pocomoke defeated Patuxent 3-1
Sportsmanship Award Winner
Manchester Valley HS



2025 Region Tournament Projected Dates

- Last Play Date – October 20, 2025, for seeding consideration
- Draw – October 21, 2025
- Last Play Date – October 22, 2025
- Region Game Dates – October 23, 2025 (Semis), and October 28, 2025 (Region Finals)
- State Quarter Finals – October 30, 2025 & October 31, 2025

2025 State Semi-Finals

State Semifinal Designated Sites for 2025 include the following high schools unless changed by State.

- 1) Crofton High School
 - 2) Glen Burnie High School
- Semifinal Playdates – November 5, 2025 & November 6, 2025

2025 State Finals

- Stevenson University – November 8, 2025



Football Tournament Report 2024

Special Thanks to all of those who helped make this year's Football Championships a success. We would like to acknowledge: Andy, Jason, Ken, Melissa, Melissa, and James from the MPSSAA Office; Mike Chavez and his crew for their management of the ticket booth and entry gates; Phil Rhodes and his crew for their on-field management of all our teams; and the press box crew of Bill Witte (clock), Ben Spector and Ryan Myers (announcers), Tim Murphy (scoreboard), and Greg Goings (stats). We are very fortunate to be able to hold our Championship games at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, a National Memorial dedicated to those who have, and will serve in the Navy and Marine Corps. It was particularly special this year to be at the Naval Academy on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Results:

- 4A Quince Orchard defeated Dr. Henry A. Wise 24-13 (Undefeated & 3rd Title in last four years)
- 4A/3A North Point defeated Mergenthaler Vo-Tech 21-20 (2nd title in last 3 years)
- 3A Arundel defeated Linganore 35-7 (1st Title since 1975)
- 2A Stephen Decatur defeated Huntingtown 13-12 (Undefeated season; 2nd year in a row)
- 2A/1A Patuxent defeated Dunbar 8-6 (Undefeated season, 2nd Title in School History)
- 1A Fort Hill Defeated Northern Garrett 35-0 (4th year in a row, 9th since 2013)

Sportsmanship Award:

Attendance Report:

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| ➤ Round 2 | 27,136 (-13%) |
| ➤ State Quarterfinals | 10,817 (-42%) |
| ➤ State Semifinals | 11,124 (-29%) |
| ➤ State Finals | 11,864 (-36%) |
| ➤ Total | 60,941 (-27%) |

Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025

- Recruitment of officials
- Rule changes
- Sportsmanship initiatives and education
- Playoff matchups and increase in opt outs
- Issues facing the game
- NFHS National Survey & Electronic Communications
- If you have anything you would like for our committee to discuss, please let me know



MPSSAA BOARD OF CONTROL GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

The 2024 MPSSAA Golf State Championship was held at the University of Maryland Golf Course in College Park, MD. The tournament was a success due to the work of the committee, the University of Maryland Golf Course Head Golf Pro Jeff Maynor and his staff along with the golf coaches from each participating high school who score and marshall the event. We would like to thank Andy, Jason, Melissa and Ken for their guidance, leadership and support throughout the tournament. The committee would also like to extend a special thank you to Pete Buck for scoring the tournament and Cliff Elgin who directs the tournament. A special thanks goes out to University of Maryland Assistant Golf Professional Brian Dix for setting up Golf Genius for live scoring and doing range assignments. The total number of student athletes that participated in the tournament was 220.

District Team Champions

	<u>1A/2A</u>	<u>3A/4A</u>
District 1 -	South Carroll	Manchester Valley
District 2 -	Damascus	Walt Whitman
District 3 -	Largo	Eleanor Roosevelt
District 4 -	LaPlata	Leonardtwn
District 5 -	Southern-AA	River Hill
District 6 -	Hereford	Towson
District 7 -	C. Milton Wright	Bel Air
District 8 -	Queen Anne's	

TEAM CHAMPIONS

3A/4A Champion:	<i>Winston Churchill</i>	(598)	16th Title
3A/4A Runner-Up:	<i>River Hill</i>	(602)	
1A/2A Champion:	<i>South Carroll</i>	(633)	2nd Title
1A/2A Runner-Up:	<i>C. Milton Wright</i>	(642)	

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Girls:	3A/4A	<i>Zoe Cusack</i>	<i>Winston Churchill</i>	137	1st Title
	1A/2A	<i>Piper Meredith</i>	<i>Boonsboro</i>	150	1st Title
Boys:	3A/4A	<i>George Williamson</i>	<i>Marriotts Ridge</i>	141	1st Title
	1A/2A	<i>Jack Geyer</i>	<i>C. Milton Wright</i>	141	1st Title

Spring meeting date is scheduled for March 25, 2025.

MPSSAA Board of Control

STATE SOCCER COMMITTEE

Dec 11, 2024

Thank You!

