



GENERAL INFORMATION

Saturday, June 4th @ Stephen Decatur High School
Sunday, June 5th @ St. Paul's School for Boys
Sunday, June 12th @ Tuscarora High School
Saturday, June 25th @ Ravens Under Armour Performance Center

Registration Space is limited for the tournament. Your spot in the tournament can only be secured by completing all necessary forms and by receipt of payment. We will inform you periodically as to the status of the tournament sites and the amount of space available. This tournament complies with all MPSSAA rules and regulations regarding out-of-season coaching.

Format A 7-on-7 passing tournament format will be applied (method of play provided). All teams are guaranteed 4 games each play date. Two 16-team brackets are set for the St. Paul's and Tuscarora sites – thus 32 teams at each of those sites. Stephen Decatur will play an eight-team tournament.

Eight teams will qualify from the two tournaments at St. Paul's and Tuscarora for a championship hosted by the **Baltimore Ravens at the Ravens Under Armour Performance Center on Saturday, June 25th**. As a general rule, the four top teams from each weekend will qualify. However since there will be teams playing in both weekend tournaments that could possibly repeat as a top four team, an additional team would qualify for the championship tournament in order to round out the eight teams needed. There is no additional fee for the teams participating in the championship tournament.

Dates **Saturday, June 4th – Stephen Decatur High School (9:30am to 3:30pm)**
Sunday, June 5th – St. Paul's School for Boys (9:30am to 5:30pm)
Sunday, June 12th – Tuscarora High School (9:30am to 5:30pm)

Liability Liability coverage has been secured for the tournament. **Each member of your team must complete the Consent & Waiver Form which will be provided once your registration has been confirmed.** Each head coach is responsible for securing and presenting all *Consent & Waiver Forms* onsite prior to the tournament. All athletes are expected to have secured their own major medical coverage.

First-Aid A first-aid tent will be on site along with a certified athletic trainer. Water coolers will be stationed at each field. **Please bring a supply of cups or water bottles for your team.**

Officials There will be a minimum of two officials assigned to each game, one back judge and one timer.

Concessions A concession stand will be open on the main field area. The concession stand will serve hot food, snacks and drinks. Remind your players to bring money and/or a bag lunch. Absolutely no open fires or cooking devices are allowed at the tournament.

Check-in **On the day of the event, all teams need to check-in at the director's tent by 8:45 am.** At that time, there will be a brief meeting for coaches to collect rosters and waivers, distribute attire for your team, review rules and finalize field assignments. Please be prompt.

Cost The cost per team is \$250 for one weekend or \$450 for both weekends. **Make checks payable to MDHS Football Foundation (Maryland High School Football Foundation).** Send registration & fee to:

MDHS Football Foundation
Attn: Ravens 7on7 Football Tournament
8 Rocky Fountain Court
Myersville, MD 21773

Contacts Vince Ahearn (Director) – vinceahearn3@gmail.com
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RULES & METHOD OF PLAY

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Method of Play

1. Pregame coin flip determines team to start on offense.
2. Ball will always start on the offense's 40 yard line (baseline) to start a possession. (This includes interceptions not returned for TDs).
3. Offense will be given 4 downs to make a first down at the 20 yard line in order to receive 4 additional downs.
4. Offense may have only 5 Eligibles, plus QB and Center (Center is optional).
5. Offense must have at least 1 back/receiver lined up within imaginary tackles upon snap of ball at least 5 yards deep.
6. The football must be thrown within 4 seconds with a center-quarterback exchange and within 3 seconds without a center-quarterback exchange. Officials use electronic countdown timers on the field and will not count out loud. *A sack occurs when the quarterback does not RELEASE the ball in time (if the timer goes off with the arm in motion, it's a sack) – play the next down from the previous line of scrimmage.*
7. The ball is declared dead when the runner is tagged with one hand between the shoulders and the knees (including the hand and arm) or the ball touches the ground (this does not include the center-quarterback exchange).
8. All touchdowns are 1 point (includes interceptions for scores). No PATs.
9. Offenses may finish a drive started before time has expired only if they have a chance to win or tie.
10. Ties will be played immediately by method of sudden death overtime. Each team is given 3 plays with the team gaining the most yards winning. **Interceptions constitute a dead ball and end of series during sudden death.**
11. Team with the most points at the expiration of time wins.

