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“Items of Interest”

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Time to Review What Sportsmanship Means in the GHSA

A number of complaints about the types of cheers that basketball cheerleaders have been leading have been sent to the GHSA office. The complaints allege that the bothersome cheers have directed taunting comments to the opposing players, cheerleaders, and fans. There have also been concerns about personal comments yelled at players at different times during the games – especially when free throws are being shot.

The GHSA Sportsmanship Statement clearly applies to all people who are in attendance at a GHSA competition – players, coaches, cheerleaders, and spectators. The enforcement of the positive principles of sportsmanship at a GHSA event falls to coaches and administrators of the school that is violating those principles.

Unfortunately, some of the responses from those people indicate that they do not see anything wrong with that behavior. Therefore, I want to review thoughts that have appeared in GHSA publications many times in the past.



DEFINITION OF SPORTSMANSHIP: the practice of playing fair; of taking loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating; treating opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy, etc.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:

1. Sportsmanship is a concrete measure of your understanding of and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity.
2. Sportsmanship involves encouraging “your team” without ridiculing your opponents.
3. Sportsmanship is the “golden rule” of athletics – treating others as you wish to be treated.
4. Sportsmanship is all about respect – respect for others and for oneself.
5. Sportsmanship involves the principles of good citizenship in the arena of athletics.
6. Sportsmanship is a way of life for considerate people.

Developing good sportsmanship is a cooperative venture that involves athletes (including cheerleaders), coaches, school administrators, and spectators. This is a continual process as all the participants are reminded to follow principles that are not always followed in other areas of our society.

– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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STATE CHAMPIONS**FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Football:

AAAAAA	- Norcross High School
AAAAA	- Gainesville High School
AAAA	- Sandy Creek High School
AAA	- Buford High School
AA	- Jefferson High School
A (Private)	- Eagles Landing Christian
A (Public)	- Emanuel County Institute

TEAM DUAL WRESTLING

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Team Dual Wrestling:

AAAAAA	- Archer High School
AAAAA	- Pope High School
AAAA	- Gilmer High School
AAA	- Banks County High School
AA	- Jefferson High School
A	- Gordon Lee High 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.

PlayOn Announces Subscription Plan

PlayOn! Sports will be moving to a subscription model for select GHSA tournament games and championships that are streamed live on GHSA.tv beginning with this winter's events. Viewers will be charged a subscription fee to watch live coverage of the championship events.

The PlayOn All Access Pass gives immediate access to hundreds of live events across Georgia as well as over 20,000 live high school events across the country on Playonsports.com. The pass is a subscription (daily, weekly or monthly) membership that allows unlimited access to all available live games/events for the time period selected. A share of the proceeds from each purchase goes toward supporting local schools.

All live events available during the subscription window are available for viewing. A **day pass** (\$3.95) purchased on Friday at noon give access to all games that happen from Friday noon to Saturday noon. A **weekly pass** (\$6.95) gives access to all live content across the site for seven days. And a **monthly pass** (\$9.95) gives 30 days of access.

High schools have to sign up to be a part of the PlayOn! Sports website. If a school isn't appearing on the site, it is likely that it is not signed up to participate in the PlayOn! School Broadcast Program.

For questions and/or feedback, send a message to info@PlayOnSports.com.



Home 'Pink' is OK for April 7-12

In observance of cancer awareness week, the GHSA will allow schools to wear "pink" uniforms at their HOME events during the week of April 7-12 for ALL spring sports.

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 7-12. 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 Reminders:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the spring State Executive Committee meeting must submit the item to the GHSA office by March 15, 2013. The spring State Executive Committee meeting will be held April 15, 2013 at the Marriott, Macon City Center, in Macon.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2013 varsity Football Schedules are due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2013. If your school has hired a new coach for the 2013 season, please make sure he is made aware of this deadline.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded that April 1, 2013 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 2013-2014.

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: The mandatory "Dead Week" for this year is Sunday, June 30, 2013 through Saturday, July 6, 2013.

GHSA Seeks Host Sites

Each year, many schools 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 2013-14 year.

Sites are needed for the following events:

- Region Cheerleading
- Area Wrestling (Traditional and/or Team Duals)
- Sectional Wrestling (Traditional)
- Sectional Track
- Sectional Golf and 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. Look for the headline that reads "State Tournament Team Information Packet." This information will be available on Monday, February 11.

GHSA On The Air!

State Championship action of the **swimming** and **traditional wrestling** state championships will video stream live on GHSA.tv produced by PlayOn Sports.

The GHSA Swimming & Diving State Championships presented by Verizon will be Webcast live from the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center on Saturday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m., (1A-5A) and 6:00 p.m., (6A).

A week later, the GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championship presented by the Georgia Army National Guard on Saturday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m., will stream live all 14 weight class finals on each of the six classification mats.

PlayOn Sports has launched a new fan subscription service to view live events on GHSA.tv. Full-length video-on-demand and highlights will continue to remain free without a subscription. DVDs will also be available for order on GHSA.tv.



CSS to Televis Wrestling Finals

Comcast Sports Southeast will air a highlight show of the GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championship on Sun., Feb. 17, Time TBD. The program produced by PlayOn Sports and Rosewood Productions is supported by Team Georgia, a non-profit state affiliate of USA Wrestling providing opportunity for amateur wrestlers of all ages.

