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DATE: July 23, 2013
SUBJECT: COMAR 13A.06.03.01 - .11
Interscholastic Athletic in the State
ADOPTION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to request adoption the proposed amended COMAR 13A.06.03.01-.11. These amendments provide a comprehensive editorial upgrade as well as a reordering of regulations to reflect a more consistent flow. Two substantive amendments are included. The first allows for an earlier start date for fall practice. The second provides greater opportunity for coaches to facilitate individual student athletic skill development.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

For the first time in over 20 years, the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) completed a comprehensive editorial review of regulations that govern interscholastic athletics. The purpose of the review was to provide greater clarity of language and a truer reflection of current conditions, as well as a reorganization and placement of selected items.

Concurrently, the MPSSAA Executive Council reviewed the out-of-season practice parameters for coaches and athletes. Ultimately, the Executive Council recommended providing an opportunity for individual athletes to receive one-on-one instruction in skill development from the school coach outside the designated sports season.

A second substantive amendment allows for the implementation of heat acclimatization activities during preseason practice. In order to balance safe play with instructional time, the regulation will allow fall practice to begin three days earlier. At its meeting on April 23, 2013, the State Board approved a waiver of the current regulation to allow school systems to start 2013 fall practice on August 14, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The regulations that govern interscholastic athletics provide for equity of competition throughout the state. As such, those regulations are the result of a collaborative process between the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA), local school superintendents, the State Superintendent, and the State Board of Education. The amended regulations were approved by MPSSAA and unanimously endorsed by local school superintendents. On April 23, 2013, the State Board granted permission to publish COMAR 13A.06.03.01-.11 in the *Maryland Register*. No public comments were received.

ACTION:

I am requesting the adoption of the proposed amendments to COMAR 13A.06.03.01-.11

LML:efs

Attachments:
Amended COMAR 13A.06.03.01-.11

(2) CEU Credit for Renewal.

(a) CEUs earned [from] *after October 29 of the last renewal period through September 28 of the next renewal period* may be used only for the current license renewal *period*.

(b) CEUs earned between October 1 through October 28 may be used for the current renewal *period* or the next renewal period, but not for both.

(c) (text unchanged)

(d) [No credit will be allowed in a licensure year ending October 28 for a course that was not approved before September 28 of that year] *Credit will not be given for any CEU unless the Board approves the program before the licensee attends an event.*

(3)—(4) (text unchanged)

10.53.12 Fees

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§8-205 and 8-6B-01—8-6B-29, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Fees.

A. (text unchanged)

B. The following fees are established by the Board:

(1)—(3) (text unchanged)

(4) *Renewal for 1 year or less — \$100;*

(4-1) *Beginning in 2013, biennial renewal — \$200*

(5)—(9) (text unchanged)

C. (text unchanged)

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Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Title 13A
STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

Subtitle 06 SUPPORTING PROGRAMS

13A.06.03 Interscholastic Athletics in the State

Authority: Education Article, §§2-205 and 2-303(k), Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[13-147-P]

The Maryland State Board of Education proposes to amend Regulations .02—.07, .09, and .11 under COMAR 13A.06.03 Interscholastic Athletics in the State. This action was considered at the Maryland State Board of Education meeting on April 23, 2013.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to provide a comprehensive editorial upgrade as well as a reordering of regulations to reflect a more consistent flow. Two substantive amendments are also proposed. The first allows for an earlier start date for fall practice. The second provides greater opportunity for coaches to facilitate individual student athletic skill development.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Edward F. Sparks, Executive Director, Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or call 410-767-0555 TTY: 410-333-6442, or email to nsparks@msde.state.md.us, or fax to 410-333-3111. Comments will be accepted through July 1, 2013. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by the Maryland State Board of Education during a public meeting to be held on July 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., at 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

.02 Eligibility.

Student eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics at the high school level shall be based on the following criteria:

A. Students shall be officially registered and attending [a] the member MPSSAA school *they are authorized to attend under regulations of the local school system.* They may represent only the school in which they are registered and at which it is anticipated they will complete their graduation requirements. [Ninth grade public school students who reside in the attendance area of a high school organized grades 10—12 may participate in the interscholastic athletic program of that high school.]

