



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

September 2005

Change Can Be Positive and Effective

Change is constant and change is rapid. This precept was evident in last week’s meeting of the GHSA Executive Committee. The members of the Committee addressed a number of changes that will have great impact on the development of the association.

Many of these issues arose from the social, political, economic, and educational changes occurring throughout Georgia. When traditional rules and procedures are touched, it is normal to have dissatisfaction. The GHSA pledges to be proactive when change is necessary, but will not discard traditional rules and procedures that still are effective.

Several of these issues grew out of health concerns as changes were made for the GHSA fall calendar to begin with practices in August rather than in July.



The Committee also adopted a policy statement against the abuse of steroids, and adopted procedural guidelines about dealing with lightning during a competition. This guideline also requires schools to have lightning detectors at outdoor competition sites in the 2006-07 school year.

Some administrators may see recent guidelines requiring game managers and now requiring lightning detectors as an imposition on the school staff and budget. It is the belief of the GHSA that these steps are “insurance premiums” to avoid tragedies and possible litigation for our schools. Management of contestants and fans at athletic events is a major responsibility for schools and for the GHSA. The GHSA has pledged to work toward a pricing package for lightning detectors to reduce those costs.

The GHSA is continuing its emphasis on sportsmanship for participants and fans. The GHSA Statement on Sportsmanship that was developed last spring should be communicated to your constituencies. Additional resources will be forthcoming from the Sportsmanship Committee throughout the year to help local school personnel get these positive messages into the lives of your people. If you find programs that are effective, share the good news with other schools. Together we can make a positive difference.

– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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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**.

Back-To-School Checklist

The following is a suggested checklist for school Administrators and/or Athletic Directors to help make sure things go as smoothly as possible for you and your student-athletes as we get the new school year started.

Check the GHSA Form Book for the updated and correct forms that need to be completed and sent to our office prior to the start of each activity.

Remind coaches in football, softball, volleyball, riflery, cheerleading (spirit and competitive), basketball, wrestling, swimming and diving, track, baseball, soccer and gymnastics of required attendance at GHSA rules clinics. A list of remaining clinics is always available on the GHSA Web Site at www.ghsa.net.

Recommend that each coach reads the GHSA Constitution, which contains the rules and regulations of the association. Please consider providing each head coach a copy of the GHSA Constitution and the monthly newsletter, which often contains changes or late-breaking announcements. Be certain coaches and students participating in activities know the rules pertaining to eligibility, prizes, awards, season limitations, contest limits and the importance of starting practice and competition dates.

Communicate the school's philosophy of interscholastic activities, especially responsibilities in sportsmanship, to coaches, boosters, students and parents. Develop a handbook which establishes rules, regulations, expectations, practice guidelines and lettering criteria for each activity. Conduct a preseason meeting with parents and student-athletes to review the handbook. Give parents a chance to have their questions answered at this time.

Thoroughly check all requirements for any transfer student for whom eligibility is being sought, specifically residence, age and scholastic requirements.

Thoroughly check to make sure each student participating in a GHSA activity has a valid Annual Physical Examination on file at the school prior to participating in any athletic tryout, practice or contest.

Each and every student participating in a GHSA activity MUST be listed on Form A, Form B or Form C (only one), to be faxed or sent to the GHSA office at least 20 days prior to the first contest in that activity. If you fax the form, please do NOT mail the original also.

Execute a contract with GHSA officials associations hired for home athletic contests, and verify the dates on those contracts.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 29, 2005, at the Holiday Inn, Forsyth, Georgia, by Dr. Gary Holmes, President. Following is a condensed version of the minutes of the meeting. Complete minutes will be mailed to all GHSA member schools and are available on the GHSA web site, www.ghsa.net.

APPOINTMENTS

Appeals for change in Region/Sub-Region assignments were made by the following schools:

Buford High School - Dexter Wood, Athletic Director, to move from 6-AA to 8-AA.

