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"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR GHSAA STAFF!

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GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship rings and jewelry (jostens.com); **Musco Sports Lighting**, leader in developing sports-lighting technology solutions (musco.com); **FieldTurf**, official artificial turf (fieldturf.com); **Hudl**, official video exchange service (hudl.com); **College Football Hall of Fame**, the perfect destination for family, football and fun! (cfbhall.com); **Hartwell Studio Works**, creating dynamic and protectable spirit logos / marks (hartwellstudioworks.com), and **TeamIP**, official merchandiser and online store (teamip.com).

STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following GHSA State Champions:

CHEERLEADING

7A Lambert High School
6A Northgate High School
5A Carrollton High School
4A Cartersville High School
3A Pierce County High School
2A Armuchee High School
A (public) Gordon Lee High School
A (private) Mt. Paran Christian School
Co-Ed Mill Creek High School

CROSS COUNTRY

7A Girls - Marietta High School
7A Boys - South Forsyth High School
6A Girls - Cambridge High School
6A Boys - Pope High School
5A Girls - Woodland-Bartow High School
5A Boys - Starr's Mill High School
4A Girls - Marist
4A Boys - St. Pius
3A Girls - Westminster
3A Boys - Westminster
2A Girls - Bleckley County High School
2A Boys - Union County High School
A Girls (public) - Telfair County High School
A Boys (public) - Georgia Military College
A Girls (private) - Atlanta International
A Boys (private) - Wesleyan

ONE-ACT PLAY

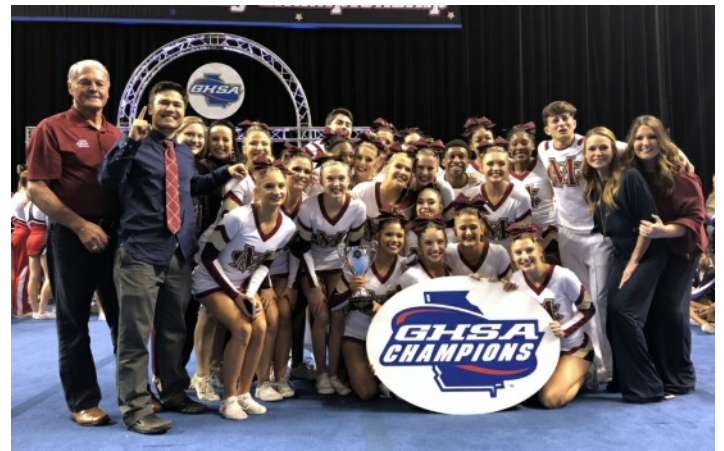
7A - Lambert High School
6A - Heritage-Conyers High School
5A - Buford High School
4A - Columbus High School
3A - Pierce County High School
2A - Davidson Fine Arts
A (public) - Georgia Military College
A (private) - Galloway

VOLLEYBALL

7A - Walton High School
6A - Pope High School
5A - McIntosh High School
4A - St. Pius
3A - Pace Academy
2A - Coosa High School
A - Mt. Paran

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.

2018 CoEd State Cheerleading Champions: Mill Creek



The rest of the state cheerleading champions are pictured on page 6.

2018 GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships

All Games Live on Dec. 11 & 12 From Mercedes-Benz Stadium

The seventh annual GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau State Football Championships, presented by Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, will again be televised live by Georgia Public Broadcasting this year from the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Because of the Atlanta United soccer final on Dec. 8, the GHSA games will move to Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 11&12.

GPB's  coverage will begin at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 11 with the Class A public school game. The lineup for the remainder of the day includes the Class 3A game at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Class 5A game at 4:30 p.m., and the Class 6A game at 8 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, four more teams will win state titles. Up first at 10:00 a.m., is the Class A private school title. At 1:00 p.m., it's the Class 2A game. At 4:30 p.m., it's the 4A title game. And at 8:00, the 7A final.

This year's on-air talent for GPB's coverage includes Matt Stewart, Brian Jordan, Jon Nelson, Chelsea Tofoya, Paul Crane, Wayne Gandy, Bob Rathburn, Sam Crenshaw and Hana Chalker.



All games will be televised live throughout the state of Georgia and into parts of Florida, Alabama and Tennessee on Georgia Public Broadcasting and webcast live at GPB.org/sports and NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA.