B.—C. (text unchanged)

D. [Students may participate in interscholastic athletic contests for a maximum of three seasons in any one sport in grades 10, 11, and 12. Students who participate on an interscholastic team in grade 9 will have a maximum athletic eligibility of four seasons in that one sport.] *Students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 may participate in interscholastic athletic contests for a maximum of four seasons in any one sport.*

E.—F. (text unchanged)

G. Students, while participating on a school team, are permitted to participate [in the same sport] *on sports teams* outside of school during the *high school* sport's season. This participation shall meet the following criteria:

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

H. [Students shall present to their high school principal a certificate from their parents or guardian (indicating the parents' or guardian's) giving permission for participation.] *Students shall present to their high school principal a certificate of permission to participate signed by their parent or parents, or guardian or guardians.*

I. [A student] *Students* shall be examined and certified to the high school principal as being physically fit to participate in any try-out, practice, or contest of a school team. The examination shall be performed by a licensed physician, certified physician assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician, or certified nurse practitioner.

J.—K. (text unchanged)

.03 Sports Season.

Member MPSSAA [member] schools shall conduct all interscholastic athletic contests and practice sessions in accordance with the following:

A. The sports seasons shall be defined as follows:

(1) "Fall" means the 6th [Saturday] *Wednesday* following the first [full week] *Sunday* of July, until the final date of the [county] local, conference, district, regional, or State tournament.

(2)—(3) (text unchanged)

(4) When [August 15th,] November 15th[,] or March 1st falls on Sunday, practice will start the preceding Saturday.

(5) *Required Practice. A member MPSSAA school may not participate in a regularly scheduled game until at least 20 calendar days have elapsed after and including the first day of practice. Golf is the only exception to this regulation.*

B. Maximum Number of Contests Permitted During a Sports Season.

[(1) One additional contest beyond the maximum allowable number may be played to determine a conference/league championship. The results of that contest may not count towards MPSSAA standings.]

[(2)] (1) All school athletic schedules shall be established before the first [contest] *MPSSAA allowable play date* of each sport's season according to the following instructions:

(a) Badminton[—15 matches with not more than two matches per week. Three matches in one week may be scheduled once during the season.]:

(i) 15 regular season games;

(ii) Not more than two matches per week; and

(iii) Three matches in one week may be scheduled twice during the season.

(b) Baseball[—18 games with not more than three games per week. Two additional games may be played in one holiday tournament. A team may elect to play three games as part of a holiday tournament and play 17 regular season games. The total number of games may not exceed 20. Four games are permitted in 1 week if games are part of a holiday tournament. Holiday tournaments shall be played on non-school days for all MPSSAA member schools involved in a tournament. Holiday tournament results may not count towards MPSSAA standings.]:

(i) 18 regular season games or 20 with designated optional tournament;

(ii) Not more than three games per week;

(iii) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament;

(iv) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 17 regular season games may be scheduled; and

(v) If a team elects to play in the designated optional two or three-game tournament, a fourth game may be played during that week.

(c) Basketball[—20 games with not more than two games per week. Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season. Two additional games may be played in one holiday tournament. A team may elect to play three games as part of a holiday tournament and play 19 regular season games. The total number of games may not exceed 22. Holiday tournaments shall be played on non-school days for all MPSSAA member schools involved in a tournament. Holiday tournament results may not count towards MPSSAA team standings.]:

(i) 20 regular season games or 22 with designated optional tournament;

(ii) Not more than two games per week;

(iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season;

(iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament; and

(v) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 19 regular season games may be scheduled.

(d) Cross Country[—10 meets with not more than two meets per week. Meets may not be held on consecutive days.]:

(i) 10 regular season meets;

(ii) Not more than two meets per week; and

(iii) Three meets in one week may be scheduled once during the season.

