



# GHSA

## *“Items of Interest”*

March 2008

### Imagine If You Treated Opponents Like Guests

The Georgia Recreation and Parks Association asked me to speak at a regional conference on “Sportmanship from the GHSA and NFHS Perspectives.” As I was preparing for the presentation, I began to think about sportmanship issues that have come through the GHSA office so far this school year. That got me to IMAGINING....

IMAGINE that you invite some guests over to your house for a cookout.

IMAGINE that you do not meet them when they arrive, but expect them to find their way to where they are supposed to be on their own.

IMAGINE that you arrange to have neighbors hanging around the driveway taunting them as they make their way to the back yard for dinner.

IMAGINE that you pick out the best chairs and the best food for you and your family and let your guests fend for themselves.

IMAGINE that you ridicule them about their physical characteristics or their mistakes every chance you get.

IMAGINE that you play cards with them, and you place your guests with their backs to a mirror so you will have a competitive advantage.

Unfortunately, many of these imaginary scenarios are played out in actuality at GHSA sporting events. These kinds of behaviors undermine the level of civility that education-based competitions need to have. Intense competitiveness is not incompatible with the exhibition of good sportmanship.

Then I thought:

IMAGINE that GHSA schools that host athletic events would treat their opponents as honored guests, and the visitors would respond as respectful guests.

I believe that it can be accomplished through a concerted effort of educating your school’s constituencies and by consistently enforcing the standards for appropriate behavior. It’s all a matter of RESPECT.



– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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**GHSA Licensed Products**

Advanced orders for GHSA event T-shirts can be placed with All-Star Outfitters at [www.asoapparel.com](http://www.asoapparel.com) or call 678-569-0134 ... Action photos from select championship events can be found at Photographic Arts [www.schoolpix.biz](http://www.schoolpix.biz) / 678-393-1719 ... DVDs / VHS copies of GHSA televised games can be ordered from [www.gametapes.com](http://www.gametapes.com) / 206-285-8816 ... Visit the GHSA Store and a full list of GHSA sponsors and licensees at [www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net).

**CHEERLEADING CLINICS SET**

The 2008 GHSA Rules Clinics for Cheerleading have been set and are listed below.

All weeknight clinics begin at 7:00 p.m., while all Saturday clinics begin at 10:00 a.m.

You are reminded that By-Law 2.54 on Page 37 of the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws states that every coach at a GHSA member school must attend a GHSA-sponsored rules clinic or face a \$50 fine.

This applies to both spirit and competitive cheerleading and includes Community Coaches.

April 19 (Sat.) ..... Columbus HS - Cafeteria ..... Coaches/Judges  
 May 3 (Sat.) ..... Northside, WR - Commons ..... Coaches/Judges  
 May 6 (Tues.) .... North Cobb HS - Theatre ..... Coaches  
 July 8 (Tues.) ..... SE Bulloch HS, Auditorium ..... Coaches  
 July 19 (Sat.) ..... Gordon Central HS, Cafeteria ..... Coaches/Judges  
 July 22 (Tues.) .... Oconee County HS, Cafeteria ..... Coaches  
 July 26 (Sat.) ..... Tift County HS, Commons ..... Coaches/Judges  
 Aug. 2 (Sat.) ..... Centennial HS, Cafeteria ..... Coaches/Judges  
 Aug. 5 (Tues.) ..... Whitewater HS, Auditorium ..... Coaches  
 Aug. 9 (Sat.) ..... Shaw HS, Auditorium ..... Coaches

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

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Collins Hill High School
AAAA	Eastside High School
AAA	Gilmer High School
AA	LaFayette High School
A	Jefferson High School

**SWIMMING and DIVING - Boys**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

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

**SWIMMING and DIVING - Girls**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Lassiter High School
AAAA/AAA/AA/A	Marist School

**DEBATE**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA/AAAA	Chattahoochee 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.

## Traditional Wrestling State Champions - 2008



**Class AAAAA Champion: Collins Hill**



**Class AAAA Champion: Eastside**



**Class A Champion: Jefferson**



Photos of the 2008 Traditional Wrestling state championship teams were provided by Photographic Arts. Additional photos may be found at [www.schoolpix.biz](http://www.schoolpix.biz).