GPB has nine television stations across Georgia and is in more than 98 percent of the homes in the state. GPB is the third largest PBS station in the country based on population reach and has been the most watched public station in the country on the days of the football championship broadcasts.

DVD orders of the championship games will be available at NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA. The games will be available on demand at gpb.org/sports.

Find out more about GPB's high school sports coverage on gpb.org/sports and at www.facebook.com/gpbsports.

Enjoy 'Holiday in the Park' at Six Flags

GHSA schools and fans can enjoy discount tickets at Six Flags to Holiday in the Park using "GHSA" promo code at <https://www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia?>

Located just off I-20 west of Atlanta, Six Flags Over Georgia is the largest regional theme park in the Southeast. The park is also home to Hurricane Harbor, a massive seven-acre water park that is included with your admission.

Six Flags Over Georgia also boasts 12 heart-pounding roller coasters, 2 NEW family areas, over 40 rides & attractions, and over 15 restaurants inside the park – there is something for everyone!



Nominations Open For NFHS Awards

Nominations are open for two NFHS awards developed to celebrate the spirit and heart of extra curricular activities.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the **National High School Heart of the Arts Award** and the **National High School Spirit of Sports Award** is January 15, 2019 for both.

Nomination forms for both awards have been sent to all GHSA member schools. If you have questions, you can contact Tommy Whittle at the GHSA office (twhittle@ghsa.net).

The Heart of the Arts Award recipient could be any student, adult or group associated with a school's performing arts program. This award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.

The Spirit of Sports Award recipient could be a coach, athletic administrator, contest official, trainer, student-athlete or any others associated with the school's athletic program.

In both cases, nominations must be for something that occurred between January 1, 2018 and January 15, 2019.