Rules of Play

1. Each game will be 40 minutes running time.
2. Offense has 30 seconds to put the ball in play.
3. No timeouts (with the exception of an official calling time for clarification, injury, etc.).
4. Mouthpieces are mandatory on the field of play.
5. No coaches or additional players are allowed on the field during play.
6. No running plays (QB may not run the football).
7. No blocking or screen blocking what so ever. Blocking constitutes a loss of down penalty.
8. The offense may pass the ball only once from the QB during a play. Double passes constitute an illegal forward pass.
9. Offensive players are responsible for retrieving the football after each play.
10. Defense cannot line up closer than 3 yards from the LOS. Defense must give offense a free release off the LOS.
11. No contact on defense during route progressions – contact is defined as body to body, forearms, or with two hands. One hand does not constitute contact (except for holding). It is the responsibility of the defender to avoid contact.
12. Excessive contact during play or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and could be cause for the removal of a player or team from the tournament (the tournament director will be notified and make the final decision).

Offensive infractions

Penalty

Offsides	-5 yards from original L.O.S. and repeat down
Illegal procedure (no backs within tackles)	-5 yards from original L.O.S. and repeat down
Ineligible receiver downfield	-5 yards from original L.O.S. and loss of down
Blocking or screening	-5 yards from original L.O.S. and loss of down
Illegal forward pass	-5 yards from original L.O.S. and loss of down
Pass interference	-5 yards from original L.O.S. and loss of down
Delay of game	-5 yards from original L.O.S. and loss of down

Defensive infractions

Penalty

Offsides (defense inside 3 yard LOS cushion)	+5 yards from original L.O.S. and repeat down
Holding	+5 yards from original L.O.S. and repeat down
Illegal contact	+5 yards from original L.O.S. and automatic first down
Pass interference	+5 yards from original L.O.S. and automatic first down



TEAM REGISTRATION

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Site Identification

(Please check the appropriate boxes below to identify your site preference)

(Enclose \$250 for one weekend or \$450 for two weekends)

Stephen Decatur
(eight teams max)
Saturday, June 4th

St. Paul's
(32 teams max)
Sunday, June 5th

Tuscarora
(32 teams max)
Sunday, June 12th

Team Information

Team Name: _____

School-Color (for apparel): _____

Head Coach: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Player Under Armour Apparel

Each participating player will receive two jerseys and one pair of socks.

Apparel will be distributed at check-in on the day of the tournament.

Sign-up by May 1 and your players will receive one white and one school-color t-shirt. Late sign-ups will receive one white and one dark t-shirt.

Registration & Payment

(Send this form along with the your fee to the address below to secure a spot in the tournament)

MDHS Football Foundation
Attn.: Ravens 7on7 Football Tournament
8 Rocky Fountain Court
Myersville, MD 21773

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ... MDHS FOOTBALL FOUNDATION
TEAM ROSTER & WAIVER FORMS ARE NOT DUE UNTIL THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT



TEAM ROSTER

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_____ (print the name of your team on the above line)

Name	Grade	Age	Email
1) _____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	_____	_____
7) _____	_____	_____	_____
8) _____	_____	_____	_____
9) _____	_____	_____	_____
10) _____	_____	_____	_____
11) _____	_____	_____	_____
12) _____	_____	_____	_____
13) _____	_____	_____	_____
14) _____	_____	_____	_____
15) _____	_____	_____	_____
16) _____	_____	_____	_____
17) _____	_____	_____	_____
18) _____	_____	_____	_____
19) _____	_____	_____	_____
20) _____	_____	_____	_____

**THERE IS A 20 PLAYER MAXIMUM PER TEAM FOR THE TOURNAMENT
WAIVERS WILL BE SUPPLIED TO TEAMS UPON CONFIRMATION OF A TEAM'S PARTICIPATION IN
THE TOURNAMENT. INDIVIDUAL WAIVERS NEED TO MATCH THE ATTACHED ROSTER.**