

**GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES FOR 2016-2017**

*Revised  
10/6/16*

| ACTIVITY                       | DATE FOR FIRST PRACTICE                            | FIRST CONTEST     | MAXIMUM GAMES/DATES    | LAST PLAY DATE       | AREA/REGION QUALIFIERS DETERMINED | GHSA STATE PLAYOFF DATES       |                                    |                           |                              |                                   |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                |  |                   |                        |                      |                                   | First Round/Sectionals         | Second Round                       | Quarterfinals             | Semifinals                   | Finals                            |
| FOOTBALL                       | July 25 (Conditioning)<br>Feb. 1 or later (Spring) | Aug. 19           | 10 (7 JV)              | Nov. 5               | Nov. 5                            | Nov. 11-12                     | Nov. 18-19                         | Nov. 25-26                | Dec. 2-3                     | Dec. 9-10                         |
| CHEERLEADING                   | Aug. 1<br>Feb. 1 or later (Spring)                 | Aug. 6            | 6 (4 JV)               | Nov. 4               | Nov. 5                            | Nov. 5<br>(Class A & Coed)     |                                    |                           | Nov. 11<br>(Coed & A Finals) | Nov. 12                           |
| SOFTBALL (FP)<br>SOFTBALL (SP) | Aug. 1<br>Feb. 20                                  | Aug. 5<br>Feb. 25 | 26 (18 JV)<br>16       | Oct. 8<br>April 8    | Oct. 8<br>April 8                 | Oct. 12-13<br>April 14-15      | Oct. 19-20                         |                           | Oct. 27-28                   | Oct. 29<br>April 22               |
| VOLLEYBALL                     | Aug. 1   | Aug. 5            | 18 (13 JV) Dates       | Oct. 8               | Oct. 8                            | Oct. 12-13                     | Oct. 18 (AA 1st Rnd)               | Oct. 22                   | Oct. 26                      | Oct. 29                           |
| CROSS COUNTRY                  | Aug. 1   | Aug. 8            | 10 (7 JV) Dates        | Oct. 29              | Oct. 29                           |                                |                                    |                           |                              | Nov. 4-5                          |
| ONE ACT PLAYS                  | Aug. 1   | Aug. 5            | -                      | Oct. 29              | Oct. 29                           |                                |                                    |                           |                              | Nov. 5 & Nov. 12                  |
| LITERARY                       | Aug. 1   | Aug. 5            | -                      | March 7              | March 7                           |                                |                                    |                           |                              | March 18                          |
| RIFLERY                        | Aug. 1   | Oct. 3            | -                      | March 25             | March 25                          | April 1                        |                                    |                           | April 12                     | April 22                          |
| SWIMMING                       | Oct. 17  | Oct. 31           | 10 (7 JV)              |                      |                                   |                                |                                    |                           |                              | Feb. 2-4                          |
| BASKETBALL                     | Oct. 31  | Nov. 12           | 25 (18 JV)             | Feb. 11              | Feb. 11                           | Feb. 17-18                     | Feb. 22-23                         | Feb. 28-Mar. 1            | March 4                      | March 8-11                        |
| WRESTLING                      | Oct. 24  | Nov. 11           | 20 (14 JV) Dates       | Jan. 26              | Du - By Jan. 7<br>Tr - Jan. 27-28 | Tr - Feb. 3-4                  |                                    |                           |                              | Du - Jan. 12-14<br>Tr - Feb. 9-11 |
| GYMNASTICS                     | Jan. 9   | Jan. 30           | 10 (7 JV)              | April 13             |                                   | April 15                       |                                    |                           |                              | April 21                          |
| TENNIS                         | Jan. 9   | Jan. 30           | 18 (13 JV)             | April 15             | April 15                          | By April 20<br>(Class A Areas) | By April 25<br>(Class A 1st Round) | By April 29               | By May 2                     | May 6                             |
| SOCCER                         | Jan. 16  | Feb. 6            | 18 (13 JV)             | April 22             | April 20                          | April 25-28                    | May 2-3                            | May 5-6                   | May 9                        | May 12-13                         |
| TRACK - Girls<br>TRACK - Boys  | Jan. 16<br>Jan. 16                                 | Feb. 6<br>Feb. 6  | 10 (7 JV)<br>10 (7 JV) | April 22<br>April 22 | April 22<br>April 22              | April 29<br>April 29           |                                    |                           |                              | May 11-13<br>May 11-13            |
| BASEBALL                       | Jan. 16  | Feb. 13           | 30 (21 JV)             | April 22             | April 22                          | April 28-29                    | May 4-5                            | May 10-11                 | May 17-18                    | May 25-27                         |
| LACROSSE                       | Jan. 23  | Feb. 13           | 18 (13 JV)             | April 29             | April 29                          | May 2-4                        | May 8-9<br>(6A-7A only)            | May 12<br>(May 6 in A-5A) | May 17<br>(May 10 in A-5A)   | May 20<br>(May 13 in A-5A)        |
| GOLF                           | Feb. 13  | Feb. 18           | 12 (8 JV) Dates        | May 9                | May 9                             |                                |                                    |                           |                              | May 22-23                         |

NOTE: 2017 "DEAD" WEEK: Sunday, July 2 through Saturday, July 8, 2017