



GHSA

"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

October 2018

It's Almost Time for the Fall Sports to Begin Post Season Play

While it seems we just started the new school year, we are reaching the mid-point of the football season and the championships for Fall sports will soon be here. Post season will begin shortly for cheerleading, fast pitch softball, cross country, volleyball and one act play, and our State Champions will be decided within the next month.

As I travel around the state to events, I continue to be impressed with the level of professionalism in our schools and communities in conducting the events and providing first class opportunities for our students. Special thanks to our coaches for the great job you do for your students. The following are items at the forefront at the GHSA office.

Mercedes Benz Stadium/ Football State Championships: We are close to winding up negotiations on our contract for MBS which puts us ahead of last year. The event, legal and ticket staffs have been very helpful and have moved the process along quickly. Of course working through the contract for the second time has been beneficial for both the GHSA and MBS.

Our Championships are scheduled for December 7-8, 2018 and we have scheduled contingency dates at MBS for December 11-12, 2018, if needed. The reason for reserving the following Tuesday and Wednesday is the MLS Championship game will be held on December 8, 2018. If Atlanta United is in first place and is leading in points, they will host the game at MBS which would bump our championships to December 11-12, 2018. We will know the dates by November 29 at the latest and possibly November 11. Those are the dates of the MLS playoff games that will determine if Atlanta United moves forward.

We certainly want to play Friday/ Saturday but playing in the MBS, which is the premiere venue in the world, is important which is the reason for the contingency dates. It will also help since the operations plan will be the same. Finally, although it's an indoor facility let's hope for great weather!

INSIDEOUT INITIATIVE: The INSIDEOUT Initiative is supported by the NFL Foundation and the goal is to empower school communities to make space in the "win at all cost" culture for the intentional development of each student-athlete's character. As you know, sportsmanship is a big concern of the GHSA and we believe good sportsmanship should be an integral part of any athletic program and should be modeled by coaches.

Partners in this initiative are the Georgia High School Association, Georgia Athletic Directors Association, Georgia School Board Association, Georgia School Superintendents Association, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, the Falcons and the National Football League.

This initiative will work with any programs you currently have dealing with good sportsmanship and the "launch" will happen this school year. A steering committee is working on the dates and we will provide more information as it is available. Supporting education-based athletics is important and promoting good sportsmanship is worth the effort.

Eligibility: Here are a few statistics regarding eligibility. Georgia currently has 372,596 eligible students submitted on eligibility Form "A," 2,578 transfer students, and we have processed over 250 hardship applications. Considering the volume, please make every effort to complete each form correctly and completely as this speeds up the process.



– Robin Hines, Executive Director

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REMINDER: GHSA Membership Dues Must Be Paid On Or Before October 15th!
The Membership Dues Invoice is on the GHSA web site under "forms."

Please complete the form and submit it with your membership dues payment.

Softball Power Rating Procedures

Below is the timetable and procedures for release of the final 2018 **Class A Softball Power Ratings**, appeals and seeding of the playoff brackets, as well as the "at large" playoff teams in Classes 3A and 7A:

Oct. 6th - Region winners in all classifications must be determined and results entered into MaxPreps web site.

Oct. 7th - MaxPreps' final Class A power ratings will be posted on the GHSA web site.

Oct. 8th - Region playoff qualifiers in classes 2-A through 7-A (except for the "at large" teams) must be submitted to the GHSA office by 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 8th:

(1) Any Class A school that believes its final power rating points are incorrect may file an appeal in writing to GHSA softball coordinator Ernie Yarbrough between 8 - 11 a.m. A fax is acceptable (706-647-2638) or you may e-mail directly to ery@ghsa.net. The appeal letter must be accompanied by a complete list of results and points earned for each game!

(2) A GHSA Softball Appeals Committee will verify the results (including any appeals), break any ties and determine the Class A playoff brackets.

(3) The results of the appeals and the Class A playoff brackets will be posted by 4:00 p.m., on the GHSA web site.

(4) **The "At Large" teams in Classes 3A and 7A** also will be determined by the Appeals Committee at this time and posted to the brackets by 4:00 p.m., on the GHSA web site.

NOTE: Teams winning a Region championship will be placed in the Class A brackets (public school or private school) first based on their power rating numbers. Then the rest of the Class A brackets will be completed based on the power rating numbers. Once the brackets are posted, no further appeals will be considered!