Motion by Wayne Tootle, second by Jesse Crews, to deny.

MOTION PASSED to deny (Roll Call Vote - Yes: 31; No: 17)

Eagles Landing High School and Stockbridge High School - Ethan Hildreth, Principal of Eagles Landing High School presented a joint appeal for both schools to move from 4-AAAA B to 8-AAAA B.

Motion by Tommy Stringer, second by Mike Carswell, to deny the request of Eagles Landing H. S.

MOTION PASSED to deny (voice vote)

Motion by Mike Carswell, second by Wayne Tootle, to deny the request of Stockbridge High School

MOTION PASSED to deny (voice vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE: Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee recommended approval of region alignments for 2006-2008 as presented to the Committee.

Motion to accept the region alignments as presented by the Reclassification Committee.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote) See Page 7 of Newsletter for approved realignment

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Report presented by Wayne Tootle.

The Committee recommended:

Policy on Steroids: The following statement shall be placed on the GHSA web site immediately, and will be included in the next edition of the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws:

"The Georgia High School Association strongly opposes the abuse of anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing substances by high school student-athletes. The GHSA believes that such usage violates legal, ethical, and competitive-equity standards, and imposes unreasonable long-term health risks on the user. The GHSA encourages member schools to educate students and coaches about the perils of steroid usage, and the GHSA will distribute educational materials about this issue to member schools."

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Policy on Game Suspension for Lightning:

Add new 2.93 a (re-letter existing section) to read: When a game manager has access to a lightning detector and it indicates a dangerous situation, the manager will notify the head official. At that point, play will be suspended and all participants will go to a place of safety. (Note: If officials spot lightning before being notified, they may suspend play.)

- A. When the detector indicates that it is safe to resume play, the contest may resume.
- B. When no lightning detector is available, the officials should utilize the "Lightning Disturbance Guidelines" that are found in NFHS rules books.
- C. The GHSA strongly recommends schools have a lightning detector at outdoor athletic activities for the 2005-06 school year.
- D. Lightning detectors will be required at all outdoor athletic activities beginning in 2006-07.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE: Report presented by Charlie Henderson

The Committee recommended:

Preseason Scrimmage:

Basketball teams may play one (1) scrimmage game within the seven days preceding the first game of the regular season on days other than Friday or Saturday.

- A. The scrimmage will be a regulation-timed game for varsity teams only
- B. Officials will be paid for a crew-of-three at the regular season rate of pay
- C. Boys and girls teams may play a double-header, or play on different days.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, *Cont.*

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE: Report presented by Elliott Poss
The Committee recommended:

Removing all references to grade levels on Forms A, B, and C.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Enhancing Student Participation: Add new 2.62 d 3 to read:

In the sports of Cross Country, Swimming, Golf, and Tennis, a school may use a split squad at two regular season events on the same day at the varsity or the sub-varsity levels. Both of the contests must be counted against the total number of contests allowed in that sport. Individual players may not exceed the total number of contests allowed at the varsity level.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Yearlong Grading Systems: Add new to 1.51 to read: For schools that have courses with yearlong grading, eligibility must be computed for each semester. End-of-Course-Test results will be applied to the second semester grade for yearlong courses. (Example: A student passes a course for the year - including EOCT. When the grades are broken down per semester, the student had a 74% for the first semester, and a 68% for the second semester. For the student to be eligible, the system must have a policy that figures passage of the EOCT into the percentage for the second semester.)

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Definition of Enrollment: Add NOTE to 1.21 a to read:

NOTE: Enrollment is established in one of the following ways:

1. when a student enrolls and attends class at a school
2. when a student participates in an official (per GHSA calendar) try-out, conditioning session, or practice session.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Validating a Bona Fide Move: Add new #4 to 1.62 a to read: The bona fide move is validated when the student's family maintains the new residence for at least one calendar year. A return to the previous residence within that year renders the student to be a migrant student. All hardship appeal processes are available.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE: Report presented by Earl Etheridge.
The Committee recommended:

Adjusting the Preseason Schedule: Revise Section C and D, pages 122-123.