Girls State Cross Country Champions - 2018



7A: Marietta



6A: Cambridge



5A: Woodland-Bartow



4A: Marist



3A: Westminster



2A: Bleckley County



A (public): Telfair County

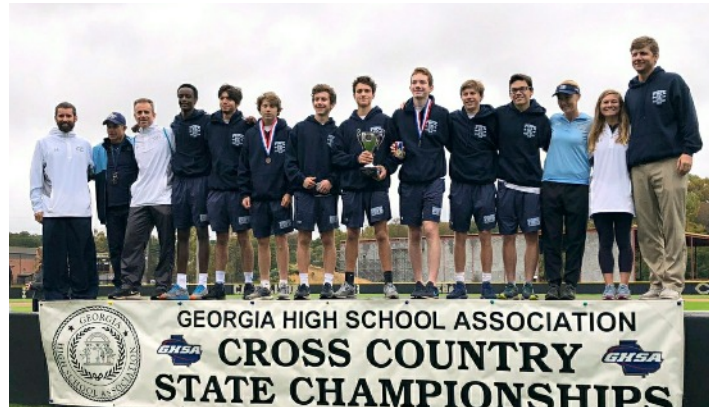


A (private): Atlanta International

Boys State Cross Country Champions - 2018



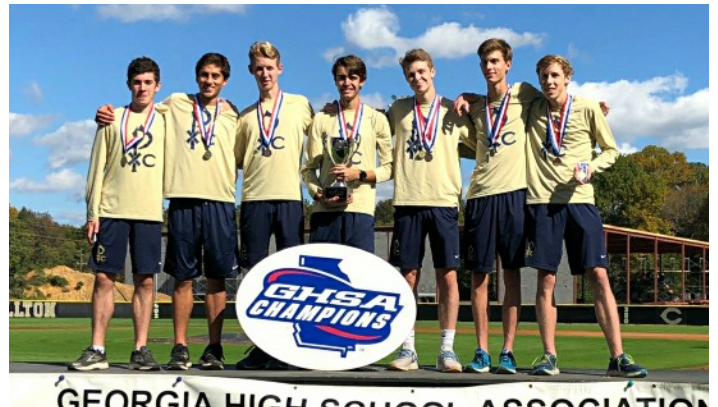
7A: South Forsyth



6A: Pope



5A: Starr's Mill



4A: St. Pius



3A: Westminster



2A: Union County

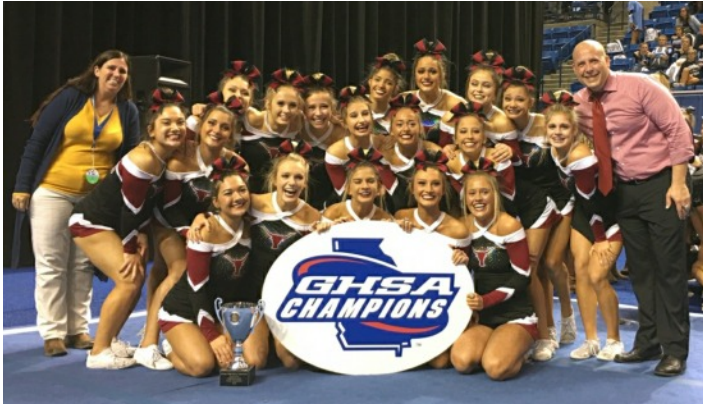


A (public): Georgia Military College

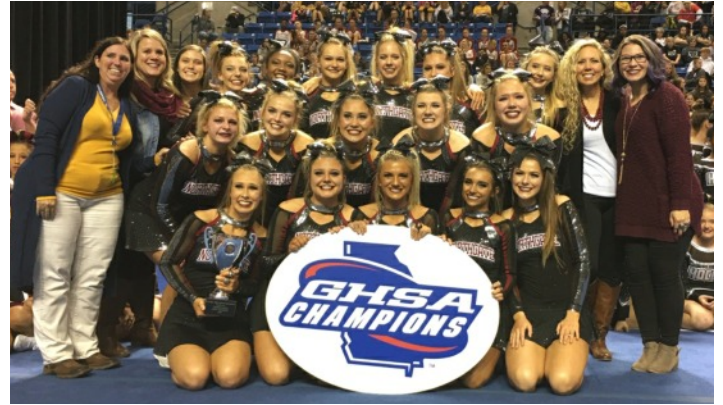


A (private): Wesleyan

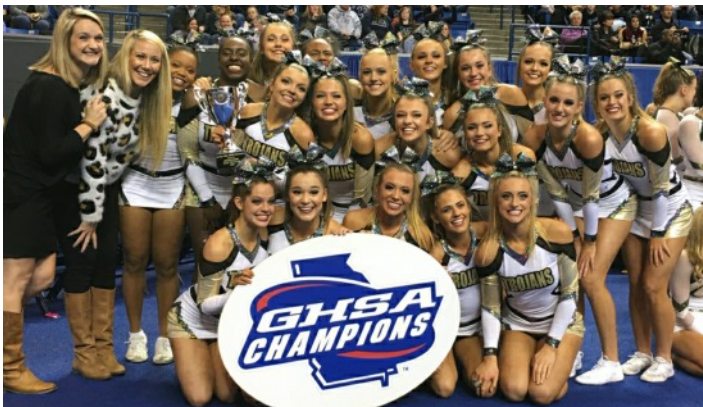
State Cheerleading Champions - 2018



7A: Lambert



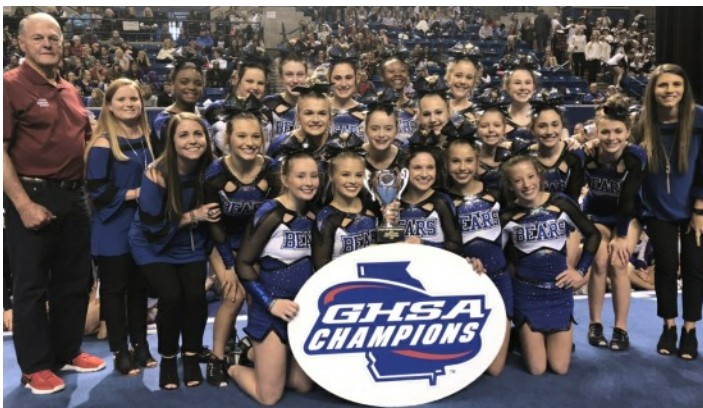
6A: Northgate



5A: Carrollton



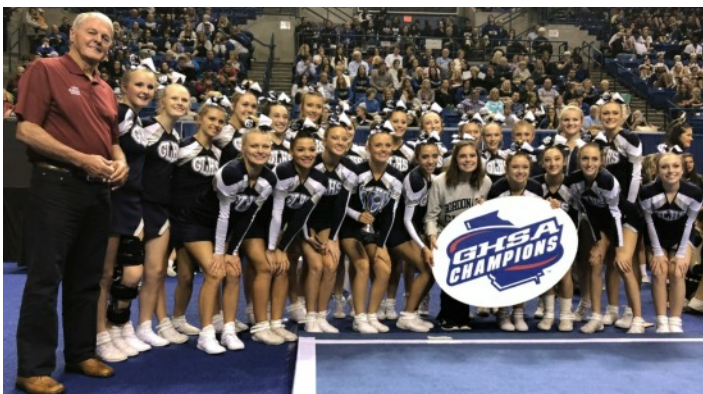
4A: Cartersville



3A: Pierce County



2A: Armuchee



A (public): Gordon Lee



A (private): Mt. Paran

State Volleyball Champions - 2018



7A: Walton



6A: Pope



5A: McIntosh



4A: St. Pius



3A: Pace Academy



2A: Coosa



A: Mt. Paran

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Cross Country teams were provided by Alan Sharp, while photos of the championship Volleyball teams were provided by Athletic Image and Chrystal Moore Photography. And photos of the winning cheerleading teams were provided by Unforgettable Moments.



Latest Happenings In Esports

■ **PlayVS is hosting an online webinar** on December 3 for those interested in learning more about Esports. It will be hosted by the PlayVS team and feature a Q+A session with a current Georgia Esports coach! If you have any questions, curious to learn more, or just excited to get started, sign up today to reserve your spot!

Date: Monday, December 3rd

Time: 4:00 pm EST - 4:45 pm EST

Where: Online via Zoom Webinar

To reserve your spot, sign up today for the PlayVS webinar. We'll send you an email reminder and you'll be able to add it to your calendar. If you cannot make it at that time, please sign up regardless to receive the link to view the recorded session afterwards.

Please feel free to contact ghsa@playvs.com or visit the PlayVS FAQ Center if you have any additional questions.

■ **New Esports for February 2019:** Rocket League and SMITE.

We're excited to share that over 80 teams and 500 players are currently competing for the GHSAA esports state title as Esports kicked off with Season Zero earlier this year.

Registration is now open for Season One, kicking off in February 2019. It will feature three games, **Rocket League**, **SMITE** and **League of Legends**. Just sign up on the Esports interest form found on the GHSAA web site and PlayVS will reach out with more information.

Season One will begin the week of February 25th and end in April, with playoffs taking place in May 2019. The last day for schools to register for the Inaugural Season is February 8th.

