GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Beginning and Ending Dates for 2026-2027

Revised
10/19/2026

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

NOTES: Dates are Subject to Change. Dates and more information for Bass Fishing and Esports may be found on the GHSA website (www.ghsa.net)
The "Dead Weeks" for the 2027-2028 school year are Monday, May 31 through Sunday, June 6, 2027 and Monday, June 28 through Sunday, July 4, 2027. The GHSA Office will be closed both weeks.