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“Items of Interest”

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GHSA Staff Has Many Balls In The Air At This Time

Professional jugglers amaze me. They are able to manipulate a large number of different shaped items without dropping any of them. That is a physical ability that I never mastered, but that is an endeavor that all educational administrators are forced to do. At this time, the GHSA staff is doing lots of juggling of issues.

The division of Class A championships between public schools and private schools is taking a lot of work. Class A schools have been surveyed about what sports they will compete in for the next two years. After that data is collected, the process for qualifying for the playoffs will be determined on a sport-by-sport basis, since varying numbers of schools participate in different sports. It is important to note that Area sports where classifications are often blended will not have a public school – private school division.

The expansion to six classifications also requires additional work. The structure of the playoffs in sports that end at a central venue may have to be changed in some of those sports. With the division of Class A schools into two championships, the GHSA will be managing seven championships in many sports. The structure of these events will be revealed at the March meeting of the Executive Committee.

There are several risk management issues that have the attention of the GHSA. The first involves proposed legislation for the management of concussions. This is an important issue, and the protocols from the National Federation of State High School Associations that are being used by the GHSA are very consistent with the proposed legislation. This will continue to be a major focus for the GHSA regardless of what comes out of the Georgia Legislature.

The second sports medicine issue for the GHSA involves exertional heat illness. The three-year study conducted by a research team headed by Mike Ferrara and Bud Cooper at the University of Georgia about heat and preseason football practices has been completed, and the research findings have been shared with the GHSA. There will be several important changes in GHSA regulations proposed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

In the midst of all this, the GHSA is putting the finishing touches on the Winter Championship that will be occurring over the next month or so. Sometimes the “outside” issues take attention away from the work we are commissioned to do – provide quality participation experiences for the students in our member schools.

– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director



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STATE CHAMPIONS**FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Football:

AAAAA	Grayson High School
AAAA	Tucker High School
AAA	Burke County High School
AA	Calhoun High School
A	Savannah Christian School

TEAM DUAL WRESTLING

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Team Dual Wrestling:

AAAAA	- Camden County High School
AAAA	- Pope High School
AAA	- Gilmer High School
AA	- Jefferson High School
A	- Holy Innocents' School

Winning a State Championship is an outstanding achievement for the GHSA member schools, their athletes and coaches, and a distinction that should create a great deal of pride in the school community.

Home 'Pink' is OK for April 9-14

In observance of cancer awareness week, the GHSA will allow schools to wear "pink" uniforms at their HOME events during the week of April 9-14. This ruling holds true for ALL spring sports being played during this time period.

If a school does NOT have a home contest that week, it may request to wear pink at a home contest either the week prior to or the week following April 9-14. Schools should contact their GHSA sports coordinator with this request.

The home team **must** inform the visiting team that pink uniforms will be worn, and the visiting teams must wear their normal "dark" uniforms at these events.

GHSA Welcomes Bauerfeind

The GHSA welcomes Bauerfeind (bauerfeindusa.com) as a new licensee. Bauerfeind, located in Atlanta, produces product solutions in orthopedic bracing, compression therapy, and foot orthopedics that can make an important contribution to the maintenance and recovery of health - for better athletic performance.

Through their close working relationships with physicians, medical retailers and patients, Bauerfeind is able to be an innovative and reliable partner. With a strong international presence in professional as well as collegiate sports, Bauerfeind is now aiming at bringing solutions and expertise to US High Schools through a closer cooperation with coaches and trainers.

Your representative is: Vicky Smith at 404-660-9157 or vsmith@bauerfeindusa.com.



GHSA Reminders:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the March State Executive Committee meeting must submit the item to the GHSA office by February 17, 2012. The State Executive Committee meeting will be held March 19, 2012 at the Marriott, Macon City Center, in Macon.

