



# GHSAA

## "ITEMS OF INTEREST"

April 2022

### **Dr. Glenn White Ending Excellent Tenure as GHSAA President**

At the time of this writing, the Georgia General Assembly is working at a fast pace to complete their work as the legislative session is coming to a close next week. This session has been very challenging and I am very appreciative of you all in responding to your elected representatives.

While anything can happen, I feel good about our current position. Neither SB 328 nor SB 334 made it to crossover day and, as I have written previously, it is important that we address travel and the multiplier as it applies to students who have been in the feeder systems of the high schools since elementary school. If we fail to do so, we will be back in the same position as soon as next year's legislative session begins.

At the last minute, SB 51 was dropped which forms an Oversight Committee and required the GHSAA to pay all travel expenses for all schools in the regular season. Again, this was due to travel situations and would cost over \$15,000,000, which is a conservative estimate. This was removed from the bill and what remains is the Oversight Committee and some items for the committee to review. The bill now will go to rules, the floor and to the Governor to sign. I'm satisfied with the outcome.

The State Executive Committee will have the opportunity to frame up the 2024-2026 reclassification cycle at our April meeting. I would also add that our Board of Trustees supports waiving dues for the third consecutive year and I expect our financial report will allow for a check from the GHSAA to be provided for all member schools, as we provided this year.

I want to take the opportunity to thank our President, Dr. Glenn White, for his service to the GHSAA as he has announced his intention not to seek re-election. Glenn has served our association for more than two decades and has led as president for the past eight years.

Dr. White has enjoyed a diverse career, serving in the United States Army, special education teacher, Assistant Principal at the middle and high school levels, Principal, and Director of Student Services and has received numerous accolades at each stop along the way.

He was then named Interim Superintendent before being named as the permanent Superintendent of Floyd County Schools. Obviously he has his hands full as the superintendent of a large district and he made the decision to step away from the GHSAA to focus on Floyd County Schools. I know you all appreciate his leadership of the GHSAA and he will be missed.

I also want to take the opportunity to personally thank Glenn for all he has done for me since I came to the GHSAA. His guidance and support has been critical in my transition into the Executive Director's position from the first day to the present. There have been many issues over the years where he has led the way for us all and for that I am eternally grateful. I appreciate his friendship and look forward to continuing our friendship going forward. I am confident that our association is in a good place because of his effort and commitment to make the GHSAA the best association in the United States.

Thank you Glenn for all you have done for us and we wish you the best in leading the Floyd County School District for years to come. We are grateful for your service to the young people of this great state throughout your outstanding career and I'm sure the best is yet to come!

– Dr. James R. Hines, Jr., Executive Director



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## **GHSA Licensed Products**

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## **Sharks Start New AAASP Streak**

After falling in the finals last season to see an eight-game championship streak end, the Houston County Sharks bounced back to defeat the DeKalb Silver Streaks 32-13 to win the 2022 AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship on March 12.

The rest of the basketball state champions are pictured on Pages 4-5 of this newsletter, while the 3-point shootout and slam dunk winners can be found on Page 6.



## **Game Day Adds 'Dance' Division**

The fourth year of Game Day Cheerleading event saw a fourth championship added, as Mill Creek (pictured below) won the first 'Dance' division title.

The Game Day championships, in partnership with Varsity Spirit, were held March 4-5 at Mercer University in Macon. State titles were decided in divisions A-2A, 3A-4A, 5A-6A, 7A and the new Dance category.

The rest of the Game Day state champions are pictured on Page 7 of this newsletter.





