



# 2021 GHSA BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Team Instructions

Please read these "General Instructions" very carefully. Each year problems arise because the coaches/team representatives did not follow the instructions or arrive with the required paperwork. Make sure all the required paperwork is completed prior to arrival at the team check-in point. If not, your team will not be allowed to enter until it is completed. These instructions are also on the GHSA web site.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM – Please fill out this form out completely and turn it in at the "Team Entry Gate" at the arena. You are allowed to list (20) names on this form.
- LINE-UP/ROSTER – Your official line-up/roster information must be turned in to the official scorer no later than (20) minutes prior to your scheduled game time.
- EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM – List names of 'Team Essential Personnel "(individuals who are part of your team operations) over the limit of the (20) names on the TEAM TRAVEL FORM at the Team Entry Gate. NOTE: Late arrivals must show a valid photo ID and check in at the team gate.
- FLOOR PASSES – Each team will be allowed a total of (6) COURTSIDE PASSES. The passes are to be worn in clear view by the non-playing essential members of the team who will be allowed in the bench courtside area (coaches, managers, trainers, etc.). These passes may be picked up when the team arrives at the arena. **ONLY team members and individuals with official "courtside passes" will be allowed to sit on the team bench.** Additional team representatives listed on the "Excess Team Travel Form" will be allowed to sit behind the team bench area in the bleachers.
- GAME ADMINISTRATOR/RESOURCE OFFICER – Each school is required to have an Administrator and Resource Office on site during the game. Please provide the name and cell # of those individuals on the enclosed form and submit it to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue. If not traveling with the team, they must check in at the "Team Entry Gate" and show valid photo ID.
- UNACCOMPANIED MINORS/NON-PARTICIPANTS - Must purchase a ticket and enter through the spectator entrance and are not allowed in the team areas (bench, locker room, etc.)
- BRACKET – The team listed on the bottom of the respective bracket will be the "Home Team" and wear white jerseys. The teams listed on the top of the respective bracket will be the "Visiting Team" and wear dark jerseys regardless of the respective seeding.
- CHEERLEADERS – Read the attached instructions for cheer squad performance instructions. The roster is limited to (20) cheerleaders in uniform. Mascots and/or minors who do not attend the high school will not be permitted in the designated courtside area.
- NFHS Network – All State Championship games will be video streamed live on the NFHS Network. The subscription rate is \$10.95 to view the championship games and other across the country for (30) days.
- Halftime Intermission – The Halftime Intermission shall be 12-minutes.
- GAME BALLS – Game balls and practice balls will be provided by the GHSA. DO NOT bring your own warmup balls to the arena.

NOTE: Please remind your student body and spectators that artificial noisemakers, banners, and signs of ANY kind are NOT allowed in the arena. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times in the arena, outside food or drink are not allowed, no drones, and all will be scanned prior to entrance into the arena and cannot be larger than 10" X 12". Ticket takers have been instructed to confiscate these item(s) prior to entering the arena and they can be retrieved when leaving the arena.

# **COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**

These modifications are in place to provide the safest possible environment for all participants in the Championship Games, and are not to be violated.

## **COURTSIDE LIMITATIONS**

Maximum 15 Players (must be in uniform)

Maximum 4 GHSA Approved Coaches

Maximum 2 Support Personnel (trainers, managers, etc.)

These restrictions will be monitored. The 1<sup>st</sup> offense will result in a technical foul. The 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in a ejection by the Head Coach.

## **BENCH PROTOCOL**

The bench alignment will be set by the GHSA Staff and cannot be altered.

ALL bench personnel shall wear a face covering (1<sup>ST</sup> violation is a warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation is a technical foul assessed to the head coach).

Coaches shall have a visible Coaches Credential.

Water will be available in the locker rooms and bench areas, but teams must supply their own squeeze bottles.

Bottles of Gatorade will be available in the bench areas.

## **PRE AND POST GAME PROTOCOL**

Teams shall not enter the court until the bench & table areas have been sanitized.

No handshakes during player introductions or at the conclusion of the game.

The head coach of the runner-up team will proceed to mid-court to receive trophy and medals, while the team will remain in the bench area.

The head coach of the championship team will proceed to mid-court to receive trophy and medals, while the team will remain in the bench area.

The Championship photos and interviews will take place off the end of the court where the team bench is located.

## **CHEER SQUADS**

Cheer teams are limited to a maximum 16 team members and 2 coaches.

ALL Cheer Team members and coaches shall wear face coverings while inside the arena competition area.

Teams are to arrive at the arena in uniform. There will not be changing rooms available.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Each school is limited to 1 official school photographer, and the individual must enter with the team. School photographers will not be allowed on the courtside level.

## **OFFICIAL SCORER'S TABLE**

ALL table personnel shall wear face coverings while sitting at the table.

Each team is permitted to have one (1) stat/scorebook person at the end of the table nearest their respective team bench.

## **CHECK-IN PROTOCOL**

ALL team personnel, for both the playing team and the cheer team, shall wear facial coverings and maintain physical spacing when checking in at the arena lower level. Teams will not be allowed into the locker rooms or bench area until the support staff has been able to sanitize the area.