NEWLY ELECTED REGION OFFICERS: All region representatives are reminded that they must report the Region Officers for the 2012-13 regions to the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2012. The interactive form for reporting these region officers may be found on the GHSA web site.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2012 varsity Football Schedules are due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2012. If your school has hired a new coach for the 2012 season, please make sure he is made aware of this deadline.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded that April 1, 2012 is the deadline to notify the GHSA of entry in Open Meet State Events such as Volleyball, Lacrosse, Class A Soccer, Wrestling, Riflery and Gymnastics for the school year 2012-2013.

SPRING CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS: Cheerleading practice/tryouts are limited to a maximum of 10 consecutive days per school between February 1 and the last day students are in school. Once tryouts are complete, no further practices may be held until school is out.

DEAD WEEK: Coaches and administrators are reminded that the mandatory "Dead Week" for this year is Sunday, July 1, 2012 through Saturday, July 7, 2012.

GHSA Seeks Host Sites

Each year, there are many schools that contribute to the success of the GHSA programs by hosting a region/area or state event as a service to all member schools. The GHSA office soon will be determining sites for events for the 2012-13 year.

Sites are needed for the following events:

- Region Cheerleading
- Area Wrestling (Traditional and/or Team Duals)
- Sectional Wrestling (Traditional)
- Sectional Track
- State Golf

If your school would like to host one of the above events, please notify the GHSA office.

Attention Basketball Coaches

BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT: All teams advancing to the State Tournament should go to the GHSA website for important information concerning the tournament. Look for the headline that reads "State Tournament Team Information Packet." This information will be available on Monday, February 13.

GHSA On The Air!

The state championships for swimming and traditional wrestling will air live on GHSA.tv this month.

The GHSA Swimming & Diving State Championship presented by Verizon will be streamed live from the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center on Saturday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m., (A-AAAA Finals) and 6:00 p.m., (AAAAA finals).

A week later, the GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championship presented by the Georgia Army National Guard on Saturday, February 18 at 4:00 pm will stream live all 14 weight class finals on each of the five classification mats.

Both events will be available for on-demand viewing and DVD orders at GHSA.tv.



GHSA Wrestling Finals to Air On WSB & GHSA Network

The GHSA Network will provide coverage on WSB-TV of the GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championship presented by Team Georgia and the Georgia Army National Guard on Saturday, February 18 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. The finals will be produced in high-definition (HD) and air on WBS-TV.

In addition, the finals will also be streamed live at www.wsbtv.com and www.GHSA.tv, and archived on www.GHSA.tv for on demand viewing.

WSB-TV's 2.2 digital channel, Me-TV will continue the live wrestling action from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Me-TV can be found on the following cable systems (please check your local listings):

- Comcast 248 serving Metro Atlanta, Calhoun, Rome
- Charter 126 serving Metro Atlanta, Athens
- Windstream 871 serving Dahlonega, Hiwassee, Cornelia, Commerce
- ETC 190- serving Ellijay, Cherokee, Pickens, Gilmer & Fannin counties
- Plantation 601- serving Green and Putnam Counties
- Knology 168- serving West Point



The GHSA Network is a partnership between PlayOn! Sports and the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) featuring rights and brand management, video production of state championship events, multi-platform distribution, and coordinated sponsorship sales of high school sports in Georgia.

Football State Champions - 2011



Class AAAAA
Grayson
Rams



Class AAAA
Tucker
Tigers



Class AAA
Burke County
Bears



Class AA
Calhoun
Yellow Jackets

Football State Champions - 2011



Class A
Savannah Christian
Raiders

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship football teams were provided by **Georgia Photographics** and **Athletic Image**. More images may be found and purchased at **GHSAPhotos.com**. Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Dual Wrestling teams were provided by **Richard Schrader**.