Stay Connected to the GHSA!

All coaches, athletic directors, schools and teams, join the conversation on social media @OfficialGHSA on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram for all the latest association news and live championship updates.



State Softball Playoff Information

Teams advancing to the GHSA State Softball Championships presented by Mizuno on October 25-27, 2018 need to follow the procedures listed below (additional **Team Instructions** may be found on the **GHSA web site**):

TEAM ROSTER AND PHOTO – Must be sent via e-mail to RhondaRawls@scoreatl.com by 9:00 a.m., on Monday, October 15. Failure to do so will result in a \$250 fine to the school.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS – Go to www.visitcolumbusga.org for team registration and hotel selection. The site will not be active until 8 p.m., on Saturday, October 20.

For more information regarding team lodging, call 1-800-999-1613 or 706-256-0075 and refer to "GHSA Housing" when you call, or e-mail **Joel Slocumb** at jslocumb@visitcolumbusga.com.

OPENING CEREMONIES – Every team playing in the Championship will be required to attend in **uniform** the Opening Ceremonies at 1:30 p.m., on October 25.

ON-LINE INFORMATION PACKETS – The team information packets for First Round and Second Round contests as well as for the State Finals tournament are available **now** on the GHSA website. Go to www.ghsa.net and click on the appropriate banners.

PRESALE TOURNAMENT TICKETS – Go to www.columbusgasports.com to purchase presale tickets. Click on "Softball" then "GHSA" then "Tickets" to make the purchase. This function will be available beginning Monday, October 22.

Mobile tickets will be available on GoFan at <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>.



Nominees Named for the American Association of Adapted Sports Program ASPIRE Awards

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) will honor 15 key people and organizations this Fall for their outstanding contributions to support student athletes with physical disabilities to get "off the sidelines and into the game."

Adapted Sports Programs in Recreation and Education (ASPIRE) Award recognizes the significant contributions of these individuals and organizations that have been central to the mission of making adapted sports programming available nationwide. Through these programs, student athletes with physical disabilities across the country reap the physical, social emotional and academic benefits of competitive athletics resulting in personal and social empowerment.

Nominees for this year's program are listed below:

Mike Phillips , Advocacy Award	Houston County Sharks , School-Based Program Award
Ken Gordon , Founders Award	Brandon Green , School-Based Program Award
Gloria Brown , Founders Award	Laura Zlogar , School-Based Program Award
Lori Garrett , Founders Award	Dr. Mark Scott , Advocacy Award
George Carmel , Founders Award	Dr. Robin Hines , Advocacy Award
Rick Devins , Media Award	Insperty Adaptive Sports Complex , Community-Based Program Award
Steve Henson , Founders Award	53rd Air Traffic Control Squadron , Community-Based Program Award
Deborah Shapiro , Advocacy Award	Logan Wegienka , Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award
Virginia and Curtis Tabron , The Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award	O'lando Hicks , Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award
Demarco Pittman , Outstanding Senior Athlete Award	Keonte Rankins , Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award
Madison Watts , Outstanding Senior Athlete Award	Jordan Kozloski , Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award
Desmand Hill , Outstanding Senior Athlete Award	
Houston County Board of Education/Dr. Mark Scott and Dr. Zabrina Cannady , School-Based Program Award	
Clayton County Schools , School-Based Program Award	

Join us for the 2018 ASPIRE Awards Ceremony on October 28 from 4:30-7:00 p.m., at the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel.

Please visit <http://adaptedsports.org/reserve-your-seat-for-the-2018-aspire-awards/> to purchase tickets for this year's event.

Tickets for our nominees are being provided through a donation from Cara Coleman in memory of her late father, Scott Coleman, who was a dedicated Adapted Sports coach and mentor in DeKalb County Schools.

Volleyball Finals Live on NFHS Network

The NFHS Network will stream live coverage of the GHSA Volleyball State Championships, presented by Mizuno, on Saturday, November 3 from Marietta and McEachern High Schools.

Mobile tickets will be available on GoFan at <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>.

If you can't be there in person, family and friends can watch all the action at NFHSnetwork.com. Subscribing to the Network is just \$9.95 for a 30-day period. DVDs can also be ordered on [NFHS Network.com](http://NFHSNetwork.com). NFHS Network - High School Happens Here!

Webcast partners include: Mizuno, Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, Sports Imports Net Systems and Molten.



