



# GHSA

## *“Items of Interest”*

November 2013

### **A Couple of ‘Mid-Course Adjustments’ Are Necessary**

During the days when NASA space flights were covered heavily on television, I was always intrigued when the astronauts had to perform “mid-course adjustments.” With all the computerized guidance that NASA had at its disposal, they still needed to adjust things in the middle of the project. I guess that frame of reference is comforting when I write this article about what I consider to be “mid-course adjustments” for this school year.

#### **GEORGIA CONCUSSION LAW & GHSA BY-LAW 2.68**

The Georgia General Assembly passed and the Governor signed the “Georgia Return To Play Act” that specifies important protocols that apply to all GHSA sports. Because these protocols are matters of state law, they carry special significance for our member schools. Here are some highlights about these protocols that are mentioned on the GHSA web site (Click “Inside GHSA” and then click “Sports Medicine”):

1. If a student participates in multiple sports, the form signed by the student and the parents must be completed in each sport. One copy of this form should go to the family, and the other copy should be retained at the school. A recent court case in another state dealing with a concussed athlete hinged on whether the family had been given proper warning about the risks inherent in athletics.

2. All coaches must complete the free, on-line course dealing with “Concussion Management” by going to [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). Each coach must complete the course this year, and then must complete updated versions of this course at least once every two years. Each school needs to monitor the completion of this requirement with its coaches.

3. The protocols for removing a student from play and returning the student to play must be followed at both practices and games. If officials see signs and/or symptoms of a concussion with a player on the field during a game, that player is taken to the head coach on the sidelines, and the official will tell the coach what he has seen. If the coaches see these signs and symptoms, they should take action to remove the student from play. After that, the player must be assessed to verify the possibility of a concussion. The overriding motto is: “When in doubt, keep them out.” For practices, coaches have the responsibility of looking for signs and symptoms of concussion among the players.

4. Coaches may be asked by game officials about whether there is an “appropriate medical professional” on-site at the game. Without such a person present, no player may return to that contest after showing the signs and/or symptoms of a concussion. An appropriate medical professional is defined as an MD, an osteopath, an advance practice nurse, a physician’s assistant, or a certified athletic trainer.



#### **RECLASSIFICATION PROCESS**

Because the FTE counts from the Georgia Department of Education are not available at this time, there will be a slight modification in the time table. The final date for ratifying the new plan will still be Tuesday, January 14, 2014. The first deadline has been modified somewhat. When the FTE numbers are released on the GHSA web site, member schools will have seven (7) days instead of 14 days to appeal the FTE count. The only basis for the appeal would likely be that the GHSA made a typographical error transferring the GaDOE count. When the reclassification information is posted on the home page of the GHSA web site, there will be specific dates when the Reclassification Committee will place schools in classifications and in regions.

– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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## **GHSA Licensed Products**

This month's featured GHSA licensees are: **Chill Zone** ([chillzonellc.com](http://chillzonellc.com)), sales / rentals of misting fans and heaters; **Georgia Photographic** ([georgiaphotographics.com](http://georgiaphotographics.com)); **RiverOak Photography** ([riverokphotography.com](http://riverokphotography.com)); **Pinion Photography** ([pinionphotography.com](http://pinionphotography.com)) & **Athletic Image** ([theathleticimage.com](http://theathleticimage.com)), official action photographer; **PlayOn Sports**, help you produce your own video streaming Web channel ([playonsports.com](http://playonsports.com)); and **Sports Imports**, official volleyball net systems ([sportsimports.com](http://sportsimports.com)).

## **GHSA Membership Directory Online!**

The GHSA Member School Directory ("Blue Book") for 2013-2014 is now available online.

You can access the Directory by going to the GHSA web site and clicking on the appropriate link, or you can type the following link into your web browser:

[www.ghsa.net/2013-2014-ghsa-member-school-directory](http://www.ghsa.net/2013-2014-ghsa-member-school-directory)

## **Cheerleading Finals to Air Live**

The 2013 GHSA Cheerleading State Championships, presented by Verizon, will take place November 15-16 at the Columbus Civic Center. Admission is \$12 per session.

All the excitement of the finals will video stream live on [GPB.org/cheerleading](http://GPB.org/cheerleading) on Saturday, November 16 (the CoEd finals will stream live on Friday night, November 15).

Also this year, for the first time, the Sectionals in 2A through 6A will stream live beginning at 9 a.m., on the new NFHS network ([NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA](http://NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA)). Subscription rates apply for the NFHS network, \$9.95 for a day pass.

