

GENERAL INFORMATION

(applicable to all athletic activities)

2011-2012

RULES

National Federation rules will be used in all sports except golf (PGA), skiing (MPA rule book), and tennis (USTA/MPA rule book).

ELECTRONIC FORMS

Commensurate with the 2003-2004 school year, each high school principal will be issued a pin code number which must be used on all forms being submitted. We recommend that the principal keep his/her code number confidential because it provides access to a school's site and the confidential information it contains. Submission of a form with this code constitutes the assumption of the principal's responsibility for the information submitted.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification in all activities is based on school enrollments as of April 1, 2010 and shall remain in effect through June 2013. Teams applying to play in a larger enrollment class are committed to that change for a period of four years.

ELIGIBILITY

School principals are required to verify the eligibility of all participants in MPA-sponsored activities, both regular season and tournament competition. (See Bylaws, Article II of the Handbook for complete eligibility rules.)

The Maine Principals' Association is responsible for high school athletics. All members of high school teams (including managers) must be enrolled in grades 9-12. **Mascots** and **bat boys/girls** must also meet this requirement for safety reasons. Please do not allow students below grade nine to participate in these capacities.

FORFEITURES

Forfeitures of MPA-sponsored events are generally not allowed. There may be cases because of concerns for the safety of the student athletes or the inability of a school to field a team for an extended period of time which, after consultation the appropriate MPA committee, will lead to a forfeiture.

EJECTION RULE

In all team and individual sports (varsity or subvarsity), ejection or disqualification from a game, meet, or match for unsportsmanlike behavior of any form, by a coach or a player shall result in the suspension of that player or coach. The coach or player ejected from a contest must sit out all contests at all levels until the coach or athlete completes the ejection penalty by sitting out the next game at the level from which he/she was ejected. This rule applies to a game, meet, or match suspended before completion as well as a completed contest. This penalty may not be served by sitting out an exhibition, subvarsity, or other competition. A suspended coach may not be present at the game site. Not being physically present at the site means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands, or site area before, during, or after the game/meet. Any coach or player ejected from the last game, meet, or contest of a sports season shall serve a one game suspension in the opening countable game, meet, or contest in the next varsity sport in which he/she participates. He/she may participate in preseason scrimmages and exhibition games.

This policy will not prevent standing committees from imposing more restrictive disciplinary action.

ASSAULT PROVISIONS

A coach who intentionally strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with an official before, during, or after an interscholastic contest, as determined by the school, shall be disqualified immediately and his/her coach's eligibility will be suspended for one full year. At the end of the suspension, the coach may request the reinstatement of his/her eligibility. At this time, the Interscholastic Management Committee will place the request on their next meeting agenda, at which meeting the coach and principal must attend. The Interscholastic Management Committee will make the determination whether or not to reinstate the coach's eligibility.

Any member of the team who intentionally strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with an official before, during, or after an interscholastic contest, as determined by the school, shall be disqualified immediately and shall be ineligible to participate in all sports for one full year. NOTE: Member of the team includes player, manager, score keepers, timers, and statisticians.

Adopted: 11/18/99

TOURNAMENT PLAY-OFF FORMAT

The format for play-off games in sports using Heal point qualifying statistics is the same; 67% of the teams in each region (east/west by class) will qualify for the tournaments in all Heal point sports. The brackets are:

When more than eight (8) qualify, pairings shall be:

--Prelim games - 8 vs 9, 7 vs 10, 6 vs 11, etc. (Winner retains the higher seed bracket position but original seed position determines home team designation.)

When eight (8) qualify or after prelims, pairings shall be:

--Quarter-Finals - 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5

--Semi-Finals - 1/8 winner vs 4/5 winner, 2/7 winner vs 3/6 winner

--Finale - Winners play each other

When fewer than eight (8) qualify, pairings will be the same as an eight team bracket with one or more teams receiving first round byes.

TOURNAMENT EXPENSES

In regional tournament games played at a school site, the host school is responsible for all officials' fees, crowd control, and site expenses. The host school may charge admission to defray expenses. The visiting school shall be notified of this charge. In state finals, MPA will be responsible for all expenses except those of the teams.

TOURNAMENT TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices for all MPA conducted activities are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS

Radio and television stations wishing to air MPA-conducted activities must receive permission from the MPA Executive Director and pay any attendant fees.

AWARDS

The following team and individual awards are presented by the MPA at the conclusion of each season's regional and state tournaments. The Association pays all attendant costs of these awards. Schools wishing to purchase additional medals for their own team members may do so by contacting: Mike Dinn, President, Dinn Brothers Trophy, Inc., 221 Interstate Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089 - Telephone – 800/628-9657.

FALL SEASON

CROSS COUNTRY

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
State individual finishers (first ten)
Regional individual finishers (first ten)

FIELD HOCKEY

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

FOOTBALL

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
Regional champion team members

GOLF

Trophies: State champion team
Individual schoolboy champion
Individual schoolboy runner-up
Individual schoolgirl champion
Individual schoolgirl runner-up
Plaque: State runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members

SOCCER

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

VOLLEYBALL

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members

WINTER SEASON

BASKETBALL

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

CHEERLEADING

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

ICE HOCKEY

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members

SKI

Trophies: State champion team
State champion ski meister
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

Plaques: State runner-up team
State event champion
Medals: State champion team members
State event champion individuals
State runner-up team

SWIM

Trophy: State champion team
Plaque: State champion runner-up team
Medals: State champion individuals
(places 1-8 per event)

TRACK (INDOOR)

Trophy: State team
Plaque: State champion runner-up team
Medals: State champion individuals
(places 1-6 per event)

WRESTLING

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
Regional champion team members
State champion individuals
(places 1-4 per weight class)
Regional champion individuals
(places 1-4 per weight class)

SPRING SEASON

BASEBALL

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

LACROSSE

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

SOFTBALL

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members

TENNIS

Trophies: State champion team
State singles champion
State singles runner-up
State singles semi-finalists
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion team members
State runner-up team members
Regional champion team members
Regional runner-up team members
Singles Qualifiers

TRACK (OUTDOOR)

Trophy: State champion team
Plaques: State runner-up team
Regional champion team
Regional runner-up team
Medals: State champion individuals
(places 1-6 per event)