



GHSAA

"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

March 2018

Thanks to All Who Help Make Our Championship Events Great!

This is a busy time at the Georgia High School Association and special thanks go to the many volunteers who generously give of their time to ensure that our student-athletes have great experiences in our playoffs and championships.

Wrestling was a huge success at both the State Duals and the Traditional tournaments. Special thanks to Don Corr, Associate Director for Wrestling, and the Atlanta Takedown Association. This group is truly professional and does an outstanding job running the tournaments.

They even sing the National Anthem, providing a performance each day that is professional and stirring. We truly are blessed to partner with this group led by Bud Hennebaul. We couldn't do it without them.

The Macon Coliseum proved to be a great venue and the staff worked hard to provide a great experience for our students and fans.

Georgia Tech was the host site for the State Swimming and Diving meet recently. We enjoyed the performances of over 2,300 athletes, as many turned in times that rival any in the nation. Andy Cowart runs our Swimming and Diving and, like wrestling, he enjoys a volunteer staff that provides a superb event for our athletes. Many thanks to these individuals. We appreciate their efforts.

We are approaching the basketball semifinals and finals to be played at the Macon Coliseum and Georgia Tech in early March. Assistant Executive Director Ernie Yarbrough and a host of volunteers are working hard preparing for these events. Much planning has gone into these tournaments and the best high school basketball anywhere will be enjoyed by many live at the sites or via the internet thanks to the NFHS Network, which will stream all the games at both the semifinals and finals.

There also are some new events that will be coming next year. I am excited to announce that a girls division will be added to the Traditional State Wrestling Tournament next year. There were 270 girls participating in wrestling this year and our hope is that a girl's division will encourage even more participation.

In addition, Penny Pitts Mitchell is working on developing Competitive Dance and Game Day Cheerleading competitions for next year. These competitions will be GHSAA Invitational events and we hope they will grow into Championship Events in the near future.

Thank you for all you do for our students in our member schools. We appreciate your efforts and please let us know if we can help you in any way.



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

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This month's featured licensees are: **Honig's Whistle Stop** (honigs.com) **Cliff Keen** (cliffkeen.com), **Smitty Official's Apparel** (smittysadysub.com), Officials/umpires uniforms, apparel and equipment; **Mr Video** videographer / order DVDs for the cheerleading state championships (mrvideoonline.com); **Hartwell Studio Works**, creating unique, dynamic and protectable spirit logos / marks (hartwellstudioworks.com); **Nfinity**, official cheerleading footwear and apparel (nfinity.com) and **Resilite**, official wrestling mat (resilite.com).

STATE CHAMPIONS

WRESTLING - Traditional

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

7A	Camden County High School
6A	Richmond Hill High School
5A	Buford High School
4A	Jefferson High School
3A	Sonorville High School
2A	Social Circle School
A	Commerce High School

SWIMMING and DIVING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

	Boys
7A	Brookwood High School
6A	Dalton High School
4A & 5A	St. Pius
A - 3A	Westminster
	Girls
7A	Brookwood High School
6A	Pope High School
4A & 5A	Blessed Trinity
A - 3A	Westminster

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.

NFHS School Broadcast Program Update

The NFHS Network Sports School Broadcast program provides schools access to streaming software and technology platform. The NFHS Network School Broadcast Program is already being used by over 1,500 schools across the country.

Any Georgia school can be part of a program that includes the following:

- Network Benefits – National exposure, post-season coverage, unlimited free video storage.
- Educational Benefits – Provide your students with the opportunities to produce, announce and broadcast professional events live online.
- Technology – HD Streaming Capability, Customized Graphics Package, Highlight Creator.
- Generate Revenue – Schools can generate revenue from fundraising, advertising and subscription sales
- Service – A dedicated team comprised of a territory manager and an account manager.
- Training – NFHS Network has many training tools available including one-on-one training options, online training, and school mentoring.
- Support – Production Tech support, Subscription Customer Service, and Event Marketing support.

If you would like more details about the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program, please contact: Matt Abramson at Matt.Abramson@nfhsnetwork.com or 843-324-8694.

For current SBP schools, please contact your new Account Manager Jessi Hamilton at Jessi.Hamilton@nfhsnetwork.com or 404-920-3190.



