



# GHSA

## *“Items of Interest”*

March 2006

### **‘Success’ Not Always Measured in Wins and Losses**

Having access to a dictionary used to resolve questions (and arguments) about the proper definition of terms. Now, however, the reliance on the spoken word over the written word has produced multiple, subjective definitions to words and phrases that individuals or groups choose to use.

One word that is subject to multiple definitions is the word “SUCCESS.” In every area of life, merchandise is advertised that will make people successful – usually promising less work to reach that success than ever before. Additional confusion arises when people discover that what they need to do (or to buy) to be successful depends on whose definition of success is being used. There are lots of definitions out there.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR A HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC PROGRAM? Very common answers involve such things as wins and losses, championships, state and national rankings, or players getting college scholarships. While the answers listed above draw a lot of attention from the media, parents, and the general public, educators need to look more deeply for answers.



Here is a list of questions that school administrators might use as a checklist for establishing a working definition for success in high school athletics.

- Are practice sessions good examples of a teaching/learning experience?
- Are students with all ranges of playing ability given the opportunity to develop their talents?
- Are students taught things that go beyond “Xs and Os” into lifelong learning, such as a strong work ethic and a willingness to work with other to reach a goal?
- Are students treated with respect and is respect demanded from the students toward teammates, opponents, and authority figures?
- Are students encouraged to find an area of participation in competitive activities in order to grow as a person and to have fun?
- Are athletes reminded regularly of the need to achieve academically?
- Are students reminded regularly of the need for good sporting behavior, and do coaches and administrators model such behavior?

While this is not an exhaustive list, if a school is able to answer affirmatively to these questions, that school will have a successful program. The success may not always be seen on the scoreboard, but it will be evident in the lives of the young people who go through our schools and into the communities across our nation.

Several weeks ago, two marvelous events occurred in Georgia. At the State Swimming and Diving Championships, 1,351 students participated in four days of competition at Westminster School. At the State Traditional (Individual) Wrestling Tournament, 1,456 wrestlers competed over three days on 12 mats at the Arena at Gwinnett Center. The vast majority of these students did not become a State Champion in their event(s), but they certainly demonstrated that they were “successful” in every sense of the word.

– **Ralph Sweargin**, Executive Director

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**Contact Information for Official Merchandise**

Those wishing to purchase GHSA merchandise should contact **All-Star Outfitters**, the official merchandise supplier of the GHSA.

The phone number for All-Star Outfitters is 770-590-0075 and the fax number is 770-590-0180. The address is 1420 Lockhart Drive, Building 100, Suite 102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. The contact person is **David Marler**.

**STATE CHAMPIONS****WRESTLING - Traditional**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Parkview High School
AAAA	Ringgold High School
AAA	Cass High School
AA	West Laurens High School
A	Jefferson High School

**SWIMMING and DIVING - Boys**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Parkview High School
AAAA/AAA/AA/A	Westminster School

**SWIMMING and DIVING - Girls**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Centennial High School
AAAA/AAA/AA/A	Westminster School

**DEBATE**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA/AAAA	Brookwood High School
AAA/AA/A	Pace Academy

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.

**Attention Track Coaches**

**AAASP Information:** As you should know, the Georgia High School Association has entered into a collaborative with the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs for events in track and field. For the 2006 season and beyond, coaches/teams with wheelchair athletes **must** receive an orientation on working with these student-athletes.

All Schools must notify Gary Phillips, GHSA Assistant Director, of your intention to have wheelchair athletes participating in track this spring. This applies to schools having athletes who competed in previous years and will compete this year (2006 season), as well as schools having their first wheelchair athletes this season.

Also, please **contact Ron Lykins** at 404-840-7761 or [rjlykins@mindspring.com](mailto:rjlykins@mindspring.com) to schedule your orientation and a trainer will come to your school's facilities to work with your athletes and coaches.

**Attention Tennis Coaches**

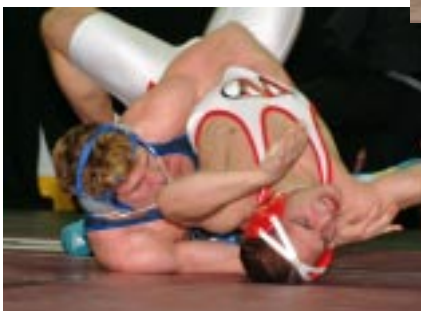
The sites have been determined for the Sectional rounds of the upcoming 2006 State Tennis Tournament.

