

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
MARRIOTT / Macon City Center - MACON, GEORGIA
Magnolia Ballroom
April 10, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

Call To OrderGlenn White, President
Pledge of AllegianceLisa Moore Williams, Vice President
InvocationCarror Wright, Associate Director
Roll CallSteve Figueroa, Media Director
Adoption of AgendaExecutive Committee

APPOINTMENTS: Monday - 9:00 am: Jeff Battcher, President, AIM Sports Reputation Management
Presentation of GHSA Member Survey

Monday - 9:30 am: Nathan Ballantine, Principal, North Gwinnett High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Lloyd deLatour (migratory)

Monday - 9:45 am: Tracey Barrow, Principal, Mt. Zion School
Appeal of student eligibility - Ray Cheeks, Jr. (migratory)

Monday - 10:00 am: Stan Lewis, Principal, Johnson (Gainesville) High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Thuan Dinh (eight semesters)

Monday - 10:15 am: Jimmy Dorsey, Athletic Director, McEachern High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Babatunde Akingbola (eight semesters)

Monday - 10:30 am: Shannon Kersey, Principal, Alpharetta High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Savon Richardson (eight semesters)

Monday - 10:45 am: Nathan Stevens, Principal, Whitefield Academy
Appeal of student eligibility - Andre'us Johnson (eight semesters)

Monday - 11:00 am: Ashlynn Campbell, Principal, Harrison High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Jack Brunswick (eight semesters)

Monday - 11:15 am: Cheri Frame, Director, First Presbyterian Day School
Appeal of student eligibility - Armaun Smith (eight semesters)

Monday - 11:30 am: David Howland, Principal, KIPP Atlanta Collegiate
Appeal of GHSA penalties for forfeiture of football game

Monday - 11:45 am: Shane Miller, Principal, Atkinson County High School
Appeal of GHSA penalties for transfer eligibility violations

Monday - 12:00 pm: Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, Headmaster, Benedictine Military School
Appeal of GHSA penalties for use of overage student

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Proposal to change the "Power Ratings" procedure in all sports so that the only game results used to calculate the "power ratings" are those games played as part of the regular-season game limit by each sport. Games played as part of a Region Tournament shall NOT be used to calculate the power ratings. (GHSA office)
2. Proposal to change the "Power Ratings" procedure in Football only beginning with the 2018-19 school year so that games between Class 7A teams and any team below Class 5A will NOT count in determining the power rating for the 7A school if power ratings are needed due to a Region having fewer than five teams in 7A. (GHSA office)
3. Proposal to reword By-Law 4.52 (e) on page 55 to read (new text in italic): All invoices for officiating fees in all sports shall be paid within ~~30 days~~ *10 days of the end of the season of receipt of the invoice*. Failure to ~~do so~~ *remit payment within 10 days of receipt of the invoice* will result in a 10% late fee charged to the member school by the officials association of record. ~~Associations must send a final season invoice to schools within one week of the completion of the season.~~ Schools are prohibited from paying contest officials at the game site. (GHSA office)
4. Proposal that during Basketball state tournament games, the designated host school shall be required to provide 50% of the available seating to the visiting school spectators. (GHSA office)

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5. Proposal to increase the seating requirement by classification to host Basketball State Tournament games to the following minimums: 7A – 2,000; 6A – 2,000; 5A – 1,500; 4A – 1,200; 3A – 900; 2A – 700; 1A – 500. (GHSA Office)
6. Proposal that member schools compelled to play at a higher classification because of special stipulations in the reclassification process may petition the Executive Director for stadium / arena seating waivers by August 31 each year. A waiver would allow the school to use the smaller classification's seating requirements in order to comply with playoff by-laws. (GHSA office)
7. Proposal to revise By-Law 2.69 (b) on page 40 to read (new text in italic): At any given point in time, only one (1) coach in a sport may work with up to ~~two (2)~~ *four (4)* athletes in skill-building drills. (Region 4, Class 5A)
8. Proposal that By-Law 2.72 (a) on Page 41 be reworded so that the GHSA office could use video to review an ejection of a coach from a contest. (Savannah HS)
9. Proposal that Literary become an Area activity for all classifications with the Areas increasing the number of qualifiers so there is no reduction in State qualifiers. (GHSA Office)
10. Proposal that the GHSA office will conduct one (1) universal coin toss prior to the Quarterfinal Round and again prior to the Semifinal Round in all sports to determine the designated home team in ALL classifications (2A – 7A) where equal seeds are meeting in the next round. The toss would determine if the top or bottom of the bracket would be the host team (subject to other hosting requirements as specified in the GHSA by-laws for each sport). (GHSA office)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Proposal to add new item "e" (and renumber existing items) to the "Pitching Restrictions" on page 58: In games vs. non-GHSA member schools, the GHSA pitching restrictions shall be adhered to, regardless of the pitch count policy of the host school affiliation or state association. When playing out of state, it is the school's responsibility to report the pitch count information to the GHSA office. (GHSA office)

CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to combine Class A Public and A Private cheerleading into one division and move to an Area format. (GHSA office)
2. Proposal to move to an Area format for Classes 2A - 7A in Competitive Cheerleading. (GHSA office)

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to modify By Law 1.58 on Page 18 (items "c," "d" & "e") so as to eliminate the 15-day credit recovery grace period at the beginning of the first semester. (Mary Persons HS)
2. Proposal to add Darlington to the list of schools (Riverside, Ben Franklin, Tallulah Falls) whose students are granted a one-time migratory waiver for eligibility upon enrollment in by-law 1.62 (L) on page 20. (Darlington School)

Upon completion of the business above, the Transfer Eligibility Task Force will host an open forum to discuss issues / potential proposals they are currently addressing. These include but are not limited to: Hardship Committee Re-structure, 50% sit out rule, Form B Revisions, Professional Investigator possibilities, Home School participation.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to add a new item "3" (and renumber existing items) under by-law 2.93 c-2 that reads "All scheduled GHSA varsity football games that have been either interrupted or postponed must be played to completion. Schools must decide when completion will take place in a timely manner. The team behind in the score of an interrupted game will have the option not to complete the game and the score will be recorded as it was at the point of interruption. (GHSA office)
2. Proposal that, beginning in 2018, the Spring Game culminating Spring Practice may be either a traditional team vs. team contest or a Jamboree type game with three teams playing a half against the other two teams. (GHSA office)
3. Proposal that the six (6) quarters per week participation limitation will NOT include an athlete's play on any special teams. (Region 7, Class 5A)

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GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to change the substitution policy to allow any team member who has competed in the mandatory number of meets during the season (3) to compete at the State Meet. Note: Their scores would count for their teams, but they would not be eligible for individual awards if they did not compete at the qualifying meet. (Region 5, Class 7A)
2. Proposal that all qualifying teams will be allowed to have one team manager on the competition floor to assist the coaches at both the Preliminary and State Meets. (Region 5, Class 7A)
3. Proposal that all qualifying teams will be allowed free admission for all team members to the Preliminary and State Meets even if those members did not qualify to compete. (Region 5, Class 7A)
4. Proposal to increase the number of teams qualifying at the Preliminary Meet to go to the State Meet from six (6) to eight (8). (Region 5, Class 7A)

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to return the reclassification cycle to two (2) year rotation beginning in 2018-19. (Region 5, Class 4A; South Paulding, St. Pius, Marist, Blessed Trinity)
2. Proposal to rethink the addition of a seventh classification and return to the six-class distribution of member schools. Note: Class A would continue with the current public/private split in certain sports. (St. Pius, Marist, Blessed Trinity)
3. Proposal to eliminate the GHSA Reclassification Committee and transfer its responsibilities to individual GHSA activity sub-committees. (Region 6, Class 3A)

RIFLERY COMMITTEE

Proposal that if a team has less than four (4) competitors, they forfeit the match and receive a loss. But, if both teams agree to compete anyway, the individual scores from both teams will count as GHSA official scores. (GHSA office)

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to restructure fast pitch softball playoffs using best-of-three series format for first two rounds with seeds 1-4 all playing at site of No. 1 seed. (Region 7, Class 6A)
2. Proposal to reword Softball GENERAL INFORMATION item No. 7, page 85. The tie-breaker procedure for extra-inning games will be used. At the beginning of the ~~eightth inning~~ 10th inning (and all subsequent half-innings) ... *Exception: In Invitational Tournament games with a "time limit" in place, the tie-breaker would start in the subsequent inning.* (Region 3, Class 6A)
3. Proposal to change the first two rounds of the fast pitch softball state tournament to a format that is consistent with the Elite Eight Championships. This change is to be termed as "Super Regionals" and would condense the playoffs to two double-elimination tournaments on consecutive weekends. (Region 3, Class 6A)