- **Andy Warner, Jason Bursick, Melissa Miranda Jones, Melissa Nash Mertz, Ken Kazmarek, Ross Burbage**
- **State Soccer Committee Members and Workers**
- **Glen Burnie High School, Kent Island High School, Laurel High School, Linganore High School, Tuscarora High School, Dr. Henry A. Wise - State Semi-Final Locations (Greater Flexibility for Travel)**
- **Loyola University - Ridley Athletic Complex- State Final Location**

Congratulations

- **All MPSSAA Members - 2024 Successful Season**
- **Girls Soccer State Champions**
 - 1A - Liberty High School - 2nd title
 - 2A - Queen Anne's High School - 1st title
 - 3A - Severna Park High School - 8th title - 2 in a row
 - 4A - Walt Whitman High School - 7th title - 4th in a row
 - **Sportsmanship Award** - Queen Anne's High School
- **Boy Soccer State Champions**
 - 1A - Liberty High School - 2nd title
 - 2A - C. Milton Wright High School - 3rd title
 - 3A - River Hill High School - 10th title
 - 4A - Montgomery Blair High School - 2nd title
 - **Sportsmanship Award** - Montgomery Blair High School

Points of Emphasis for 2024 Season

- "Mercy Rule" to improve/support Sportsmanship initiative
- Roles and responsibilities of the Region Reps
- Score Reporting/Season Standings

Points of Interest for 2025 Season

- Conduct of after goal by players, coaches and fans
- Appropriate language
- Appropriate shin guards



MPSSAA VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Board of Control Meeting

12/11/24

For many years we have pondered and discussed how to improve sportsmanship at our region and state playoffs. I am excited to say that the effort is paying off. Our 2024 state volleyball tournament was the best tournament in terms of sportsmanship in my 30+ years of being involved. We did not have a single incident that needed to be addressed at our semi-finals or finals. Congratulations and credit should be given to the MPSSAA sportsmanship committee on all their hard work. Our state workers agreed that the day was filled with positive energy with fans focusing on their athletes; cheering for their teams. Beyond anything else that we do, this feels like a huge victory. Thank you to the administrators from those schools!

Our four host schools for the state semi-finals were the same as last year: Arundel, Thomas Johnson, Watkins Mill, and Winston Churchill High Schools. These schools welcomed our teams into their venue and provided an exciting state semi-final experience. I have now been to three of the four venues and have been impressed with the obvious planning and coordination necessary to host these matches. We would like to thank these schools for all the hard work that goes into hosting. As we are always striving to improve our tournament, we are open to thoughts and suggestions from those who attended.

The APGFCU arena on the campus of Harford Community College hosted our state championships. From the concession stands to the facility managers, the arena has proven once again that they can host a wonderful state championship. This year's matches were exciting; filled with diving saves/digs, hard hits, well placed aces and rally's that lasted longer than I could hold my breath. The athletes gave their all and left it all on the court.

Some highlights: Williamsport added to their state record by winning their 17th state championship. Richard Montgomery had a repeat championship year while North Hagertown joined the record book with their third consecutive state championship. And finally, Richard Montgomery High School let us know that one of their starters had been appointed to the Naval Academy for entrance in 2025. Congratulations to all the schools who played in the state playoffs.

With the assistance of our committed region directors and committee members as well as dedicated tournament workers, we were able to continue to provide an exceptional experience for our teams. I would like to express my gratitude to our team who provides the dedication, energy, and effort to make the tournament run so smoothly. And, as we all know, we cannot do this without the support of the MPSSAA office.

Thank you to Andy, Jason, Melissa, and Ken for all of their support & guidance throughout the season.

And a big welcome to Melissa Nash Mertz to our tournament! Your support throughout our championship day was very much appreciated!

Girls Volleyball State Semifinal Results

Class 1A - No. 1 Patterson Mill vs. No. 5 Clear Spring - **CLEAR SPRING** won 3-0 (25-18, 25-23, 27-25)

Class 1A - No. 2 Boonsboro vs. No. 6 North Dorchester - **BOONSBORO** won 3-0 (25-11, 25-6, 25-13)

Class 2A - No. 3 Calvert vs. No. 7 Williamsport - **WILLIAMSPORT** won 3-1 (25-9, 25-14, 19-25, 25-19)

Class 2A - No. 5 Eastern Tech vs. No. 8 Centennial - **CENTENNIAL** won 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-20)

Class 3A - No. 1 Northern - C. vs. No. 4 North Hagerstown - **NORTH HAGERSTOWN** won 3-0 (25-10, 25-14, 25-19)

Class 3A - No. 2 Howard vs. No. 6 Thomas S. Wootton - **THOMAS S. WOOTTON** won 3-0 (26-24, 25-16, 25-19)

Class 4A - No. 1 Richard Montgomery vs. No. 5 Winston Churchill - **RICHARD MONTGOMERY** won 3-2 (25-18, 25-20, 18-25, 18-25, 15-12)

Class 4A - No. 3 Broadneck vs. No. 7 Perry Hall - **BROADNECK** won 3-0 (25-14, 25-11, 25-13)

State Championship Results

Class 1A - Boonsboro vs. Clear Spring - BOONSBORO won 3-0 (25-21, 25-19, 25-18)

Class 2A - Williamsport vs. Centennial - WILLIAMSPORT won 3-1 (25-16, 25-17, 10-25, 25-14)

Class 3A - North Hagerstown vs. Thomas S. Wootton - NORTH HAGERSTOWN won 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-11)

Class 4A - Richard Montgomery vs. Broadneck - RICHARD MONTGOMERY won 3-0 (25-19, 25-9, 25-17)

Congratulations to the 2024 winners of the Lesley W. Cooke Sportsmanship Award:

The Richard Montgomery Rockets

The next VB committee meeting:

Thursday, 3/20/2025

Items to be discussed:

- Review Regional Tournament/Dates for 2025
- Working with Assignors of Officials
- Review State Tournament: Review Semifinal Suggestions and suggestions for improvement for the overall tournament.
- Clarify host school requirements for State Semi-final matches
- Rule Changes for Fall, 2025 season

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sybil Kessinger*