The complete brackets for the State Tennis Tournament can be found on Page 163 of the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws book.

On that bracket, the "A" South site for the May 5-6 Sectional will be **John Drew Smith Tennis Center** in Macon, while the "C" North site will be **Peachtree City Tennis Center** in Peachtree City.

The South "B" Sectional site remains Bacon Park Tennis Complex in Savannah, while the North "D" site remains the Stone Mountain Tennis Center, which is also the site for the Semifinals and Finals on May 12-13.

## 2006 Traditional State Wrestling Championships



Photos courtesy of Toby Murphy, Woodward Academy Wrestling.



**GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA**

**HOLIDAY INN - FORSYTH, GEORGIA  
March 13, 2006 - 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: Jay Russell, Athletic Director, LaGrange High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semester)

Monday - 9:15 am: Dr. James Kahrs, Principal, Peachtree Ridge High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semester)

Monday - 9:30 am: Mark Chanell, Principal, Oconee County High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (overage 2006-07)

Monday - 9:45 am: Quimby Melton, Principal, Griffin High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semester)

Monday - 10:00 am: Russ Russell, Athletic Director, Mt. Paran Christian School  
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semester)

Monday - 10:15 am: Donnie Griggers, Principal, Harrison High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (overage 2006-07)

Monday - 10:30 am: Gary Townsend, Principal, Mt. Zion High School, Jonesboro  
Appeal of student eligibility (overage)

Monday - 10:30 am: Chris Culpepper, Athletic Director, North Gwinnett High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (denied by Hardship & Appeal Boards)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Board of Trustees**

Proposed increase in GHSA member dues  
Proposed exemption of cheerleading from sub-division requirement  
Proposal to change Constitution so that Exec. Director can assign number of playoff slots according to number of teams in region  
Proposal to change Constitution so that the Exec. Director is responsible for reclassification placements with appeals made to the Reclassification Committee  
Proposal to drop conditioning period in all sports  
Consideration of Ad Hoc Committee's proposals concerning (1) dead period in Summer (2) coach as a spectator at out-of-season contests (3) coach as a "fellow competitor" (4) limits of community coach owning, operating sport specific instructional facilities  
Proposal to hire an investigative officer  
Proposal to set a fine of \$250.00 when a coach is ejected from a contest  
Committee assignments for 2006, 2007  
Study of 2006-07 budget

**Baseball Committee**

Proposal to allow two scrimmage games  
Proposal to allow teams to play doubleheaders the first 4 Saturdays and count as 1 game

**Calendar Committee**

Review of 2006-07 calendar

**Cheerleading Committee**

Letter of concern with cheerleading season dates  
Proposal for change in format to allow all teams to go to sectional competition for advancement to State (eliminate region competition)

**Eligibility Committee**

Consider residency requirement for rising 9th graders  
Proposal to set service area for non-public schools the same as the public school in the same district  
Proposal to allow high school courses taken below grade 9 to count for eligibility  
Review difficulties with end-of-course testing  
Consider change of wording for By-Law 1.65

## STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA, Cont.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

##### **Eligibility Committee, Continued**

Consider change of wording for By-Law 2.72  
Amend By-Law 2.96(a) dealing with all star games

##### **Football Committee**

Proposal to allow 10 Spring practice dates over 15 consecutive days  
Concerns with new practice start dates  
Region 1-AAAAA request to reconsider neutral site decision  
Championship game standards  
Consider process for selecting officials for playoffs

##### **Golf Committee**

Proposal to allow coaches to talk to players from green to tee

##### **Officials Committee**

Request to set minimum age for Cheerleading judge at 21  
Request to increase Cheerleading judges per diem for regular season  
Proposal to restructure Wrestling officials fees  
Proposal for Universal Contest Fees (travel)

##### **Softball Committee**

Proposed change in playoff format

##### **Sportsmanship Committee**

Continued study and proposals on sportsmanship issues

##### **Swimming Committee**

Proposal to allow seven divers to qualify for state meet  
Proposal for Diving Proof of Performance procedure change  
Proposal to change number of free entries (alternates, etc.)

