



GHSA

"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

April 2023

GADA and GACA Provide Invaluable Services for Our Coaches

Like many of you, I recently attended the Georgia Athletic Directors Association in Savannah and continue to be impressed with the opportunities the GADA provides its members. Joe Sanfilippo serves as the Executive Director and does an outstanding job of providing direction for the GADA and educational opportunities for our state's Athletic Directors.

The breakout sessions were on point and helpful and were presented by member Athletic Directors to the members. Our friend Charlie Cobb, Georgia State University Athletic Director, was a keynote speaker and did a great job of reminding us that our focus should be in providing a great experience for the student-athletes we serve.

I would also say that the networking opportunities are there for informal conversations that allow Athletic Directors to provide advice, resources, and support for one another as they perform a difficult yet important job.

I want to thank Dr. Curt Miller for his service this past year as president and I look forward to Maurice Freeman as he takes the gavel from Dr. Miller. I know Coach Freeman will do a great job as president and he will be sure to "bring the hammer"!

If you are an Athletic Director who is not a member of the GADA, I want to encourage you to join. It is important to support the organization that does such an outstanding job in supporting you. And the professional development opportunities and support you will receive from the membership is invaluable. The GHSA appreciates our partnership with the GADA.

Speaking of organizations that support you, the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association does a great job supporting our coaches and provides insurance, professional learning, recognition programs, student-athlete opportunities and a Coaches Hall of Fame among many other things. Dr. Craig Davis, a member of the GHSA Executive Committee, serves as the Executive Director and works tirelessly to provide a consistent voice for our coaches.

The GHSA and GACA work closely together and one of our main common goals is to continue to grow the GACA and provide professional learning to more of Georgia's coaches. The GACA will conduct a Leadership Summit May 30-31, 2023 in Athens that will cover many topics of professional interest to our coaches. The GHSA staff will provide many sessions for this event and I hope our schools and coaches will take advantage of this event. It is scheduled during the first "dead week" and my hope is that many GHSA coaches will be able to attend. The GACA has many options for membership and I encourage you and your school to choose to be a part of this organization who is a great partner to the GHSA.

Finally, please make sportsmanship a part of all of your sports and programs. Ejections of players and coaches alike happen all too often and have no place in scholastic sports. We all can do better and I appreciate your attention to improving sportsmanship.

Thank you for all you do for Georgia's student-athletes and please give me or any of the staff here at the GHSA a call if we can help you in any way.

– Dr. James R. Hines, Jr., Executive Director



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Sharks Defeat Streaks Once Again

The Houston County Sharks defeated the DeKalb Silver Streaks 49-30 in the finals for the second year in a row to win the 2023 AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship on March 11 at the Macon Centreplex.

The rest of the basketball state champions are pictured on Pages 4-5 of this newsletter, while the coed and girls 3-point shootout winners and slam dunk champion can be found on Page 6.



Literary State Champions - 2023



7A: Denmark



6A: Houston County



5A: Greater Atlanta Christian



4A: North Oconee



3A: Bremen



2A: ACE Charter



A, Div. 1: Bleckley County



A, Div. 2: Georgia Military College

Girls Basketball State Champions - 2023



7A: Brookwood



6A: River Ridge



5A: Kell



4A: Griffin



3A: Hebron Christian



2A: Mt. Paran



A, Div. 1: St. Francis



A, Div. 2: Clinch County

Boys Basketball State Champions - 2023



7A: Wheeler



6A: Alexander



5A: Kell



4A: Pace Academy



3A: Sandy Creek



2A: Westside-Augusta



A, Div. 1: King's Ridge



A, Div. 2: Wilkinson County

Dunk & 3-Point Winners Crowned

After weeks of competition leading up to the finals, the fourth annual GHSA Slam Dunk and Three-Point Shooting Champions, presented by BSN Sports, were crowned during the 2023 State Championship Basketball Championships at the Macon Centreplex March 8-11.

Congratulations to Jalen Hilliard of McEachern who won the slam dunk contest, defeating Evan Montgomery (North Oconee), Caden Hinton (Trion) and Robert Skaggs (Prince Avenue) in the finals.