Team Dual Wrestling State Champions - 2012

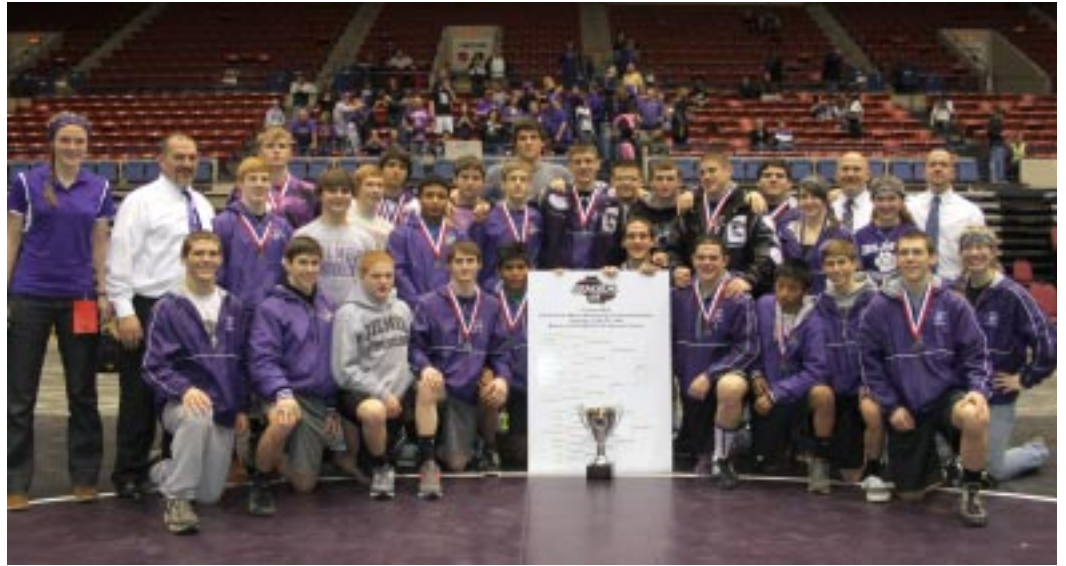
Class AAAAA
Camden County
Wildcats



Class AAAA
Pope
Greyhounds

Team Dual Wrestling State Champions - 2012

Class AAA
Gilmer
Bobcats



Class AA
Jefferson
Dragons

Class A
Holy Innocents'
Golden Bears



State Swimming and Diving Meets

The 2012 **State Swimming and Diving Championships** will be held on February 10 and 11 at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center in Atlanta.

Admission is \$10 per day.

Free admission will be allowed for the following: 1. Swimmers and divers qualified and entered in the State Meet; 2. Coaches that are listed on the Swimming and Diving Coaches list; 3. Four girls and four boys designated as substitutes by the coach on the team list; 4. Two team attendants or trainers as listed on the team roster; 5. Those normally allowed free admission, such as GHSA passes, will continue to be admitted by signing the pass list.

Schedule of Events:

Friday:

Feb. 10 9:00 am Diving Finals for AAAAA (warmup at 7 am)
 Feb. 10 9:00 am Swim Prelims for A-AAAA (warmup at 7 am)
 Feb. 10 6:30 pm Swim Prelims for AAAAA (warmup at 5 pm)

Saturday:

Feb. 11 9:00 am Diving Finals for A-AAAA (warmup at 7 am)
 Feb. 11 1:00 pm Swim Finals for A-AAAA (warmup at 11 am)
 Feb. 11 6:00 pm Swim Finals for AAAAA (warmup at 4:30 pm)

Order of Swim Events: (boys events precede girls events)

- 200-yard Medley Relay
- 200-yard Freestyle
- 200-yard Individual Medley
- 50-yard Freestyle
- 100-yard Butterfly
- 100-yard Freestyle
- 500-yard Freestyle
- 200-yard Freestyle Relay
- 100-yard Backstroke
- 100-yard Breaststroke
- 400-yard Freestyle Relay

Qualifying Standards - Swimming

BOYS	EVENTS	GIRLS
1:52.00	200-yard Medley Relay	2:08.00
1:56.00	200-yard Freestyle	2:08.00
2:12.00	200-yard Individual Medley	2:24.00
:23.50	50-yard Freestyle	:26.50
:58.00	100-yard Butterfly	1:05.00
:52.00	100-yard Freestyle	:58.50
5:20.00	500-yard Freestyle	5:40.00
1:41.50	200-yard Freestyle Relay	1:54.00
1:00.00	100-yard Backstroke	1:06.00
1:08.50	100-yard Breaststroke	1:16.00
3:46.00	400-yard Freestyle Relay	4:14.00

Qualifying Standards - Diving

A diver may become eligible for the State Meet using a 6-dive sheet or an 11-dive sheet.