##### **Reclassification Committee**

Proposal for changes in the schedule for determining 2008-2010 Reclassification

##### **Track Committee**

Proposal to set girls state track meet schedule the same as the boys state track meet

##### **Volleyball Committee**

Suggested change in financial procedures for playoffs  
Proposed changes in playoff format

##### **Wrestling Committee**

Proposal to change admission prices for State Team Duals and Traditional Tournaments  
Request to add wrestling to the rule allowing "split schedules"  
Proposal to change number of free entries (wrestlers, managers, matmaids)

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#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Budget for 2006-07
2. Changes in Coaches Education Program

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers for 2006-07

#### ADJOURNMENT

## **GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - March/April**

### **BASEBALL:**

Bradwell Institute, March 2-4, 2006  
 Effingham County High School, March 1, 2006  
 LaGrange High School, March 10-11, 2006  
 Lassiter High School, March 7-18, 2006  
 Swainsboro High School, March 4, 2006  
 Valdosta High School, March 6-10, 2006  
 Ware County High School, March 1, 3 & 4, 2006

### **GOLE:**

Bainbridge High School, March 4, 2006  
 Burke County High School, March 20 & 27, 2006  
 Carrollton High School, March 27 (Girls) & April 10 (Boys), 2006  
 Central High School, Carrollton, April 1, 2006 (Boys)  
 Columbus High School, April 19 (Boys) & April 22, (Girls), 2006  
 Dalton High School, March 11(Boys) & April 1 (Girls), 2006  
 Etowah High School, April 4, 2006 (Boys)  
 Gainesville High School, March 20-21, 2006 (Boys & Girls)  
 Gainesville High School, April 10, 2006 (Boys)  
 Georgia Athletics Coaches Association, March 25, 2006 (Girls)  
 Glenn Hills High School, March 14 & 29, 2006 (Girls)  
 Glenn Hills High School, March 7 & 30, 2006 (Boys)  
 Glynn Academy, March 4, 2006 (Girls & Boys)  
 Gordon Lee High School, April 15, 2006  
 Habersham Central High School, March 4, 2006  
 Hardaway High School, April 14-15, 2006  
 Heritage High School, April 17, 2006  
 LaGrange High School, April 17, 2005  
 Lee County High School, March 27, 2006  
 Madison County High School, March 25, 2006  
 Marist School, April 3, 2006  
 Peachtree Ridge High School, March 10, 2006 (Boys & Girls)  
 Pierce County High School, March 13, 2006 (Girls)  
 St. Pius X Catholic High School, March 27, 2006 (Girls)  
 Savannah Christian School, March 27, 2006  
 Southeast Whitfield High School, April 5, 2006 (Boys)  
 St. Pius X Catholic School, April 20, 2006 (Boys)  
 Statesboro High School, April 3, 2006  
 Tift County High School, April 10, 2006  
 Vidalia High School, March 18, 2006 (Boys)  
 Vidalia High School, April 7-8, 2006 (Boys)  
 White County High School, March 18, 2006  
 Woodward Academy, April 7-8, 2006 (Girls)

### **LACROSSE:**

Westminster School, March 3-4, 2006 (Girls)

### **SOCCER:**

Baldwin High School, March 3-4, 2006 (Girls)  
 Dalton High School, March 31 and April 1, 2006 (Boys)  
 Glynn Academy, March 16-18, 2006(Boys & Girls)  
 Mary Persons High School, March 17, 18 & 25, 2005  
 Newnan High School, April 13-15, 2006 (Boys & Girls)  
 Parkview High School, April 7-8, 2006  
 Rome High School, March 7-11, 2006 (Boys & Girls)  
 Walker School, March 9-11, 2006  
 Westminster School, March 17-18, 2006 (Boys)

### **TENNIS:**

Baldwin High School, March 11, 2006  
 Camden County High School, March 10-11, 2006  
 Cass High School, March 4, 2006  
 Glynn Academy High School, March 24-25, 2006  
 Hart County High School, April 12-14, 2006  
 LaGrange High School, March 10-11, 2006  
 Madison County High School, March 2 & 4, 2006

