



## 2015 GHSA BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT Finals Team Instructions

Please read the "General Instructions" very carefully. Each year we have problems arise because the coaches/team representatives did not follow the instructions. Pay particular attention to the State Tournament bracket regarding the issue of which uniform your team should be wearing each game. The bracket, and not your seeding, determines home/visitors.

Enclosed you have the following forms:

- 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) 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.
- FLOOR PASSES – Each team will be allowed a total of (6) FLOOR 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 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 "floor passes" will be allowed to sit on the team bench.**
- GAME ADMINISTRATOR/RESOURCE OFFICER – Each school is responsible 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.
- GAME SITE – Contact your respective "Site Contact" immediately to confirm game details and site logistics information.
- CHEERLEADERS - The VISITING squad will be allowed to perform a routine between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters and the HOME squad between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. Routines must be within NFHS guidelines.
- LODGING – Teams advancing to the finals and planning on an overnight stay should contact the following hotels: Country Inn & Suites (478-803-8300) or Fairfield Inn & Suites (478-738-9007). Make sure to identify your group as part of the GHSA Basketball Championship Finals.
- 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, and shirts and shoes must be worn at all times in the arena. Ticket takers have been instructed to confiscate these item(s) prior to entering the arena. THE GHSA OFFICE WISHES YOU AND YOUR TEAM THE BEST OF FORTUNE THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS TEAMS

Make sure that all your coaches and administrators read and adhere to the following instructions for teams participating in the 2015 GHSAA Basketball State Championship Games in Macon March 5-7.

1. Read the "Team Instructions" posted on the GHSAA web site. We encounter problems every year because the coaches don't read the instructions. Understand that the excuse of "I didn't read them" doesn't excuse adhering to the policies of this event.
2. Complete all the required paperwork in the Team Instructions package and have it ready to present at the "Team Check-In Gate".
3. Do NOT bring warm-up balls. Those balls will be provided by the GHSAA.
4. ALL team coaches MUST enter the team check-in at the same time as their respective team, or present their GHSAA Coaches Pass at the "Pass Gate" in the upstairs ticket area.
5. Each team will receive six (6) floor passes for non-playing personnel sitting on the floor-side bench. Other team essential personnel MUST sit behind the team bench, no exceptions.
6. The cheerleading squad shall only be comprised of students attending the respective schools participating in the championships. Mascots and/or minors who do not attend the school will not be permitted in the designated courtside area.
7. Following each game the runner-up team will be given their trophies and awards at their bench area. Only the championship team will be required to participate in the Championship Awards Ceremony with GPB on the court.
8. Any individual coach or player from the championship team who leaves the court prior to the awards ceremony will NOT be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
9. Team photos for the championship teams will take place at the end of the court nearest their respective bench area IMMEDIATELY following the GPB ceremony.
10. Parents are NOT allowed to come onto the court at any time prior to, during, nor after the game and will be taken into custody should they violate this policy.
11. An acknowledgment of receipt of these instructions is required from all schools to Ernie Yarbrough, GHSAA Basketball Coordinator at [ery@ghsa.net](mailto:ery@ghsa.net)

THANK YOU AND GOOD FORTUNE TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM



## 2015 Finals Schedule at the Macon Centreplex

### **Thursday, March 5**

3:00 PM – A-Public Girls  
 4:45 PM – A-Public Boys  
 7:00 PM – AAAA Girls  
 8:45 PM – AAAA Boys

### **Visitors**

Taylor Co.  
 Calhoun Co.  
 Buford  
 Jonesboro

### **Home**

Turner Co.  
 Greenville  
 Carrollton  
 Carrollton

### **Friday, March 6**

12:00 PM - AAASP  
 3:00 PM – AA Girls  
 4:45 PM – AA Boys  
 7:00 PM – AAAAA Girls  
 8:45 PM – AAAAA Boys

Wesleyan  
 Crawford Co.  
 Stephenson  
 Brunswick

Holy Innocents  
 Seminole Co.  
 Mays  
 Allatoona

### **Saturday, March 7**

11:00 AM – A-Private Girls  
 12:45 PM – A-Private Boys  
 3:00 PM – AAA Girls  
 4:45 PM – AAA Boys  
 7:00 PM – AAAAAA Girls  
 8:45 PM – AAAAAA Boys

St. Francis  
 St. Francis  
 Laney  
 Morgan Co.  
 Norcross  
 Pebblebrook

SW Atlanta Christian  
 Greenforest Christian  
 Beach  
 Jenkins  
 McEachern  
 Wheeler

Site Contact: David Higdon (478) 803-1608

GHSA Site Representative: Earl Etheridge (912) 351-3853

GHSA Team Representative: Ed Dyson (478) 733-2407

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

# GAME ADMINISTRATORS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Please list the individual(s), and their cell phone #'s, who will be at your schools 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 to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue.