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State Basketball Semis & Finals Will Be Streamed Live

An exciting conclusion to the 2018 GHSA basketball season is expected as the Dr. Ralph Swearngin State Basketball Tournament semifinals and finals take place this month with a total of 17 state titles at stake.

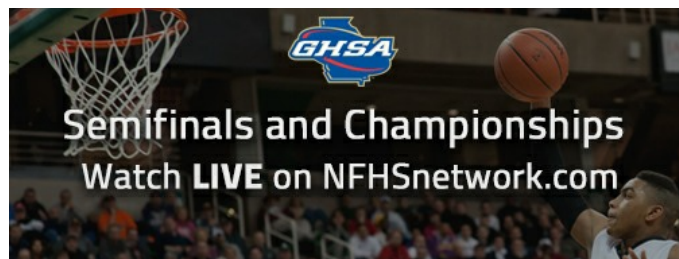
The four-day championship round, presented by Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, will tip off with the Class 2A schools playing at the Macon Centreplex on Wednesday, March 7. Then the Class A Public teams will battle later that evening as the GHSA returns to the refurbished Macon Centreplex after a one-year absence.



Thursday's schedule in Macon begins at 11 a.m., with the 21st annual AAASP Wheelchair title game followed by the 3A and 5A finals (see exact game times in chart).

Friday's action returns to Georgia Tech for the second year in a row with the tip off of the Class A Private school championship games at 2:00 p.m. Later that evening, the two Class 6A titles will be decided. The action concludes Saturday at Tech with the 4A and 7A contests.

All the finals (as well as the March 2&3 semifinals from eight sites) will be streamed live on the NFHS Network.



2018 Dr. Ralph Swearngin State Basketball Championship Facts

When: March 7-10 **Where:** Macon Centreplex & Georgia Tech
Tickets: \$15 per day at each site

Championship Schedule

Wed., March 7 - Macon Centreplex	Fri., March 9 - Georgia Tech
2:00 pm - Girls Class 2A	2:00 pm - Girls Class A Private
4:00 pm - Boys Class 2A	4:00 pm - Boys Class A Private
6:00 pm - Girls Class A Public	6:00 pm - Girls Class 6A
8:00 pm - Boys Class A Public	8:00 pm - Boys Class 6A
Thur., March 8 - Macon Centreplex	Sat., March 10 - Georgia Tech
11:00 am - AAASP Wheelchair	2:00 pm - Girls Class 4A
2:00 pm - Girls Class 3A	4:00 pm - Boys Class 4A
4:00 pm - Boys Class 3A	6:00 pm - Girls Class 7A
6:00 pm - Girls Class 5A	8:00 pm - Boys Class 7A
8:00 pm - Boys Class 5A	

All Semifinal games and Championship Finals are available Live at NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA. A 30-day subscription is \$9.95 for an all-access, unlimited viewing pass on any device. Pre-event tickets for semifinals and finals (at Ga. Tech) can be purchased using GoFan.

Semifinal Sites & Dates

(Admission is \$15 at every site)

<u>Site</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Valdosta State	A - Public	Sat., March 3
Columbus State	A - Private	Fri., March 2
Ga. College & State Univ.	AA	Sat., March 3
Armstrong State	AAA	Sat. March 3
Ft. Valley State	AAAA	Fri., March 2
Ft. Valley State	AAAAA	Sat., March 3
West Georgia	AAAAAA	Sat., March 3
Buford City Arena	AAAAAAA	Sat., March 3



New MaxPreps TEAMS Mobile Coaching App Now Available

MaxPreps recently launched a new mobile app, **Teams by MaxPreps**. Designed specifically for high school coaches, the Teams app improves the sports experience by connecting the staff, parents, and athletes in a private community. Available for both iOS and Android, this free app is the newest addition to a suite of services that MaxPreps provides to high schools.

A key feature of the Teams app is individual privacy protection. With a focus on inter-team communications, the Teams app will ensure secure in-app communication without the need to share personal information.

Another special communication feature will prevent users from getting overwhelmed with messages. Specific topics can be managed in unique conversations, so arranging a carpool for the upcoming tournament doesn't get

mixed in with sharing position-specific practice times or ordering t-shirts. And all communication will automatically include read receipts, giving peace of mind that the message has been seen and received.

Beyond the team communication benefits, the Teams app reduces the stress on coaches by allowing them to manage permissions within their team community. App users can now be given specific access to update sports information and/or manage team communication. For example, coaches can allow a parent to manage communication without editing player stats.