A football team will be allowed a maximum of 19 weekday practice days before the opening game.

- A. The first five days in that schedule will limit the players to shorts, shoulder pads and helmets.
- B. Players may practice in full pads on the sixth day of practice.
- C. Schools will be limited to one full scrimmage using regular game timing rules in the preseason.
- D. If a school has an open date on the first week, practice will begin one week after the date designated for teams playing the first week.
- F. Opening games will not be permitted prior to September 1, 2006. (i.e., no Thursday games in the first week)

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

The 2006 Football Calendar to be:

Week of Conditioning: August 7-11 (shorts, helmets, and shoulder pads)
Preseason Practice: August 14-31 (14 weekdays in full pads)
Scrimmage: 1 full game scrimmage anytime during the 14 days in full pads
Earliest Game: September 1
End of Regular Season: November 11
Playoffs: 1st Round: November 17-18
2nd Round: November 24-25
3rd Round: December 1-2
Semifinals: December 8-9
Championships: December 15-16

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Championship Game Sites: Revise Section A, Page 129

For the 2006 football season, the semifinal games will be played in the Georgia Dome, and the Championship games will be played at neutral sites selected by the Executive Director.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, *Cont.*

Waiver of Stadium Minimums for 2005:

Effective immediately, for the 2005 season only, stadium minimums may be waived for the third round of the playoffs if the visiting team agrees. If necessary, the Executive Director will mediate game site discussions when the host team's stadium does not meet minimum standards.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

The Committee Tabled: Discussions on the sites for semifinal and championship games in 2007.

LACROSSE COMMITTEE: Report presented by Rob Wertz

The Committee recommended:

In order to host a state playoff match, the host school must be able to provide the following:

- A. Seating for 700 attendees (seats at 24 inches minimum)
- B. Adequate restroom facilities
- C. A dressing area or locker room for the visiting team

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

MEDIA COMMITTEE: Report presented by Rob Wertz

The Committee recommended:

Revise By-Law 2.85 (Radio Broadcast Fees for Playoffs) as follows - **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

MARKET SIZE	FOOTBALL	BASKETBALL	BASEBALL & SOFTBALL	OTHER
Level 3	\$225.00/game	\$125.00/game	\$150.00/event	\$50.00/event
Level 2	\$175.00/game	\$ 75.00/game	\$100.00/event	\$50.00/event
Level 1	\$125.00/game	\$ 50.00/game	\$ 75.00/event	\$50.00/event

Note: This change bases fees on size of radio market instead of size of host school. Levels are determined as follows:

- Level 3 = 50,000 population and higher
- Level 2 = 25,000 - 50,000 population
- Level 1 = Under 25,000 population

The GAB will furnish the GHSAA with the market sizes of participating stations.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

SWIMMING COMMITTEE: Report presented by Scott Horton

The Committee recommended:

The 11-dive format **or the 6-dive format** may be used to qualify for the State Diving Meet with the minimum degree of difficulty for the 6-dive format for girls being 11.3 and 200 points total and for boys being 11.8 and 200 points total. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

TENNIS COMMITTEE: Report presented by Robert Douberly

The Committee recommended:

Add to Rule B. 1.b. on page 161: In doubles competition, the coach has the option to place the alternate in the open slot or to place the alternate on the No. 2 doubles team and move a player from the No. 2 team up to the No. 1 team if the original vacancy is on the No. 1 team. A player may never be used in a position lower than his/her original position.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Add new item "c" under State Tournament item A. 5 (renumber existing section) to read: In situations where fewer than five courts are available per team match, the order of play shall be as follows: No. 1 singles, No. 1 doubles, No. 2 singles, No. 2 doubles, No. 3 singles. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, Cont.

