



MPSSAA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - November 14/17, 2014

University of Maryland, College Park

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Volleyball tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Volleyball 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 Volleyball Bulletin.
- 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. As allowed in National Federation rule 1-7-1, note 1, by state adoption, schools may play a five-game match in which a team is considered the winner of the match when it wins three games.
- F. 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.
- G. The Girls State Volleyball Committee is requiring the use of the Molten IV58L Super Touch with the NFHS authenticating mark during the region and state tournament. The Molten IV58L Super Touch ball used in all state semifinals and finals will be a three-panel colored ball with white, red and black solid panels provided by the MPSSAA. It is highly recommended the Molten IV58L Super Touch with the NFHS authenticating mark be used during the regular season.

II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournament Organization
 - 1. Every school is automatically entered into the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal. **It is the responsibility of schools to work with regional directors to accurately report schedules, results and records. (Refer to page 3, Section II, B of this Bulletin)**
 - 2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Sectional Semifinal. Instructions on filling out the TEAM ENTRY FORM will be available on mpssaa.org.
 - 3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.

2014 VOLLEYBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug 13First Practice Date		
Sep 5First play date	Oct 30/31Sectional	Nov 10-13Semifinals
Oct 27Draw for tournament bracket positions	Quarterfinal	Nov 14/17Finals
Oct. 29.....Last play date	Nov 3Sectional Semifinal	
Nov 4Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	Nov 5Sectional Final	Dec 15.....Reimbursement request due
	Nov 7/8.....Regional Final	

B. Playing Rules

1. All games will be played under the current National Federation rules, with the following exceptions and additions:
 - a. Teams will consist of a maximum of 15 players, in uniform, as they appear on the official roster.
 - b. The official game ball shall be the **Molten IV58L Super Touch**.
2. Ball handling is permitted prior to the official warm-up. Use of 1/2 court only is permitted with no over-the-net play when both teams are present.
3. Official warm-ups shall consist of:
 - a. Only the official team party's uniformed members, managers, and coaches shall assist with warm-ups in any manner, including tossing, feeding, and retrieving volleyballs.
 - b. 15 minutes of shared-court time (use of 1/2 court only, no over-the-net play).
 - c. The use of the game net shall be six minutes for Team A, then six minutes for Team B. Teams may use their six minutes in any way they want, including serving.

C. General Policies

1. The official representatives of a school (20 total - players, managers, and coaches) shall be admitted free at a designated entrance door after being identified by the coach. Each team will be responsible for supplying two ball retrievers of high school age, who will be admitted free of charge and not included in the school's allotted 20 representatives.
2. Each school should feel a responsibility for its athletes and team followers to exhibit good sportsmanship. For purposes of crowd control, the principal and school personnel should be alert to detect and correct or discipline any unsafe or unruly behavior. Refer to page 3, Section II.D, in the front section of this publication.
 - a. Upon arrival, each school should identify its security person (administrator).
 - b. Noisemakers and other distractions, i.e., sirens, whistles, horns, bells, etc., are prohibited.
 - c. Balloons, large hats, mascots, etc. must not visually obstruct teams, officials, or spectators.
 - d. Signs are permitted which display a positive support of the school. Derogatory or obscene 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.
3. When local jurisdictions allow and can accommodate pep bands, 15 band members, accompanied by a faculty sponsor, will be admitted free. Pep bands will alternate playing time and, once a contest begins, will play only when time is out. Bands will coordinate their playing with the cheerleaders from their school.
4. A maximum of 20 cheerleaders from each of the participating schools will be admitted free of charge only if they are in complete uniform and accompanied by a coach. Cheerleaders should get together before the contest to work out arrangements for each school to cheer, unopposed by the other. Cheerleaders should use their megaphones only for addressing their own student body.

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The region director (**listing of directors found on page 55**) is responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.

- a. The region director shall employ local officials who service the designated home team, plus qualified individuals as scorers and linesmen.
 - b. The region director shall inform the state committee director and the MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.
2. The draw for bracket positions will take place Monday, Oct. 27 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> later that day.
 - a. Region directors will verify and submit to the state tournament chair by 9 a.m., Oct. 26, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through Oct. 25.
 - b. All teams in each section 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 12 varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of 12 games.**
 - d. Ties among teams in a section 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 position (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
 3. **All sectional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all regional championship games will be held at the home site of the school representing the designated host section. Section II will host in 2014, Section I will host in 2015. The option to conduct region and sectional contests at neutral or central sites remains.**
 - a. The **sectional quarterfinals** of the region tournament may be played on either Thursday, Oct. 30 or Friday, Oct. 31. The higher-placed team will determine the date of the contest in consultation with the opposing school. Every effort should be made to avoid conflicts and local supervisors of athletics shall be consulted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
 - b. **The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed in sectional play or the school representing the designated host section in the regional finals. This may be done upon a written request of the region director, with approval by a two-thirds representative vote of athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region/section. The request must be received prior to Oct. 1.**
 - c. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 4. Region contests will begin no earlier than 5 p.m. unless agreed upon by the two schools involved. **Regional directors MUST be notified of all starting times.**
 5. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.

B. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6.
2. Teams will provide their own balls for warm-ups.

3. The host school will provide the official game ball, **Molten IV58L Super Touch**.
4. Each region director must call or email the state tournament director **Sybil Modispacher (sybil_modispacher@hcpss.org or 443-794-8513)** with results immediately following the completion of the final game on November 7/8 to report the name of the winning team, their win-loss record, the head coach's name and phone number, and the athletic director's name and phone number. The state tournament director will then contact the coaches involved with the alignments for advancement into state play.
5. Team champions will receive a region plaque plus individual certificates.
6. Region champions will complete the media information form (found on the volleyball page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the state semifinals.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The official representatives of a school (20 total - players, managers, and coaches) shall be admitted free at a designated entrance door after being identified by the coach. Each team will be responsible for supplying two ball retrievers of high school age, who will be admitted free of charge.
2. The MPSSAA will sponsor, conduct, and underwrite the tournament and will be responsible for expenses involving transportation, officials, and awards.
3. 2014–2015 semifinal pairings: **No. 1 North vs. No. 4 East, No. 2 South vs. No. 3 West**
4. Semifinals will be held November 10-13 at the U. of Maryland College Park's Ritchie Coliseum — times 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (**Class 3A-Nov. 10, Class 1A-Nov. 11, Class 4A-Nov. 12, Class 2A-Nov. 13**).
5. The Championship finals will be held at Ritchie Coliseum.

On Friday, November 14:	6:00 p.m. – Class 1A	8:00 p.m. – Class 3A
On Monday, November 17:	6:00 p.m. – Class 2A	8:00 p.m. – Class 4A
6. **Directions to Ritchie Coliseum — University of Maryland College Park from I-95/I-495:** Exit MD-1 South 2 miles to UMCP. Continue past Campus Drive. Parking is available at Visitor Center on right. Ritchie Coliseum is directly across Route 1 on left. (Map available at mpssaa.org)
7. There will be an admission charge of \$10 for individuals 7 years of age and older. **Presale tickets are also available online by going to www.mpssaa.org.**
8. The Games Committee will be composed of the district representatives present.
9. The tournament site coordinator will be responsible for court preparation, for the official score sheets, and for determining the need for police protection.
10. For last minute information, consult Volleyball Fan Focus on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org>.

B. General Policies

1. Official game balls, practice balls and water for team benches will be provided by the MPSSAA.
2. The team champion in each classification shall receive a plaque, 20 individual awards, and the game ball. The finalist team shall receive a plaque and 20 individual awards.

3. The State Volleyball Committee will recognize the school which displays the best overall sportsmanship while participating in the tournament with the Lesley A. Cooke Sportsmanship Award. Appointed judges will observe each school's coaches, players, spectators, cheerleaders, and pep bands, rating them on a scale of 1-10. The award will be presented to the school achieving the highest average score.

PROJECTED MPSSAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DATES
2015 - November 21 2016 - November 19 2017 - November 18

2014 REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Region	Director	School	Office
4A West	Scott Zanni	Magruder	301-840-4627
4A North	Jim Dorsch	Oakdale	240-236-8533
4A South	Shirley Diggs	High Point	301-572-6400 x272
4A East	Mike Gimon	Chesapeake-AA	410-225-9600
3A West	Wanda Hsiung	Kennedy	301-270-0710
3A North	Tiffany Byrd	Polytechnic	410-396-7023
3A South	Steve Correll	Leonardtown	301-475-0200
3A East	Caitlin Williams	Wilde Lake	410-313-6965
2A West	Marcia Nissel	North Hagerstown	301-766-8246
2A North	Emily Berman	Towson	410-887-3608
2A South	Linda Henson-Hubb	Gwynn Park	301-372-0140 x261
2A East	Jennifer Powell	Easton	410-822-4180
1A West	Joe Brewer	Fort Hill	301-777-2570 x322
1A North	Carla Privateer	Lansdowne	410-887-1415 x446
1A South	Dana Johnson	Dunbar	410-396-9487
1A East	Chris McDonough	Bel Air	410-638-4600

Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the volleyball page of mpssaa.org.