## 2021 Finals Schedule

### **MACON CENTREPLEX – Site Contact: Jennifer McArdle (Jennifer.McArdle@spectrap.com)**

#### **Wednesday, March 10**

	<b><u>Visitors (Dark Jerseys)</u></b>	<b><u>Home (White Jerseys)</u></b>
12:00 PM – A Private (G)	Hebron Christian	St. Francis
2:30 PM – A Private (B)	Holy Innocents	Mt. Pisgah
5:00 PM – 4A Girls	Carver, Columbus	Cairo
7:30 PM – 4A Boys	Fayette County	Baldwin

#### **Thursday, March 11**

12:00 PM – 2A Girls	Josey	Fannin County
2:30 PM – 2A Boys	Columbia	Pace Academy
5:00 PM – 5A Girls	Woodward Academy	Forest Park
7:30 PM – 5A Boys	Tri-Cities	Eagle's Landing

#### **Friday, March 12**

12:00 AM – 3A Girls	Greater Atlanta Christian	Cross Creek
2:30 PM – 3A Boys	Sandy Creek	Cross Creek
5:00 PM – 6A Girls	Carrollton	Westlake
6:30 PM – Girls 3-Point Finals		
7:30 PM – 6A Boys	Wheeler	Kell

#### **Saturday, March 13**

10:00 AM – A Public (G)	Clinch County	Calhoun County
12:30 PM – A Public (B)	Towns County	Hancock Central
3:00 PM – AAASP	Houston Co. Sharks	Gwinnett Co. Heat
5:30 PM – 7A Girls	Marietta	Woodstock
7:00 PM – Boys Slam Dunk Finals		
8:00 PM – 7A Boys	Milton	Berkmar

GHSA Executive Director: Dr. Robin Hines

GHSA Coordinator of Basketball: Ernie Yarbrough (770) 584-5044

GHSA Executive Committee Representative: Earl Etheridge

GHSA Basketball Officials Liaison: Andy Cowart (478) 457-7195

All games will be video streamed on NFHSNetwork.com (<http://nfhsnetwork.com>). Local radio broadcasting and media access must be cleared through GHSA Media Director Steve Figueroa at 770-633-3200 or [stevefig@ghsa.net](mailto:stevefig@ghsa.net).

# GAME ADMINISTRATORS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Please list the individual(s), and their cell phone #'s, who will be at your school's GHSA State Tournament contest.

## ADMINISTRATORS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOURCE OFFICERS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form upon arrival at the venue.

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

# OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS \_\_\_\_\_ GIRLS \_\_\_\_\_

Each team is allowed (18) names on the "Team Travel Form", consisting of players, managers, trainers, statisticians, etc. Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the (18) names on this form must list the names of additional "Team Essential Personnel" individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate. Rosters must be sent to: [ijrosenberg@scoreatl.com](mailto:ijrosenberg@scoreatl.com) no later than Friday, March 5.

NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____
9 _____	_____
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12 _____	_____
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16 _____	_____
17 _____	_____
18 _____	_____

COACH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**The head coach is responsible for turning in this form to the "Team Check-in Supervisor" upon arrival at the venue.**

# CHEER SQUAD TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

Each team is allowed (16) names in uniform on this "Travel Form". Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the (16) names on this form must list the names of "Team Essential Personnel" individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

	NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
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11	_____	_____
12	_____	_____
13	_____	_____
14	_____	_____
15	_____	_____
16	_____	_____

COACH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form to the "Team Check-in Supervisor" upon arrival at the venue. Non-high school and minor mascots are NOT permitted on the floor.

# EXCESS SCHOOL ENTRY FORM

NOTE: Requires a photo ID and must serve a team essential function. Unaccompanied minors are not allowed to sign in on this form. They must go to the spectator ticket window and purchase a ticket.

NAME	SCHOOL & FUNCTION
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____
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19 _____	_____
20 _____	_____

# CHEER TEAM INSTRUCTION FOR FINALS

The GHSA would like to encourage the cheerleading and/or dance teams to be a part of the game atmosphere for these games. As such, the following is the script for each game:

1. Between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of each game, the visiting team's cheerleading/dance squad will be allowed on the court to perform a short routine, and be off the court when the first horn is sounded to resume play.
2. Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of each game, the home team's cheerleading/dance squad will be allowed on the court to perform a short routine, and be off the court when the first horn is sounded to resume play.
3. During the halftime intermission, the visiting team's cheerleading/dance squad will be allowed on the court to perform a 3-4 minute routine, followed by the home team's cheerleading/dance squad who will be allowed on the court to perform a 3-4 minute routine. The court must be cleared no later than the 3-minute mark of the game clock.
4. If special music/narration is required it should be taken to the P.A. announcer prior to the start of the game.
5. These performances are NOT mandatory.
6. Cheer Team members shall wear face coverings at all times, and shall not touch a game ball that goes out of play.
7. Cheer teams must remain off the court during the Championship awards presentations.

## HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT

To sign up, or for additional questions, please contact Penny Mitchell, GHSA Associate Director at 478-957-9775 or [pennypitts@ghsa.net](mailto:pennypitts@ghsa.net) .



# GHSA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

1. Championship and runner-up teams are to gather in their respective bench area following the game.
2. Winning team's players and/or coaches are NOT to go to their student/spectator sections, and parents/spectators are NOT allowed on the court at any time.
3. The runner-up head coach will be presented with their trophy at mid-court area.
4. Individual awards for both teams will be handed out by Georgia Farm Bureau representatives at the respective ends of the court following the championship team trophy presentation.
5. Media interviews and photos **MUST** be conducted in the open areas at the ends of the playing court following the trophy presentations.
6. Championship team photos will be conducted off the court at the end of the arena where their respective bench area is.

NOTE: The GHSA Basketball Coordinator Ernie Yarbrough will coordinate this ceremony. Strict adherence to the instructions must be followed.