TRACK COMMITTEE: Report presented by Robert Davis
The Committee recommended:

Add new G. 3, page 165, to read: In compliance with National Federation rules, coaches must verify that all vaulters and poles meet event requirements. A "Pole Vault Verification Form" is to be submitted before each competition. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Add new H. 3 and H. 4 (renumber existing section) to read:

H. 3 Athletes may not compete while wearing sunglasses.

H. 4 Electronic devices, including but not limited to disc players, tape players, cell phones, pagers, walkie-talkies, cannot be used or worn on the infield at or during competitions. Violations will result in disqualification.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

WRESTLING COMMITTEE: Report presented by Tommy Stringer
The Committee recommended:

That the GHSA shall develop and utilize a weight management program as recommended by the NFHS that includes:

A. Specific gravity not to exceed 1.025 (hydration test)

B. Body fat assessment no lower than 7% males - 12% females, and

C. A monitored weekly weight loss not to exceed 1.5% a week

A pilot plan will be established with thirty (30) schools (volunteers) throughout the state during 2005-06, and if successful, the plan will be piloted statewide with all wrestling schools in 2006-07. The weight management criteria will be binding in 2007-08.

MOTION PASSED - voice vote

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Tidwell, a member of the AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE SCHOOL RELATIONS, gave a report to the Committee on the results of their meetings and study. The following recommendation from the AD HOC Committee was made to the Committee: Beginning with the 2008-2010 reclassification cycle, there will be no multiplier added to the enrollment of private schools.

MOTION FAILED (Roll Call Vote - No: 23; Yes: 13; Pass: 7; Absent: 7)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Charlie Henderson, second by Scott Horton, to change the GHSA Constitution so that the Executive Director can assign playoff slots according to the number of teams in the region rather than allowing four teams from every region to advance to playoffs.

Motion by Raynette Evans, second by Wayne Tootle, to table.

MOTION PASSED to table (voice vote)

Motion by Charlie Henderson, second by Fred Price, to rewrite the part of the Constitution applying to reclassification so that the Executive Director is responsible for all reclassification placements with appeals being made to the Reclassification Committee.

Motion by Raynette Evans, second by Jesse Crews, to table.

MOTION PASSED to table (voice vote)

Motion by Dave Hunter, second by Earl Etheridge, to made the following change in wording to By-Law 1.21: To be eligible to participate and/or try-out for a sport or activity (**including summer activities**), a student must be enrolled in grades 9-12 inclusive at the school seeking eligibility for that student.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Motion by Dave Hunter, second by Jesse Crews, to reconsider the vote to delete the 1.5 multiplier for private schools for the next reclassification period.

MOTION PASSED to reconsider (voice vote)

Skip Yow spoke at length to the Committee concerning this issue.

Motion by Dave Hunter, second by Jesse Crews, that beginning with the 2008-2010 reclassification cycle, there will be no multiplier added to the enrollment of private schools.

MOTION PASSED (voice vote)

Motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Final 2006-08 Region Alignments Adopted by State Executive Committee

Following are the region alignments approved on August 29th by the GHSAA State Executive Committee for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years.

CLASS AAAAA

Region 1

Coffee
Colquitt County
Houston County
Lowndes
Tift County
Valdosta
Warner Robins

Region 2

Douglass, Atlanta
Lithonia
Luella
M.L. King
Newton
Redan
Stephenson
Union Grove

Region 3

Beach
Bradwell Institute
Camden County
Groves
Jenkins
Johnson, Savannah
Savannah
Sav. Arts Academy
Windsor Forest

Region 4

East Coweta
Hiram
Morrow
Mundy's Mill
Newnan
Paulding County
Tri-Cities

Region 5 "A"

Campbell
Harrison
Kennesaw Mountain
McEachern
South Cobb

"B"

Etowah
Marietta
Murray County
North Cobb
Woodstock

Region 6 "A"

Kell
Lassiter
Pope
Sprayberry
Walton
Wheeler

"B"

