



GHSA

"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

September 2016

Many Exciting Changes on Tap for GHSA This School Year

The start of each school year brings much excitement and anticipation for all elements of our various educational communities. Students entering high school for the first time have a different set of anticipations and sometimes anxieties than do the veteran high school students – those juniors and seniors. Sports fans at every level (high school, college, professional) exhibit renewed enthusiasm for the fall sports that we do not see at other times of the year. The GHSA offers a large variety of sports competitions in the spring of each year, but the surge of energy, anticipation and excitement is not matched with what we see within the fall sports. It's the renewal of the education cycle throughout our state and the hope of new athletic achievements that makes the fall portion of the school year so special.

Those of us in the GHSA sense the excitement and have that sense of renewal. The 2016-17 school year will bring change and the renewal of a number of on-going competitions and activities. Some items for your interests will include:

- The formation of a new Executive Committee; a larger body of decision makers. The committee welcomed 24 new members to our August meeting.
- For the "power rated sports" (football, softball, basketball, baseball) GHSA fans will see 8 championships from the 7 new classifications. Several other sports such as tennis, cross country, golf and track also will have 8 championships.
- The State Softball Finals will return to Columbus and the format will remain an 8-team competition in each division. Some consideration was given to a "Final Four" tournament in Columbus, but many in the GHSA preferred continuing the tournament with 8 teams making the trip.
- As announced earlier, the State Cross Country Meet will expand to two days this fall. All championships will be held at Carrollton High School. As in many sports, be sure to check the GHSA calendar for exact dates, locations and schedules of competitions.
- For the first time, portions of the GHSA State Basketball Championships will be held at the University of Georgia. Other classification championships will be held at Georgia Tech for the first time since 2003. An exact schedule for these finals will be announced in late February.
- The State Baseball Finals will move to two neutral sites for all divisions. For 2017, the games will be contested in Rome or Savannah. These sites have ample seating, parking, concessions and restrooms. Fan interests in our baseball finals continue to grow rapidly across the state. Most high school baseball facilities are not equipped to handle the crowds we have seen recently. The use of these larger venues should bring all fans a quality experience.
- Also in the spring of 2017, we will see the return of Slow Pitch Softball. Currently, about 40 schools have indicated they will field teams. A championship tournament is being planned. Check the GHSA web site for the dates and location of the slow pitch finals.
- The GHSA continues in its discussions with the Atlanta Falcons and holding the football championships in the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Our initial tour revealed a state of the art facility with many fan friendly features. We are very excited about the championships in this tremendously wonderful facility in December, 2017. What a great show the games will be!!

Our membership continues to grow. We now have 458 member school and over 200,000 participating athletes in more than 20 sports and activities championships. We look forward to an exciting and successful 2016-17.



– Gary Phillips, Executive Director

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GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship jewelry (jostens.com); **Musco Sports Lighting**, leader in developing sports-lighting solutions (musco.com); **FieldTurf**, official artificial turf (fieldturf.com); **Hudl**, official video exchange service (hudl.com); **Formetco Sports**, Official scoreboard / LED video screen system (formetco.com/sports); **Sports Imports**, official volleyball net systems (sportsimports.com); and **TeamIP**, official merchandiser and online store (teamip.com).

Baseball Finals at Neutral Sites

The GHSA Baseball State Championships, presented by Mizuno, will be played at neutral sites for the first time next spring. Rome's State Mutual Stadium and Grayson Stadium in Savannah will be the sites for the eight state championship series on May 25-27, 2017.

At each site, two classifications will play a doubleheader on Thursday, May 25 and two more on Friday, May 26. All "if" games necessary in the best-of-three format will be played on Saturday, May 27 and the time schedule for that day will be determined once the number of games to be played is known.

The assignment of the classifications to each site and respective dates for the doubleheaders will be done at a later time by the GHSA office.

The format for each site is as follows:

Thursday, May 25, 2017

In Rome

Class TBD

Game 1 – 11:00 am

Game 2 – 2:00 pm

Class TBD

Game 1 – 5:00 pm

Game 2 – 8:00 pm

In Savannah

Class TBD

Game 1 – 11:00 am

Game 2 – 2:00 pm

Class TBD

Game 1 – 5:00 pm

Game 2 – 8:00 pm

Friday, May 26, 2017

In Rome

Class TBD

Game 1 – 11:00 am

Game 2 – 2:00 pm

Class TBD

Game 1 – 5:00 pm

Game 2 – 8:00 pm

In Savannah

Class TBD

Game 1 – 11:00 am

Game 2 – 2:00 pm

Class TBD

Game 1 – 5:00 pm

Game 2 – 8:00 pm.