(e) Field Hockey[—12 games with not more than two games per week. Three games in 1 week may be scheduled twice during the season. Two additional games may be played as part of a tournament during the season. A team may elect to play three games as part of a tournament and play 11 regular season games. The total number of games may not exceed 14. The tournament shall be played during non-instructional time for all MPSSAA member schools involved in the tournament.]:

(i) 12 regular season games or 14 with designated optional tournament;

(ii) Not more than two games per week;

(iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season;

(iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament; and

(v) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 11 regular season games may be scheduled.

(f) Football[—10 games with not more than one game per week.]:

(i) 10 regular season games; and

(ii) Not more than one game per week.

(g) Golf[—12 matches with not more than three matches per week.]:

(i) 12 regular season matches; and

(ii) Not more than three matches per week.

(h) Gymnastics[—Eight meets with not more than two meets per week. Meets may not be held on consecutive days.]:

(i) 8 regular season meets;

(ii) Not more than two meets per week; and

(iii) Meets may not be held on consecutive days.

(i) Indoor Track[—Ten meets with not more than two meets per week. Meets may not be held on consecutive days.]:

(i) 10 regular season meets;

(ii) Not more than two meets per week; and

(iii) Three meets in one week may be scheduled once during the season.

(j) Lacrosse[—12 games with not more than two games per week. Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season. Two additional games may be played in a holiday tournament. Holiday tournaments shall be played on non-school days for all MPSSAA member schools involved in a tournament. Holiday tournament results may not count towards MPSSAA standings.]:

(i) 12 regular season games or 14 with designated optional tournament;

(ii) Not more than two games per week;

(iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season; and

(iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two-game tournament.

(k) Outdoor Track[—10 meets with not more than two meets per week. Meets may not be held on consecutive days.]:

(i) 10 regular season meets;

(ii) Not more than two meets per week; and

(iii) Three meets in one week may be scheduled once during the season.

(l) Soccer—12 games with not more than two games per week. Three games in 1 week may be scheduled twice during the season. Two additional games may be played as part of a tournament during the season. A team may elect to play three games as part of a tournament and play 11 regular season games. The total number of games may not exceed 14. The tournament shall be played during non-instructional time for all MPSSAA schools involved in the tournament.]:

(i) 12 regular season games or 14 with designated optional tournament;

(ii) Not more than two games per week;

(iii) Three games in one week may be scheduled twice during the season; and

(iv) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament. If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 11 regular season games may be scheduled.

(m) Softball—18 games with not more than three games per week. Two additional games may be played in one holiday tournament. A team may elect to play three games as part of a holiday tournament and play 17 regular season games. The total number of games may not exceed 20. Four games are permitted in 1 week if games are part of a holiday tournament. Holiday tournaments shall be played on non-school days for all MPSSAA member schools involved in a tournament. Holiday tournament results may not count towards MPSSAA team standings.]:

(i) 18 regular season games or 20 with designated optional tournament;

(ii) Not more than three games per week;

(iii) A team may elect to play in one designated optional two or three-game tournament;

(iv) If a team elects to play in a designated optional three-game tournament, only 17 regular season games may be scheduled; and

(v) If a team elects to play in the designated optional two or three-game tournament, a fourth game may be played during that week.

(n) Swimming—12 meets with not more than two meets per week. Meets may not be held on consecutive days.]:

(i) 12 regular season meets;

(ii) Not more than two meets per week; and

(iii) Meets may not be held on consecutive days.

(o) Tennis—18 matches with not more than three matches per week.]:

(i) 18 regular season matches; and

(ii) Not more than three matches per week.

(p) Volleyball—15 matches with not more than two matches per week. Three matches in one week may be scheduled twice during the season. Teams may elect to play tri-matches provided the total number of opponents does not exceed 15 during the season, or teams may play 14 matches plus one multi-team tournament.]:

(i) 15 regular season matches or 14 with designated optional tournament,

(ii) Not more than two matches per week;

(iii) Three matches in one week may be scheduled twice during the season;

(iv) A team may elect to play tri-matches provided the total number of opponents does not exceed 15 during the season; and

(v) Teams may play 14 matches plus one designated optional multi-team tournament.