# Literary State Champions - 2022



**7A: Cherokee**



**6A: Buford**



**5A: Calhoun**



**4A: North Oconee**



**3A: Ringgold**



**2A: Bremen**



**A Public: Georgia Military College**



**A Private: King's Ridge**



# Girls Basketball State Champions - 2022



**7A: Norcross**



**6A: Lovejoy**



**5A: Woodward Academy**



**4A: Marist**



**3A: Lumpkin County**



**2A: Elbert County**



**A Public: Lake Oconee Academy**



**A Private: Mt. Paran**



# Boys Basketball State Champions - 2022



**7A: Norcross**



**6A: Grovetown**



**5A: Tri-Cities**



**4A: Spencer**



**3A: Cross Creek**



**2A: Westside-Augusta**



**A Public: Drew Charter**



**A Private: Greenforest**



## Dunk & 3-Point Winners Crowned

After weeks of competition leading up to the finals, the third annual GHSA Slam Dunk and Three-Point Shooting Champions, presented by BSN Sports, were crowned during the 2022 State Championship Basketball Championships at the Macon Centreplex March 9-12.

Congratulation to Wilson Sibley of North Oconee, who repeated as Dunk Champion by defeating Cameryn Johnson (Long County) and Kyric Davis (Sumter County).

Flowery Branch's Bella Brick was a two-way winner, as she captured the Girls 3-Point Contest over Ellie Kinlaw (Jefferson), Vakaya Lee (Perry) and Sofie Siemsen (Perry), and then teamed up with Landon Mealor to win the first-ever CoEd 3-Point Contest. The Flowery Branch duo defeated Leah Smith and Darrian Drake of Whitewater and Ellie Southards and Cooper Welch of Rabun County in the finals.



(L-R) BSN's Carly Klingler, Cameryn Johnson, Wilson Sibley, Kyric Davis & Robin Hines



(L-R) BSN's Carly Klingler, Sofie Siemsen, Bella Brick, Ellie Kinlaw, Vakaya Lee & Robin Hines



(L-R) BSN's Carly Klingler, Cooper Welch, Ellie Southards, Bella Brick, Landon Mealor, Leah Smith & Darrian Drake

## Gymnastics State Meet April 20-22

The 2022 GHSA Gymnastics State Preliminaries and Championships will be held Wednesday-Friday, April 20-22, at Buford Arena. Qualifying teams and individuals will compete on balance beam, uneven parallel bars, vault and floor exercise. Tickets are \$8 at the door and available digitally on GoFan.

The Team Preliminary Meets will take place on Wednesday with sessions for A-5A and for 6A-7A. Then the individual preliminaries will be held for all classes on Thursday. State Finals for team and individuals will be held on Friday.

The defending state team champions are Newnan in the 6A-7A division and North Oconee in the A-5A division.

## Slow Pitch, Esports Finals in April

The 2022 GHSA Slow Pitch Softball State Championships, presented by Mizuno, will be held April 20-21 at Twin Creeks in Woodstock. Admission is \$10 per day and tickets will be available only on GoFan. This will be the last Slow Pitch state final as the sport is not included on the 2022-23 schedule.

The 2022 GHSA Spring Esports State Championships, powered by PlayVS, will be held April 29, at 3:00 p.m., at the University of West Georgia Coliseum. Titles will be determined for League of Legends, Rocket League, Madden NFL and Smash Bros. Ultimate. Defending champion from the Fall of 2021 were Northview (League of Legends), Forsyth Central (Rocket League), East Paulding (Smash) and Westminster (FIFA).

The finals of Rocket League, Smash and League of Legends will be carried live on NFHS Network & Twitch. Spectators are welcome to attend the event free of charge.

## Junior Legal Internship Available

The Junior Legal Internship/Scholarship Program is a week-long internship for students entering the 9th through 11th grades hosted by the Law Firm of Childers & McCain, LLC in Macon on June 7-10, 2022. More information about the program can be found under "Seeking Applicants for 2022 Junior Internship Program" at [childersmccain.com](http://childersmccain.com).

Last Summer, Harvard Law School alumni spoke to the students, one of whom discussed her clerkship with the United States Supreme Court. The students inspected accident scenes, created documentary evidence, summarized depositions, and gave closing arguments. They toured the federal court house and the Juvenile Justice Center and met with Judge Young, Chief Judge Treadwell, and Juvenile Public Defender Amy Bell. A professional resume consultant came at the end of the week and they all left with college-ready resumes listing their work experience for the week and a \$200 scholarship.