**REMINDER: GHSA Membership Dues
 Must Be Paid On Or Before October 15th!**

NFHS Network Lowers Subscription Rate

The NFHS Network is excited to announce a new price model for fans. Subscribing to the Network will now be at the low price of \$9.95 per month.

Eliminating the day pass helps to simplify subscription options and give fans a better value by giving them a month's worth of content for the same low \$9.95 pass price.

To subscribe to the NFHS Network, go to this link:
<http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/subscribe/retail>.

We are looking forward to a great fourth year of the Network, and with your help we will make it the best yet!
 NFHS Network - High School Happens Here!



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September is GHSA's Cancer Awareness Month

The Georgia High School Association is designating the month of September as it's official fall sports "Cancer Awareness Month" to advance the awareness of and help fight several types of this dreaded disease.

In observance of Breast Cancer awareness, the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "Pink" uniforms and/or pink socks, wristbands, etc., at their HOME events during the week of September 5-10 for all fall sports (football, cheerleading, cross country, softball and volleyball).

There will be additional weeks designated as "Pink Weeks" for winter

and spring sports.

September 12-17 will be the second annual GHSA "Gold Week" to help raise the awareness of Childhood Cancer. The GHSA is proud to partner with **Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research** to encourage Georgia high schools to "Go Gold" during this week. Again, this is for all fall sports.

Football teams can wear gold jerseys, socks and wristbands at home games, while cross country, volleyball and softball teams can wear matching gold headbands and wristbands at home events. To learn about even more ways to get involved, visit RallyFoundation.org.

And, finally, September 19-24 will be the third annual "Blue Week" in the sport of Football only to help fight Prostate Cancer. Special blue decals and blue wristbands can be worn this week, and the officials will have blue penalty flags to throw. Also the host school can stencil blue ribbons on the playing field for this special contest.

If a school does NOT have a home contest during one of the designated cancer awareness weeks, that school may request to wear or display the special cancer-awareness colors at a home contest during another week in September. Schools should contact the appropriate GHSA sports coordinator with this request.



Top Broadcast Programs Recognized

Each year the NFHS Network recognizes schools in the School Broadcast Program that have done an outstanding job throughout the past school year.

Elite and Select schools demonstrate professional, excellent broadcasting skills while covering sports and events at their schools.

The full list of Select and Elite schools can be found on the GHSA web site.

These Elite and Select schools distinguished themselves as leaders among the 1,500+ schools involved in the School Broadcast Program, and the NFHS Network applauds them for their continued dedication and contributions to the Network.

Congratulations to the following schools within the GHSA that have achieved Elite and Select status:

Elite

Bacon County
Blessed Trinity
Marietta HS
Marist
Pierce County
Rockdale County
St. Pius
Westminster

Select

Charlton County
Dade County
Holy Innocents'
Landmark Christian
Milton HS
Northview HS
Tucker HS
Woodward

First Class A Power Ratings on Sept. 6

The first power ratings for Class A football and softball by MaxPreps will be posted on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016.

Every GHSA member school **must** submit all game results, regardless of classification, to MaxPreps in order to manage the Class A football and softball power ratings and to verify Region Standings across all classifications.

* MaxPreps offers coaches a stat management and communication platform that enables them to efficiently submit their schedules, scores, rosters and statistics.

* MaxPreps is a 100% free service and is the official source of power ratings, region standings and stats for the GHSA.

* Submit your score in seconds with the MP Coach app, which allows coaches to manage rosters, schedules, update game results and send messages to their athletes. The app can be downloaded for FREE from the [Android app store](#) or [iTunes app store](#).

For assistance, you may contact MaxPreps' Georgia state representative, **Kylie McLarty** at kylie.mclarty@cbsi.com with any questions.



GHSA Honors 2016 Cooperative Spirit Award Winning Schools

Georgia's Electric Membership Cooperatives (Georgia's EMCs) proudly sponsor the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award and is proud to announce the 48 GHSA-member high schools that will receive the 2016 award. The award honors schools that shown exemplary sportsmanship during the 2015-2016 school year.

"The Georgia High School Association congratulates each of these region winners of the GEMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award for 2016," says Gary Phillips, GHSA Executive Director.

"These member schools have been selected by their region's leadership for their efforts in the ongoing promotion of good sportsmanship in all GHSA activities and competitions. Good sporting behavior is critical to the development of all young people. It is a cornerstone for productive adult citizens and fans. We thank Georgia's EMCs for their long time support of this program."