Alpharetta
Centennial
Chattahoochee
Milton
Northview
Roswell

Region 7

Collins Hill
Duluth
Forsyth Central
Mill Creek
North Forsyth
North Gwinnett
Norcross
Peachtree Ridge
South Forsyth

Region 8

Berkmar
Brookwood
Central Gwinnett
Grayson
Meadowcreek
Parkview
Shiloh
South Gwinnett

CLASS AAAA

Region 1

Americus-Sumter
Bainbridge
Lee County
Thomas Co. Central

Region 2

Banneker
Creekside
Fayette County
McIntosh
Northgate
Starr's Mill
Westlake
Whitewater
Woodward Academy

Region 3 "A"

Brunswick
Effingham County
Glynn Academy
Ware County
Wayne County

"B"

Evans
Greenbrier
Lakeside, Evans
Richmond Academy
Statesboro

Region 4 "A"

Forest Park
Griffin
Jonesboro
Lovejoy
Mt. Zion
North Clayton
Riverdale

"B"

Baldwin
Eagles Landing
Jones County
Northside, W.R.
Stockbridge
Upson-Lee
Westside, Macon

Region 5 "A"

Cherokee
East Paulding
Hillgrove (Cobb)
Sequoyah
South Paulding
Woodland

"B"

Alexander
Chapel Hill
Douglas County
Lithia Springs
Osborne
Pebblebrook

Region 6 "A"

Cedar Grove
Columbia
Miller Grove
Southwest DeKalb
Stone Mountain
Washington, Atlanta

"B"

Lakeside, DeKalb
Marist
Mays
North Springs
St. Pius
Tucker

Region 7

Dalton
Gordon Central
Lakeview, Ft. Ogle.
Northwest Whitfield
Ridgeland
Ringgold
Rome
Southeast Whitfield

Region 8 "A"

Clarke Central
Dacula
Habersham Central
Jackson County
Loganville
Madison County
Winder-Barrow

"B"

Alcovy (Newton)
Cedar Shoals
Eastside
Heritage
Rockdale County
Salem

CLASS AAA

Region 1

Cairo
Crisp County
Dougherty
Monroe, Albany
Westover
Worth County

Region 2 "A"

Carver, Columbus
Columbus
Harris County
Jordan
Kendrick
LaGrange

"B"

Hardaway
Northside, Col.
Shaw
Spencer
Troup

Region 3 "A"

Benedictine
Burke County
Hephzibah
Liberty County
Richmond Hill
St. Vincent's
South Effingham

"B"

Butler
Cross Creek
Davidson Fine Arts
Glenn Hills
Harlem
Thomson
Washington County

Region 4 "A"

Dutchtown
Henry County
Jackson
Mary Persons
Ola
Spalding

"B"

Central, Macon
Northeast, Macon
Peach County
Perry
Southwest, Macon
West Laurens

Region 5 "A"

Carver, Atlanta
Clarkston
McNair
South Atlanta
Southside
Therrell
Towers

"B"

Blessed Trinity
Chamblee
Druid Hills
Dunwoody
Grady
North Atlanta
Riverwood
Westminster

Region 6

Carrollton
Cartersville
Cass
Cedartown
Central, Carroll
Haralson County
Sandy Creek
Villa Rica

Region 7 "A"

Chestatee
East Hall
Gilmer
Lumpkin County
North Hall
White County

"B"

Flowery Branch
Gainesville
Johnson, Gainesville
Johns
West Hall

Region 8

Apalachee
Elbert County
Franklin County
Hart County
Monroe Area
Oconee County
Stephens County

CLASS AA

Region 1

Albany
Berrien
Brooks County
Cook
Early County
Fitzgerald
Mitchell-Baker
Randolph-Clay
Thomasville

Region 2

Appling County
Brantley County
Charlton County
Jeff Davis
Long County
McIntosh Co. Acad.
Pierce County
Savannah Christian