**Class AAA Champion: Gilmer**



**Class AA Champion: LaFayette**



## GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA

HOLIDAY INN / Convention Complex - FORSYTH, GEORGIA  
March 17, 2008 - 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: Peter Zervakos, Principal, Northview High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semesters)

Monday - 9:15 am: Stan Davis, Principal, Bowdon High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semesters)

Monday - 9:30 am: Ken Johnson, Principal, Berkmar High School  
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semesters)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Board of Trustees

Naming of two female committee members  
2008-09 Committee assignments for Executive  
Committee  
Heat Policy information  
Published list of fines  
Increase of mileage rates  
Catastrophic Insurance  
Contract for Executive Director  
2008-09 budget approval

#### Basketball Committee

Request to allow JV teams to play more than one  
night preceding a school day  
All third round playoff games at school sites

#### Calendar Committee

Review of sports seasons and overlapping seasons  
Review of 2008-09 and 2009-10 calendars  
Softball adjustments for 2008-09  
Track adjustments for 2008-09  
Volleyball adjustments for 2008-09  
Wrestling adjustments for 2008-09

#### Eligibility Committee

Modification of standards for yearlong grading  
Inclusion of "hybrid scheduling" in by-laws  
Annual eligibility workshop for guidance counselors  
Review of timelines for credit recovery programs  
Loss of accreditation issues  
Results of survey on eligibility investigation proce-  
dures

**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**AGENDA, Cont.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (continued):

**Football Committee**

Request to allow JV teams to play 8 games  
 Portable bleachers for playoff games  
 Review of summer rules (page 65; D2 Note)

**Officials Committee**

Review report of sportsmanship fouls  
 Proposed officials fee increase

**Reclassification**

Review of most recent process  
 Suggestions for next cycle  
 By-Law 4.16(d4) - cross-over games

**Riflery Committee**

Proposals to change format of playoff competition and/or area assignments

**Softball Committee**

Proposal to move slow pitch softball to Spring calendar

**Sportsmanship Committee**

By-law concerning behavior before and after contests  
 By-law concerning coach removing team from play  
 By-law concerning Region Sportsmanship Awards

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Financial Report
2. Recognition of outgoing members

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Election of Officers for 2008-09

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2008 STATE GOLF SITES**

The sites for the 2008 State Golf Tournaments have been finalized and are as follows:

**BOYS**

- AAAAA Jekyll Island - Oleander  
Host: Glynn County Schools
- AAAA Bartram Trail, Augusta  
Host: Augusta Sports Council
- AAA Hawks' Ridge Golf Course, Ballground  
Host: Blessed Trinity School
- AA Coosa Country Club, Rome  
Host: Darlington School
- A Sandy Creek Golf Club, Commerce  
Host: Commerce High School

**GIRLS**

- AAAAA Jekyll Island - Indian Mounds  
Host: Glynn County Schools
- AAAA Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta  
Host: Augusta Sports Council
- AAA Trophy Club of Atlanta, Alpharetta  
Host: Blessed Trinity School
- AA Gold Creek Resort, Dawsonville  
Host: Dawson County High School
- A The Lakes at Laura Walker, Waycross  
Host: Ware County Magnet School

## Sponsor Spotlight: RUSSELL ATHLETIC

Russell Athletic enters its third season as a sponsor of the Georgia High School Association. Russell also provides uniforms for the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association North – South All-Star Football game, and supports activities of the Georgia Athletic Directors Association and Georgia Dug-out Club.

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Many of Georgia's Best Teams Wear Russell Jerseys

## New GHSA Licensee

CSG/SportsCoatings is a new licensee of the GHSA, offering the sports world's most widely used antimicrobial products and treatments to member schools.

CSG/SportsCoatings treated all 12 competition mats at the 2008 GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championships with the SportsAide® 1000 family of products. Once applied to the mats, the SportsAide 1000 treatment continually inhibited the growth of bacteria, fungi, and mold for up to 30 days.