Coaches that already use MP Coach, MaxPreps' existing coach-only mobile app, will be upgraded the next time they update their app. New coaches can download Teams from iTunes and Google Play stores.

Swimming & Diving State Champions - 2018



7A Boys: Brookwood



7A Girls: Brookwood



6A Boys: Dalton



6A Girls: Pope



4A & 5A Boys: St. Pius



4A & 5A Girls: Blessed Trinity



A-3A Boys: Westminster



A-3A Girls: Westminster

'Gold Week' is April 9-14, 2018

Each school day in America, 46 kids are diagnosed with childhood cancer, the leading disease killer of children in America ages 1 to 19, yet less than 4% of federal cancer research funding is allocated to childhood cancers. In honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September, the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) is partnering with the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research (Rally) to "Go Gold" for childhood cancer awareness during spring sports the week of April 9-14.

GHSA first partnered with Rally to demonstrate their support for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September 2016. The organization encouraged Georgia high school students, athletes and parents to "Go Gold" during the week of Sept. 12, 2016. The initiative raised more than \$100,000 statewide for childhood cancer research.

"We are honored to partner with the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research to encourage our schools to bring attention to this worthy cause," said Dr. Robin Hines, GHSA executive director. "The GHSA and its member schools are affected by this disease far too often, and we are excited to do our part to raise awareness and funds for researching childhood cancers. We encourage everyone to 'Go Gold' in April!"

Georgia high school students and parents can fundraise and "Go Gold" by wearing gold T-shirts, wristbands and ribbons, in compliance with school uniform and dress codes, throughout the entire month of April. Then, the week of April 9, Georgia high school athletes are encouraged to "Go Gold" at home games and meets by wearing gold apparel and accessories that comply with the following GHSA uniform restrictions:

- Soccer, baseball, tennis and lacrosse teams can wear gold jerseys, socks or wristbands at home games

"We are thrilled to partner with the Georgia High School Association again this spring for teams to 'Go Gold' for childhood cancer awareness," said Dean Crowe, Rally founder and CEO. "We love seeing kids empowered to help kids, and that's exactly what these student athletes are doing when their teams 'Go Gold' – they are bringing awareness to their peers who are fighting, have fought or have lost their battle with cancer. This is crucial to our mission of raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer research to find better treatments and, ultimately, cures."

For more information on how to get involved with Rally, or to donate, visit RallyFoundation.org or @RallyFoundation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Suggested "Go Gold" social media hashtags include #GoGold and #RallyOn. Schools can also elect to participate in a Rally 4 Quarters 4 Research fundraiser, a loose change collection, if they desire. For more information, please email Jacob@RallyFoundation.org.

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To schedule a visit, please email emailjray@cfbhall.com or call 404-880-4833.

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 9, 2018. The spring State Executive Committee meeting will be held April 9, 2018 at the Marriott Macon City Center.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2018 varsity Football Schedules are due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2018. If your school has hired a new coach for the 2018 season, please make sure he is made aware of this deadline.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded of the deadline to notify the GHSA of entry in Open Meet State Events such as Volleyball, Lacrosse, Class A Soccer, Wrestling, Rifery and Gymnastics for the school year 2018-2019. The deadline for notification is April 1, 2018.

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, July 1, 2018 through Saturday, July 7, 2018.

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 2018-19 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.

Schedules for 2018 State Literary Meets

The state literary meets for all classifications will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Classes 5A and 7A will be at held at Buford High School, classes 3A and 6A at Houston County High School, classes 2A and 4A at Veterans High School, and Class A public and private will be at Georgia Military College. Admission is free to all events.

Classes 5A and 7A - Buford High School

Essay:		
5A & 7A	9:00 am	Room 6302 (Argumentative)
5A & 7A	9:00 am	Room 6308 (Personal)
5A & 7A	9:00 am	Room 6310 (Rhetorical)
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
5A & 7A	9:00 am	Room 6207 (Draw & Prep)
5A	9:45 am	Room 6204 (Speaking)
7A	9:45 am	Room 6206 (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
5A & 7A	12:00 pm	Room 6207 (Draw & Prep)
5A	12:45 pm	Room 6204 (Speaking)
7A	12:45 pm	Room 6206 (Speaking)
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
5A	9:00 am	Room 301 (Dance)
7A	9:00 am	Media Center
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
5A	11:00 am	Room 301 (Dance)
7A	11:00 am	Media Center
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
5A	1:30 pm	Room 301 (Dance)
7A	1:30 pm	Media Center
Girls Solo:		
5A	9:00 am	Team Room (505)
7A	9:00 am	Chorus Room (307)
Boys Solo:		
5A	10:15 am	Team Room (505)
7A	10:15 am	Chorus Room (307)
Girls Trio:		
5A	11:30 am	Team Room (505)
7A	11:30 am	Chorus Room (307)
Boys Quartet:		
5A	1:30 pm	Team Room (505)
7A	1:30 pm	Chorus Room (307)