In addition, Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB-TV) will televise a taped "Cheerleading Special" on November 23 at 5:00 p.m., November 24 at 6:00 p.m., and November 26 at 7 p.m.



## **Stay Connected to the GHSA!**

For all coaches, athletic directors and teams that are active in social media, the GHSA invites you to follow ("like") the GHSA on [Facebook.com/OfficialGHSA](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialGHSA) and be a fan at [Twitter.com/officialGHSA](https://twitter.com/officialGHSA). Statewide news, association announcements and playoff information are posted daily for interaction with GHSA followers and fans. When Twittering scores of games, please include the tag "@OfficialGHSA" to enable scores to be posted on the GHSA feed.



## Executive Committee Selects Phillips New GHSA Director

THOMASTON - In a special called meeting of the State Executive Committee on October 16th, the Georgia High School Association unanimously approved the election of Gary Phillips to replace the retiring Dr. Ralph Swearngin as Executive Director. Phillips, the GHSA assistant executive director since 2001, will assume his new role on July 1, 2014.

Phillips had been nominated by the GHSA Board of Trustees after four candidates had been interviewed, and the board's pick was ratified by a 52-0 vote on Wednesday in a meeting at the GHSA office.

"I am profoundly honored for the trust and support expressed by the members of the Executive Committee," said Phillips. "Ralph Swearngin has been a great steward of the Georgia High School Association. I can only hope to carry on the legacy he has created over the past 20 plus years, first as the assistant director and the last 13 as its director.

"The challenges to the association will continue and I can say we will work diligently for the betterment and prolonged success of the Georgia High



School Association."

Phillips was principal of Fayette County High School for 15 years before coming to the GHSA 12 years ago. Prior to that, Phillips had been a football coach at Fayette County, West Rome, Central of Macon and Johnson County. Phillips' 1979 Johnson County team, led by a running back named Herschel Walker, won the state Class A football championship.

Swearngin became the GHSA's executive director in 2001. He had served the GHSA since 1992, originally as commissioner of officials and deputy director before replacing Tommy Guillebeau as executive director.

"I am very pleased that the GHSA Executive Committee selected Gary Phillips to be the next Executive Director," said Swearngin. "For the past 12 years, Gary has been vitally important to the operations of the GHSA and has been extremely helpful to me as I carried out my duties.

"Gary's background in school operations, plus his work with the GHSA and the National Federation of State High School Associations prepares him well to take the administrative leadership of this association. The landscape of education on the local and the statewide level is changing radically and rapidly, and I believe that Gary will provide vision and leadership to move the GHSA forward into new territory."

The GHSA has had only four previous executive directors, beginning with Sam Burke (1946-81) and including Bill Fordham (1982-91) and Guillebeau (1992-2000).

## 2014 GHSA Golf State Championships Returning to Augusta

The Augusta Sports Council announces that the Georgia High School Association Golf State Championships, presented by E-Z-GO, will return to the CSRA in 2014.

The boys and girls Golf State Championships in all six classifications will be held at up to 12 Augusta-area golf courses on Monday, May 19, 2014 with a practice round on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

Golf courses committed to hold play include Applewood Golf Course, Bartram Trail Golf Course, Belle Meade Country Club, Champions Retreat, Forest Hills Golf Club, Gordon Lakes Golf Club, Goshen Plantation Golf Club, Jones Creek Golf Club, Pointe South Golf Club, Waynesboro Country Club and Westlake Country Club.

Combined, the championships will bring over 1,000 golfers and coaches, in addition to family and friends, to the Augusta area. These courses will host 14



state championships -- the first time that this many state championships will be held in the same city, on the same day.

Gary Phillips, Assistant Executive Director of the GHSA, says, "The Georgia High School Association is proud to partner with the Augusta Sports Council, E-Z-Go and the area golf courses to host the 2014 state championships. We had a great event in 2012 and are excited that the state's best high school teams will again experience the rich golf tradition of the Augusta area."

"We are proud to partner with the GHSA and the Augusta Sports Council to bring the Golf State Championships here, in a year that will mark E-Z-GO's 60th year in business," said Kevin

Holleran, president of E-Z-GO. "We can think of few better ways to celebrate our diamond anniversary than to support youth sports, provide opportunities to the next generation of golfers, and also promote our hometown of Augusta."