Although SportsAide 1000 is widely used on wrestling mats, it is more commonly used to inhibit microbial growth on shared weights, benches, protective pads, helmets, and training tables.

To learn more about CSG / SportsCoatings products go to [www.csgsportscoatings.com](http://www.csgsportscoatings.com).

## Basketball Finals on TV

For the 11<sup>th</sup> season, Georgia Public Broadcasting will televise live the GHSA Basketball State Championship Finals on March 7-8.

The AAAAA and AAAA games begin Friday, March 7 at 3:00 p.m., while Saturday's (March 8) action for A, AA and AAA tips off at 11:00 a.m. The AAASP Wheelchair Championship contest will air at 9:30 a.m. The games also will stream live on GPB.org.

Supporting the statewide coverage are GEMC, Wachovia, GaCollege411, State Farm, Dodge and Naturally Fresh. DVDs will be available at [gametapes.com](http://gametapes.com).

## 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. This is effective through June 30, 2008.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
Baseball	WILSON A1010 B-Pro
Basketball	WILSON EVOLUTION Boys: B0516 Girls: B0586
Football	WILSON F1003 or F1005
Soccer	BRINE "Championship"
Softball - SP (optic yellow 11")	WILSON A9202B
Softball - FP (optic yellow 12")	WILSON A9011 BSST
Volleyball	SPALDING TF5000

## Schedule for State Literary Meet

The state literary meet for all classifications will be held at two sites on Saturday, March 15, 2008. Classes AA and AAA will be held at Houston County High School, while Classes A, AAAA and AAAAA will be at Northside High School in Warner Robins. Admission is free to all events.

### Classes AAA and AA Houston County High School

**Girls Dramatic Interpretation:**

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

**Boys Dramatic Interpretation:**

AAA	9:30 am	Room 205
AA	11:00 am	Room 205

**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 Essay:**

AAA	9:30 am	Room 317
AA	9:30 am	Room 317

**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:**

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

**Boys Solo:**

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

Music warmup area is in the Band Room.

**Note:** GHSA Headquarters, Scoring and Awards located in Cafeteria at both sites.

### Classes AAAAA, AAAA and A Northside High School, Warner Robins

**Girls Dramatic Interpretation:**

A	9:30 am	Room 902
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 903
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 902

**Boys Dramatic Interpretation:**

A	9:30 am	Room 906
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 909
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 906

**Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:**

A	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	9:30 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
AAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 704 (Speaking)
AAAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 703 (Speaking)

**Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:**

A	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	9:30 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
AAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 711 (Speaking)
AAAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	11:00 am	Room 708 (Speaking)

**Boys And Girls Essay:**

A	9:00 am	Room 501
AAAA	9:00 am	Room 503
AAAAA	9:00 am	Room 505

**Girls Trio:**

A	11:15 am	Band Room
AAAA	11:30 am	Tabor Cafe
AAAAA	11:45 am	Theatre

**Boys Quartet:**

A	1:15 pm	Band Room
AAAA	1:30 pm	Tabor Cafe
AAAAA	1:45 pm	Theatre

**Girls Solo:**

A	9:00 am	Band Room
AAAA	9:15 am	Tabor Cafe
AAAAA	9:30 am	Theatre

**Boys Solo:**

A	10:15 am	Band Room
AAAA	10:30 am	Tabor Cafe
AAAAA	10:45 am	Theatre

## GHSA - March Calendar - 2008

### March

- 1 Deadline to submit Football Schedules to GHSA office
- 1 Quarterfinal Round State Basketball Tournaments
- 4 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 5-7 Semifinals and Finals State Basketball (AAAA & AAAAA)
- 5-8 Semifinals and Finals State Basketball (A, AA & AAA)
- 7 Complete Area Riflery
- 8 Complete Region Literary
- 10 File reports of Region Literary winners with GHSA by noon
- 13 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 14 File reports of Riflery Sectionals with State Coordinator and GHSA office
- 15 State Literary Meet
- 17 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 18 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 21 GHSA Office Closed for Good Friday
- 22 State Riflery Championship

### April

- 1 Deadline to submit notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball & Wrestling for 2008-09

## GHSA Sponsors

