

Effective in the Fall of 2015, the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference (SMAC) will conduct divisional play in all sports. There will be two divisions which will be known as the *Chesapeake* and *Potomac* Divisions. The *Chesapeake* Division will be comprised of the seven schools in Calvert/St. Mary's counties and the *Potomac* division will be comprised of the seven schools in Charles County.

Each school will play the teams in its division and make up the balance of their regular schedule with a predetermined number of games with schools from the other division (cross-overs), plus schools of their choosing from within or outside the Conference. This will allow counties to maintain local rivalries as well as allowing individual schools to select schools with established programs that offer challenging competition.

At the end of the regular season, Divisional Champions will be declared based on the criteria in the SMAC bi-laws.

Conference Champions will be determined as follows:

1. In Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball, the Conference Championship will be awarded to the winner of an additional single contest between the winners of the Potomac and Patuxent Divisions.
2. In Cross-Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor) and Wrestling, the Conference Championship will be awarded to the winner of the Championship event involving all Conference schools.

Please note: Football will declare Divisional Champions only.

Baseball/Softball:

These two sports are permitted eighteen (18) regular season games, or twenty (20) with a designated optional tournament. Twelve (12) games (6 home, 6 away) will be played in their division to determine the divisional champion. The remaining six (6) regular season games will come from four (4) cross-over games with schools in the other division, and two (2) games with schools of their choosing from within or outside the Conference.

A Conference Championship game will be played at the end of the regular season. The team with the best divisional record will host the Championship game unless an alternative neutral site is requested by the host school, and the site has been approved by the Superintendent's designees. A Championship trophy will be awarded immediately following the game.

If circumstances prevent the Championship game being played, honors will be limited to those of Divisional Champion only. Each Divisional Championship team will receive a plaque at the post season SMAC Board of Control meeting.

An All-Division team will be selected by the coaches in each of the two (2) divisions. Together, both All-Division teams will comprise the All-Conference team.

A single Most Outstanding Conference Player will be selected by Conference coaches.

A single SMAC Coach of the Year will be selected by Conference coaches.

### Basketball:

This sport is permitted twenty (20) regular season games, or twenty-two (22) with a designated optional tournament. Twelve (12) games (6 home, 6 away) will be played in their division to determine the divisional champion. The remaining eight (8) regular season games will come from four (4) cross-over games with schools in the other division, and four (4) games with schools of their choosing from within or outside the Conference.

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Cross-Country/Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field:

These three (3) sports are permitted ten (10) regular season meets. The Divisional Champions will be the schools with the best record against the other schools in their division. A single Championship meet involving all Conference Schools will take place at the end of the regular season to determine the Conference Champion.

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Field Hockey/Soccer/Lacrosse:

These three (3) sports are permitted twelve (12) regular season games. Six games will be played in their division to determine the divisional champion. The remaining six (6) regular season games will come from four (4) cross-over games with schools in the other division, and two (2) games with schools of their choosing from within or outside the Conference.

A Conference Championship game will be played at the end of the regular season. The team with the best divisional record will host the Championship game unless an alternative neutral site is requested by the host school, and the site has been approved by the Superintendent's designees. A Championship trophy will be awarded immediately following the game.

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Golf:

This sport is permitted twelve (12) regular season matches, which can involve multiple teams. The Divisional Champions will be the schools with the best record against the other schools in their division. A single Championship meet involving all Conference Schools will take place at the end of the regular season to determine the Conference Champion.

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### Swimming:

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### Tennis:

This sport is permitted eighteen (18) regular season matches. Six (6) matches will be played in the Division, with seven (7) cross-overs. Schools will have the option of five additional matches with schools from within or outside the Conference. The result of designated divisional contests against the other six teams in the division will determine the divisional champion.

A Conference Championship meet will be held at the end of the regular season. A Championship trophy will be awarded immediately following the meet.

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### Volleyball:

This sport is permitted fourteen (14) regular season games with an optional tournament or fifteen (15) games without a tournament. 6 games will be played in their division to determine the divisional champion. The remaining regular season games will come from seven (7) cross-over games with a schools in the other division, and one/two (1/2) games with schools of their choosing from within or outside the Conference. The total number of games played will be dependent on whether the team participates in an optional tournament or not.

A Conference Championship game will be played at the end of the regular season. The team with the best divisional record will host the Championship game unless an alternative neutral site is requested by the host school, and the site has been approved by the Superintendent's designees. A Championship trophy will be awarded immediately following the game.

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### Wrestling:

This sport is permitted fourteen (14) regular season contests including dual meets and a maximum of three tournaments and three tri-meets.

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### Football:

Divisional play in football differs from other sports primarily due to the point system used to determine who advances to play-offs. Divisional groupings are therefore based on size of school (MPSSAA Classifications) rather than geographical location. The Chesapeake Division is made up of the smaller schools, and the Potomac Division, the larger schools.

This sport is permitted ten (10) regular season games. Six (6) games will be played in their division to determine the divisional champion. The remaining four (4) regular season games will come from cross-over games with schools in the other division.

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