To apply, applicants must have good grades, parental permission, send an email expressing interest to [Christy@ChildersMcCain.com](mailto:Christy@ChildersMcCain.com), and have an adult (relative, friend or teacher) send a recommendation by email to [Christy@ChildersMcCain.com](mailto:Christy@ChildersMcCain.com).



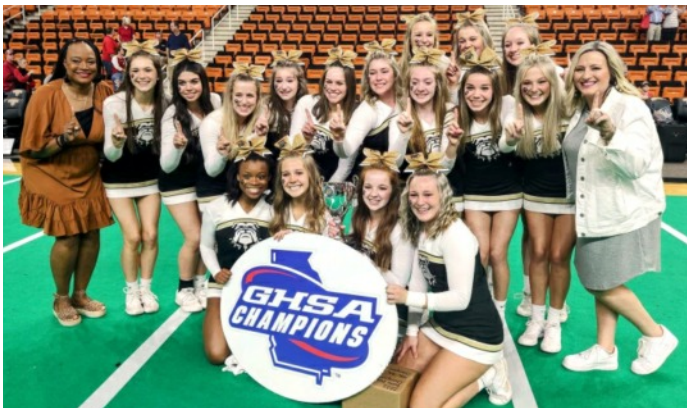
## 2022 Game Day State Champs



**7A: North Gwinnett**



**5A-6A: Lee County**



**3A-4A: Mary Persons**



**A-2A: Vidalia**

## Bass Fishing State Qualifier #4 at Lake Lanier on April 16th

The fourth and final qualifying tournament in Bass Fishing will take place on April 16 at Lake Lanier in Gainesville. Below is more information on the event:

**Tournament Director:**

• Joey Bray, National Youth Director SAF/TBF  
580.716.4251 or [Joey@federationangler.com](mailto:Joey@federationangler.com)

**High School Fishing Contacts:**

• Joey Bray, National Youth Director SAF/TBF  
580.716.4251 or [Joey@federationangler.com](mailto:Joey@federationangler.com)

• Scott Ellison, MLF

270.205.6864 or [scott.ellison@majorleaguefishing.com](mailto:scott.ellison@majorleaguefishing.com)

**Practice:**

• Competition waters open for practice until 5 p.m. on April 15.

• The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services will not be permitted after April 5.

**Boat Operation:**

• Contestants are not permitted to drive the boat when the combustion engine is in operation. Each boat will be driven by a coach or volunteer driver. Contestants may operate the trolling motor. Coaches and volunteers may provide assistance, including information about locating and catching fish, but are not permitted to fish.

**Catch & Size Limit:**

• Five bass per team; minimum 14 inches in length.

**License Requirement:**

• A Valid GA fishing license is required for students 16 and older.

**Format:**

• Each GHSA approved school may enter up to six boats in each regional competition. The top 15 boats from each regional advance to the state Championship. One additional boat will advance from each regional for every 10 boats that compete over a minimum of 100 boats in the regional. Boats advance from the first event in which they qualified. If a boat has already qualified for the state championship, the next eligible boat will advance.

**GHSA Contact:**

• Kevin Giddens - 706-647-7473 ext. 25 or [kevin@ghsa.net](mailto:kevin@ghsa.net)

**Registration:**

• All anglers must pre-register online at [HighSchoolFishing.org](http://HighSchoolFishing.org) no later than Monday before the event at 8 a.m.

**Mandatory Registration:**

• Friday, April 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

• Laurel Park Ramp, 3100 Old Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA, 30506 (Anglers, coaches & captains **must** attend).

• Pretournament meeting immediately following check-in.

**Takeoff and Weigh-in on April 16:**

• Takeoff: 7:00 a.m.

• Weigh-in: 3:00 p.m.