The Flowery Branch duo of Bella Brick and Landon Mealor repeated as CoEd 3-Point winners, defeating finalists Ellie Southard & Cooper Welch (Rabun Co.) and Camiya Starks & Damaris Lewis (Griffin). Southards won the girls 3-point title, defeating defending champion Brick as well as Sariyah Chester (Pelham) and IZIAH McCutchins (Trion).



(L-R) Boys Dunk Finalists Caden Hinton, Jalen Hilliard, Evan Montgomery and Robert Skaggs



(L-R) Girls 3-Point Finalists Bella Brick, Sariyah Chester, Ellie Southard and IZIAH McCutchins



(L-R) BSN's Alan Long, Landon Mealor, Bella Brick and Dr. Robin Hines

Bass Fishing State Qualifier #4 at Lake Hartwell on April 15

The fourth and final qualifying tournament in GHSA Bass Fishing will take place on April 15 at Lake Hartwell in Lavonia. Below is more information on the event:

Tournament Director:

• Kevin Hunt - MLF Big 5
270-205-5155 or kevin.hunt@majorleaguefishing.com

High School Fishing Contacts:

• Joey Bray, National Youth Director SAF/TBF
580.716.4251 or Joey@federationangler.com
• Scott Ellison, MLF Big 5
270.205.6864 or scott.ellison@majorleaguefishing.com

Practice:

- Competition waters are open for practice until 5 p.m. on April 14
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services will not be permitted after April 4.

Boat Operation:

- Contestants are not permitted to drive the boat when the combustion engine is in operation. Each boat will be driven by a coach or volunteer driver. Contestants may operate the trolling motor. Coaches and volunteers may provide assistance, including information about locating and catching fish, but are not permitted to fish.

Catch & Size Limit:

- Five bass per team; minimum 12 inches on all bass.

License Requirement:

- A Valid GA fishing license is required for students 16 and older.

Format:

- Each GHSA approved school may enter up to six boats in each regional competition. The top 15 boats from each regional advance to the state Championship. One additional boat will advance from each regional for every 10 boats that compete over a minimum of 100 boats in the regional. Boats advance from the first event in which they qualified. If a boat has already qualified for the state championship, the next eligible boat will advance.

GHSA Contact:

- Kevin Giddens - 706-647-7473 ext. 25 or kevin@ghsa.net

Registration:

- All anglers must pre-register online at HighSchoolFishing.org no later than Monday before the event at 8:00 a.m.

Mandatory Registration:

- Friday, April 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tugaloo State Park Ramp; 1763 Tugaloo State Park Rd.; Lavonia, GA 30553
- Anglers, coaches & captains must attend.
- Pretournament meeting immediately following check-in.

Takeoff and Weigh-in on April 15:

- Takeoff: 7:00 a.m. • Weigh-in: 3:00 p.m.

Items to Bring:

- Signed liability release
- Personal floatation device
- Valid student ID
- Valid license for state waters to be fished if 16 or older
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Rods and reels
- Line cutters & needle-nose pliers
- Lures & tackle
- Rainsuit
- Jersey or shirt representing your school

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Spring Esports Meet on April 29

The 2023 GHSA Spring Esports State Championships, powered by PlayVS, will be held April 29 at the University of West Georgia Coliseum. Titles will be determined for Rocket League, Madden NFL 23 and Splatoon 3. Trophies and medals will be awarded to champions and runnersup in each.

Spectators are welcome to attend the event free of charge. Broadcast information: the FINALS will be broadcast on the Twitch Channel (https://www.twitch.tv/uwg_esports).



Student Leadership Conference April 14

The GHSA Student-athlete Advisory Council presents this year's version of the Student-athlete leadership conference.

Deadline to register is April 3, 2023. We chose an earlier date and time this year to accommodate hectic spring sports schedules and testing schedules. See details below:

- * Two (2) student-athletes from your school
- * Held at the Macon Centreplex
- * April 14: From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- * Free to students
- * Includes lunch and T-shirt
- * Loaded with great speakers and topics!
- * Register at <https://forms.gle/uSGWzKhG5M4hdkiw7>

For more information, contact Penny Pitts Mitchell (706-647-7473, ext. 22) or penny@ghsa.net.

Junior Legal Internship Available

Rising 9th through 11th graders interested in the practice of law are invited to apply for the 2023 Junior Legal Internship/Scholarship Program. The program will take place from July 18-21, 2023 from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the law firm of Childers & McCain, LLC in Macon.