1) 6-DIVE: The degree of difficulty of dives 2-6 when totaled shall be equal to or more than 10.4 for both boys and girls. The score to be achieved must be 200 points or more.

2) 11-DIVE: The minimum degree of difficulty for optional dives shall be 11.5 for girls and 12.0 for boys. The score to be achieved for both boys and girls is 270 points or more.

Sectional, State Wrestling Tournaments

Sectional Traditional Wrestling Tournaments will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 10-11, 2012.

The State Finals for all five classifications will be held on Thursday through Saturday, February 16-18, 2012 at the Arena at Gwinnett Center. Admission prices for the State Finals are \$7 on Thursday and \$10 on Friday and Saturday (all day), or a total tournament ticket will be sold for \$24.

Sectional Tournaments will be held at the following sites:

AAAAA: West (Regions 3, 4, 5, 6) East (Regions 1, 2, 7, 8)	Marietta Tift County
AAAA: West (Regions 1, 4, 5, 7) East (Regions 2, 3, 6, 8)	Northside-Col. Loganville
AAA: West (Regions 1, 5, 6, 7) East (Regions 2, 3, 4, 8)	Riverwood West Laurens
AA: West (Regions 1, 5, 6, 7) East (Regions 2, 3, 4, 8)	Blessed Trinity Dublin
A: West (Areas 3, 4) East (Areas 1, 2)	Bremen Telfair County

The Schedule for the **Sectional Tournaments** is as follows:

Date/Time	Event/Class
Friday, Feb. 10 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	2A, 3A, 4A & 5A Weigh-Ins Round of 16 Quarterfinals and 1st Round WBs
Saturday, Feb. 11 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. 9:00 - 12:30 p.m. 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 - 5:45 p.m. 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	2A, 3A, 4A & 5A 2nd Round WBs Semis & Con. Quarters Con. Semis & Semis for 9th 9th place matches All Final Matches Class A Weigh-Ins Quarterfinals Semis & Con. Quarters Consolation Semis 6th place Consolation All Final Matches

The Schedule for the **State Finals Tournament** at the Arena at Gwinnett Center is as follows:

Date/Time	Event	Class
Thursday, Feb. 16 noon - 3:00 p.m. 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Weigh-Ins Round of 16	2A, 3A, 4A & 5A 2A, 3A, 4A & 5A
Friday, Feb. 17 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. 2:15 - 4:45 p.m. 4:45 - 6:30 p.m. 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	1st Round WBs Weigh-Ins Quarters 2nd Round WBs Con. Quarters Semifinals	2A, 3A, 4A & 5A 1A All Classes 2A, 3A, 4A & 5A All Classes All Classes
Saturday, Feb. 18 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Con. Semifinals Con. Finals FINALS	All Classes All Classes All Classes

GHSA - February Calendar - 2012

February

- 1 Deadline for notification of entry in Literary
- 3, 4 Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 6 Earliest contest date for Tennis and Gymnastics
- 7 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 10, 11 State Swimming & Diving Meets
- 10, 11 Traditional Wrestling Sectional Tournaments
- 13 Earliest contest date for Soccer and Track
- 16-18 Traditional Wrestling State Tournaments
- 18 Complete Region Basketball
- 20 File reports of Region Basketball winners by noon
- 20 Earliest contest date for Baseball and Lacrosse
- 21 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 24, 25 First Round State Basketball Tournaments
- 28, 29 Second Round State Basketball Tournaments

March

- 1 Football Schedules due into GHSA Office
- 2, 3 Quarterfinal Round State Basketball Tournaments

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