Region 3

Jefferson County
Josey
Laney
Metter
Screven County
Southeast Bulloch
Swainsboro
Westside, Augusta

Region 4

Bleckley County
Dodge County
Dublin
East Laurens
Tattnall County
Toombs County
Vidalia

Region 5

Callaway
Crawford County
Heard County
Lamar County
Macon County
Manchester
Pike County
Rutland
Tri-County

Region 6 "A"

Creekview
Holy Innocents
Lovett
Pace Academy
Paideia
Walker

"B"

Avondale
Buford
Cross Keys
Decatur
GACS
Wesleyan

Region 7 "A"

Armuchee
Coosa
Darlington
Model
Pepperell
Rockmart
Temple

"B"

Adairsville
Calhoun
Chattooga
Dade County
LaFayette
Sonoraville

Region 8 "A"

Greene County
Morgan County
North Oconee
Oglethorpe County
Putnam County
Washington-Wilkes

"B"

Banks County
Dawson County
Fannin County
Rabun County
Union County

CLASS A

Region 1 "A"

Baconton Charter
Calhoun County
Miller County
Pelham
Seminole County
Terrell County

"B"

Atkinson County
Bacon County
Clinch County
Echols County
Lanier County
Ware Co. Magnet

Region 2 "A"

Dooly County
Hawkinsville
Irwin County
Turner County
Wilcox County

"B"

Johnson County
Montgomery Co.
Telfair County
Treutlen
Wheeler County

Region 3

Bryan County
Calvary Day
CCAT (Statesboro)
Claxton
Emanuel Co. Inst.
Jenkins County
Portal
Sav. Country Day

Region 4

Brookstone
Central, Talbotton
Chattahoochee Co.
Greenville
Pacelli
Schley County
Stewart-Quitman
Taylor County

Region 5 "A"

Eagles Landing Christ.
Greenforest
Hill Academy
Landmark Christian
Our Lady of Mercy
SW Atlanta Christian
Tech Charter
W.D. Mohammed
Whitefield Academy

"B"

Atlanta International
Ben Franklin
DeKalb Arts
Fellowship Christ.
Galloway
Mt. Paran
Mt. Pisgah
Providence Christ.
St. Francis
Yeshiva

Region 6

Bowdon
Bremen
Excel Christian
Ga. Sch. for Deaf
Gordon Lee
Mt. Zion
Trion

Region 7 "A"

Ga. Acad. for Blind
Ga. Military College
Hancock Central
Monticello
Twiggs County
Wilkinson County

"B"

Aquinas
Glascok County
Johnson, Augusta
Lincoln County
Taliaferro County
Warren County

Region 8 "A"

Athens Academy
Athens Christian
Hebron Christian
Prince Ave. Christian
Social Circle

"B"

Commerce
Jefferson
Lakeview Academy
Rabun Gap
Tallulah Falls
Towns County
Woody Gap

GHSA - September/October Calendar - 2005**September**

- 6 Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 19 Earliest date for Cheerleading contest
- 20 Appeal Board, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 26 Deadline for notification of entry in Cross Country
- 30 Deadline for notification of entry in One-Act Play

October

- 1 Area meetings to set Riflery schedules
- 3 Earliest date for Riflery match
- 4 Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 7 Deadline date to file Riflery schedules with GHSA
- 15 Deadline for payment of GHSA membership dues
- 15 Complete Fastpitch Area Softball
- 17 Report Fastpitch Area winners by noon
- 18 Appeal Board, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 21, 22 Complete Fastpitch Sectionals and Slowpitch Area in softball
- 22 Determine Area Volleyball winners
- 24 Earliest date for Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling practice
- 27-29 State Softball Tournament, Columbus
- 29 Complete Region Cross Country; Volleyball Sectionals
- 29 End of Football Regular Season

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"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

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GHSAA Officials / Coaches Clinics

By-Law #2.54, page 63 of the GHSAA Constitution and By-Laws states: Every coach at a GHSAA member school must attend a **GHSAA-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 GHSAA 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 **FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL** and **VOLLEYBALL** clinics have been completed.

