



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

November 2010

Don't Allow Healthy 'Rivalries' to Become Problems

In recent days, I have seen articles in the media describing high school events as being “healthy rivalries” or “fierce rivalries.” During our discussions about reclassification I have heard administrators talking about the need to have long-term “rivals” in the region to enhance gate receipts. And, regrettably, I handle problem issues that arise when people take their rivalries to an extreme. So I understand the value of rivalries when they are handled properly.

From the perspective of the GHSA, it is important that rivalries in every sport bring out the best in people and not the worst. Administrators and coaches have very important responsibilities in setting the tone on campus about the need for good sporting behavior at all contests, but especially in contests with rivals. The positive messages from educators will hopefully have a positive effect on the behavior of students – both competitors and spectators.

It is also important that these positive messages get presented to Boosters Clubs and to the community. Several recent problems that have come to the GHSA office have their roots among people in the community who want to stir up trouble. Educators may not be able to have direct control over the people in the community, but the positive message needs to be directed toward those people in hopes that some people will understand the role of school-based athletics.

Most member schools invest a lot of time and effort into managing the contests as they occur. This begins with pre-game planning and concludes with post-game monitoring. One point of contention that continues to arise involves the public address announcers at some GHSA events. The obvious bias of the announcer does not promote positive feelings with the visiting team. This issue gets a lot of attention from the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers – an organization that holds clinics in Georgia each August to train announcers about a “better way” to carry out their roles.

This issue was a major point of emphasis with the National Federation of State High School Associations this fall. The NFHS published the following recommendations that should be followed so announcers can contribute to a desirable atmosphere for a high school athletic event:

1. Don't be a “fan” or a “cheerleader” behind the microphone.
2. Use proper language at all times.
3. Never criticize or belittle players, coaches, or officials – or the opposing school.
4. Don't attempt to be “bigger than the game” by becoming the “play-by-play commentator.”

Please don't use “tradition” as an excuse for doing things that allow valuable rivalry experiences to become serious problem areas for schools, communities, and the GHSA..



– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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This month's featured licensees are: **Electro Mech Scoreboard** Company, official scoreboard company (electro-mech.com); **Baseline Sports Media**, award winning team schedule cards (baselinesportsmedia.com); **Equip-It**, athletic equipment for all sports and facilities (www.equip-it.com); **Gameday Frames**, custom award framing (myfirstmedal.com) and **Honig's Whistle Stop**, Officials/umpires uniforms, apparel and equipment (honigs.com). View a complete list of GHSA licensees at www.ghsa.net/licensing.

Home 'Pink' is OK for February 7-12

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME basketball games during the week of February 7 - 12.

The visiting teams must wear their normal "dark" uniforms, as usual.

Game officials will be using "pink" whistles for the "Calling For The Cure" promotion during the same week.

STATE CHAMPIONS

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Softball:

- AAAAA - Collins Hill High School
- AAAA - Jones County High School
- AAA - White County High School
- AA - Buford High School
- A - Gordon Lee High School

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Volleyball:

- AAAAA - Walton High School
- AAAA - Pope High School
- AAA - Woodward Academy
- AA/A - Blessed Trinity

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

Cheerleading to Air on GHSA.tv & GPB

The GHSA Cheerleading State Championships, presented by Verizon Wireless on Saturday, November 13, will video stream live on the Internet at GHSA.tv.

AAAAA, AAAA and Coed will begin airing at 9:00 am, while AAA, AA and A will be carried at 2:00 pm.

In addition, Georgia Public Broadcasting will televise the *GPB Sports Central - Cheerleading Special* on November 19-21 with times to be determined.

DVDs will be available to order through Mr. Video.



Stay Connected to the GHSA!

Become a Fan of the GHSA on Facebook (Facebook.com/OfficialGHSA) and Follow us on Twitter (Twitter.com/OfficialGHSA) to get the latest news, play-off/championship info, finals scores and media.

You are also invited to fan/follow the GHSA media partners listed below.

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GPB Sports | [Facebook.com/GPBSports](https://www.facebook.com/GPBSports)



GHSA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

Please insure that the following statement is read as a public address announcement prior to the start of **every GHSA sanctioned contest**:

"The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events.

Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site.

Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted.

Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

GHSA Official Balls

Coaches and school administrators are reminded that the GHSA State Executive Committee has approved "Official" balls for all GHSA state playoff events.

Listed below are the balls that will be provided for GHSA state playoff events. These balls are effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
Baseball	WILSON A1010
Basketball	WILSON WAVE Boys: B0610 Girls: B0611
Football	WILSON F1003 or F1005
Soccer	BRINE "Championship"
Softball (optic yellow 12")	WILSON A9011 BSST
Volleyball	SPALDING TF5000

ACT and SAT Assessment Dates

Each year, the GHSA office gets requests to alter schedules due to conflicts with ACT and SAT. We cannot accommodate those requests. The following chart (also published in the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws and listed on the GHSA web site) gives dates of the exams and possible conflicts with GHSA activities. We urge you to inform your athletes, your counselors, and your coaches **now** about the dates scheduled for exams in order for the athletes to plan their assessments around events in which they are to compete.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

December 11, 2010	State Football Finals
February 12, 2011	Sectional Traditional Wrestling, State Swimming & Diving
April 9, 2011	None
June 11, 2011	None

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

November 6, 2010	State Cross Country, Region Cheerleading, Region One-Act Play
December 4, 2010	State Football Semifinals
January 22, 2011	None
March 12, 2011	AAA, AA & A State Basketball Finals, Region Literary Meets
May 7, 2011	State Playoffs in Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer & Tennis, Boys State Track
June 4, 2011	None

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

Week 1 - May 2-6	Golf, Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer & Tennis Playoffs, Region Girls Track, State Boys Track
Week 2 - May 9-13	Baseball, Lacrosse & Soccer Playoffs, State Girls Track

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

State Volleyball Champions - 2010



Class AAAAA:
Walton Lady Raiders



Class AAAA:
Pope Lady Greyhounds



Class AAA:
Woodward Academy Lady War Eagles



Class AA/A:
Blessed Trinity Lady Titans

State Softball Champions - 2010

Class AAAAA
Collins Hill
Lady Eagles



Class AAAA
Jones County
Lady Greyhounds

Class AAA
White County
Lady Warriors



State Softball Champions - 2010



Class AA
Buford
Lady Wolves

Class A
Gordon Lee
Lady Trojans



Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship volleyball and softball teams were provided by Jackson Photo (jacksonphoto.net).



Community Coach Schedule of Classes

Georgia High School Association By-Law 2.52 (Page 34 of the GHSA Constitution) lists the requirements under which a member school may employ persons who are not professionally certificated teachers as assistant coaches in their athletic programs. These persons are referred to as "Community Coaches" and **MUST** complete the GHSA Coaches Education Training and Testing Program in Sports First Aid and Principals for Coaches **BEFORE** they can coach at a GHSA member school. Further information and a complete schedule of classes may be found on the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net).

Following is a listing of the remaining 2010-11 GHSA Coaches Education Program courses:

NOVEMBER COURSES (Deadline is October 13, 2010):

PREPARE/FIRST AID			
Date	Site	Time	Instructor
Nov. 4	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Reed
Nov. 4	Statesboro High School	6 pm-10 pm	Blankenbaker
Nov. 4	Athens Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Todd
Nov. 6	East Paulding High School	9 am-1 pm	Pike
Nov. 6	East Coweta High School	9 am-1 pm	Knott
Nov. 9	Dougherty High School	6 pm-10 pm	Rivers
Nov. 9	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Nov. 10	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Nov. 10	Westminster School	6 pm-10 pm	Hays
Nov. 10	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell

PRINCIPLES FOR COACHING			
Date	Site	Time	Instructor
Nov. 13	Athens Academy	9 am-5 pm	Kay
Nov. 13	East Coweta High School	9 am-5 pm	Knott
Nov. 15-16	East Paulding High School	6 pm-10 pm	Musgrove
Nov. 15-16	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Nov. 15-16	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Norwood
Nov. 15-16	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Nov. 17-18	Dougherty High School	6 pm-10 pm	Seabrooks
Nov. 17-18	Westminster School	6 pm-10 pm	Hudson
Nov. 17-18	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Nov. 20	Statesboro High School	9 am-5 pm	Blankenbaker

JANUARY COURSES (Deadline is December 8, 2010):