Since 2006, the GHSA and Georgia's EMCs have sponsored the Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award, which reinforces the GHSA philosophy: "Students, athletes, coaches, spectators and all others associated with high school activities programs should adhere to the fundamental values of respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility."

Schools around the state are honored for exhibiting exceptional sportsmanship during competitive events.

Student athletes, fellow students, school staff, parents and event spectators are recognized for the sportsmanship they display.

The award is not only a school honor, but a community honor as well. The GHSA region secretaries select winners based upon the sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the school year.

The Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Awards are presented annually to the GHSA-member high schools in



the 48 regions from the six classifications by representatives from the EMCs during fall athletic events and school assemblies.

Winners of the 2016 Georgia EMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award are listed below:

2016 Award Winning Schools

Class AAAAAA

- 1-AAAAAA - Lee County High School
- 2-AAAAAA - Tucker High School
- 3-AAAAAA - East Coweta High School
- 4-AAAAAA - McEachern High School
- 5-AAAAAA - Etowah High School
- 6-AAAAAA - Habersham Central HS
- 7-AAAAAA - Meadowcreek HS
- 8-AAAAAA - Dacula High School

Class AAAAA

- 1-AAAAA - Carver-Columbus HS
- 2-AAAAA - Warner Robins HS
- 3-AAAAA - Bradwell Institute
- 4-AAAAA - Forest Park High School
- 5-AAAAA - Allatoona High School
- 6-AAAAA - Creekside High School
- 7-AAAAA - River Ridge High School
- 8-AAAAA - Flowery Branch HS

Class AAAA

- 1-AAAA - Thomas County Central
- 2-AAAA - Howard High School
- 3-AAAA - Wayne County HS
- 4-AAAA - Hampton High School
- 5-AAAA - Troup High School
- 6-AAAA - St. Pius
- 7-AAAA - LaFayette High School
- 8-AAAA - Chestatee High School

Class AAA

- 1-AAA - Jenkins High School
- 2-AAA - Jordan High School
- 3-AAA - Washington County HS
- 4-AAA - Westminster
- 5-AAA - Haralson County HS
- 6-AAA - Ringgold High School
- 7-AAA - Lumpkin County HS
- 8-AAA - Morgan County HS

Class AA

- 1-AA - Berrien High School
- 2-AA - Bryan County HS
- 3-AA - Screven County HS
- 4-AA - Putnam County HS
- 5-AA - Heard County HSI
- 6-AA - Holy Innocents'
- 7-AA - Chattooga High School
- 8-AA - Washington-Wilkes HS

Class A

- 1-A - Pataula Charter
- 2-A - Echols County HS
- 3-A - Jenkins County HS
- 4-A - St. Anne-Pacelli
- 5-A - Strong Rock Christian
- 6-A - Walker School
- 7-A - First Presbyterian Day
- 8-A - Towns County HS

GHSA State Executive Committee Meeting

August 15, 2016

MINUTES

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on August 15, 2016, at the Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia, by Glenn White, President. Following is a **condensed** version of the minutes of that meeting. A complete version may be found on the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(NOTE: Proposals passed go into effect for the 2016-17 school year unless specified to be "EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY")

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. Proposal to change By-Law 1.47 on page 16 as follows (changes in italic):
 - (a) Girls may participate on boys' teams when there is no girls' team offered in that sport or activity by the school. Boys may not participate on girls' teams even when there is no corresponding boys' sport or activity. Cheerleading is a coed sport.
 - (b) *The GHSA will honor a gender determination made by a member school. The GHSA will not make gender identity determinations nor entertain appeals of the member school's determination.*
 - (c) *The GHSA will attempt to accommodate requests for private restroom or locker/dressing room facilities for students requesting the same at GHSA playoff events or contests provided notice of the request is made as soon as possible to the GHSA office. No student shall be required to utilize the private facilities.*

MOTION PASSED (unanimously) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

2. Proposal to reword By-Law 2.62-b on page 36 as follows (changes in italic):
 - (b) In situations not covered by section (a), member schools shall compete, practice or scrimmage only against other member schools or against schools who are *full members, with no restrictions, of the State Association* in their respective states. ...