Sports Authority Offers Custom Tickets

Sports Authority is proud to be the Official Sporting Goods Retailer of the GHSA. In an effort to give back to GHSA members, Sports Authority would like to offer personalized tickets for use at home events for schools located near Sports Authority stores. These tickets would be provided **at no cost** in increments of 10,000 to 40,000 tickets.

A representative from Home Team Marketing will be contacting schools with more information about receiving free customized tickets.

Please feel welcome to contact Danny Chalhoub, Group Director, HTM; dchalhoub@hometeammarketing.com; 866-810-2111 ex. 7302.



GHSA Welcomes Hudl

Welcome new licensee, Hudl, the official video exchange service of the GHSA. Use Hudl for every sport to break down games, build presentations and create highlight videos. Learn more at Hudl.com. Contact Jason Aldridge, GA Sales Manager: 404-786-0310 / jason.aldrige@hudl.com.



Football State Champions - 2012



Class AAAAAA
Norcross
Blue Devils

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Football teams were provided by Georgia Photographics and The Athletic Image. More images of the football and wrestling competition may be found and purchased at GHSAphotos.com.



Class AAA
Buford
Wolves



Class AA
Jefferson
Dragons

Football State Champions - 2012



Class AAAAA
Gainesville
Red Elephants



Class AAAA
Sandy Creek
Fighting Patriots



Class A (Private School)
Eagles Landing Christian
Chargers



Class A (Public School)
Emanuel County Institute
Bulldogs

State Team Dual Wrestling Champions - 2013



AAAAAA: Archer Tigers



AAAAA: Pope Greyhounds



AAAA: Gilmer Bobcats



AAA: Banks County Leopards



AA: Jefferson Dragons



A: Gordon Lee Trojans

State Swimming and Diving Meets

The 2013 **State Swimming and Diving Championships** will be held on February 8 and 9 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. 8 9:00 am Diving Finals for A-5A (warmup at 7 am)
 Feb. 8 9:00 am Swim Prelims for A-5A (warmup at 7 am)
 Feb. 8 6:30 pm Swim Prelims for 6A (warmup at 5 pm)

Saturday:

Feb. 9 9:00 am Diving Finals for 6A (warmup at 7 am)
 Feb. 9 1:00 pm Swim Finals for A-5A (warmup at 11 am)
 Feb. 9 6:00 pm Swim Finals for 6A (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 8-9, 2013.

The State Finals for all six classifications will be held on Thursday through Saturday, February 14-16, 2013 at the Macon Centreplex. 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:

6A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals):	West (Regions 3, 4, 5, 7)	Kennesaw Mountain
	East (Regions 1, 2, 6, 8)	Chattahoochee
5A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals):	West (Regions 1, 4, 5, 6)	Allatoona
	East (Regions 2, 3, 7, 8)	Loganville
4A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals):	West (Regions 1, 5, 6, 7)	Pickens
	East (Regions 2, 3, 4, 8)	West Laurens
3A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals):	West (Areas 2, 3)	Ringgold
	East (Areas 1, 4)	Morgan County
2A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals):	West (Areas 2, 3)	Lamar County
	East (Areas 1, 4)	Dublin
A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals):	West (Areas 2, 3)	Darlington
	East (Areas 1, 4)	Montgomery County

The Schedule for the **State Finals Tournament** at the Macon Centreplex is as follows:

Date/Time	Event	Class
Thursday, Feb. 14		
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Weigh-Ins	4A, 5A & 6A
3:45 pm	Coaches Meeting	4A, 5A & 6A
5:30 - 9:00 pm	Round of 16	4A, 5A & 6A
Friday, Feb. 15		
9:00 - 11:00 am	Quarters	4A, 5A & 6A
9:00 - 10:00 am	Weigh-Ins	A, 2A & 3A
11:00 am	Coaches Meeting	A, 2A & 3A
11 am - 1:00 pm	1st Round WBs	4A, 5A & 6A
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Quarters	A, 2A & 3A
3:00 - 5:00 pm	2nd Round WBs	4A, 5A & 6A
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Con. Quarters	All Classes
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Semifinals	All Classes
Weigh-Outs (After completion of weight class up to one hour - All Classes)		
Saturday, Feb. 16		
7:00 am	Weigh-Ins	All Classes
9:30 - 11:00 am	Con. Semifinals	All Classes
11 a.m. - 12:30 pm	Con. Finals	All Classes
2:30 pm	Finals Opening Ceremonies	All Classes
3:00 pm	FINALS	All Classes
(Awards ceremony immediately after finals)		

Video: Watch finals live and order DVDs at GHSA.tv

Photos: Go to GHSAPhotos.com

GHSA - February Calendar - 2013

February

- 1 Deadline for notification of entry in Literary
- 1, 2 Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 4 Earliest contest date for Tennis and Gymnastics
- 5 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 8, 9 State Swimming & Diving Meets
- 8, 9 Traditional Wrestling Sectional Tournaments
- 11 Earliest contest date for Soccer and Track
- 14-16 Traditional Wrestling State Tournaments
- 16 Complete Region Basketball
- 18 File reports of Region Basketball winners by noon
- 18 Earliest contest date for Baseball and Lacrosse
- 19 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 19, 20 First Round State Basketball Tournaments 2A through 6A
- 22, 23 First Round State Basketball Tournaments Class A
- 22, 23 Second Round State Basketball Tournaments 2A through 6A
- 23 First contest date for Golf
- 26, 27 Quarterfinal Round State Basketball Tournament all classes

March

- 1 Football Schedules due into GHSA Office

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