Each school is required to have an Esports coach who is onsite for matches. Each school is able to build as many teams as they'd like. Each student needs the following: one computer/laptop and one set of peripherals (mouse, keyboard, headset). The participation fee for each student is \$64/season.

Nominations For Dooley Awards

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Athletes for a Better World announces the 12th Annual Vincent J. Dooley Awards and Scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. The athletic director of each school may designate the Senior Class male and female recipient of the Awards for their school, and their recipients may also compete for a four-year, \$1,000 a year, scholarship.

For more information and the Nomination Form, please go to this site: <http://www.abw.org/awards/dooley-award-nomination/>

The award recipients are chosen for their distinguished individual character, outstanding teamwork, and citizenship. All award recipients are reviewed by a selection committee, who choose 10 boys and 10 girls as finalists for the Dooley Scholarship. The Dooley Scholarship is then presented to one male and one female athlete. All recipients are invited to attend a banquet in Spring 2019 to receive their awards, and at that time the scholarship recipients will be announced.

For more information, contact Brad Catherman at bcatherman@abw.org.

The Code for Living

Because I am a role model and have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others, I commit to this Code. I will take responsibility and appropriate actions when I fail to live up to it.

As an individual:

- I will develop my skills to the best of my ability and give my best effort in practice and competition.
- I will compete within the spirit and letter of the rules of my sport.
- I will respect the dignity of every human being, and will not be abusive or dehumanizing of another either as an athlete or as a fan.

As a member of a team:

- I will place team goals ahead of personal goals.
- I will be a positive influence on the relationships on the team.
- I will follow the team rules established by the coach.

As a member of society:

- I will display caring and honorable behavior off the field and be a positive influence in my community and world.
- I will give of my time, skills, and money as I am able for the betterment of my community and world.



Winning More Than The Game

GHSA Board of Trustees Meeting

November 27, 2018

MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on November 27, 2018, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, 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).

OLD BUSINESS:

The following are Constitutional proposals and require two votes. This is the **Second vote**.