2014-2015 VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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2014 ALIGNMENT FOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Arundel	AA
2. Churchill	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Duval	PG	2. Chesapeake	AA
3. Kennedy	Mtg	3. Kenwood	B Co	3. High Point	PG	3. Glen Burnie	AA
4. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	4. Perry Hall	B Co	4. Laurel	PG	4. Meade	AA
5. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	5. Mergenthaler	Balt	5. Northwestern (PG)	PG	5. North County	AA
6. Walt Whitman	Mtg	6. Southwestern	Balt	6. Parkdale	PG	6. Old Mill	AA
7. Walter Johnson	Mtg	7. Western	Balt			7. Severna Park	AA
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Clarksburg	Mtg	1. Howard	How	1. Bowie	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg	2. Blake	Mtg	2. C H Flowers	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Magruder	Mtg	3. Paint Branch	Mtg	3. Dr. Henry A Wise Jr	PG	3. South River	AA
4. Northwest	Mtg	4. Sherwood	Mtg	4. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	4. North Point	Cha
5. Quince Orchard	Mtg	5. Springbrook	Mtg	5. Oxon Hill	PG	5. Great Mills	StM
6. Wootton	Mtg			6. Suitland	PG	6. Leonardtown	StM
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Northeast (AA)	AA	1. City	Balt
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	2. Huntingtown	Cal	2. Digital Harbor	Balt
3. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Parkville	B Co	3. Northern (Cal.)	Cal	3. Poly	Balt
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Towson	B Co	4. J. M. Bennett	Wic	4. Centennial	How
5. Urbana	Fre	5. Woodlawn	B Co	5. Stephen Decatur	Wor	5. Long Reach	How
6. North Hagerstown	Was	6. Westminster	Car			6. Mt. Hebron	How
7. South Hagerstown	Was						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Aberdeen	Hfd	1. La Plata	Cha	1. Atholton	How
2. Einstein	Mtg	2. Bel Air	Hfd	2. Lackey	Cha	2. Gleneig	How
3. Northwood	Mtg	3. C. Milton Wright	Hfd	3. Thomas Stone	Cha	3. Reservoir	How
4. Rockville	Mtg	4. Edgewood	Hfd	4. Westlake	Cha	4. River Hill	How
5. Seneca Valley	Mtg	5. North Harford	Hfd	5. Chopticon	StM	5. Wilde Lake	How
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg	6. Dundalk	B Co	6. Crossland	PG		
7. Wheaton	Mtg	7. Patapsco	B Co	7. Potomac	PG		
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Mountain Ridge	All	1. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	1. Calvert	Cal	1. Fallston	Hfd
2. Catocin	Fre	2. Dunbar	Balt	2. Patuxent	Cal	2. Harford Tech	Hfd
3. Middletown	Fre	3. Patterson	Balt	3. St. Charles	Cha	3. Patterson Mill	Hfd
4. Oakdale	Fre	4. Loch Raven	B Co	4. Hammond	How	4. Elkton	Cec
5. Walkersville	Fre	5. Lansdowne	B Co	5. Marriotts Ridge	How	5. North East (Cecil)	Cec
6. Boonsboro	Was	6. Western STES	B Co	6. Oakland Mills	How	6. Rising Sun	Cec
7. Williamsport	Was						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Century	Car	1. Chesapeake	B Co	1. Southern (AA)	AA	1. North Caroline	Cin
2. Francis Scott Key	Car	2. Eastern Technical	B Co	2. Frederick Douglass	PG	2. Kent Island	Qa
3. Liberty	Car	3. Hereford	B Co	3. Friendly	PG	3. Queen Anne's	Qa
4. South Carroll	Car	4. Overlea	B Co	4. Gwynn Park	PG	4. Easton	Tal
5. Winters Mill	Car	5. Owings Mills	B Co	5. Largo	PG	5. Parkside	Wic
6. Poolesville	Mtg	6. Randallstown	B Co			6. Wicomico	Wic
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Allegany	All	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Benjamin Franklin	Balt	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec
2. Fort Hill	All	2. New Town	B Co	2. Lake Clifton	Balt	2. Perryville	Cec
3. Northern (Gar.)	G	3. Pikesville	B Co	3. KASA	Balt	3. Havre de Grace	Hfd
4. Southern (Gar.)	G	4. Sparrows Point	B Co	4. Reginald Lewis	Balt	4. Joppatowne	Hfd
5. Hancock	Was	5. ACCE	Balt	5. Maritime Academy	Balt		
		6. FAET	Balt	6. W.E.B. DuBois	Balt		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Manchester Valley	Car	1. McDonough	Cha	1. Douglass	Balt	1. Colonel Richardson	Cin
2. North Carroll	Car	2. Central	PG	2. Edmondson/Westside	Balt	2. Kent County	K
3. Brunswick	Fre	3. Fairmont Heights	PG	3. Forest Park	Balt	3. Pocomoke	Wor
4. Clear Spring	Was	4. Forestville	PG	4. National Acad. (NAF)	Balt	4. Snow Hill	Wor
5. Smithsburg	Was	5. Surrattsville	PG	5. Northwestern	Balt	5. North Dorchester	Dor