**Items to Bring:**

- Signed liability release
- Personal floatation device
- Valid student ID
- Valid license for state waters to be fished if 16 or older
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Rods and reels
- Line cutters & needle-nose pliers
- Lures & tackle
- Rainsuit
- Jersey or shirt representing your school

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GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
MARRIOTT / Macon City Center - Macon, GA
Magnolia Ballroom
April 11, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Call To Order ..... Glenn White, President
Pledge of Allegiance ..... Curt Miller, Vice President
Invocation ..... Carror Wright, Associate Director
Roll Call ..... Steve Figueroa, Media Director
Adoption of Agenda ..... Executive Committee

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 1. Proposal to allow a 5-day tryout period in the Spring for Girls Flag Football. Effective Immediately. (Islands HS)
2. Proposal to modify By-Law 2.72 on page 34 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text is struck through): "Any player, coach, or team attendant who is ejected from a GHSA contest shall be suspended from all levels of competition (i.e., varsity or sub-varsity) in that any sport or activity (regular season or playoffs) until the period of suspension has expired." (GHSA Office)
3. Proposal to expand the Lacrosse state championship divisions from two (2) to three (3), with a 24-team bracket in the 1A-4A division, a 32-team bracket in the 5A-6A division and a 16-team bracket in the 7A division. (Pope HS & Pace Academy)
4. Proposal to approve GHSA budget for the 2022-23 school year. (GHSA office)

NOTE: The following proposals were passed by the BOT during a called meeting on March 16, 2022 and will therefore go straight to the full committee for approval on Monday, April 11, 2022 along with any other items recommended by the Board of Trustees:

- 5. Proposal to return to six (6) classifications, while maintaining the Division 1 and Division 2 splits in Class A, for the 2024-26 school years. (12-0 vote)
6. Proposal to exempt students who entered a feeder school of a member high school in grades K-5 from any multiplier being applied during the reclassification process beginning with the 2024-26 school years. (12-0 vote)
7. Proposal to allow member private and charter schools to select a public school attendance zone within their county of residence that best reflects their student population for reclassification purposes only (not for student transfer eligibility). (12-0 vote)

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Proposal to replace item A-1 on page 51 of the GHSA Constitution with the following text:

"A. In the First Round through the Quarterfinal Round, the higher-seeded teams will host (if equal seeds meet, a coin flip will determine the host school). In each of the first three rounds there are two dates of competition.

- 1. The girl's teams will play on the first night of the designated round, while the boy's teams will play on the second night of the round.
2. In the event that the same school hosts both the boys and girls games, the host school may petition to schedule a doubleheader with the following stipulations:
a. If a doubleheader is scheduled, it shall be scheduled to be played on the second playing date for that round.

(more)



## AGENDA, continued

b. If the day of the double header is requested to be changed, all participating schools must agree to play the doubleheader on the requested date." (Regions 6-7A and 7-7A)

### LACROSSE COMMITTEE

**Proposal** to replace By-Law 2.72- item 3-b on page 34 of the GHSA Constitution with the following text:  
 "GIRLS: Any player receiving a second yellow card is suspended from further participation in the game. She must leave the field and enter the penalty area for two minutes of elapsed playing time and no substitute may take her place during that two-minute period. Any player or coach given a red card for unsporting behavior or violent conduct will sit out two (2) games." (GHSA Office)

### TENNIS COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to modify the first sentence of Item "D" on page 84 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic):  
 The format for all GHSA tennis matches *during the regular season, region tournaments and state playoffs* shall be three (3) singles matches and two (2) doubles matches *played on composition (hard) surfaces unless the competing schools agree to play on a non-composition surface prior to the match.* **Note:** Delete item A-4 on page 85 as it is no longer needed if this proposal passes. (GHSA Office)
2. **Proposal** to add new paragraph "4" under General Information item "B" on page 83 of the GHSA Constitution to read as follows: "Any GHSA tennis match that is interrupted, such as by weather or darkness, and can not be completed that day should be resumed (if it is to be made up) from the exact point of interruption at a future date agreed upon by the competing schools." (GHSA Office)

### WRESTLING COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to increase the number of playing dates in girls wrestling from six to 20 in 2022-23 school year, moving towards wrestling becoming a true Dual Gender sport by 2023-24 school year. (GHSA Office)
2. **Proposal** to increase the number of weight classes when girls are wrestling other girls from the current 10 to 14. (GHSA Office)
3. **Proposal** to assess a fee of \$2.00 per participating wrestler at the State Traditional Meet to help offset the cost of rental and cleanup of the facility. (GHSA Office)

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines will address the full committee on several other issues, including the election of a new President and Vice President of the Georgia High School Association.