Classes 3A and 6A - Houston County High School

Essay (all at 9:00 am):		
Argumentative	3A (room 301)	6A (room 201)
Personal	3A (room 302)	6A (room 202)
Rhetorical	3A (room 303)	6A (room 204)
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
3A	9:00 am	Room 310 (Drawing)
3A	9:45 am	Room 319 (Speaking)
6A	9:00 am	Room 216 (Drawing)
6A	9:45 am	Room 215 (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
3A	12:00 pm	Room 310 (Drawing)
3A	12:45 am	Room 319 (Speaking)
6A	12:00 am	Room 216 (Drawing)
6A	12:45 am	Room 215 (Speaking)
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
3A	9:00 am	Room 702
6A	9:00 am	Room 812
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
3A	11:00 am	Room 702
6A	11:00 am	Room 812
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
3A	1:30 pm	Room 702
6A	1:30 pm	Room 812
Girls Solo:		
3A	9:00 am	Band Room
6A	9:00 am	Theater
Boys Solo:		
3A	10:15 am	Band Room
6A	10:15 am	Theater
Girls Trio:		
3A	11:30 am	Band Room
6A	11:30 am	Theater
Boys Quartet:		
3A	1:30 pm	Band Room
6A	1:30 pm	Theater

Classes 2A and 4A - Veterans High School

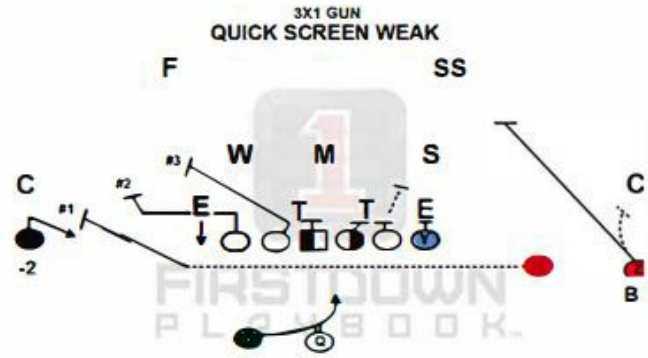
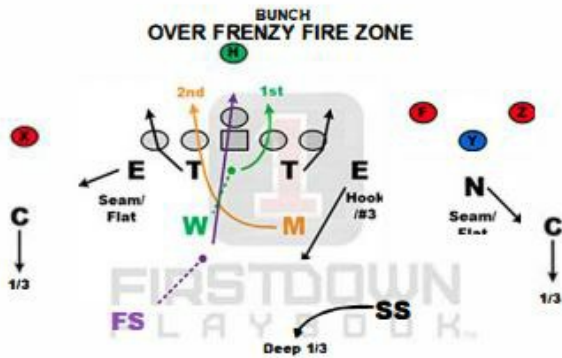
Argumentative, Personal & Rehtorical Essay:		
2A & 4A	9:00 am	Media Center
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 1207 (Drawing)
2A	9:30 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
4A	10:00 am	Room 1207 (Drawing)
4A	11:00 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 1207 (Drawing)
2A	9:30 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
4A	10:00 am	Room 1207 (Drawing)
4A	11:00 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 2405
4A	10:30 am	Room 2405
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 2403
4A	10:30 am	Room 2403
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 2402
4A	10:30 am	Room 2402
Girls Solo:		
2A	9:00 am	Band Room (1601)
4A	9:15 am	Theater
Boys Solo:		
2A	10:15 am	Band Room (1601)
4A	10:30 am	Theater
Girls Trio:		
2A	11:15 am	Band Room (1601)
4A	11:30 am	Theater
Boys Quartet:		
2A	1:15 pm	Band Room (1601)
4A	1:30 pm	Theater