Wade Marchman, Burke County High School golf coach and athletic director, will serve as the tournament director. He said, "We are very excited for the CSRA to have the opportunity to host all the state championships again. None of this would be possible without the support of the head golf professionals, members of these local clubs and the Augusta Sports Council. We are so proud that the GHSA has the confidence in us to conduct this first class event."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the 2014 State Championships may contact Michelle at the Augusta Sports Council (706-722-8326 ext. 235) or email at [michelle@augustasportscouncil.org](mailto:michelle@augustasportscouncil.org).

## State Cross Country Championships

The 2013 GHSA State Cross Country Championships for all classifications will be held at the Carrollton High School course on Saturday, November 9. And, for the first time ever, the event will be video streamed LIVE on the new [NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA](http://NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA). (Subscription rate of \$9.95 for a day pass will apply.)

Four teams in each region (classes 2A through 6A) and four teams from each Area in Class A (public and private) will qualify for the State Meet and must be determined by Saturday, November 2, 2013.

In addition, the first six individual finishers from each region or area will qualify for the state meet even if their teams do not.

Admission for all spectators at the championship meet is \$5.00.

### Schedule - November 9 - Carrollton

7:45 a.m.	Boys AAA	12:40 p.m.	Girls AAAAAA
8:25 a.m.	Girls AAA	1:25 p.m.	Boys A (private)
9:10 a.m.	Boys AAAA	2:05 p.m.	Girls A (private)
9:50 a.m.	Girls AAAAA	2:50 p.m.	Boys AAAAA
10:35 a.m.	Boys AA	3:30 p.m.	Girls AAAAA
11:15 a.m.	Girls AA	4:15 p.m.	Boys A (public)
12 noon	Boys AAAAAA	4:55 p.m.	Girls A (public)



## Home 'Pink' is OK Jan. 27-Feb. 1, 2014

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME basketball games during the week of January 27 through February 1, 2014.

The visiting teams must wear their normal "dark" uniforms, as usual.

Game officials will be using "pink" whistles for the "Calling For The Cure" promotion during the same week.

## Class A Football Procedures!

**Nov. 9th** - Region winners in all classifications must be determined and results entered into MaxPreps web site.

**Nov. 11th** - Region playoff qualifiers in all classifications must be submitted to GHSA office by 9:00 a.m.

**Nov. 12th** - MaxPreps' **final power ratings** will be posted on the GHSA web site.

**Nov. 13th** -

(1) Any Class A school that believes its power rating points are incorrect may file an appeal in writing to the GHSA between 8:00 am – 12 noon. The appeal letter must be accompanied by a complete list of results and points earned for each game.

(2) The GHSA Appeals Committee will meet at 1:00 pm to verify the results (including the appeals), and to break ties.

(3) The results of the appeals and the resulting playoff brackets will be posted later that day on the GHSA web site (once posted, the results are **final**).

NOTES:

(1) Teams winning a Region championship will be placed in the brackets (public school or private school) **first** based on their respective power rating numbers.

(2) Then the rest of the brackets will be completed based on the power rating numbers

**Nov. 22nd** - First round games of Class A Football playoffs will begin. There will be four (4) rounds of playoffs in Class A this year, five (5) rounds in the other classifications, all leading up to the Championship games on Dec. 13-14 in the Georgia Dome.



## NFHS Announces 'Time to Shine'



The NFHS Network announces the kickoff of Time to Shine – coverage of high school football playoff and championship action from around the country. Beginning in November, GHSA playoff football games will stream live online at [www.NFHSNetwork.com/GA](http://www.NFHSNetwork.com/GA) with a subscription.

In addition, subscribers will also be able to watch games whenever, wherever on their mobile devices via the mobile website at [m.NFHSNetwork.com](http://m.NFHSNetwork.com) and a newly released NFHS Network iPhone app available on iTunes.

Subscribers also will have access to a variety of playoff and championship events from around the country. The NFHS Network will also be streaming the GHSA volleyball, softball, cross country and cheerleading championships this fall at [www.NFHSNetwork.com/GA](http://www.NFHSNetwork.com/GA).

## Volleyball on GHSA.tv

Get set for action at the GHSA Volleyball State Championships presented by Mizuno on November 1 and 2 at Marietta High School.

All six (6) finals will stream live for a seventh season in partnership with the NFHS Network and PlayOn Sports. Subscription rates will apply. The full schedule will be posted on [GHSA.net](http://GHSA.net).

Webcast partners are: Mizuno, Verizon, Molten (official ball) and Sports Imports (official net system).