### ADJOURNMENT

## **SCHEDULE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS - Spring 2022**

(Meetings Will Be Held at the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel)

#### SUNDAY, April 10

12:00 pm	Board of Trustees (Private Dining Room)
2:00 pm	Tennis Committee (Salon A)
2:30 pm	Basketball Committee (Salon A)

#### SUNDAY, April 10 (continued)

3:00 pm	Wrestling Committee (Salon A)
3:30 pm	Lacrosse Committee (Salon A)
4:30 pm	Hospitality (Salon B)



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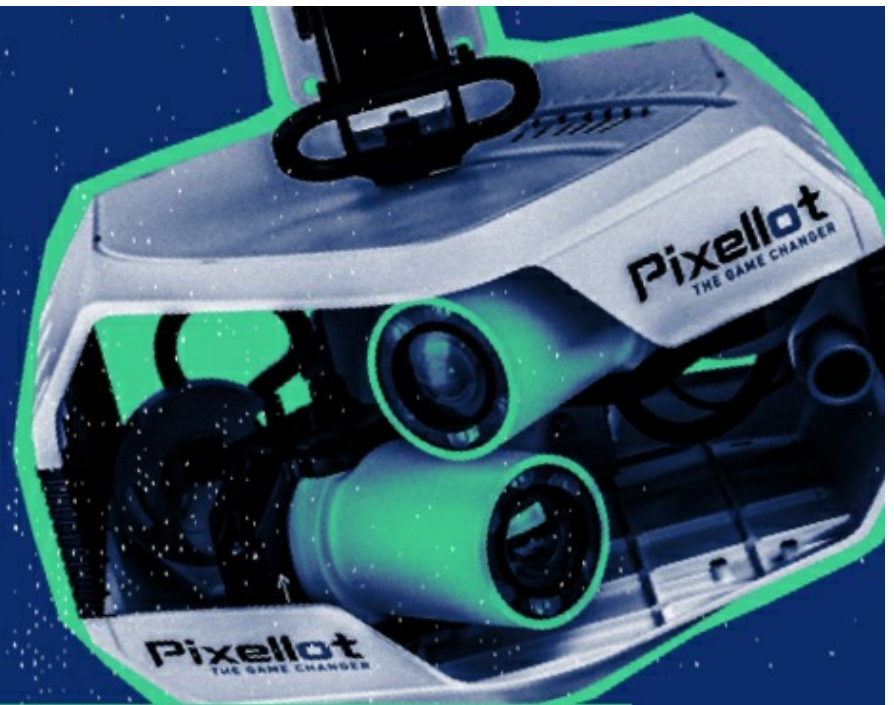
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## GHSA - April Calendar - 2022

**April**

- 9 Complete Riflery Semifinals, Area SP Softball and Region Soccer
- 11 File Riflery, SP Softball and Soccer winners by 9 a.m.; State Executive Committee meeting
- 12 Girls First Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 13-14 Slow Pitch Softball Sectionals
- 13 Boys First Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 14 Girls First Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A); Complete Region Tennis
- 15 Boys First Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A); Report region tennis results by 9 a.m
- 15 **Good Friday**; GHSA Office Closed
- 18 Girls Second Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 19 Boys Second Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 20 Girls Second Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A)
- 20, 21 Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament
- 20-22 State Gymnastics preliminaries and finals
- 21 Boys Second Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A); Complete First Round State Tennis
- 23 State Riflery Meet; Complete Region Baseball & Area Lacrosse
- 25 Complete Area Golf; Report Area Lacrosse and Region Baseball winners
- 25, 26 State Soccer Quarterfinals All Classes
- 27 Complete Second Round State Tennis
- 27, 28 First Round State Lacrosse playoffs
- 27-30 First Round State Baseball playoffs
- 28, 29 State Soccer Semifinals All Classes
- 29 Spring Esports State Finals at West Georgia Coliseum
- 30 Complete Region Track Classes 2A through 7A

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