



SPRING COACHES MEETING

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HERE WE GO!

- General Meeting
- What's New?
- Handbook Review
- Sport Breakout Sessions

MPSSAA MATERIAL

- MPSSAA bulletins, handbook, and calendar are now stored at

content.mpssaa.org

WHAT'S NEW?

- **MPSSAA sportsmanship initiative**
- **County Divisional Play**
- **Athletic Trainer status**
- **Hiring process now in Workday**
- **C&P new course outline (Hybrid on-line and in person)**

SPORTSMANSHIP!!

- **uptick in unruly and unsportsmanlike behaviors by athletes, coaches, and spectators.**
- **Share expectations with your team, parents, and community in your pre-season meetings.**
- **Administration is looking for ways to improve the overall climate at sporting events.**
- **Do your part and model excellent sportsmanship for your athletes, parents, and community.**
- **CO dealing with an unusual amount of complaints regarding coaches conduct. Don't be that coach!**

MPSSAA State Tournament Ejection Reporting

This is a reminder to all local educational agencies (LEA) when the MPSSAA state tournament begins with the regional rounds, any ejections must be reported by both the local official's association and the LEA to the MPSSAA office the next day.

Any ejection by coach or player will result in an automatic disqualification from the next tournament contests (current season or 2024 season). LEA's are responsible for ensuring those individuals do not participate in the next contest.

The MPSSAA Executive Council has approved a two-contest disqualification for **egregious behavior**. Any ejection will result in a **two-contest disqualification** that is reported for:

1. Physical or verbal personal attacks towards others
2. Fighting
3. Use of racial, ethnic, homophobic or other derogatory or discriminatory language, slurs, or practices.

Local educational agencies will be expected to note the severity of the official's report during the postseason. These additional penalties should not replace local educational agency actions. Interscholastic athletics are educational based programs that are an extension of the school day. It is the opinion of the MPSSAA that actions inconsistent with the school's vision should be dealt with in a similar fashion as if the actions occurred during the course of a normal school day.

SUMMIT/SIERRA DIVISIONS

Reservoir (1)	Long Reach (2)
Marriotts Ridge (4)	Howard (3)
Mount Hebron (5)	Atholton (6)
Oakland Mills (8)	River Hill (7)
Glenelg (9)	Centennial (10)
Hammond (12)	Wilde Lake (11)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- **Emergency Plans (Practice and Documented)**
- **Required by law**

HANDBOOK REVIEW

- **Must be under contract and certified to coach.**
- **Consultants, 3 days per sport per level. Practice only. Approved by the AAM. (Section 1)**
- **Eligibility requirements (Section 2) Regulations for Practices and Contests (Section 3)**
- **Ejections from games.**
- **911 calls, accident reports.**
- **Postponed games* Inclement weather (sections 3 & 5)**

HANDBOOK REVIEW CONTINUED

- **Risk Management (Section 5)**
- **14 Legal Duties as a coach.**
- **Frostbite/wind chill (NCAA Guidelines)**
- **Transportation to and from events. (Section 7)**
- **Athletic Injuries (Section 8) Gradual Return to Play for ALL INJURIES, the final decision is made by the Athletic Trainer, not just concussions.**

CARE AND PREVENTION REFRESHER REQUIREMENTS

• The MPSSAA now requires
ALL COACHES to become
recertified in C&P within 5
(five) years beginning
July, 1, 2017. The time is now!
July 1, 2022



MPSSAA Care & Prevention of Athletic Injuries Refresher Certification

MPSSAA Handbook (COMAR) Page 31:

Beginning July 1, 2017, in order for coaches to stay relevant with the care and prevention of athletic injuries to students, all coaches are required to recertify utilizing a local school system approved online course within the last five (5) years.

The requirements of the Care and Prevention Refresher Certification include:

Required NFHS Courses (all free of charge)

- Maryland State Component
- Concussion in Sports
- Heat Illness Prevention
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- One Elective Class from the list below.

Elective Classes (needed 1)

- ACL Prevention
- Sports Nutrition
- Protecting Students from Abuse
- Understanding Vaping and E-Cigarettes
- Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Appearance of Performance Enhancing Drugs and Substances
- Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors
- Strength and Conditioning (\$)

Upon ordering the Maryland State Component, on the NFHS Dashboard under "My National Certification" the MPSSAA Care and Prevention Refresher State Certification will appear.

You can find the state component here: <https://nfhslslearn.com/courses/61184/maryland-state-component>
Note: It is not listed on the courses page unless you select "state components" on the left side filter menu.

When do I need to take the Online Care & Prevention Refresher Certification?

Date I took C&P	Date I need to Complete C&P Refresher
July 1, 2017 or Earlier & College Credit	July 1, 2022
Month/Year of C&P Completion	+5 years

REMINDERS

- **Education Based- Student Centered Athletics**
- **You will be held to a higher standard of conduct due to your status in Education.**
- **Heat Precautions- Wet Bulb, OSHA App and WeatherBug**
- **504/IEP questions refer to the AAM.**
- **Have fair and equitable tryouts (rubrics)**
- **Keep the best interests of the students at the center of all decisions.**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **Outdoor track- cafeteria**
- **Allied Softball- room 101**
- **Softball- Room 102**
- **Girls' lacrosse- 103**
- **Tennis- Room 104**
- **Boys' lacrosse- Room 105**
- **Baseball- room 107**