GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Beginning and Ending Dates for 2025-2026

Revised
1/22/2026

ACTIVITY	DATE FOR FIRST PRACTICE	FIRST CONTEST	MAXIMUM GAMES/DATES	LAST PLAY DATE	PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS DETERMINED	First Round/ Sectionals	Second Round	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
Football	Jul 28	Aug 15	10 (7 JV)	Nov 1	Nov 1	Nov 14 Also Nov 13 if needed for officials availability	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 15-17
Cheerleading	Jul 28	Aug 9	6 (4JV)	Nov 1		Nov 8				Nov 14-15
Game Day	Jul 28	Sep 20		Nov 29						Dec 3-4
Softball (FP)	Jul 28	Aug 1	30 V/21 JV	Oct 9	Oct 9	Oct 13-16	Oct 20-23			Oct 29-Nov 1
Volleyball	Jul 28	Aug 4	18 (13 JV) Dates	Oct 9-11	Oct 9-11	Oct 14-15	Oct 18	Oct 21-22	Oct 25	Oct 29 Oct 30
Cross Country	Jul 28	Aug 11	10 (7 JV)	Nov 1	Nov 1	Nov 1				Nov 7-8
Flag Football	Sep 8	Sep 30	20 V/14 JV	Nov 29	Nov 29	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 8	Dec 8	Dec 15-17
One Act Play	Jul 28			Nov 1 Nov 8	Nov 1 Nov 8					Nov 15 Nov 22
Literary	Jul 28			Mar 7	Mar 7					Mar 14 Mar 21
Riflery	Jul 28	Oct 20		Feb 11	Feb 11	Feb 24			Mar 3	Mar 14
Swimming/Diving	Oct 6	Oct 20	10 (7 JV)	Jan 27						Jan 31 Diving Feb 4-7, Swimming
Dance	Oct 20	Nov 8	6 (4JV)	Feb 7						Feb 11-12
Basketball	Oct 20	Nov 7	25 (18 JV)	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 24-25	Feb 27-28	Mar 3-4	Mar 6-7	Mar 11-14
Wrestling (Duals)			20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad	Jan 31	Jan 9-10 Jan 9 G, 10 B	Jan 15 Girls				Jan 16-17 Boys Jan 24, Girls
Wrestling (Traditional)	Oct 20	Nov 7	20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad	Jan 31	Jan 30-31 Jan 30 B, Jan 31 G	Feb 6-7				Feb 12-14
Gymnastics	Jan 26	Feb 9	10 (7 JV)	Apr 15		Apr 22-23				Apr 24
Tennis	Jan 26	Feb 2	18 (13 JV) Dates	Apr 17	Apr 17	Apr 23	Apr 29	May 4	May 8	May 13
Soccer	Jan 19	Feb 9	18 (13 JV)	Apr 16	Apr 16	Apr 21-24	Apr 28-May 1	May 4-5	May 7-8	May 12-15
Track & Field	Jan 19	Feb 9	10 (7 JV)	Apr 25	Apr 25	May 2				May 11-14
Lacrosse	Jan 19	Feb 9	18 V/ 13 JV	Apr 22	Apr 22	Apr 27-28	May 1-2	May 5-6	May 8-9	May 13-15
Baseball	Jan 19	Feb 9	30 (21 JV)	Apr 18	Apr 18	Apr 22-25	Apr 29-May 1	May 6-7	May 14-15	May 22-23 May 25
Golf	Jan 26	Feb 9	12 (8JV) Dates	May 5	Apr 28 (4-6A) May 5, (1-3A, Priv)	May 4-5 (4-6A)				May 18-19
Softball (SP)	Feb 9	Feb 14	16	Apr 11	Apr 11	Apr 15-16				Apr 22-23

NOTES: Dates and more information for Bass Fishing and Esports may be found on the GHSA website (www.ghsa.net)
The "Dead Weeks" for the 2026-2027 school year are Monday, May 25 through Sunday, May 31, 2026 and Monday, June 29 through Sunday, July 5, 2026. The GHSA Office will be closed both weeks.