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

3. Proposal to accept the following stadium seating requirements to host playoff games:
 - (a) Football Semifinals: 7A & 6A - 6,000; 5A & 4A - 4,000; 3A - 3,000; 2A - 2,500; A - 2,000 seats.
 - (b) Basketball: 7A, 6A & 5A - 1,200; 4A - 1,000; 3A & 2A - 700; A - 500 seats.
 - (c) Soccer: 7A, 6A & 5A - 2,000; 4A - 1,500; 3A - 1,000; 2A & A - 750 seats.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

4. Proposal to accept the following expense and revenue shares by classification for the State Championship Football Games: 7A - 17.5%; 6A - 15%; 5A - 15%; 4A - 13%; 3A - 12%; 2A - 11.5%; A - 16% (8% public and 8% private).

MOTION PASSED (unanimously) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

5. Proposal to Add new item (g) to By-Law 2.52 on Page 35 to read as follows: No person who has coached a non-GHSA team in a sport or activity within the previous twelve (12) months may be hired or utilized by a GHSA member school in that same sport or activity IF any of that GHSA school's players participated on the non-GHSA team that person coached.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

6. Proposal to add a new item "4" under 3-a on page 74 under State Football Playoff Financial Procedures that reads: The Host School shall receive a fee of 7% of the gross gate receipts.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

7. Proposal to amend By-Law 2.51 and 2.53 on Pages 34-35 to read as follows (changes in italic, as modified by the Board of Trustees):

2.51 - An athletic *head* coach must be a professional teacher, *or hold a 4-year degree while also employed in a teaching or administrative position*, meet the teaching requirements and be employed by only one board of education or similar governing authority within the GHSA membership, regardless of whether or not they are paid for their coaching. . . .

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2.53 - GHSA member schools must register all coaches in all GHSA governed activities according to the following: (a) An initial directory listing of administrators and coaches must be completed and filed with the State Office by August 1 of each year. Only professional certificated personnel *or individuals holding a 4-year degree who are employed in a teaching or administrative position* are to be included on the initial directory listings.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

8. Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3 by adding new Subparagraph "D" to read as follows:
- (1) The **Board of Trustees** shall be authorized and empowered in exigent circumstances, as determined by the President, to exercise the powers of the Executive Committee including, but not limited to, the power to amend the by-laws of the association, and to otherwise make decisions relating to the association and its member schools as otherwise allowed to be made by the Executive Committee under the constitution and by-laws of the association.
 - (2) A majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum thereof for the purposes of this Subsection D and action shall be authorized and taken by a majority of the votes cast.
 - (3) The meeting of the Board of Trustees under this section shall be noticed by the Executive Director or President by any reasonable means and any meeting of the Board of Trustees may be held electronically. In addition, such vote may be taken by telephone polling of the Board of Trustees by the Executive Director if appropriate in the discretion of the President.
 - (4) Any action taken by the Board of Trustees under this Subsection D shall be subject to affirmation, rejection or modification at the next meeting of the GHSA Executive Committee or thereafter. **NOTE:** This is a **Constitutional Amendment** and will require two votes.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Don Corr

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

1. Proposal to adopt a pitch count policy as follows:
 1. **Maximum Pitches in One Game:** Varsity 110; sub-varsity 90.
 2. **Required Rest Periods:**

Varsity		Sub-Varsity	
1-35 Pitches	0 Days	1-24 Pitches	0 Days
36-60 Pitches	1 Day	25-44 Pitches	1 Day
61-85 Pitches	2 Days	45-64 Pitches	2 Days
86-110 Pitches	3 Days	65-90 Pitches	3 Days

Note: A pitcher appearing in consecutive games may not throw more than 60 pitches (45 for sub-varsity) cumulative over a two-day period. Once his total reaches 60 pitches (45 for sub-varsity) on the second consecutive day of pitching, he will be required to rest for a day before appearing again.

3. A pitcher at any level (varsity or sub-varsity) shall be allowed to finish the batter when the pitch count limit is reached during an at bat, but must be replaced immediately when that at-bat ends.
4. A "Day of Rest" is defined as a calendar day. Example: a varsity level pitcher who reaches the 110-pitch limit on a Tuesday would not be allowed to pitch again until the following Saturday.
5. It will be the responsibility of each official scorer (home and visitor) to keep a pitch count record. At the end of each half inning, the two scorers shall meet and compare pitch totals. The only instance where the HP umpire will get involved is if the two scorers cannot agree on a pitch total.
6. A standard GHSA "Pitch Count Form" will be available for download on the GHSA web site. It will be the responsibility of each school to keep a copy of the completed form for each game played and have those forms available for review at the request of the GHSA office.
7. During the State Tournament (best-of-three format) no pitcher shall be allowed to throw more than 120 pitches over an entire three-game series (unless the series is extended because of weather). In addition, any pitcher who reaches 40 pitches or more in a single State Tournament game is restricted to the same days of rest as designated during the regular season.
8. If a school is found to have violated any of the provisions of this policy, the offending school shall be fined \$250.00 and the head coach assessed a two-game suspension. Any subsequent violation during the same season will result in penalties being doubled and the head coach being required to meet with the Executive Director prior to being reinstated to coach.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