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES (at Marietta High School)

November 1, 2013

Times:

5:30 pm - AAAAA  
7:30 pm - AAAAA

November 2, 2013

Times:

11:00 am - Class A  
1:30 pm - AA  
4:00 pm - AAA  
7:30 pm - AAAA



## GHSA Fall TV / Video Schedules

Date	Event	Network(s)
Nov. 2	Softball (Taped)	NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Nov. 1-2	Volleyball	NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Nov. 9	Cross Country	NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Nov. 15	Cheerleading Sectionals	NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Nov. 15	Coed Cheerleading Championship	GPB.org/sports
Nov. 16	Cheerleading Finals	GPB.org/sports
Nov. 15	Football Playoffs 1st Round	GPB TV, CSS TV, NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Nov. 22	Football Playoffs 2nd Round	GPB TV, CSS TV, NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Nov. 23	Cheerleading Special	GPB TV, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Nov. 24	Cheerleading Special	GPB TV, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Nov. 23	Cheerleading Special	GPB TV, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Nov. 29	Football Playoffs Quarterfinals	GPB TV, GPB.org, NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Dec. 6	Football Playoffs Semifinals	GPB TV, CSS-TV, GPB.org, NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA
Dec. 13-14	Football State Championships	GPB TV, GPB.org, NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA

Subscription rates apply to **all live** [NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA](http://NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA) events. See [GHSA.net](http://GHSA.net) for exact times.

[CSSsports.com](http://CSSsports.com) and [WSBTv.com](http://WSBTv.com) will also stream some select football games during the playoffs.

## MaxPreps Basketball Reminder!

MaxPreps is the "Official Statistician and Media Partner" for the GHSA. MaxPreps offers coaches a free stat management and communication platform that enables you to efficiently submit your schedule, scores, roster and statistics. MaxPreps is a 100% free service and the official source of scores and stats for the GHSA.

All GHSA basketball teams statewide must submit game results to MaxPreps, regardless of classification. This information will be used to verify GHSA Region Standings and manage Class A Power Ratings. In addition, all information submitted will be used to power the statewide statistical leader boards.

For assistance, you may contact MaxPreps' Georgia state representative, Kylie McClarty at [kylie.mclarty@cbsi.com](mailto:kylie.mclarty@cbsi.com) with any questions.



## GHSA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

Please insure that the following statement is read as a public address announcement prior to the start of **every GHSA sanctioned contest**:

"The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events.

Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site.

Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted.

Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

## **Basketball Discount Offered by Hudl**

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- Capture and view video instantly on your mobile device.
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**TO:** All GHSA-affiliated High School Football Head Coaches

You and one guest are cordially invited to attend the 2013 Salute to Georgia High School Football Reception presented by Russell Athletic

Saturday, December 14, 2012  
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Georgia Dome — Atlanta Falcons Owners Club

\*\*Lower Level in between section 115-116

R.S.V.P. by Monday, December 2 to (404) 367-2243 or  
Derek Hooper @ [dhooper@falcons.nfl.com](mailto:dhooper@falcons.nfl.com)

With the start time of 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 14th for the first State Championship game, this reception invitation allows you and a guest to enjoy a meal and mingle with fellow coaches. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to win a number of prizes for your outstanding commitment to the sport of football.

As in previous years, the Atlanta Falcons would like to extend the opportunity to the first 50 coaches that R.S.V.P. for the reception to receive two tickets to the Falcons vs. Carolina Panthers game on Sunday, December 29, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the Georgia Dome. If interested, please make sure to mention when you R.S.V.P.

Should you decide to stay in Atlanta, we recommend the following hotels within six blocks of the Georgia Dome: Omni at CNN Center (404) 659-0000, Embassy Suites (404) 223-2300, Residence Inn by Marriott (404) 522-0950, and Quality Hotel (404) 524-7991.

## **NFHS Rules Publications Now Available as E-Books**

Rules books and case books produced by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) are now available for purchase online in electronic-book format.

The NFHS, which has written and published playing rules for high school sports throughout most of its 94-year history, is offering its rules publications in e-book format through iTunes for Apple users. In addition, the Kindle version is being sold on Amazon.

All 2013-14 rules books and case books for fall sports are available for purchase through Amazon, and will be followed later in the year by winter and spring sports. The 2013 NFHS Football Rules Book is now available through iTunes, and rules books for field hockey, soccer and volleyball will be available soon, as well as case books in football and volleyball. Winter and spring rules publications will also follow later in the year for Apple users on iTunes.