McIntosh High School, March 3-4, 2005  
 Valdosta High School, March 3-4, 2006  
 Westminster School, March 24-25, 2006

### **TRACK AND FIELD:**

Adairsville High School, March 24, 2006  
 Alexander High School, April 11-12, 2006  
 Atlanta Public Schools, March 28-30, 2006  
 Baldwin County High School, March 25, 2006  
 Bradwell Institute, March 14, March 30 & April 11, 2006  
 Brookstone High School, April 15, 2006  
 Brookstone High School, March 9, 16, 21, 28, 2006  
 Burke County High School, March 18, 2006  
 Calhoun High School, March 18, 2006  
 Camden High School, March 11, 2006  
 Carrollton High School, March 25, 2006  
 Cedar Shoals High School, March 25, 2006  
 Clarke Central High School, April 1, 2006  
 Collins Hill High School, March 4, & March 23, 2006  
 Columbus High School, March 14, 2006  
 Columbus High School, April 18, 2006  
 Crawford County High School, April 1, 2006  
 Creekside High School, March 22, 2006  
 Dalton High School, March 25, 2006  
 Darlington School, April 8, 2006  
 Dublin High School, March 14, 2006  
 Duluth High School, March 11, 2006  
 Glynn Academy, March 21, 2006  
 Gordon Central High School, April 15, 2006  
 Gordon Lee High School, March 31, 2006  
 Greenbrier High School, March 11, 2006  
 Habersham High School, March 25, 2006  
 Hardaway High School, March 21, 2006  
 Heard County High School, March 14 & March 25, 2006  
 Heard County High School, April 18, 2006  
 Holy Innocents School, April 1, 2006  
 Jefferson High School, April 15, 2006  
 Johnson High School, Savannah, March 13 & March 25, 2006  
 Johnson High School, Savannah, April 3, 2006  
 Kell High School, March 21, 2006  
 Kell High School, April 11, 2006  
 Kendrick High School, March 8, 2006  
 Lassiter High School, March 22, 2006  
 Lassiter High School, April 12-13, 2006  
 Lowndes High School, April 1, 2006  
 Madison County High School, March 14, 2006  
 Marietta High School, April 8 & 22, 2006  
 Marietta High School, March 29, 2006  
 McEachern High School, April 15, 2006  
 Mill Creek High School, March 7 & 25 & 27, 2006  
 Mill Creek High School, April 14-15, 2006  
 Monroe High School, March 25, 2005  
 Monroe Area High School, April 15, 2006  
 Norcross High School, April 1, 2006  
 Northeast Magnet High School, April 8, 2006  
 Northwest Whitefield High School, March 11, 2006  
 Oconee County High School, April 11 & April 15, 2006  
 Peachtree Ridge High School, March 10-11, 2006  
 Pepperell High School, March 30 & April 1, 2006  
 Pope High School, March 17-18, 2006  
 Roswell High School, March 25 & March 28-29, 2006  
 Roswell High School, April 15, 2006  
 Shaw High School, March 22 & April 1, 2006  
 South Forsyth High School, March 9-10, 2005  
 South Gwinnett High School, March 9 & March 14, 2006  
 South Gwinnett High School, April 18, 2006

## GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - March/April, Cont.

**TRACK AND FIELD, Cont.:**

Spalding High School, April 15, 2006  
 Spencer High School, March 15 & April 19, 2006  
 Starr's Mill High School, March 11 & March 29-30, 2006  
 Statesboro High School, April 8, 2006  
 Stephenson High School, March 18, 2006  
 Therrell High School, March 31 and April 1, 2006  
 Thomas County High School, March 18, 2006  
 Turner County High School, March 9, March 20 & March 30, 2006  
 Turner County High School, April 8, 2006  
 Upton-Lee High School, March 14 & March 25, 2006  
 Valdosta High School, March 18, 2006