Report presented by Steven Craft

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

1. Proposal concerning cheer apparel as follows:
 - a) Male uniform for competition cheerleading will be uniform pants and a top which counterparts those worn by the female teammates. Sideline male cheerleaders may include shorts in place of the pants. Tank tops will not be permitted.

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- b) Female cheerleaders (sideline & competition) must wear a uniform that fully covers the athlete's entire torso. A skirt or dress should cover the briefs, bloomers or any spandex material.
- c) All athletes must wear the same uniform when performing at a game or competition. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

GOLF COMMITTEE

Report presented by Wade Marchman

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. Proposal to make golf an Area sport in all classifications. This will be accomplished by combining two (2) Regions to form four (4) Areas in every classification. An Area Tournament will be scheduled at the end of the regular season with qualifying teams advancing directly to the State Tournaments. *Added by committee*: The Executive Director shall have the authority to add teams to the State Tournament to field a maximum of 20 teams. This will be done by order of finish in the Area Tournament when qualifying scores are achieved. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. Proposal to change cheerleading officials' fees to \$10.00 per official per team up to 12 teams and \$8.00 per official per team for over 12 teams for all GHSA sanctioned cheerleading events, and \$60 per region, \$185 per Sectional, and \$160 per session at State. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

2. Proposal to add new pay scale to volleyball officials' fees when teams play a best-of-five match: single match varsity \$65; single match sub-varsity \$60; multiple match varsity \$55; multiple match sub-varsity \$50.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

3. Proposal to implement a pay increase for ALL game officials (other than cheerleading and volleyball) by \$.66 per hour. After this, there will be no further increases for three years.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. Proposal to reword By-Law 4.21-c on Page 50 as follows (changes in italic):
 - (c) The Reclassification Student Count will be based on **projected** enrollment numbers for all schools affected by the opening of a new school, the consolidation of existing schools *or the redistribution of students within a school system* that must be submitted by the system Superintendent no later than September 15 of the second year of the current reclassification cycle.
 - (1) Projections must be filed for the next two school years and those numbers will be averaged to get the number by which the schools will be classified.
 - (2) In the event that a school's actual enrollment in the first semester of the new reclassification cycle exceeds the projection average by 10% or more, or an existing school exceeds the projection by 5% or more *AND the additional students would have resulted in the school being in a higher classification*, the school shall not be eligible for post-season play in any sport for the entirety of that reclassification cycle.
 - (3) Schools may appeal the loss of post-season competition to the Reclassification Committee and then to the full Executive Committee.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

NOTE: The Reclassification Committee heard an appeal from the Clayton County School System to allow Morrow High School to avoid playing with "non-region" status in Class 5A despite exceeding their projected enrollment by more than the 10% figure specified in By-Law 4.21-c-2. The appeal was **approved**.

NEW BUSINESS

A **motion** was made by Jesse Crews, seconded by Earl Etheridge, to honor passes from the Georgia Independent School Association and the Georgia Independent Christian Athletic Association to GHSA regular-season events. GHSA passes will also be honored in turn to regular-season events of those two associations.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Motion by Mike Thompson, second by Earl Etheridge, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

GHSA - September / October Calendar - 2016

September

- 5 Labor Day, GHSA Office closed
- 6 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 19 Deadline for notification of entry in Cross Country
- 20 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting

October

- 1 Deadline to notify entry in One Act Play & to set Riflery schedules
- 3 Earliest date for Riflery match
- 7 Deadline date to file Riflery schedules with GHSA office
- 8 Complete Region Softball
- 8 Determine Area Volleyball winners
- 10 Report Region Softball & Area Volleyball winners by 9 a.m.
- 11 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 11 Deadline for posting rosters in Cross Country
- 12 First Round State Volleyball in 3A, 5A & 7A
- 12, 13 First Round State Softball
- 13 First Round State Volleyball in A, 4A & 6A
- 15 Deadline for payment of GHSA membership dues
- 17 Earliest date for swimming practice
- 18 First Round State Volleyball in 2A; Second Round in Class A & 3A-7A

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