Those selected will experience what it is like to work at a law firm alongside attorneys. They will learn the importance of confidentiality as they interact with clients and develop skills for working in a professional environment. Students will meet judges and other legal professionals and gain hands-on experience through documenting evidence at the scene of an accident and researching the facts of a client's case. Students selected will receive a \$200 scholarship and will leave with a college-ready resume listing their legal experiences from the week.

Applicants must have good grades, parental permission, and must send an email expressing interest, and one adult (relative, friend or teacher) must send a recommendation by email to Christy@ChildersMcCain.com. For more information call (478) 254- 2007 and ask for Christy Childers.

Gymnastics State Meet April 19-21

The 2023 GHSA Gymnastics State Preliminaries and Championships will be held April 19-21, at Buford Arena. Qualifying teams and individuals will compete on balance beam, uneven parallel bars, vault and floor exercise. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available ONLY on GoFan.

The Preliminary Meet will take place on Wednesday, April 19th. Session 1 will begin at 1:00 p.m., for A-5A schools and Session 2 for 6A-7A schools will begin at 5:30 p.m. Both sessions will include individual and team competitions. Spectator doors will open 30 minutes prior to competition.

State Finals will be held on Friday evening, with competition scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

The defending state team champions include Buford in the 6A-7A division and North Oconee in the A-5A division.



Slow Pitch Elite Eight April 19-20

The 2022 GHSA Slow Pitch Softball Elite Eight State Championships, presented by Mizuno, will be held April 19-20 at Twin Creeks in Woodstock. Admission is \$10.00 per day and tickets will be available ONLY on GoFan.

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, April 19

- 11:00 am Field #1: TBA
- 11:00 am Field #2: TBA
- 11:00 pm Field #3: TBA
- 11:00 pm Field #4: TBA
- 12:30 pm Field #3: Second Round
- 12:30 pm Field #4: Second Round
- 2:00 pm Field #3: Loser First Round
- 2:00 pm Field #4: Loser First Round
- 3:30 pm Field #3: Loser Second Round
- 3:30 pm Field #4: Loser Second Round

Thursday, April 20

- 11:00 am Field #4: Loser Semifinals;
- 11:00 am Field #3: Winner Semifinals
- 12:30 pm Field #3: Loser Play-In Game
- 2:00 pm Field #3: Finals



GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
MARRIOTT / Macon City Center - Macon, GA
Magnolia Ballroom
April 17, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

Call To OrderJim Finch, President
Pledge of AllegianceCurt Miller, Vice President
InvocationCarror Wright, Associate Director
Roll CallRobin Hines, Executive Director
Adoption of AgendaExecutive Committee

Assistant Executive Director Ernie Yarbrough will present the Contributor to the Cause in Officiating Awards and the NFHS National Lacrosse Coach of the Year Award.

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 1. Proposal to modify by-law 1.62 (n) on page 20 of the GHSA Constitution by adding new text (in italic): If approved by the local board of education, students enrolled in a magnet or specialty school established by the local board of education shall be allowed to participate in GHSA extracurricular activities as a member of the school team for the school which they would ordinarily attend according to local board of education attendance policy. (GHSA Office)
2. Proposal to add a new item "H" under Section 2, Basketball, General Information on page 50 of the GHSA Constitution to read as follows: "Students from participating schools shall not be allowed to sit in the first row of seating on either sideline nor either endline, and a minimum of one (1) school administrator in close proximity to the student section. (GHSA Office)
3. Proposal to change the permanent seating requirements for hosting semifinal-round football playoff games (Item B-1 on page 65 of the GHSA Constitution) as follows: Set Class A Divisions 1 and 2 at 2,000; set 2A and 3A at 2,500; set 4A and 5A at 3,000; and set 6A and 7A at 4,500. (GHSA Office)
4. Proposal to increase the number of individual medals awarded in the sport of Volleyball from 15 to 18 in by-law 4.33 on page 43 of the GHSA Constitution. (Mount Paran Christian School)
5. Proposal to modify by-law 1.62, item "I" on page 20 of the GHSA Constitution by adding the following: (new wording in italic): There will be no migratory waiver for any student who lives within 75 miles of a school with a dormitory. (Any student who lives within 75 miles of a school with a dormitory and moves on campus will be ineligible for one (1) calendar year.) (Trion City Schools)
6. Proposal to replace by-law 1.62, item "a" on page 20 of the GHSA Constitution with the following (new wording in italic): A family who Purchases and Resides in a home located in a school district attendance area qualifies the student for immediate eligibility in that school district, as long as the previous residence has been relinquished according to the GHSA guidelines. (Purchasing a home in an attendance district will be considered a "bona fide move" even if the home purchase and the enrollment date are not "simultaneous".) The current "Note" in item "a" remains the same. (Trion City Schools)
7. Proposal to mandate a two-year sit out period (9th and 10th grades) for any middle school student-athlete who:
- Attends a skills camp, combine or official visit set by schools to host student-athletes and transfers to a school (feeder or high school) where any of the coaches working the event are employed.
- Attends a skills camp, combine or official visit set by schools to host student-athletes and transfers to the school (feeder or high school) where the camp/event was held.
- Any coach(s) or school(s) hosting one of these camps, combines or official visits set by schools to host student-athletes must report the following to the GHSA:
(a) A complete list of all staff working the event. This includes those on the field, involved with any aspect of the event, including but not limited to, registration and facility rental/care.
(b) A complete list of all participants in attendance. (Curt Miller, Vice President)