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Proposal to score the top 30 places in the finals (instead of the current 20) and award separate team championships for Class 6A and Class 7A and separate team championships for 1A-3A and 4A-5A for a total of four (4) swimming team champions instead of the current two (2). (Region 8, Class 7A)

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Proposal to allow Areas the option of using the best-of-five format for regular season Area matches, if all teams in the Area agree, provided that only one Area dual match is played per day. (Region 4, Class 7A)

WRESTLING COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to allow, but not require, alternates to weigh-in and be placed on the bracket at the Sectional Tournament if a wrestler representing the same Area cannot wrestle for any reason. (Kell High School)
2. Proposal to allow a wrestler in the state tournament, who cannot wrestle for any reason, to be replaced by an alternate at the time of weigh-in. (Kell High School)

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3. Proposal to allow, in multiple-day tournaments, a wrestler in the championship bracket who does not make weight on the second day, to be replaced in the championship bracket by the last wrestler which was defeated by the wrestler who did not make weight. (Kell High School)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposal to reword Section 12, Items "A & B" of the Constitution on page 12 to read as follows:
 - A. The State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association shall meet in the spring of each year on such date as may be designated by the State Executive Director.
 - B. In addition to this meeting, special meetings may be called by the State President or the Executive Director at any time or place upon giving reasonable notice to the members of the Committee. (GHSA Office) **NOTE:** This is a **Constitutional Amendment** and this is the **second** vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3, Board of Trustees as follows:

Sub-paragraph "A" would be deleted in its entirety and the following language substituted in lieu thereof:
A. Membership of the Board of Trustees shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Executive Director, one member of the Executive Committee from each classification (to be elected by the Executive Committee members from each respective classification), two at-large female members, two at-large minority members and one at-large private school member to be appointed by the President. The at-large members shall not be required to be current Executive Committee members. The term of office for Trustees shall be four years and members shall be allowed to succeed themselves in office.

Subparagraph "D" would be revised to delete the words "in exigent circumstances, as determined by the President".
NOTE: This is a **Constitutional Amendment** and will require two (2) votes. This is the **first** vote.
2. Proposal to delete current By-Law 1.62 (a - 4) on page 19 and substitute the following language:
(4.) In the event that the student subsequently returns/moves to the previous school service area within 12 months of the initial move, then the "bona fide move" status is negated and the student shall be declared a migrant in both schools and ineligible for a period of 12 months from the date of the initial move. All contests in which the student participated during that 12-month period shall be forfeited. The student may apply for waiver of this rule to the GHSA Hardship Committee. The schools involved may appeal the forfeiture of contests to the Executive Director under By-Law 2.63 (f). (GHSA Office)
3. Proposal that once the final eight (8) teams are determined in the Softball State Playoffs, a seeding process would take place to pair the teams playing in the Finals Tournament in Columbus instead of a team simply earning a pre-determined position in the bracket. This would be in all classifications. (Region 7, Class 6A)
4. Proposal to correct a procedural error that requires a second vote on amending the Constitution, Section 2, Item B. that was changed when the current seven-class, four-year reclassification plan was adopted. Item B. reads as follows: *Member schools will be realigned every four (4) years. Adjustments will be made at the end of every two years according to updated F.T.E. Figures.* (GHSA Office)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Gary Phillips will address the committee on several issues and introduce some guest speakers.

SCHEDULE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS - Spring 2017

(Meetings Will Be Held at the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel & Macon Centreplex)

SUNDAY, April 9

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| 9:00 am | Board of Trustees (Private Dining Room) |
| 11:30 am | Baseball Committee (Salon A) Wrestling Committee (Salon B) |
| 12-1 pm | Lunch (on your own) |
| 1:00 pm | Softball Committee (Salon A) Gymnastics Committee (Salon B) |
| 1:30 pm | Reclassification Committee (Magnolia Ballroom) Rifle Committee (Salon A) |

SUNDAY, April 9 (continued)

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| 2:00 pm | Cheerleading Committee (Salon A) |
| 2:30 pm | Swimming Committee (Salon A) Volleyball Committee (Salon B) |
| 3:00 pm | Football Committee (Salon A) Eligibility Committee (Magnolia Ballroom) |
| 4:45 pm | Low Country Boil (Centreplex Ballroom) |

Note: Salons A & B and the Private Dining Room are in the Macon City Center Hotel.