



GHSA

"Items of Interest"

November 2005

Health Issues Just as Important as Safety

The health and safety needs of high school athletes are of primary importance to the Georgia High School Association and to the National Federation of State High School Associations. Playing rules for all sports are made with high regard to managing the risks that are inherent in athletics. Additionally, both organizations serve as information conduits to schools, their coaches, and their athletes concerning health and safety issues through their respective Sports Medicine Advisory Committees.

Traditionally, safety needs during competition received most of the attention. In recent years, more attention has been given to health-related issues that students bring with them to athletics and/or that they acquire in athletics. Increased occurrences of staph infections have been seen recently in high schools across the country, and Georgia is no exception. Some people believe that infectious skin disease issues arise primarily in sports like wrestling, but this is not true. Every coach needs to be aware of the conditions that promote these problems and the steps that can be taken to combat them.



To that end, the GHSA and its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will offer a one-day Coaches' Symposium on Sports Medicine in mid-June. The exact details will be sent to all schools in a few weeks. Health care professionals who work with athletes will be providing coaches with much needed, practical information about the health and safety needs of their athletes. It is hoped administrators will encourage their coaches to participate in this event.

The National Federation will be placing a revised Communicable Disease and Skin Infection Procedures page in all NFHS rules books. Here are some important excerpts of those recommendations:

Universal Hygiene Protocol for All Sports

- Shower immediately after all competition and practice
- Wash all workout clothing after practice
- Wash personal gear, such as knee pads, periodically
- Don't share towels or personal hygiene products with others
- Refrain from (full body) cosmetic shaving

Infectious Skin Diseases

- Notify guardian(s) and coach as soon as you notice skin lesions
- If an outbreak occurs in a team sport, notify all team members
- Implement accepted medical procedures for dealing with the problem and for determining when to return to competition.

The GHSA will continue to pass along this type of information in coaching clinics, on the GHSA web site, and through all-school mailings to help safeguard the wellbeing of the athletes.

– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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Newsletter Format Changed

As previously announced, the GHSA newsletter, Items of Interest, will no longer be mailed via US Mail. The newsletter will be sent via e-mail to the designated "Contact Person" at all member schools, as well as to media outlets and other organizations which have provided e-mail addresses to the GHSA office. The newsletter also will be available, as usual, on the GHSA web site, www.ghsa.net.

Raines Wins McSwegin Award

The National Federation of State High School Associations and American Sports Education Programs have announced that Georgia's Jerry Raines has been selected to receive the 2005 Pat McSwegin Award for coach's education.

Raines was a long-time coach at several GHSA schools and is the current Region Secretary for Region 8-AAAAA. He has been one of the top instructors in the GHSA Coaches Education Program from its inception.

Along with the many things Raines does for the GHSA during his "retirement" from coaching, he also is a Red Cross volunteer and travels to many places throughout the nation working in disaster relief. He currently is traveling back and forth to New Orleans to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Raines will receive the award on December 15, 2005 at the NIAAA Convention in Orlando, FL. The late Pat McSwegin was a professor at the University of Missouri and a dedicated advocate/instructor in the coaches education program.

Basketball Sectional Sites

Due to changes in site availability, the 2005-06 State Basketball Sectionals will be held in the following locations:

A North	Georgia Highland College (formerly Floyd College)
A South	Valdosta State University
AA North	Mt. Zion, Jonesboro High School
AA South	Savannah State University
AAA North	Marietta High School
AAA South	Albany Civic Center
AAAA North	NW Georgia Trade Center
AAAA South	Columbus State University
AAAAA North	Kennesaw State University (pending final approval of dates)
AAAAA South	Macon Centreplex

Register with GaSports.com

The GHSA encourages all Coaches and ADs to register with GaSports.com in order to post team schedules, scores and rosters. The GaSports.com website is the official source of the GHSA for team schedules, scores and playoff information. Information submitted to the site is used to verify playoff assignments and provide information for game programs. For questions, contact Steve Copeland, SportsIQ, scopeland@sportsiq.com, 404-259-3838.

Contact Information for Official Merchandise

Those wishing to purchase GHSA merchandise should contact **All-Star Outfitters**, the official merchandise supplier of the GHSA.

The phone number for All-Star Outfitters is 770-590-0075 and the fax number is 770-590-0180. The address is 1420 Lockhart Drive, Building 100, Suite 102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. The contact person is **David Marler**.

GHSA Officials / Coaches Clinics

By-Law #2.54, page 63 of the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws states: Every coach at a GHSA member school must attend a **GHSA-sponsored rules clinic** if he/she coaches the following sports: football, softball, volleyball, riflery, cheerleading (spirit and/or competitive), basketball, wrestling, swimming and diving, track, baseball, soccer and gymnastics.