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 9A on page 11 by adding to the end of the first sentence the following language:

“ . . . , including but not limited to, declaring a student ineligible to compete in GHSA activities for a period of time of up to four (4) years.” (GHSA)

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 13B on page 13 by adding to the end of the second sentence the following language:

“ . . . , including but not limited to, declaring a student ineligible to compete in GHSA activities for a period of time of up to four (4) years.” (GHSA)

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to change the Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament as follows: Divide the 32-Team playoff bracket into eight, 4-team “Sub Sectional” quadrants, with the No. 1 seed in each quadrant being the host school. The eight “Sub Sectional” sites would use a double-elimination format, with the winner and runner-up advancing to a “Super Sectional” tournament. Each classification would then have two, 8-team “Super Sectional” tournaments using a double-elimination format, with the winner and runner-up advancing to the “Final Four” double-elimination tournament in Columbus. (GHSA)

Motion by Crews, second by Long, to **Table** the proposal and send to Softball Committee in April.

MOTION to Table Passed (unanimously)

Proposal to change Section 11 “Softball” Art. “C” as follows (new text in italic, old text struck through): C. The maximum number of softball games allowed (~~not including region or state playoffs~~) shall be: *thirty (30) games including games during the regular season, invitational tournaments, and region tournaments.*

~~1. Region tournament shall be structured so that no school will play more than eight (8) games in the tournament. (GHSA)~~

Motion by Crews, second by Long to **Table** the proposal and send to Softball Committee in April.

MOTION to Table Passed (unanimously)

Proposal to reword By-Law 1.72-d on page 22 of the Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck through): d. The player who played for a coach ~~at a former GHSA school~~ *at one school (GHSA member or non-member) and subsequently* followed that coach when he/she moved to ~~another a GHSA school or changed schools within the GHSA membership.~~ (This is not applicable to dependent children of the coach). (GHSA) **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Motion by Crews, second by Lancaster, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Robin Hines asked the Board if they felt the GHSA should develop a policy about the practice of giving saline IVs to football players in the light of a recent media story highlighting the issue in some Georgia schools. The Board felt overwhelmingly that the GHSA should not make policy when it comes to medical issues, but rather leave that up to the local school boards and/or the doctor and patient. Dr. Hines also discussed whether or not the GHSA should mandate health insurance for all student-athletes in addition to the catastrophic insurance the GHSA helps pay for.

The upcoming football state championships at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium was the next topic addressed by Dr. Hines. He urged the board members to help get the word out to all participating schools that they should buy presale tickets at their respective schools to avoid a box office fee of \$7.50 per ticket that will be added to tickets purchased at the MB Stadium. Hines also discussed the almost-certain fact that the championship games will be moved to Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 11 and 12, because the Atlanta United soccer team apparently will be hosting the MLS championship game on Dec. 8 after their recent 3-0 win over the NY Red Bulls.

Hines concluded his report by going over some possible scenarios for reclassification that included returning to a two-year cycle, going back to six classifications and separating the Class A schools into different regions completely for all sports.

Motion by White, second by Crews to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION Passed (unanimously)



2018

WRESTLING MAT SALE

Pre-Order Now through December 15, 2018

38' X 38' MAT - STARTING AT: \$6,655

LITEWEIGHT Standard 7 pc LiteWeight Mats: \$6,655 Delivered

ZIP MAT Patented, Tape-Free Zip Mats: \$7,710 Delivered



DIGIPRINT Custom DigiPrint Mats: starting at \$7,640 Delivered

40' X 40' MAT - STARTING AT: \$7,336

LITEWEIGHT Standard 7 pc LiteWeight Mats: \$7,336 Delivered

ZIP MAT Patented, Tape-Free Zip Mats: \$8,536 Delivered



DIGIPRINT Custom DigiPrint Mats: starting at \$8,520 Delivered

NOTE: Artwork, logos, lettering or other custom markings will be priced accordingly.
Custom DigiPrint mats include all artwork and markings.
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GHSA - December 2018 / January 2019 Calendar

December

- 1 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs (if Saturday games)
- 4 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11, 12 Championship Round State Football Playoffs at Mercedes-Benz Stadium
- 14 GHSA Office closed until January 3 for **Christmas Holidays**

January

- 7 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 8 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11,12 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 14 Earliest date for Track, Baseball and Soccer practice
- 17-19 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 21 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 21 Earliest date for Lacrosse practice
- 22 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 28 Deadline for notification of entry in Literary
- 28 Earliest date for Tennis match or Gymnastics meet



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



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