Walton High School, March 4 & March 18, 2006  
 Warner Robins High School, March 10, 2006 (Boys)  
 Washington County High School, April 15, 2006  
 Wesleyan School, March 1, 8, 22, 30, 2006  
 Wesleyan School, April 11, 2006  
 Westminster School, March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12, 18, 2006  
 Westside High School, Augusta, March 1, 8, 15, 22-23, 29, 2006  
 Westside High School, Augusta, April 12, 2006  
 Westover High School, April 15, 2006  
 Wheeler High School, March 4, 2006 (Boys)  
 Winder Barrow High School, April 8, 2006  
 Woodland High School, March 18, 2006

### Schedule for State Literary Meet

The state literary meet for all classifications will be held at two sites on Saturday, March 18, 2006. Classes AA and AAA will be held at Houston County High School, while A, AAAA and AAAAA will be at Northside High School in Warner Robins (Report to Tabor Academy next door to high school).

Admission is free to all events.

**Classes AAA and AA**

Houston County High School - Saturday, March 18

**Girls Dramatic Interpretation:**

AAA	9:30 am	Room 215
AA	11:00 am	Room 215

**Boys Dramatic Interpretation:**

AAA	9:30 am	Room 203
AA	11:00 am	Room 203

**Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:**

AAA	8:30 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AAA	9:30 am	Room 308 (Speaking)
AA	10:00 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AA	11:00 am	Room 308 (Speaking)

**Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:**

AAA	8:30 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AAA	9:30 am	Room 307 (Speaking)
AA	10:00 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AA	11:00 am	Room 307 (Speaking)

**Boys And Girls Spelling:**

AA, AAA	9:00 am	Room 317
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**Boys And Girls Essay:**

AAA	9:30 am	Room 312
AA	9:30 am	Room 316

**Girls Trio:**

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

**Boys Quartet:**

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

**Girls Solo:**

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

**Boys Solo:**

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

**Classes AAAAA, AAAA and A**

Northside High School, Warner Robins - Saturday, March 18

**Girls Dramatic Interpretation:**

AAAA	9:30 am	Room 13N
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 14N
A	11:00 am	Room 15N

**Boys Dramatic Interpretation:**

AAAA	9:30 am	Room 16N
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 17N
A	11:00 am	Room 18N

**Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:**

AAAA	8:30 am	Room 25N (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 1N (Speaking)
AAAAA	8:30 am	Room 26N (Drawing)
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 4N (Speaking)
A	10:00 am	Room 25N (Drawing)
A	11:00 am	Room 1N (Speaking)

**Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:**

AAAA	8:30 am	Room 25N (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 3N (Speaking)
AAAAA	8:30 am	Room 26N (Drawing)
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 2N (Speaking)
A	10:00 am	Room 25N (Drawing)
A	11:00 am	Room 3N (Speaking)

**Boys And Girls Spelling:**

A, AAAA, AAAAA	8:30 am	Tabor 503
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**Boys And Girls Essay:**

A, AAAA, AAAAA	9:00 am	Rooms 34N, 32N, 33N
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**Girls Trio:**

AAAA	11:15 am	Black Box Tabor
AAAAA	11:30 am	Theatre
A	11:45 am	Tabor 607

**Boys Quartet:**

AAAA	1:15 pm	Black Box Tabor
AAAAA	1:30 pm	Theatre
A	1:45 pm	Tabor 607

**Girls Solo:**

AAAA	9:00 am	Black Box Tabor
AAAAA	9:15 am	Theatre
A	9:30 am	Tabor 607

**Boys Solo:**

AAAA	10:15 am	Black Box Tabor
AAAAA	10:30 am	Theatre
A	10:45 am	Tabor 607

**GHSA - March/April Calendar - 2006****March**

- 1 Football Schedules due in GHSA office
- 1-3 Semifinals & Finals State Basketball Tournament (AAAA & AAAAA)
- 1-4 Semifinals & Finals State Basketball Tournament (A, AA & AAA)
- 7 Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 10, 11 Region Literary Meets
- 13 State Executive Committee Meeting, Forsyth
- 13 File reports of Literary winners with GHSA Office by noon
- 17 Complete Area Riflery
- 18 State Literary Meet
- 21 Appeal Board Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 23 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 24 File Riflery Sectional winners and qualifiers with State Coordinator and with GHSA

**April**

- 1 Deadline for notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Wrestling for 2006-07
- 1 State Riflery Championships
- 4 Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 18 Appeal Board Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston

**GHSA Sponsors**