(q) Wrestling—14 contests including dual meets and a maximum of three tournaments and three tri-meets. A county tournament required to qualify for the State tournament will not be counted as one of the three allowed tournaments. There may not be

more than two contests per week. Multiteam events may be used to make up postponed contests between teams originally scheduled. Wrestling tournaments and meets are defined by Regulation .04E(3) and (4) of this chapter.]:

(i) 14 regular season contests including dual meets and a maximum of three tournaments and three tri-meets;

(ii) Not more than two contests per week including a maximum of one tournament;

(iii) Multi-team events may be used to make up postponed contests between teams originally scheduled;

(iv) A city/county/conference tournament required to qualify for the state tournament will not be counted as one of the three allowed tournaments; and

(v) Wrestling tournaments and meets are defined by Regulation .04D(3) and (4) of this chapter.

(2) Conference/League Championships. One additional contest beyond the maximum allowable number may be played to determine a conference/league championship. The results of that contest may not count towards MPSSAA standings.

(3) Postponed Games. Postponed contests may be rescheduled during the season, provided the number of games does not exceed the maximum number permitted in a week plus one additional contest.

.04 Operational Guidelines.

The regulations given below are established for all MPSSAA interscholastic sports:

A. Equal Opportunity for Participation.

(1) Students may not be excluded on the basis of sex from overall equal opportunity to participate in athletic programs. If a school sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one sex but sponsors no such team for members of the opposite sex, and before July 1, 1975, overall opportunities for members of the excluded sex have been limited, the excluded sex shall be allowed to try out for the team.

[A-1.]

(2) Athletics Equity for Students with Disabilities.

[(1)] (a) Students who meet the eligibility requirements of Regulation .02 of this chapter may not be excluded on the basis of disability from the opportunity to try out for and if selected, participate in mainstream interscholastic athletic programs.

[(2)] (b) [Member Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA).] Member MPSSAA schools shall provide reasonable accommodations necessary to provide students with disabilities with equal opportunities to participate to the fullest extent possible in mainstream athletic programs.

[(3)] (c) Students with disabilities who meet the eligibility requirements of Regulation .02 of this chapter may be excluded from mainstream athletic programs if inclusion:

[(a)] (i) Presents an objective safety risk to the student or others based on an individualized assessment of the student; or

[(b)] (ii) Fundamentally alters the nature of the school's mainstream athletic program.

B. MPSSAA Coaching Eligibility.

(1) Member MPSSAA schools shall employ as coaches:

(a) Teachers or certificated professional educators [employees] employed by [of] the local Board of Education [for a specific coaching assignment].

(b) Persons certifiable as [a] professional educators by the State Department of Education according to 13A.12.01.

(c) Credentialed [Coaches] coaches who meet the following requirements:

(i) [Is] Are eligible to hold a Maryland certificate under COMAR [13A.12.01.04] 13A.12.01.03D;

(ii) [Possesses] Possess a MPSSAA/MSDE [Coach] Coaching Certification;

(iii) [Has] *Have* completed 2 years of successful coaching as an emergency coach; and

(iv) [Has] *Have* spent the previous 1 year as a successful emergency coach at the school of hire in the position of hire.

(2) If no acceptable and qualified coaches are available from the teachers or certifiable professional educators employed by the local board of education, temporary emergency [coaches] *coach* may be employed if the following procedures are followed:

(a)—(c) (text unchanged)

(d) [In sports] *Teams* having more than one coach, emergency coaches may not comprise more than 50 percent of that sport staff;

(e) (text unchanged)

(3) (text unchanged)

(4) Member MPSSAA schools may permit volunteer athletic coaches to assist their coaching staff. The volunteer coaches may not serve as head coaches at any level and shall work only under the direction of the head coach. The volunteer coach may be used if the following procedures are followed:

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) The volunteer coach [has] *shall have* completed or [is] *be* enrolled in a one-credit course in the prevention and care of athletic injuries;

(c) (text unchanged)

[C. Required Practice. A member MPSSAA school may not participate in a regularly scheduled game until at least 20 calendar days have elapsed after and including the first day of practice. Golf is the only exception to this regulation.]