- (a) A \$50.00 fine per coach who does not attend a clinic will be assessed to the school.
- (b) First-year community coaches are reminded that clinic attendance is mandatory for them, also.

Following is a listing of the remaining 2005-06 GHSA Rules Clinics for coaches and officials.

Weeknight clinics begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday clinics begin at 10 a.m. unless noted. ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.

NOTE: All **BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING, FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL, SWIMMING, VOLLEYBALL** and **WRESTLING** clinics have been completed.

RIFLERY

GHSA Rules Clinics in Riflery will be held in conjunction with the Area Meetings to draw schedules at each Area designated site.

GYMNASTICS

All Gymnastics Coaches and Officials are now required to attend a GHSA Rules Clinic. Those Clinics will be posted on the GHSA web site and published in later editions of this newsletter.

SOCCER

Code: C = Coaches, R = Recertification, N = New Officials Certification
Coaches may attend any clinic listed

- January 7, 2006 Brunswick High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)
- January 7, 2006 Wheeler High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
- January 12, 2006 Milton High School - Auditorium (C/R)
- January 12, 2006 Oconee County High School - Cafeteria (C/R)
- January 19, 2006 Fayette County - Sams Theatre (C/R)
- January 19, 2006 Flowery Branch High School (C/R)
- January 21, 2006 Rome High School - Commons Area (C/R/N)
- January 21, 2006 Savannah Country Day (C/R/N)
- January 28, 2006 Norcross High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
- January 28, 2006 Westover High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
- February 4, 2006 Shaw High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
- February 4, 2006 Evans High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
- February 11, 2006 Coffee High School - Media Center (C/R/N)
- February 11, 2006 Westside High School, Macon (C/R/N)

LACROSSE

- January 21, 2006 Chattahoochee High School - 10 a.m. (B & G)
- January 26, 2006 Pope High School - 7:30 p.m. (Boys)
- January 26, 2006 Woodward Academy -Chapel - 7:30 p.m. (Girls)

- January 28, 2006 Westminster School - Gym - 10 a.m. (B & G)

TRACK

- January 23, 2006 Westover High School - Auditorium
- January 25, 2006 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
- January 26, 2006 Jefferson High School - Cafeteria
- January 28, 2006 Savannah Country Day School - Auditorium
- January 30, 2006 Westside High School, Macon - Cafeteria
- February 1, 2006 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
- February 2, 2006 Chamblee High School - Media Center
- February 4, 2006 Dublin High School - Cafeteria
- February 6, 2006 Carrollton High School
- February 8, 2006 Calhoun High School - Auditorium
- February 9, 2006 Lovejoy High School
- February 11, 2006 Thomson High School - Auditorium
- February 11, 2006 Ware County High School - Cafeteria

BASEBALL

- February 6, 2006 Dalton High School - Auditorium
- February 6, 2006 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
- February 8, 2006 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
- February 8, 2006 Statesboro High School - Cafeteria
- February 9, 2006 Evans High School - Auditorium
- February 9, 2006 Norcross High School - Auditorium
- February 13, 2006 Vidalia High School - Cafeteria
- February 13, 2006 Northside High School, WR - Theatre
- February 15, 2006 Oconee County High School - Cafeteria
- February 15, 2006 Savannah Country Day
- February 16, 2006 Tri-Cities High School - Cafeteria
- February 16, 2006 Lowndes High School - Cafeteria
- February 20, 2006 Habersham Central High School - Cafeteria
- February 20, 2006 Westover High School - Auditorium
- February 22, 2006 Fayette County (Sams Theatre)
- February 23, 2006 Ware County High School - Cafeteria
- February 23, 2006 GHSA Office, Thomaston

AP Exams, ACT and SAT Assessment Dates

Each year, the GHSA office gets requests to alter schedules due to conflicts with ACT, SAT, and AP Exams. We cannot accommodate those requests. The following chart (also published in the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws and listed on the GHSA web site) gives dates of the exams and possible conflicts with GHSA activities. We urge you to inform your athletes, your counselors, and your coaches **now** about the dates scheduled for exams in order for the athletes to plan their assessments around events in which they are to compete.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

- December 10, 2005 Cheerleading State Finals
- February 11, 2006 State Wrestling, Region Basketball, State Swimming
- April 8, 2006 None

