



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

March 2012

True Purpose of High School Athletics

The GHSA and the National Federation of State High School Associations expend a great deal of effort promoting the values of high school athletics and the vital role that coaches have in that process. Those claims are sometimes challenged by people who point out incidents where an athlete and/or a coach have misbehaved – inside or out of the competitive arenas.

My response is that human behavior can be plotted on a “bell-shaped curve” and there will always be a few extremes, but the large mid-range is what proves the point. I believe those poor examples are “exceptions rather than the rule.”

National research continues to verify that students involved in all types of extra-curricular activities perform better in the classroom and have less major behavioral problems than those who do not participate. Our schools exist within the context of community and national cultures, and many of the problems found in high school sports are reflections of problems in the larger society.



“Education-based athletics” have a different core value system than any other level of athletics. They are an extension of the classroom and they should support the mission of the school. They add richness to the mosaic of a school’s culture by providing participation opportunities for any student who wants them – making this one of the most democratic experiences in our culture. In the process of deriving enjoyment from participation, these students learn life skills that help them develop into healthy adults and productive citizens.

Because school-based athletics are so important to the short-term and long-term development of our students, it is imperative that coaches and administrators at member schools and the staff of the GHSA take full responsibility for making athletic programs and events the very best they can be. We need to put thorough planning into our events and we need to continually monitor the events to be certain our plans are being implemented. This focus of attention to details is something we owe our students.

I find it ironic that school personnel sometimes ask the GHSA to bend a rule or a procedure because “it’s all about the kids.” Since it is all about the benefits students derive from their participation, let’s make sure we do it correctly at the school level and at the GHSA level!

– Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director

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STATE CHAMPIONS

WRESTLING - Traditional

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Collins Hill High School
AAAA	Pope High School
AAA	Heritage-Catoosa High School
AA	Jefferson High School
A	Bremen High School

SWIMMING and DIVING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

	Boys
AAAAA	Parkview High School
AAAA/AAA/AA/A	Wesleyan School
	Girls
AAAAA	Brookwood High School
AAAA/AAA/AA/A	Westminster School

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

GHSA Basketball on Web & TV

GPB Sports will again televise the Georgia High School Association Basketball State Championships live. GPB began its basketball broadcast tradition in 1998.

The Class AAAA and AAAAA girls and boys championship games, as well as the co-ed Wheelchair final, will air on Friday, March 9 from the Arena at Gwinnett Center, while the boys and girls title games in classes A, AA and AAA will be telecast on Saturday, March 10 from the Macon Coliseum.

The finals also will stream live on GPB.org/sports and GHSA.tv, and the semifinals games in all classifications will be Webcast live on GHSA.tv.

DVDs of finals and semifinals can be purchased at GHSA.tv. The full schedule will be posted on GHSA.net.



Traditional Wrestling State Champions - 2012



Class AAAAA Champion: Collins Hill



Class AAAA Champion: Pope



Class AAA Champion: Heritage-Catoosa



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



Class AA Champion: Jefferson

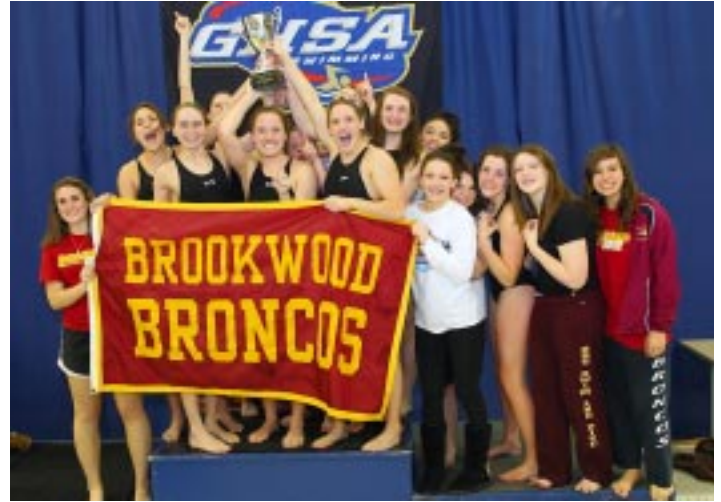


Class A Champion: Bremen

Swimming & Diving State Champions - 2012



Class AAAAA Boys Champion: Parkview



Class AAAAA Girls Champion: Brookwood



A-AAAA Boys Champion: Wesleyan



A-AAAA Girls Champion: Westminster

GHSA Reminders:

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 were due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2012 and are now past due. If your school hired a new coach for the 2012 season, please make sure he is made aware of

this deadline and please send in your schedule as soon as possible to avoid a fine.

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.

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA

MARRIOTT / Macon City Center - MACON, GEORGIA
March 19, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.

Call To Order..... Dr. Gary Holmes, President
 Invocation..... Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director
 Roll Call..... Joyce Kay, Associate Director

- APPOINTMENTS:**
- Monday - 9:00 am: Donald Nutt, Principal, Dacula High School
 Appeal of student eligibility - Mphatso Khuzwayo (eight-semester)
 - Monday - 9:15 am: Kendall Johnson, Principal, Berkmar High School
 Appeal of student eligibility - Abibat Adeyemi (eight-semester)
 - Monday - 9:30 am: Scott Neal, Athletic Director, Tallulah Falls School
 Appeal of student eligibility - Nicole Maltarp (eight-semester)
 - Monday - 9:45 am: Mike Green, Athletic Director, Cross Keys High School
 Appeal of student eligibility - Criztian Cruz (eight-semester)
 - Monday - 10:00 am: Beverly Vaughn, Executive Director and CEO
 American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP)
 - Monday - 10:15 am: Gordon Lee High School
 Appeal of Wrestling Decision

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Trustees

- (1) Region 2-A: Proposal to allow GHSA schools to compete with GISA schools during regular season
 - (2) Savannah Christian: Proposal to delay implementation of separate championships for Class A schools
- GHSA Office:
- (1) Set dues for 6th Classification
 - (2) Proposed Practice Policy for Heat and Humidity
 - (3) Add voluntary summer workouts to requirement for physical form
 - (4) Emergency Action Plan requirement
 - (5) Class A qualification process for Playoffs
 - (6) 2011-12 Financial Report and 2012-13 Budget

Baseball Committee

- GHSA Office:
- (1) Single Site Championship proposal
 - (2) Playoff format for 2012-14

Basketball Committee

- (1) Region 2-AAA: Proposal that third round of basketball tournament be played at higher seeded team
- (2) GHSA Office: Playoff format for 2012-14

Cheerleading Committee

Playoff format for 2012-14

Coaches Committee

GHSA Office:
 An official/officials assignor may not be head coach in the same sport

Eligibility Committee

- (1) Brad Dehem, Wesleyan Tennis Coach - request for study of eligibility of students in "half-day" school programs

(over)

AGENDA, Continued**Eligibility Committee, Cont.**

GHSA Office:

- (1) Proposed additional documentation required for foreign exchange students
- (2) Proposed change in duration of ineligibility in By-Law 1.81
- (3) Proposed additional wording to By-Law 2.34
- (4) Add to By-Law 1.72(a) "or an all-star team"
- (5) Review By-law 1.67c and new waiver policy for "No Child Left Behind."

Football Committee

- (1) Appointment: Jim Dorsey, AD, McEachern - request to discuss ruling of not allowing pads & helmets in summer camps

GHSA Office:

- (1) Proposed changes to football practice calendar
- (2) Review the procedure of GHSA furnishing crews for semifinal games
- (3) Playoff format for 2012-14

Golf Committee

Golf Coaches Assn Proposals:

- (1) State Tournaments become two-day, 36-hole events
- (2) Have sectional round between region and state
- (3) In girls golf, team score will consist of top 3 scores

GHSA Office:

Playoff format for 2012-14

Lacrosse Committee

GHSA Office:

Proposed change in sit-out rule (By-Law 2.71 (d3a))

Literary Committee

GHSA Office:

Championship format for 2012-14

Soccer Committee

GHSA Office:

- (1) Proposed format for centralized Championship play
- (2) Playoff format for 2012-14

Softball Committee

- (1) Region 8-AA: Proposal to allow spring tryouts
- (2) Proposal to control the number of games played

GHSA Office:

Playoff format for 2012-14

Sportsmanship Committee

GHSA Office:

Proposal that players ejected for fighting shall have sit-out penalty doubled

Swimming Committee

Appointment: Greg Puckett, President of Swim

Coaches Association:

Proposal concerning format for State Swimming with six classifications; change qualifying times; score top 20 instead of top 16

Tennis Committee

Playoff format for 2012-14

Track Committee

Playoff format for 2012-14

Volleyball Committee

Playoff format for 2012-14

Wrestling Committee

Playoff format for 2012-14

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Financial Report
2. Budget for 2012-13

OLDBUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Election of officers for 2012-13

ADJOURNMENT

Schedule for State Literary Meet

The state literary meet for all classifications will be held at two sites on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Classes AA and AAA will be held at Veterans High School, while Classes A, AAAA and AAAAA will be at Northside High School in Warner Robins. Admission is free to all events.

Classes AAA and AA Veterans High School

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AAA	9:30 am	Room 2403
AA	11:00 am	Room 2403

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AAA	9:30 am	Room 2405
AA	11:00 am	Room 2405

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAA	8:30 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AAA	9:30 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
AA	10:00 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AA	11:00 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAA	8:30 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AAA	9:30 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
AA	10:00 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AA	11:00 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AAA	9:00 am	Room 2416
AA	9:00 am	Room 2416

Girls Solo:

AAA	9:15 am	Choral Room 1602
AA	9:30 am	Theater

Boys Solo:

AAA	10:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AA	10:45 am	Theater

Girls Trio:

AAA	11:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AA	11:45 am	Theater

Boys Quartet:

AAA	1:30 pm	Choral Room 1602
AA	1:45 pm	Theater

Music warmup area is in the Band Room 1603.

Note: GHSA Headquarters, Scoring and Awards located in the Cafeteria at both sites.

Classes AAAAA, AAAA and A Northside High School, Warner Robins

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAA	9:30 am	Room 902
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 902
A	1:00 pm	Room 902

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAA	9:30 am	Room 906
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 906
A	1:00 pm	Room 906

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
AAAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
A	12:00 noon	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	1:00 pm	Room 703 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
AAAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
A	12:00 noon	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	1:00 pm	Room 708 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AAAA	9:00 am	Room 501
AAAAA	9:00 am	Room 503
A	9:00 am	Room 505

Girls Solo:

AAAA	9:00 am	Tabor Chorus Room 607
AAAAA	9:15 am	Tabor Cafe
A	9:30 am	Theatre

Boys Solo:

AAAA	10:15 am	Tabor Chorus Room 607
AAAAA	10:30 am	Tabor Cafe
A	10:45 am	Theatre

Girls Trio:

AAAA	11:15 am	Tabor Chorus Room 607
AAAAA	11:30 am	Tabor Cafe
A	11:45 am	Theatre

Boys Quartet:

AAAA	1:15 pm	Tabor Chorus Room 607
AAAAA	1:30 pm	Tabor Cafe
A	1:45 pm	Theatre

GHSA - March Calendar - 2012

March

- 1 Deadline to submit Football Schedules to GHSA office
- 2, 3 Quarterfinal Round State Basketball
- 6 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 7-9 Semifinals and Finals State Basketball (AAAA & AAAAA)
- 7-10 Semifinals and Finals State Basketball (A, AA & AAA)
- 10 Complete Region Literary
- 12 File reports of Region Literary winners with GHSA by noon
- 17 State Literary Meet
- 17 Complete Area Riflery
- 18, 19 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 26 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 27 File reports of Riflery Sectionals with State Coordinator and GHSA office
- 31 Complete Riflery Semifinals

April

- 1 Deadline to submit notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Volleyball & Wrestling for 2012-13

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