"Production of rules publications has been one of the most important functions of the NFHS throughout its history, so we are excited to be able to offer this material in a way that meets current advancements in technology," said Bob Gardner,



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NFHS executive director. "We believe these e-books will be a great supplement to our printed publications."

Currently, the NFHS writes playing rules for 16 sports for girls and boys competition at the high school level, and annually publishes about 25 rules books, case books, officials manuals and handbooks.

More than 1.3 million copies of rules-related publications are distributed annually throughout the world.

The NFHS writes playing rules in the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, soccer, softball, spirit, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

NFHS playing rules are written specifically for varsity competition among student-athletes of high school age and are intended to maintain the sound traditions of the sport, preserve the balance between offense and defense, encourage sportsmanship and minimize the inherent risk of injury for participants.

Link to Rules Books: <http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=9862>

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE October 16, 2013

A special called meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on October 16, 2013, at the GHSA Office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Dr. Gary Holmes, President.

The invocation was given by Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director.

Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following:

Present - 53 Absent - 5 (indicated by **AB** beside name below)

Kevin Giddens	Earl Etheridge	David Brooks	Dexter Wood	Alan Ingram	Lisa Williams
John Reynolds	Curt Miller	Jasper Jewell	Joe Lancaster	Jesse Crews	Pat Blenke
Evan Horton	Don Breedlove	Craig Parrott	Todd Mobley	Britt Ingle	Tony Arasi - <b>AB</b>
Donnie Griggers	Phil McCrary	Tracy Sanford	Michael Thompson	Glenn Tidwell	Bill Truby
Steve Jones	Don Corr	J. T. Pollock	Marvin Fields	Scott Queen	Rudy Hampton
Milo Mathis	Tommy Stringer	Chad Campbell	Benjy Rogers	Bob Stinchcomb	Terry Rogers
Gary Long	Wayne Tootle	J.B. Arnold	Greg Oglesby	Larry Campbell - <b>AB</b>	Lucia Norwood
Dave Hunter	Jim Finch	Jeff Beggs	Rusty Hudson	Donnie Drew	Gary Holmes
Kevin Dowling	Steve Nobles	Bruce Potts	Glenn White	Maria Bradley - <b>AB</b>	Walter Wade - <b>AB</b>
Michelle Masters	Eddie Payne - <b>AB</b>	Carter Wilson	Jim Hughes		

### APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Dave Hunter, seconded by Glenn White, and unanimously approved to go into Executive Session to hear student eligibility appeals. (**NOTE:** Presentations were made in Executive Session; all votes were taken while not in Executive Session. For clarity, outcome of vote is given after each statement of presentation.)

**Dunwoody High School** - Chan English, AD, presented the appeal for student Wilfried Ouedraogo, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

**Motion** by Wayne Tootle, second by Donnie Griggers, to approve the appeal for the 2013-14 school year only.

**MOTION PASSED (Roll Call Vote #1 - Yes: 51, No - 2)**

**No:** Dave Hunter and Tommy Stringer.

**North Atlanta High School** - Doug Britten, AD, presented the appeal for student Dion Patterson, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

**Motion** by Jesse Crews, second by Tommy Stringer, to deny the appeal.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

### COMMITTEE REPORT

*(Committee reports constitute motions by Chairman of the Committee, no seconds are required.)*

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Report presented by Wayne Tootle

#### The Committee **RECOMMENDED:**

1. That Gary Phillips be named Executive Director of the Georgia High School Association beginning on July 1, 2014.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**Motion** by Wayne Tootle, second by Glenn White, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

## GHSA - November Calendar - 2013

### November

- 1, 2 Softball State Tournament Finals in Columbus; Volleyball State Finals
- 2 State One-Act Play (Classes 3A, 5A & 6A)
- 2 Area/Region Cross Country
- 4 Earliest Date for Swimming meet
- 9 Complete Region Cheerleading (Class A & Coed Sectionals)
- 9 Cross Country State Finals; Earliest Date for Basketball game
- 9 State One-Act Play (Classes A, 2A & 4A); End Regular Season in Football
- 12 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 15 Earliest date for Wrestling match
- 15 Coed Cheerleading State Finals (Sectionals 2A - 6A)
- 15, 16 First Round State Football Playoffs (Bye week for Class A)
- 16 Cheerleading State Finals (Classes A - 6A)
- 28 **Thanksgiving Day** - GHSA Office closed on 27th - 29th
- 22, 23 Second Round State Football Playoffs (First Round for Class A)
- 29, 30 Quarterfinal Round State Football Playoffs All Classes

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



### GHSA Sponsors