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8. **Proposal** to replace by-law 2.54-c on page 27 of the GHSA Constitution with the following text: ALL coaches must attend/complete a comprehensive training and education program for "Traumatic Head Injuries." The recommendation is the "Heads Up" for Coaches. (GHSA Office)
9. **Proposal** to create a new by-law 2.68-b (and renumbering existing item "b" to "c") on page 32 of the GHSA Constitution to read as follows: Any student-athlete who has sustained and has been diagnosed with a traumatic head injury (concussion), must follow a minimum of a 5-step return-to-play protocol. Recommendation for this RTP is based on an athlete completing the following return-to-sport strategy once they have become "symptom free" as determined by a healthcare professional. A minimum of 24-48 hours of both physical and cognitive rest must take place once the diagnosis is made:
- Level 1: Activity – "activities of daily living" that do not cause symptoms to re-occur (gradual return to school)
 - Level 2: Activity – Light aerobic activity such as walking or stationary bicycle (at a low pace with no resistance)
 - Level 3: Activity - Running drills, sport-specific activity without head impact
 - Level 4: Activity – Intensity of training drills may be increased. Limited practice with non-contact drills. Progressive resistance training may begin.
 - Level 5: Activity – Full medical clearance by a healthcare professional, unrestricted training activities including contact drills may begin
 - Level 6: Activity – Unrestricted participation to sport
- A minimum of 24 hours must take place before progression to the next level. (GHSA Office)
10. **Proposal** to modify by-law 2.51 on page 26 of the GHSA Constitution to read as follows (new text in italic): An athletic head coach must be a professional teacher, *a certified para pro*, or hold a four-year degree while also employed in a teaching or administrative position ... *NOTE: Paraprofessionals must take the Head Coaching Class offered through the GHSA coaches education program.* (Fulton County Schools)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Proposal to mandate the use of WBGT for ALL Contests as follows:

- WBGT must be measured 15 minutes prior to start of contest and coaches notified.
- If WBGT is equal or above 86.0 F, an ice immersion tub must be present and ready for use.
- If WBGT is equal or above 88.0 F, Umpires will take a 3-minute hydration break at the beginning and mid-point of inning 3 and continuing until the conclusion of the game. (GHSA Office)

CHEERLEADING / DANCE COMMITTEE

Proposal to adopt the following Competition Rules:

- a. All teams must compete with a minimum of 7 dancers, but no more than 20 dancers. If the number of competitors falls below seven, teams must compete with a 5-point deduction per dancer below that number.
- b. Fabric must cover the skin from the bra line to the knees in front and in back (tights, body liners, or pants).
- c. To qualify for state, a team's selected routine must be scored at a minimum of three invitationals.
- d. The length of a routine shall be a minimum of 1 minute and 40 seconds and a maximum of two minutes. Going below or over will be a 5-point deduction per 15 seconds.
- e. In-bounds is determined as the area inside the end line and side lines of a basketball court.
- f. Hair must be secured above the waist for both males and females. (GHSA Office)

CROSS COUNTRY / TRACK COMMITTEE

Proposal to mandate the use of WBGT for ALL Cross Country contests as follows:

- WBGT must be measured 15 minutes prior to start of contest and coaches notified.
- If WBGT is equal or above 86.0 F, an ice immersion tub must be present and ready for use at finish line.
- If WBGT is equal or above 88.0 F, A minimum of two (2) hydration stations must be placed throughout the racecourse as well as at the finish line. (GHSA Office)

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to Replace Article "K" on page 63 of the GHSA Constitution regarding Football Overtime with the following:
 1. Overtime is mandated for all games between schools of the same classification. Overtime MAY NOT be played between teams of different classifications in the regular season unless both head coaches agree to play overtime in the presence of the Referee prior to the start of the game.