VOLLEYBALL FINALS November 3, 2018

At McEachern HS
11:00 am - 1A/2A Private
1:30 pm - 1A/2A Public
4:00 pm - Class 3A

At Marietta HS
11:00 am - Class 4A
1:30 pm - Class 5A
4:00 pm - Class 6A
6:30 pm - Class 7A



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2018 GHSA Cross Country Dates, Deadlines and Schedule

- Oct. 19** INITIAL deadline for electronic submission of Region or Area rosters on GHSA MIS site (<https://app.ghsa.net/node>). Changes to rosters may be made until the deadline established by each Region or Area prior to the beginning of the Region/Area Meet.
- Oct. 27** Deadline to complete Region/Area Meets
- Oct. 29** 9:00 a.m., deadline for electronic submission of Region/Area results on GHSA MIS site (<https://app.ghsa.net/node>)
- Oct. 29** 5:00 p.m., deadline for Head Coaches of State Meet qualifying teams to confirm projected seven (7) runners at state meet (<https://app.ghsa.net/node>)
- Nov. 2-3** State Meet at Carrollton High School (www.ghsa.net/ghsa-state-cross-country-championships)

Schedule at Carrollton High School

Friday, Nov. 2, 2018

9:00 am Boys 6A
9:45 am Girls 6A
10:30 am Boys 5A
11:15 am Girls 5A
12 noon Boys A Private
12:45 pm Girls A Private

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

8:00 am Boys 7A
8:45 am Girls 7A
9:30 am Boys 2A
10:15 am Girls 2A
11:00 am Boys 3A
11:45 am Girls 3A
12:30 pm Boys 4A
1:15 pm Girls 4A
2:00 pm Boys A Public
2:45 pm Girls A Public



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GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
MARRIOTT / Macon City Center - MACON, GEORGIA
Magnolia Ballroom
October 1, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

Call To Order	Glenn White, President
Pledge of Allegiance	Lisa Moore Williams, Vice President
Invocation	Carror Wright, Associate Director
Roll Call	Steve Figueroa, Media Director
Adoption of Agenda	Executive Committee

OLD BUSINESS:

Second vote on the following Constitutional proposals:

1. **Proposal** to amend Article IV, Section 9, Paragraph "C" by adding to the end of the paragraph the following language:
"Any appeal of the decision of the Executive Director does not suspend the ruling made or penalty assessed pending a ruling on the appeal."
2. **Proposal** to amend Article IV, Section 9 by adding a new Paragraph "I" as follows: *"The Executive Director shall have the authority to lengthen or shorten the time for appeals of decisions, if required in his discretion, to accommodate pending schedules, events or other matters."*

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. **Proposal** to add the 4x800 Meter Relay to all Region, Sectional and State Track Meets beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Schools would be limited to a maximum of two (2) teams entered in this new relay and individual contestants would be limited to a maximum of two (2) relay events from the 4x100, 4x400 and the 4x800. (Region 7, Class 7A)
2. **Proposal** to eliminate the Sectional Track Meets for Class A Public and Private schools only, instead taking the top four qualifiers per event from each of four Areas directly to the State Track Meet. Note: This would virtually double the number of Class A athletes competing at the State Meet. (Tallulah Falls High School)
3. **Proposal** that Riverside Military Academy will host the State Track Meet for Class A Public and Private and the Class 3A schools at the Spec Towns Track on the campus of the University of Georgia on May 9-11, 2019. (Riverside Military Academy)
4. **Proposal** to eliminate item "d" under By-Law 1.45 on Page 16 of the Constitution that currently reads: Eighth grade students participating on a sub-varsity team may only participate in 60% of the number of games allotted to the varsity team in that sport. (Region 3, Class 5A)
5. **Proposal** to modify item "d" under By-Law 1.45 on Page 16 of the Constitution as follows (new text in italic): Eighth grade students participating on a sub-varsity team may only participate in 60% of the number of games allotted to the varsity team in that sport. *Eighth grade students may not participate in more sub-varsity and middle school contests combined than the number the GHSA allows for varsity competition in that respective sport.* (GHSA Office)
6. **Proposal** to modify item "c" under By-Law 1.62 on Page 19 of the Constitution to delete the word "private" as follows: "The student was enrolled in a non-member ~~private~~ school in Georgia and, without a bona fide move, transferred to a GHSA member school that serves his service area as long as." . . . (GHSA Office)
7. **Proposal** to modify By-Law 1.63 on Page 21 of the Constitution by adding the following sentence at the end of the existing language: "In the event that, after transfer, a student becomes or is later determined to be a migrant student, then the student shall be ineligible to compete at the varsity level for a period of one calendar year from that date." (GHSA Office)
8. **Proposal** to modify By-Law 1.64 on Page 21 of the Constitution to add the word "academic" as follows: "A student who is not eligible because of GHSA *academic* rules at the former school, and then transfers to a new school, cannot regain eligibility by the transfer. (Second sentence remains as written.) (GHSA Office)