[D.] C. Limits of Participation.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Students who participate [in] *on* both varsity and junior varsity teams may not play in a number of contests that exceed the maximum number allowed [in a] *for that* sport in a week or season. Students may not compete on both a varsity and junior varsity [team on the same day] *level against the same school on the same day.*

(3) School athletic teams may not participate in any [games] *contests* representing their school *before or after the defined sports season* [in pre-season play or in post-season play].

(4) Member MPSSAA [member] schools may not play or practice on Sundays.

(5) (text unchanged)

(6) Member MPSSAA [member] schools shall practice with or play against only high school teams as defined in §J of this regulation.

(7) Individual students or teams representing a member MPSSAA [member] school shall participate only in games, meets, or tournaments which are conducted by appropriate educational institutions.

(8) Member MPSSAA [member] schools may not enter competition preliminary to a college or professional game.

(9) (text unchanged)

[E.] D. Policies Pertaining to Wrestling.

(1)—(4) (text unchanged)

[F. Postponed Games. One postponed contest may be rescheduled in addition to the maximum number permitted per week in Regulation .03 of this chapter.]

[G.] E. Out-of-Season Practice.

(1) Member MPSSAA [member] schools and coaches of member schools shall confine *school* practices [for all students or teams] to the seasonal limitations as defined in Regulation .03 of this chapter.

(2) (text unchanged)

[H.] F. Sports Officials. Schools involved in interscholastic contests shall use only those officials certified by [Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association] *MPSSAA*. Only qualified

officials shall be used in all sports [where] *when* MPSSAA certified officials are not available.

[I.] G. Summer Camps.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Member MPSSAA [member] schools, member school coaches, school-related organizations, or individuals may not sponsor or conduct a camp in which students who are returning players are involved or participate. A camp composed of several coaches with their respective teams is a violation of this regulation.

(3) Coaches of member MPSSAA [member] schools, while affiliated with a camp, may not conduct any form of team or group practice involving their school. Such a practice is considered a violation of the out-of-season practice rule defined in Regulation [.03A(1), (2), and (3)] *.03 of this chapter.*

(4) A member MPSSAA [member] school may not provide school uniforms or equipment for students who attend a camp outside of the defined sports season in Regulation .03 *of this chapter.*

[J.] H. Competitors.

(1) Member MPSSAA [member] schools shall only practice with or play against high school teams that:

(a)—(e) (text unchanged)

(2) (text unchanged)

(3) To verify compliance under [§J(2)(d)] *§H(2)(d)* of this regulation, the administrative head of the school who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school shall:

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) Submit the verification for approval to the State Superintendent of Schools annually before the first practice or athletic competition against [an] *a member* MPSSAA [member high] school team.

.05 Violations, Penalties, and Appeals.

A. Failure to comply with these regulations shall constitute a violation which will result in the following penalties against the member MPSSAA [member] school and either the student or the coach, or both. Depending upon the severity of the violation, more than one penalty may be imposed against the member MPSSAA [member] school, student, or coach, or all of the above. Penalties shall be imposed in the order listed below:

(1) Against a member MPSSAA [member] school:

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) Second—Declare the member MPSSAA [member] school ineligible for championship honors for the current school year in the sport in which the violation occurred.

(c) Third—Declare the member MPSSAA [member] school on probation for one school year which shall render the school ineligible to compete in any approved State meet or tournament for that year.

(d) Fourth—Impose additional penalties as may seem justified in the particular case considered.

(2)—(3) (text unchanged)

B. Procedure.

(1) First—Any member MPSSAA [member] school, student, or coach shall notify the local supervisor of interscholastic athletics and the MPSSAA Executive Director of the alleged violation.

(2)—(5) (text unchanged)

C. Penalties imposed by local school systems for violations of local school system rules adopted in accordance with Regulations .01B and .02B shall be uniform with the penalties designated in Regulation .05A of this chapter.

[C.] D. Appeals.

(1) A member MPSSAA [member] school, student, or coach may appeal the imposed penalty within 30 days and request a hearing before the Appeals Committee of MPSSAA.

(2) The Appeals Committee of the MPSSAA serves in a quasi-judicial capacity.

[(2)](3)—[(11)](12) (text unchanged)

.06 Classification.