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

- December 3, 2005 Region Cheerleading, State Football Finals
- January 28, 2006 None
- April 1, 2006 State Riflery
- May 6, 2006 Girls State Track, State Lacrosse, State Tennis, Soccer Playoffs
- June 3, 2006 State Baseball Championships

AP EXAM DATES

- Week 1 - May 1-5, 2006 Tennis, Soccer & Lacrosse Playoffs, Region Boys Track, State Girls Track
- Week 2 - May 8-12, 2006 Soccer Playoffs, Baseball Playoffs, State Tennis, State Boys Track, State Golf

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

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State Softball Champions - 2005

Class AAAAA
Collins Hill
Lady Eagles



Class AAAA
Ringgold
Lady Tigers

Class AAA
Oconee County
Lady Warriors



State Softball Champions - 2005



Class AA
Morgan County
Lady Bulldogs



Class A
Bowdon
Lady Red Devils



Slow Pitch
Pope
Lady Greyhounds



Photos of the championship softball teams were provided by [idiphoto](http://idiphoto.com) with the exception of the AAA photo, which was provided by Oconee County High School. Other photos taken at the State Tournament can be found at idiphoto.com.

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - November/December

BASKETBALL:

Adairsville High School, December 20-21, 2005
 Alexander High School, December 21-23, 2005
 Athens Academy, December 16-17, 2005
 Beach High School, November 17, 18 & 19, 2005
 Bradwell Institute, December 26-30, 2005
 Brookwood High School, December 27-30, 2005
 Burke County High School, December 19-20, 2005
 Campbell High School, December 27, 28 & 29, 2005
 Cass High School, December 27-30, 2005
 Cedar Shoals High School, November 25-26, 2005
 Chestatee High School, November 18-19, 2005
 Clarke Central High School, December 19-21, 2005
 Columbus High School, November 17-19, 2005
 Commerce High School, December 29-30, 2005
 Crawford County High School, December 29-30, 2005
 Creekside High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Crisp County High School, December 28-29, 2005
 Dacula High School, November 17, 19, 21 & 22, 2005
 Dougherty High School, December 16, 17, 19 & 20, 2005
 Douglas County High School, December 3, 2005
 Dublin High School, December 27-28, 2005
 Eastside High School, November 18-19, 2005
 Fannin County High School, November 22-23, 2005
 Galloway High School, November 18-19, 2005
 Georgia Military College, December 21-22, 2005
 Glenn Hills High School, November 21-22, 2005 (Girls)
 Glynn Academy, December 21-23, 2005
 Griffin High School, November 17-19, 2005 (Girls)
 Griffin High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Haralson County High School, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Hart County High School, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Henry County High School, December 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2005
 Houston County High School, December 19-22, 2005
 Jackson County High, December 17, 19, 20 & 21, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Jeff Davis High School, December 28-30, 2005
 Jefferson High School, November 19, 22, 23, & 26, 2005
 Johnson High School, Savannah, December 20-23, 2005
 LaGrange High School, November 17, 21 & 22, 2005
 LaGrange High School, December 27-29, 2005 (Boys)
 Lakeside High School, Evans, November 21-22, 2005
 Lakeside High School, Atlanta, November 18, 19 & 22, 2005
 Lakeview Academy, December 10, 15, 16 & 17, 2005
 Lakeview High School, Ft. Oglethorpe, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Lowndes High School, November 17, 29 & 21, 2005
 Lumpkin County High School, December 29-30, 2005
 Madison County High School, November 19 & 22, 2005
 Mary Persons High School, December 27-28, 2005
 Morgan County High School, December 28-30, 2005
 Morrow High School, November 21, 22, 23, 25 & 26, 2005
 Mount Zion High School, November 19, 21 & 26, 2005
 North Clayton High School, December 27-30, 2005
 North Cobb High School, November 19, 21 & 22, 2005
 North Gwinnett High School, November 19, 21, 22, 2005
 North Gwinnett High School, December 27, 28, 29, 2005
 Oglethorpe County High School, November 19 & 22, 2005 (Varsity)
 Oglethorpe County High School, November 18 & 21, 2005 (JV)
 Our Lady of Mercy, November 25-26, 2005
 Parkview High School, November 16, 17, 19, 21 & 22, 2005
 Pebblebrook High School, November 15, 2005 (Girls)
 Pebblebrook High School, November 16, 2005 (Boys)
 Pebblebrook High School, November 18-19, 2005 (Girls & Boys)
 Pickens High School, November 21-22, 2005
 Richmond Academy, November 25-26, 2005
 Richmond Hill High School, December 16, 17 & 19, 2005
 Riverwood High School, November 16, 17, 19, 21 & 22, 2005