Class A Public and Private - Georgia Military College

Argumentative, Personal & Rehtorical Essay:		
Public & Private	9:00 am	Sibley Cone Library
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
Public	9:00 am	Rm: 172, Miller Hall (Drawing)
Public	9:45 am	Rm: 176, Miller Hall (Speaking)
Private	9:00 am	Rm: 174, Miller Hall (Drawing)
Private	9:45 am	Rm: 180, Miller Hall (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
Public	12:00 pm	Rm: 172, Miller Hall (Drawing)
Public	12:45 pm	Rm: 176, Miller Hall (Speaking)
Private	12:00 pm	Rm: 174, Miller Hall (Drawing)
Private	12:45 pm	Rm: 180, Miller Hall (Speaking)
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
Public	9:00 am	Room: 238, Usery Hall
Private	9:00 am	Room: 333, Usery Hall
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
Public	11:00 am	Room: 238, Usery Hall
Private	11:00 am	Room: 333, Usery Hall
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
Public	1:30 pm	Room: 238, Usery Hall
Private	1:30 pm	Room: 333, Usery Hall
Girls Solo:		
Public	9:00 am	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	9:00 am	Goldstein Center Theatre
Boys Solo:		
Public	10:15 am	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	10:15 am	Goldstein Center Theatre
Girls Trio:		
Public	11:30 am	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	11:30 am	Goldstein Center Theatre
Boys Quartet:		
Public	1:30 pm	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	1:30 pm	Goldstein Center Theatre



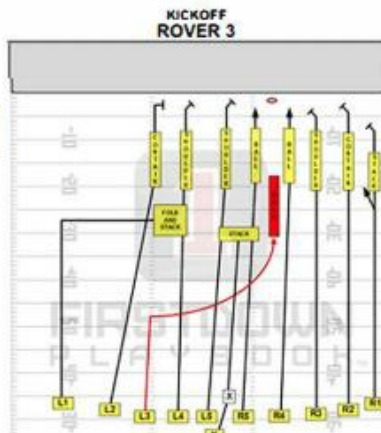
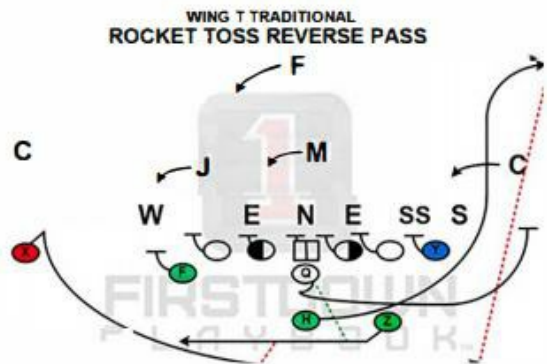
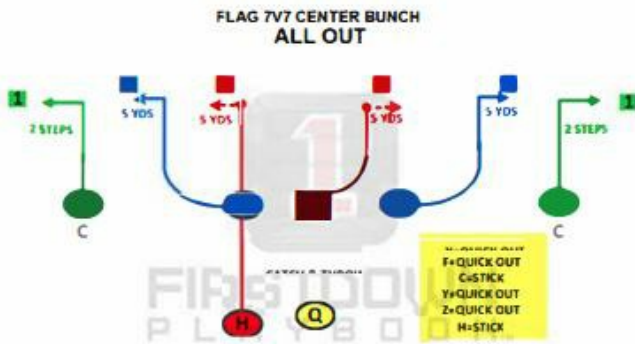
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GHSA - March / April Calendar - 2018

March

- 1 Deadline to submit Football Schedules to GHSA office
- 2, 3 Semifinal Round State Basketball Tournament
- 6 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 6 Complete Region/Area Literary
- 7 File reports of Literary winners with GHSA by 9 a.m.
- 7-10 Championship Round State Basketball Tournament
- 17 State Literary Meets
- 17 Complete Area Riflery
- 19 Report Area Riflery results
- 20 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 31 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 31 Complete Area Slow Pitch Softball

April

- 1 Deadline to submit notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Slow Pitch Softball, Volleyball and Wrestling for 2018-19
- 2 File reports of Riflery Sectionals with GHSA and State Meet Director
- 2 File reports of Area Slow Pitch Softball winners with GHSA by 9 a.m.
- 9 State Executive Committee Meeting (Macon)

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