A. (text unchanged)

B. The local superintendent of schools shall submit to the MPSSAA Executive Director by November 1, a report on the actual school enrollment of students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 in each of the member MPSSAA [member] schools as of September 30, in each even-numbered year. The MPSSAA Executive Director and the Classification Committee of the MPSSAA shall present a recommendation for classification of member schools to the MPSSAA Board of Control for adoption. Classification shall be determined every 2 years based on the September 30 enrollment of the previous year.

C. (text unchanged)

D. A new member MPSSAA [member] school that opens or a member school whose enrollment is significantly changed by growth or consolidation during the two-year period shall be placed in the proper classification by the Classification Committee. "Significantly changed" means a decrease or an increase in enrollment of more than 25 percent. This new placement shall affect only the involved school and may not affect the classification of other member schools.

E. When a member MPSSAA [member] school does not have all three grades included in the enrollment figures upon which the classification is based in the even-numbered year, but will have all three grades in the following odd-numbered year when classification becomes effective, the enrollment figure shall include the existing grades and average of the current class sizes applied to each projected grade.

.07 State Tournament Policies.

A. The [Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association] MPSSAA games or tournament committees representing all of the districts shall administer and supervise tournaments in the various sports at the district, regional, and State level.

B. (text unchanged)

C. Although certain aspects of a tournament may vary from year to year, the following basic policies shall be observed by all tournament committees:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) A member MPSSAA [member] school or local school system may decide whether or not to participate in the tournament.

(3) A member MPSSAA [member] school shall compete in its classification when the tournament is so structured.

(4)—(10) (text unchanged)

(11) If a team or any students participating in a State tournament contest [play] leaves the field of competition before completion of a contest, or fails to continue play when eligible to do so, or is guilty of misconduct detrimental to the tournament, then the team, coach, or students may be suspended from further participation in the current tournament, and from the same tournament in the succeeding year, upon the determination of the tournament committee and the Executive Director.

(12) (text unchanged)

D.—E. (text unchanged)

.09 Sanction Rules.

A. Students or teams representing a member MPSSAA [member] school shall participate only in contests conducted by educationally related organizations.

B. [A school or local school system that wishes to serve as host for an intercounty or interstate contest shall file the appropriate sanction request form with the MPSSAA Executive Director, a minimum of 45 days before the contest. When the event is an interstate contest, invitations may not be extended to out-of-State schools to participate until official sanction approval has been received from the National

Federation of State High School Associations.] Member MPSSAA schools may not compete in any contest in any other state if either school's participation violates the regulations or established policies of either state's high school interscholastic athletic authority.

C. [Schools participating in interstate contests shall use the National Federation contract form furnished by the MPSSAA Executive Director.] *Sanctioning Guidelines.*

(1) Sanctioning for Interstate Competition.

(a) Member MPSSAA schools may not compete in any of the following contests unless the contest has been sanctioned by each of the interested state authorities through the NFHS:

(i) Any interstate meet in which four or more schools participate;

(ii) Any competition involving schools from three or more state athletic associations;

(iii) Any interstate two school contest which is not sponsored by a NFHS state association or a state member school;

(iv) Any interstate two-school contest which involves travel outside the United States of America; or

(v) Any interstate two-school contest, regardless of distance to be traveled, which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a member MPSSAA high school.

(b) A school or school system that wishes to serve as a host for an interstate contest shall file the appropriate sanction request form prior to the first play date and at least 15 days prior to the event for events within the first 2 weeks of the season.

(c) Schools participating in interstate contests shall use the National Federation contract form furnished by the MPSSAA Executive Director.

(d) In all interstate contests, each participating school shall follow the rules of the host state athletic authority.

(2) Sanctioning for Intrastate Competition.

(a) Member MPSSAA schools may only compete against other member MPSSAA schools or schools approved through the Standards of Competition.

(b) Approval of the MPSSAA Executive Director is required for any intercounty contest involving more than three teams and sponsored by a non-member educational institution.

(c) The host school shall file the appropriate sanction request form with the MPSSAA Executive Director prior to the first play date and at least 15 days prior to the event for events within the first 2 weeks of the season.