RIFLERY

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

CHEERLEADING

Clinics begin at 9 a.m., for coaches and 11 a.m., for judges.

September 10 Tift County High School - Auditorium
 September 13 Hardaway High - (Coaches ONLY, 7:30 p.m.)

GYMNASTICS

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

BASKETBALL (Coaches ONLY)

October 1 Stone Mountain High School - Cafeteria
 October 1 Tift County High School - Auditorium
 October 4 Lowndes High School - Cafeteria
 October 4 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
 October 8 Rome High School - Commons Area
 October 8 Northside High School, WR
 October 11 Chapel Hill High School - Auditorium
 October 11 Savannah Country Day School
 October 15 Westside High School, Macon
 October 15 Oconee County High School - Cafeteria
 October 18 Evans High School - Auditorium
 October 18 Tri-Cities High School - Cafeteria
 October 19 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
 October 19 Ware County High School - Cafeteria
 October 19 Gainesville High School
 October 22 Westover High School - Auditorium
 October 25 Dalton High School - Auditorium
 October 25 Buford High School - Auditorium
 October 25 Statesboro High School - Cafeteria
 October 26 GHSAA Office, Thomaston

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)

SWIMMING

September 17 Kennesaw Mtn. High School - 9:00 a.m.

October 15 Albany High School - 10:00 a.m.
 October 22 Savannah Country Day School - 10:00 a.m.
 October 25 Westminster School - Gymnasium - 7:30 p.m.
 October 27 Norcross Day School - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
 October 29 Chamblee High School - Media Center - 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

October 10 Marist School - Cafeteria
 October 11 Northside High School, WR - Theatre
 October 12 Calhoun High School - Auditorium
 October 13 Morgan County High School - Media Center
 October 17 Tift County High School - Auditorium
 October 18 Fayette County - Media Center
 October 19 Vidalia High School - Cafeteria
 October 20 Collins Hill High School - Auditorium
 October 22 Groves High School
 October 24 Eagles Landing High School
 October 25 Lakeside High School, Evans - Auditorium
 October 26 Flowery Branch High School
 October 26 McEachern High School - Auditorium
 October 27 Columbus High School - Cafeteria

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 24, 2005 Westover High School - Auditorium
 January 26, 2005 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
 January 27, 2005 Jefferson High School - Media Center
 January 29, 2005 Savannah Country Day School - Auditorium
 January 31, 2005 Westside High School, Macon - Cafeteria
 February 2, 2005 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
 February 3, 2005 Chamblee High School - Media Center
 February 5, 2005 Dublin High School
 February 7, 2005 Carrollton High School
 February 9, 2005 Calhoun High School - Auditorium
 February 10, 2005 Lovejoy High School
 February 12, 2005 Ware County High School - Cafeteria

BASEBALL

February 7, 2005 Dalton High School - Theatre
 February 7, 2005 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
 February 9, 2005 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
 February 9, 2005 Statesboro High School
 February 10, 2005 Evans High School - Auditorium
 February 10, 2005 Norcross High School - Theatre
 February 14, 2005 Vidalia High School - Cafeteria
 February 14, 2005 Northside High School, WR - Theatre
 February 16, 2005 Oconee County High School
 February 16, 2005 Savannah Country Day - Auditorium
 February 17, 2005 Tri-Cities High School - Commons Area
 February 17, 2005 Lowndes High School - Cafeteria
 February 21, 2005 Habersham Central High School - Auditorium
 February 21, 2005 Westover High School - Auditorium
 February 23, 2005 Fayette County (Sams Theatre)
 February 23, 2005 Rome High School - Commons Area
 February 24, 2005 Ware County High School - Cafeteria
 February 24, 2005 GHSAA Office, Thomaston