PREPARE/FIRST AID			
Date	Site	Time	Instructor
Jan. 5	Whitefield Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Ryan
Jan. 5	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Jan. 5	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Reed
Jan. 6	Whitewater High School	6 pm-10 pm	McCreary
Jan. 6	Athens Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Todd
Jan. 8	East Coweta High School	9 am-1 pm	Knott
Jan. 8	East Paulding High School	9 am-1 pm	Pike
Jan. 10	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Jan. 10	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Jan. 10	Westside High School, Macon	6 pm-10 pm	Quinn
Jan. 10	Richmond Academy	6 pm-10 pm	McCullough

PRINCIPLES FOR COACHING			
Date	Site	Time	Instructor
Jan. 10-11	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Norwood
Jan. 10-11	Whitefield Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Hilliard
Jan. 10-11	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Jan. 12-13	Whitewater High School	6 pm-10 pm	McCreary
Jan. 12-13	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Jan. 15	East Coweta High School	9 am-5 pm	Knott
Jan. 15	Westside High School, Macon	9 am-5 pm	Raines
Jan. 15	Athens Academy	9 am-5 pm	Kay
Jan. 15	Richmond Academy	9 am-5 pm	McCullough
Jan. 17-18	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Jan. 17-18	East Paulding High School	6 pm-10 pm	Musgrove

FEBRUARY COURSES (Deadline is January 12, 2011):

PREPARE/FIRST AID			
Date	Site	Time	Instructor
Feb. 3	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Feb. 3	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Reed
Feb. 3	Statesboro High School	6 pm-10 pm	Blankenbaker
Feb. 5	East Paulding High School	6 pm-10 pm	Pike
Feb. 5	East Coweta High School	6 pm-10 pm	Knott
Feb. 8	Calvary Day School	9 am-1 pm	Carswell
Feb. 8	Whitewater High School	9 am-1 pm	McCreary
Feb. 9	Chamblee High School	9 am-1 pm	Finke
Feb. 9	Westside High School, Macon	9 am-1 pm	Quinn
Feb. 9	Daniel Education Center, Cols.	6 pm-10 pm	Cravey

PRINCIPLES FOR COACHING			
Date	Site	Time	Instructor
Feb. 12	Whitewater High School	9 am-5 pm	McCreary
Feb. 12	Westside High School, Macon	9 am-5 pm	Shepherd
Feb. 12	East Coweta High School	9 am-5 pm	Knott
Feb. 14-15	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Norwood
Feb. 14-15	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Feb. 16-17	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Feb. 16-17	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Feb. 16-17	Carver High School, Columbus	6 pm-10 pm	Flowers
Feb. 19	Statesboro High School	9 am-5 pm	Blankenbaker
Feb. 19	East Paulding High School	9 am-5 pm	Musgrove
Feb. 19	White County High School	9 am-5 pm	Sanfilippo

SAVE THE DATE!

TO: All GHSA- affiliated High School Football Coaches

2010 Salute to Georgia High School Football Luncheon



Saturday, December 11, 2010
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Georgia World Congress Center - Thomas Murphy Ballroom
285 Andrew Young International Blvd.
Atlanta, Georgia 30313

Don't miss your chance to hear from Falcons alumni Warrick Dunn and Head Coach Mike Smith as well as win a number of great prizes (double the amount this year!). Also, the 2010 Divisional Coach of the Year winners and Lifetime Achievement Award winner will be announced at this event.

This event is hosted by the Atlanta Falcons, the Georgia World Congress Center and Levy Restaurants

GHSA - November Calendar - 2010

November

- 1 File Region Cross Country results with GHSA office by 8 a.m.
- 1 Earliest date for Wrestling practice
- 5, 6 End Regular Season in Football
- 6 Complete Region One-Act Plays & Region Cheerleading
- 6 State Cross Country Meet
- 8 File Reports of One-Act Play winners & Earliest Date for Swimming meet
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 12, 13 Cheerleading Sectionals & State Finals
- 12, 13 First Round State Football Playoffs
- 13 State One-Act Plays & Earliest Date for Basketball game
- 19 Earliest date for Wrestling match
- 19, 20 Second Round State Football Playoffs
- 25 Thanksgiving Day - GHSA Office closed on 26th and 27th
- 26, 27 Quarterfinal Round State Football Playoffs

The GHSA Staff Wishes You and Yours The Best of the Season



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