(d) Member MPSSAA schools may host intercounty contests involving only other member MPSSAA schools or schools approved through the Standards of Competition without sanctioning approval.

(3) MPSSAA Sanction Guidelines. The following criteria shall be met for sanction approval by the MPSSAA:

(a) The competition may not determine a regional or national championship;

(b) The competition is not preliminary to a college or professional game;

(c) The competition is sponsored by an educational institution or similar nonprofit organization;

(d) Participation in the event is within the United States of America, does not involve loss of instructional time, and complies with the local school system policies and procedures for school-sponsored travel; and

(e) All awards shall comply with Regulation .08 of this chapter.

[D. In all interstate contests, each participating school shall follow the rules of the host state athletic authority.

E. A school which is a member of a federation member state high school association may not compete in any of the following contests unless the contest has been sanctioned by each of the interested state

authorities through the National Federation of State High School Associations:

- (1) Any interstate meet in which four or more schools participate;
- (2) Any competition involving schools from three or more state athletic associations;
- (3) Any interstate two-school contest which involves travel outside the United States of America; or
- (4) Any interstate two-school contest (regardless of distance to be traveled) which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a MPSSAA member high school.

F. A MPSSAA member school may not compete in any contest in any other state if either school's participation violates the regulations or established policies of either state's high school interscholastic athletic authority.

G. Approval Required.

(1) A member MPSSAA school may not compete in any of the following contests unless the contest is approved by the MPSSAA Executive Director:

- (a) Any intercounty contest involving more than three teams and sponsored by a nonmember educational institution;
- (b) Any intercounty contest involving more than four schools;
- (c) Any intercounty contest involving more than four counties.

(2) The host school shall file the appropriate sanction request form with the MPSSAA Executive Director at least 45 days before the event.

H. MPSSAA Sanction Guidelines. The following criteria shall be met for sanction approval by the MPSSAA:

- (1) The competition may not determine a regional or national championship;
- (2) The competition is not preliminary to a college or professional game;
- (3) The competition is sponsored by an educational institution or similar nonprofit organization;
- (4) Participation in the event is within the United States of America, does not involve loss of instructional time, and complies with the local school system policies and procedures for school-sponsored travel; and
- (5) All awards shall comply with Regulation .08 of this chapter.]

.11 Amendments.

A. Proposed written amendments to these regulations may be submitted only by [un] a member MPSSAA school, [member] local superintendent of schools, MPSSAA committee, or the MPSSAA Executive Director. Proposed amendments shall be received by the MPSSAA Executive Director at least 45 days before the annual meeting of the MPSSAA Board of Control.

B. (text unchanged)

C. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be sent to each member MPSSAA [member] school, local superintendent of schools, and the State Superintendent of Schools at least 15 days before the annual legislative meeting of the MPSSAA.

D.—F. (text unchanged)

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Title 23
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CONSTRUCTION

23.03.06 Indoor Environmental Quality Standard

Authority: Education Article, Section 5-301(b-1), Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action
[13-141-P-1]

The Board of Public Works proposes to adopt new regulations .01 — .04 under a new chapter, COMAR 23.03.06 Indoor Environmental Quality Standard. This action was considered at a public meeting held on April 3, 2013, notice of which was published pursuant to State Government Article, §10-506, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to establish indoor-environmental quality standards for relocatable classrooms sited at public schools.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. These requirements may have an impact on the overall cost of building or leasing relocatable classroom units.

II. Types of Economic Impact	Revenue (R+/R-)	Magnitude
	Expenditure (E+/E-)	
A. On issuing agency:	NONE	
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	(E-)	Indeterminable

	Benefit (+)	Magnitude
	Cost (-)	
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:	(+)	Indeterminable
E. On other industries or trade groups:	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:	(+)	Undeterminable

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

C. The economic impacts on local governments consist of the increased costs to acquire units that meet the requirements after this chapter's effective date, and the costs to upgrade units acquired between October 1, 2007 and this chapter's effective date. The former cost will vary depending on manufacturer. The latter cost will depend on many factors, including the condition of the units. The number of relocatable classroom units in service fluctuates depending on enrollment need and academic programs.