(over)

AGENDA, continued

9. **Proposal** to reword By-Law 2.63, item "e" on Page 29 of the Constitution as follows (old text is struck through, new text is in bold italic):
 (3) If a school fails to show up for a game, or cancels a game, within ~~four (4)~~ **24** hours of the scheduled starting time without an emergency condition or weather-related conditions, that school shall pay a forfeiture fee to the host school equivalent to the cost of the officials.
 (4) If a school fails to show up for a game or cancels within ~~four (4)~~ **24** hours of the scheduled game time without emergency reasons or weather-related reasons for a second time, that school must make restitution again and must show cause to the GHSA Executive Director as to why they should not be placed on probation by the GHSA. (GHSA Office)
10. **Proposal** to reword item "D" on Page 65 of the Constitution as follows (old text is struck through, new text is in bold italic):
 "The number of matches allowed (excluding region, sectional and state tournaments) is twelve (12) playing dates. NOTE: A 9-hole match played ~~prior to April 1~~ **before the Last Play Date** will count as 1/2 playing date." (GHSA Office) **Effective Immediately**

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

11. **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 Office)
12. **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 Office)

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to modify by-law D-3-b on page 59 of the Constitution to read as follows (old text is struck through; new text in italic): 6. Schools will be limited to attending no more than three (3) Team Contact Camps per summer (no more than ~~eight (8)~~ *six (6)* days total. *There must be at least four (4) participating schools or the camp cannot be held.* (GHSA Office)
2. **Proposal** that no GHSA member school shall be allowed to participate in a football game against a school that is not a full member, without restrictions, of their state athletic association. (Region 7, Class 7A)

GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

Proposal to name the GHSA Gymnastics State Championships the "Dr. Lucia B. Norwood GHSA State Championships" beginning in April of 2019. (GHSA Office)

TENNIS COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to delete Item B-2-c on page 80 of the GHSA Constitution that reads: No individual alternate may be used more than a total of two (2) times during the cumulative rounds of the sub-region, region or state tournaments. (GHSA office)
2. **Proposal** to change current GHSA team format of three singles and two doubles matches to a format whereby the two teams begin with three doubles matches with one (1) point going to the team that wins two of the three doubles matches. If one team wins the first two doubles matches completed, the third match is abandoned and the teams then play six (6) singles matches. The first team to win a total of four (4) points (including the doubles point) wins the team match. Under this format, individual athletes could play both singles and doubles, but are not required to. (Dawson County HS)
3. **Proposal** to count each line played during a team match instead of just the ultimate match result. For example, teams losing a match 3-2 would get two points to be used when calculating region standings and seedings prior to the region tournament. Points accumulated during the season would count and not just the final won-loss record. (Dawson County HS)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines will address the committee on several issues and introduce some guest speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