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2. In Sub-Varsity play, the two schools, regardless of classification, MAY agree before the game not to play overtime if tied at the end of regulation.

Items No. 1 and No. 2 currently under Item "K" will remain the same. (GHSA Office)

2. **Proposal** that any football contest MUST have an on-site WBGT monitor and take measurements 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest and again during halftime. The following requirements for hydration breaks must be followed:
- Kick-off WBGT equal or above 87.0 F – referees will take a mandatory hydration break at or near the 6-minute mark of each quarter lasting 3 minutes (change of possession or touchdown and PAT). All participants must remove their helmets and no coaches are permitted on the field at this time. It is recommended that players who are actively engaged in the competition and come to the sideline remove their helmets and hydrate until such time that they re-enter the field of play.
 - Kick-off WBGT equal or above 90.0 F – referees will take a mandatory hydration break at or near the 4-minute and 8-minute mark of each quarter lasting 3 minutes (change of possession or PAT). All participants must remove their helmets and no coaches are permitted on the field at this time. It is recommended that players who are actively engaged in the competition and come to the sideline remove their helmets and hydrate until such time that they re-enter the field of play.

Regulation of 7-on-7 Contests

Clarification of Terminology: 7-on-7 play between 2 or more teams where there are NOT any officials present will be viewed as a "PRACTICE" and therefore will fall under the GHSA Interscholastic Contests and Practices (Section 2.60) and the Practice Policy for Heat and Humidity (Section 2.67) along with the following guidelines:

- Teams that participate in back-to-back play periods lasting a maximum of 60 minutes, must be followed by a 30-minute break in a shaded area before resuming activity.
- It is recommended that medical personnel (athletic trainer or EMT) be present during said practice session.

7-on-7 play between 2 or more teams **in the presence of officials** will constitute a "CONTEST" and therefore will follow guidelines listed below:

- WBGT Temperature will be taken and recorded prior to the start of all contests.
- The host school will notify the Head Official and both Head Coaches of the WBGT reading prior to the start of the contest.
- Hydration breaks will be implemented when the WBGT is equal or above 90.0 F. Referees will take a mandatory 3-minute hydration break at the 10-minute mark of each contest.
- Ice immersion tub on-site and ready for use when WBGT is equal or above 86.0 F.
- Medical Time-out taken prior to start of contest to discuss procedures for possible heat exhaustion or heat stroke treatment.
- Teams that participate in back-to-back play periods lasting a maximum of 60 minutes, must be followed by a 30-minute break in a shaded area before resuming activity.
- It is recommended that medical personnel (athletic trainer or EMT) be present on each field during all contests. (GHSA Office)

3. **Proposal** to use "Video Review" at State Championship Football games beginning with the 2023 season. **NOTE:** The entire protocol and procedures for Video Review may be read on the Football page of the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net). (GHSA Office)

GOLF COMMITTEE

Proposal to move the Boys and Girls Golf season for the three largest classifications (4A, 5A, 6A) to the Fall beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. The smaller classifications (1A, 2A, 3A) would continue to play their season in the Spring each school year. (Carrollton, Commerce and LaGrange High Schools)

LACROSSE COMMITTEE

Proposal to mandate the use of WBGT for ALL contests as follows:

Women's Lacrosse

- WBGT must be measured 15 minutes prior to start of contest and coaches notified.
- If WBGT is equal or above 86.0 F, an ice immersion tub must be present and ready for use.
- If WBGT is equal or above 88.0 F, Referees will take a 3-minute hydration break at or near the midway point of each half (ball out of bounds/foul assessed or goal scored). Teams to the bench area during hydration break, no coaches permitted on field.

Men's Lacrosse

- WBGT must be measured 15 minutes prior to start of contest and coaches notified.