Salem High School, December 19, 20 & 21, 2005
 Savannah Christian School, November 22-23, 2005
 Shiloh High School, November 17, 19, & 22, 2005
 Southeast Whitfield High School, November 22-26, 2005
 South Effingham High School, December 16-17, 2005
 South Forsyth High School, November 19, 23 & 26, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Statesboro High School, November 21-22, 2005
 St. Pius X Catholic High School, December 27-29, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Thomasville High School, December 26-28, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Towns County High School, November 21-22, 2005
 Towns County High School, December 28-30, 2005
 Tri-County High School, December 16-17, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Vanguard High School, December 27-30, 2005
 Vidalia High School, November 19 & 22, 2005
 Villa Rica High School, December 16, 17 & 19, 2005
 Wayne County High School, December 28-30, 2005
 Westminster School, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005 (Boys)
 Westside High School, Macon, December 19-21, 2005 (Girls)
 White County High School, November 21-22, 2005
 Wilkinson County High School, December 16, 2005
 Wilkinson County High School, December 29-30, 2005

Out of State:

Beech High School, TN, December 28-30, 2004
 Berkeley Preparatory School, FL, December 20-22, 2005
 Cape Henlopen High School, DE, December 26-30, 2005
 Chandler High School, AZ, December 19-22, 2005
 Charlotte Catholic High School, NC, December 16-17, 2005
 Freedom High School, NC, December 29-31, 2005
 Gibbs High School, TN, November 21, 22, 25 & 26, 2005
 Golden Gate High School, FL, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Greenville High School, TN, November 21-26, 2005
 Harriman High School, TN, December 27-29, 2005
 Howard High School, TN, December 21-23, 2005
 North Charleston High School, SC, December 26, 27, 29 & 30, 2005
 North Sand Mountain High School, AL, November 23, 25 & 26, 2005
 Paintsville High School, KY, December 27-30, 2005
 Poinciana High School, FL, December 16, 17, 19, 20 & 21
 Ridgeway High School, TN, November 25-26, 2005
 Russellville High School, KY, December 19-22, 2005
 Spain Park High School, AL, December 27-29, 2005
 Terry Parker High School, FL, November 23, 25 & 26, 2005
 Trinity Catholic High School, FL, December 27-29, 2005

CHEERLEADING:

Berkmar High School, November 22, 2005
 Brantley County High School, November 5, 2005
 Cass High School, November 12, 2005
 Central High School, Carrollton, November 12, 2005
 Collins Hill High School, November 19, 2005
 Colquitt County High School, November 19, 2005
 Dodge County High School, November 19, 2005
 Douglas County High School, November 5, 2005
 Duluth High School, November 5, 2005
 East Laurens High School, November 18, 2005
 Effingham County High School, November 12, 2005
 Gordon Central High School, November 19, 2005
 Hardaway High School, November 5, 2005
 Hawkinsville High School, November 12, 2005
 Houston County High School, November 5, 2005
 Johnson High School, Gainesville, November 26, 2005
 Jones County High School, November 5, 2005
 Kennesaw Mountain High School, November 5, 2005
 LaFayette High School, November 12, 2005
 Loganville High School, November 26, 2005
 Mays High School, November 12, 2005

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - November/December, Cont.

CHEERLEADING, Continued:

Miller Grove High School, November 5, 2005
 North Cobb High School, November 12, 2005
 North Forsyth High School, November 19, 2005
 Oconee County High School, November 12, 2005
 Peachtree Ridge High School, November 12, 2005
 Pierce County High School, November 19, 2005
 Pope High School, November 19, 2005
 Rockmart High School, November 12, 2005
 Sandy Creek High School, November 12, 2005
 Shiloh High School, November 12, 2005
 South Gwinnett High School, November 5, 2005
 Starr's Mill High School, November 5, 2005
 Turner County High School, November 19, 2005
 Vidalia High School, November 12, 2005
 Walton High School, November 12, 2005
 Ware County High School, November 12, 2005
 Winder-Barrow High School, November 19, 2005
 Woodstock High School, November 12, 2005
 Worth County High School, November 26, 2005

DEBATE/FORENSICS/LITERARY:

Carrollton High School, November 18-19, 2005
 Trion High School, November 5, 2005

RIFLERY:

Northside High School, Columbus, December 2, 3, 9 & 10, 2005
 Upson-Lee High School, November 12, 2005

SWIMMING/DIVING:

Adairsville High School, November 15, 2005
 Adairsville High School, December 1, 2005
 Adairsville High School, December 6, 2005
 Adairsville High School, December 9, 2005
 Adairsville High School, December 13, 2005
 Bainbridge High School, December 10, 2005
 Camden High School, November 19, 2005
 Carrollton High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Clarke Central High School, December 10, 2005
 Clarke Central High School, December 17, 2005
 Coffee High School, December 3, 2005
 Colquitt County High School, November 18, 2005 (Diving)
 Columbus High School, November 19, 2005
 Kennesaw Mountain High School, November 17, 2005
 Kennesaw Mountain High School, December 17, 2005
 Lakeside High School, Evans, December 3, 2005
 Mill Creek High School, December 9-10, 2005
 North Cobb High School, November 19, 2005
 Pope High School, November 18, 2005
 Savannah Arts Academy, December 10, 2005
 Westside High School, Augusta, November 17, 2005

WRESTLING:

Adairsville High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Alexander High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Alpharetta High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Apalachee High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Baldwin High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Brookwood High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Burke County High School, November 23, 2005
 Callaway High School, December 22, 2005
 Cass High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Central Gwinnett High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Central Gwinnett High School, November 19, 2005
 Central Gwinnett High School, November 23, 2005 (Duals)
 Cherokee High School, December 28-29, 2005

Collins Hill High School, December 22, 2005
 Collins Hill High School, December 22, 2005 (Duals)
 Cook High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Dacula High School, December 10, 2005
 Dacula High School, December 22, 2005
 Dade County High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Dawson County High School, December 30-31, 2005
 Douglas County High School, December 10, 2005
 Effingham County High School, December 10, 2005
 Fayette County High School, December 28-29, 2005
 Fitzgerald High School, December 27-28, 2005
 Forest Park High School, November 19, 2005
 Forsyth Central High School, November 19, 2005
 Forsyth Central High School, December 3, 2005
 Forsyth Central High School, December 17, 2005
 Gainesville High School, December 20, 2005
 Hardaway High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Harrison High School, December 10, 2005
 Harrison High School, November 26, 2005
 Hiram High School, November 19, 2005 (Duals)
 Hiram High School, December 20-21, 2005
 Jackson County High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Jefferson High School, December 30, 2005
 Lithia Springs High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Lumpkin County High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Marietta High School, December 16-17, 2005
 McIntosh High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Mill Creek High School, November 22-23, 2005
 Milton High School, December 10, 2005
 North Forsyth High School, November 26, 2005
 North Gwinnett High School, December 2-3, 2005 (9th & 10th Grade)
 North Hall High School, November 19, 2005
 Pace Academy, December 10, 2005
 Pacelli High School, December 28 & 29, 2005
 Pebblebrook High School, November 26, 2005
 Pebblebrook High School, December 17, 2005
 Redan High School, November 26, 2005
 Ringgold High School, November 19, 2005
 Riverwood High School, December 29, 2005
 Rome High School, December 17, 2005
 Toombs County High School, November 19, 2005 (Duals)
 Towns County High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Treutlen High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Sequoyah High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Sequoyah High School, December 31, 2005
 South Cobb High School, November 19, 2005
 South Gwinnett High School, November 18-19, 2005
 Stephens County High School, November 19, 2005
 Stockbridge High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Swainsboro High School, December 3, 2005
 Troup High School, November 19, 2005
 West Laurens High School, December 9-10, 2005
 White County High School, December 17, 2005

Out of State:

Bradley Central High School, TN, December 16-17, 2005
 Fernandina Beach High School, FL, December 16-17, 2005
 Houston High School, TN, December 2-3, 2005
 Huntsville High School, AL, December 2-3, 2005
 Knoxville Catholic High School, TN, December 2-3, 2006
 McGavock High School, TN, December 9-10, 2005
 Ovielo High School, FL, December 28-29, 2005
 Spring Valley High School, SC, December 16-17, 2005

Not Approved:

Worthington Kilbourne High School, December 9-20, 2005

GHSA - November/December Calendar - 2005

November

- 11 State Football Playoffs -- Second Round
- 11 State One-Act Plays
- 14 Earliest date for Basketball, Swimming & Wrestling events
- 15 Appeal Board Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 18, 19 State Football Playoffs -- Quarterfinal Round
- 24 Thanksgiving Day, GHSA Office Closed
- 25, 26 State Football Playoffs -- Semifinal Round, Georgia Dome

December

- 2, 3 State Football Playoffs -- Championship games
- 3 Region Cheerleading Tournaments
- 6 Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 9, 10 Cheerleading Sectionals & Finals
- 13 Appeal Board Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 21 GHSA Office Closed until January 4 for Christmas Holidays

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MARINES