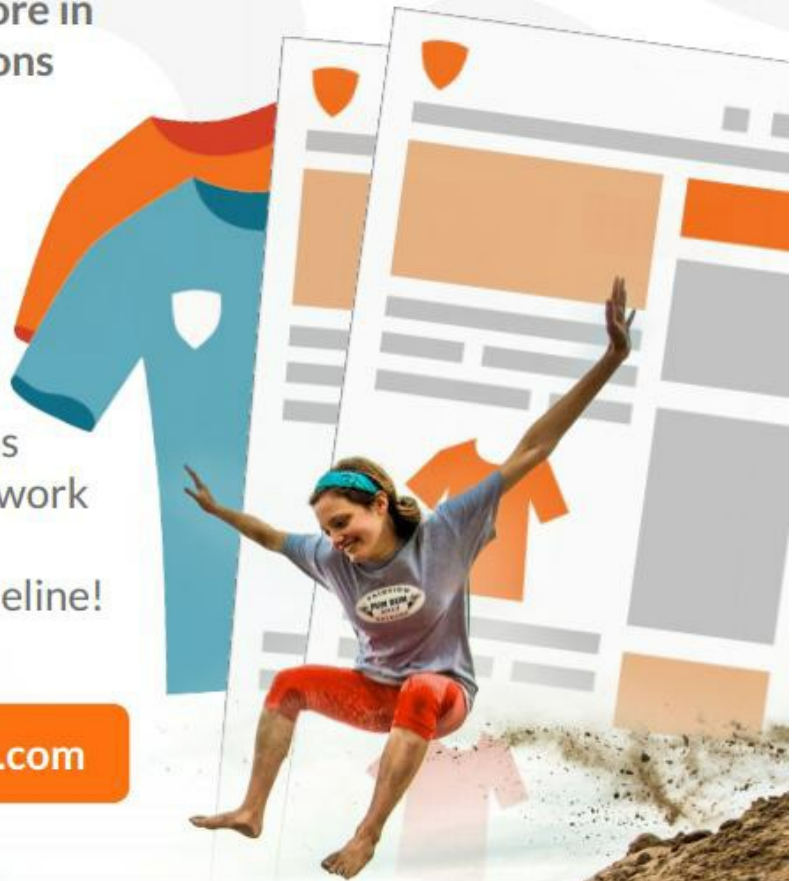


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5 TIPS TO HELP ATHLETES STAY HYDRATED

1 KEEP HYDRATION TOP OF MIND

- Remind athletes to check their urine color before practice. If it's the color of pale lemonade, that's a sign of being hydrated.
- Take weather into account and give athletes opportunities to drink during practice.
- Teach athletes to pay attention to how they feel, including their thirst and energy levels.

2 KEEP FLUID LEVELS UP

- Athletes should drink enough fluid to maintain hydration without over-drinking.
- Flavored, cold, lightly salted sports drinks like Gatorade® Thirst Quencher are important, because sodium helps maintain the athlete's desire to drink and retain the fluid consumed.

3 KEEP THE BODY COOL

- Remind athletes to drink cool fluids to help maintain their body temperature.
- If your athletes experience heat illness, help them lower their body temperature by laying them down in a cool place with their legs elevated, applying cool, wet towels to their body and having them drink cool fluids.

4 KEEP HYDRATED BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER ACTIVITY

- Athletes need to think about their entire athletic schedule when it comes to fueling (not just when they are competing).
- Encourage them to drink plenty of fluids throughout the day to replace the fluids lost through sweat.

5 KEEP A RECOVERY SCHEDULE

- Rest and recovery are an essential part of avoiding heat illness.
- Ensure your athletes have time for breaks during practices.
- Encourage athletes to get 6-8 hours of sleep each night in a cool environment if possible.

THE EFFECTS OF DEHYDRATION:

- DECREASED PERFORMANCE
- DECREASED FLUID ABSORPTION
- DECREASED MENTAL FUNCTION
- DECREASED TOLERANCE TO HEAT
- DECREASED MOTOR SKILLS

THE SYMPTOMS OF DEHYDRATION:

- NAUSEA
- FATIGUE/EXHAUSTION
- LIGHT-HEADEDNESS
- HEADACHE
- LOSS OF MUSCLE COORDINATION/ DECREASED PERFORMANCE
- VOMITING
- WEAKNESS
- FAINING
- POOR CONCENTRATION/ ALTERED MENTAL STATUS

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GHSA - October Calendar - 2018

October

- 1 State Executive Committee meeting; Deadline to notify entry in One Act Play
- 6 Complete Region FP Softball
- 8 Report Region FP Softball winners by 9 a.m.
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 10-12 First Round FP State Softball Playoffs
- 13 Determine Area Volleyball winners
- 15 Report Area Volleyball winners by 9 a.m.
- 15 Deadline for payment of GHSA membership dues
- 15 Earliest date for swimming practice
- 17-19 Second Round State FP Softball Playoffs
- 19 Deadline for posting rosters in Cross Country
- 20 First Round State Volleyball
- 22 Earliest date for Wrestling and Basketball Practice
- 23 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 23, 24 Second Round State Volleyball
- 25-27 Softball State Tournament
- 27 State Volleyball Quarterfinals
- 27 Complete Area/Region Cross Country & Area/Region One Act Plays
- 29 Earliest date for Riflery & Swimming contests
- 30 State Volleyball Semifinals

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