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- If WBGT is equal or above 86.0 F, an ice immersion tub must be present and ready for use.
- If WBGT is equal or above 88.0 F, Referee's will take a 3-minute hydration break at or near the midway point of each 12-minute period (ball out of bounds/foul assessed or goal scored). Teams to the bench area during hydration break, no coaches permitted on field. (GHSA Office)

SOCCER COMMITTEE

Proposal to mandate the use of WBGT for ALL Contests as follows:

- WBGT must be measured 15 minutes prior to start of contest and coaches notified.
- If WBGT is equal or above 86.0 F, an ice immersion tub must be present and ready for use.
- If WBGT is equal or above 88.0 F, Referees will take a 3-minute hydration break at or near the midway point of each half (ball out of bounds/foul assessed or goal scored). Teams to the bench area during hydration break, no coaches permitted on field. (GHSA Office)

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Proposal to mandate the use of WBGT for ALL Fastpitch Softball Contests as follows:

- WBGT must be measured 15 minutes prior to start of contest and coaches notified.
- If WBGT is equal or above 86.0 F, an ice immersion tub must be present and ready for use.
- If WBGT is equal or above 88.0 F, Umpires will take a 3-minute hydration break at the beginning and mid-point of inning 3 and continuing until the conclusion of the game. (GHSA Office)

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to modify volleyball Regular Season, item E-2 on page 89 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck through): An invitational tournament is defined as ~~four (4)~~ *five (5)* or more schools competing in a single or double elimination format that leads to a champion being declared. The use of pool play is acceptable. (GHSA Office)
2. **Proposal** to make the following changes/additions to Volleyball State Playoffs section on page 89 of the GHSA Constitution (old text is struck out, new text in italic):
 1. All playoff matches will be a best-of-five, single-elimination format *and played on:*
 - a. *A full court that is free of overhead obstructions (including an overhead scoreboard).*
 - b. *A court that is equitable in spacing on both sidelines and end lines.*
 - c. *A court that is free of obstructions coming into play such as a wall, bleachers, benches, etc.*
 - d. *A court that provides adequate lighting.*
 - ~~7. One coach (head or assistant) may stand in the libero replacement zone to coach his/her team during play.~~
 7. *Pep bands with a maximum of 15 members and one (1) adult school personnel member may be allowed. If the home team allows its pep band to attend, it shall also allow the visiting school's pep band to attend.*
 8. *A maximum of sixteen (16) cheerleaders in uniform will be allowed.* (GHSA Office)

WRESTLING COMMITTEE

Proposal to modify Wrestling General Information, item E-1 on page 90 of the GHSA Constitution to read (new text in italic): *An invitational tournament is defined as five (5) or more schools competing in a single or double elimination format that leads to a champion being declared. The use of pool play is acceptable.* The maximum number of days for an invitational tournament is two (2) dates. (GHSA Office)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines will address the committee on several issues.

ADJOURNMENT



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GHSA - April Calendar - 2023

April

- 1 GHSA Participation Survey Due; State Riflery
- 7 **Good Friday**, GHSA Office Closed
- 8 Complete Region Soccer and Area Slow Pitch Softball
- 10 File SP Softball and Soccer winners by 9 a.m.
- 11 Girls First Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 12 Slow Pitch Softball Sectionals; Boys First Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 13 Girls First Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A); Complete Region Tennis
- 14 Boys First Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A); Report region tennis results by 9 a.m
- 17 Girls Second Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 17 State Executive Committee meeting
- 18 Boys Second Round State Soccer (A, 3A, 5A & 7A)
- 19 Girls Second Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A)
- 19, 20 Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament
- 19-21 State Gymnastics Preliminaries and Finals
- 20 Boys Second Round State Soccer (2A, 4A & 6A); Complete First Round State Tennis
- 22 Complete Region Baseball & Area Lacrosse
- 24 Complete Area Golf; Report Area Lacrosse and Region Baseball winners
- 24, 25 State Soccer Quarterfinals All Classes
- 24-26 First Round State Lacrosse playoffs
- 26 Complete Second Round State Tennis
- 26-29 First Round State Baseball playoffs
- 27, 28 State Soccer Semifinals All Classes
- 28, 29 Second Round State Lacrosse playoffs
- 29 Esports Spring Championship; Complete Region Track

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