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

# OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM

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

Each team is allowed (20) 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 (20) 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 _____	_____
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20 _____	_____

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

**The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue.**

# CHEER SQUAD TRAVEL FORM

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

Each team is allowed (16) names 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	_____	_____
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19	_____	_____
20	_____	_____

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

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue. Non-school and minor mascots are NOT permitted.

# 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	_____	_____
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## CHEERLEADER INSTRUCTION FOR SEMI-FINALS AND 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. Per NFHS rules, stunting is not allowed during any of these performances.
5. If special music/narration is required it should be taken to the P.A. announcer prior to the start of the game.
6. These performances are NOT mandatory.

### HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Schools participating in the basketball state semifinals and finals are encouraged to bring a halftime entertainment act (3-4 minutes) to represent their school. Acts may include; dance teams, chorus groups, step teams, and other school-approved talent/acts. Please bring your own music and P/A script. To sign up, or for additional questions, please contact Alan Sharp, GHSA Marketing Director at (770) 401-3129 or [alansharp@sharpedgeventures.com](mailto:alansharp@sharpedgeventures.com)



# GHSA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

1. Following the end of each championship contest GPB will conduct a “live” awards ceremony on a platform at the end of the court, following a three-minute interval.
2. Championship and runner-up teams are to gather in their respective bench area following the traditional hand-shake.
3. Winning teams player and/or coaches are NOT to go to their student/spectator sections, and parents/spectators are NOT allowed on the court at any time.
4. The runner-up head coach and team will be presented with their trophy and medals at the respective bench area.
5. The championship team will be brought forward for the trophy presentation. They may then leave the court
6. Individual awards for both team will be handed out by State Farm representatives at the respective ends of the court following the championship team trophy presentation.
7. Media interviews and photos **MUST** be conducted in the open areas at the ends of the playing court following the trophy presentations.
8. Championship team photos will be conducted off the court at the end of the arena where their respective bench area is.

NOTE: The GPB broadcast crew will coordinate this ceremony. Strict adherence to their instruction must be followed.



## 2015 Semifinal PA Announcements

Please spread PAs throughout the game during halftimes, pregame and timeouts.

The **Georgia High School Association** develops and promotes opportunities for personal growth through interscholastic athletics and fine arts. The GHSA would like to salute its outstanding corporate partners: **Georgia Farm Bureau, Regions Bank, Gatorade, Verizon Wireless, Georgia Army National Guard, Sports Authority, Technical College System of Georgia, Atlanta Hawks, Sports Medicine South, Atlanta Dream, Georgia's Electric Membership Corporation, E-Z-Go, Mizuno and Wilson, the official basketball of the GHSA.** Thank-you for supporting Georgia high school athletics.

The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good **sportsmanship** by student athletes, coaches and spectators. Profanity, degrading remarks and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event.

Join the conversation on GHSA Social Media "@OfficialGHSA" on Twitter, Instagram & Facebook. That's @OfficialGHSA.

Today's Basketball Semifinals are being video streamed Live on the NFHSNetwork.com. **NFHS Network – We are High School.**

The Atlanta Hawks are a proud sponsor of the 2015 GHSA State Basketball Tournament. GHSA fans interested in Atlanta Hawks Summer Basketball Camps can visit [hawks.com/hawkscamps](http://hawks.com/hawkscamps) for camp information. Spend your summer training with the pros! Go Hawks!

The **Georgia Electric Membership Corporation** is proud to present the annual GEMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award to regional winners throughout the state. GEMC – Lighting the Way.

**Wilson** is the official basketball of the GHSA Basketball State Tournament. Wilson – More Win!

During natural disasters, the men and women of the **Georgia Army National Guard** save lives, protect property and bring hope. Earn an extra paycheck develop career skills and get money that can help you pay for college. Be part of this unique force. Visit NATIONALGUARD.com today.

**Verizon** is the mobile phone provider of the GHSA. Verizon – America's Largest 4G LTE Network.

**Georgia Farm Bureau** Mutual Insurance is the official Awards presenter of the GHSA. With offices in every Georgia county, Farm Bureau stands ready to serve you with multi-line insurance products and a host of other member benefits. At Farm Bureau, Helping you is what we do best!

**Gatorade** is the official sports drink of the GHSA. Gatorade - Win From Within.

**Regions Bank** is proud to support the GHSA, Georgia Public Broadcasting and the Regions Bank Directors Cup.

**Sports Authority** is the sporting goods retailer of the GHSA. Visit their local store or go online to find everything you need. Sports Authority, All things sporting good.

The **Technical College System of Georgia's** 25 colleges offer affordable education and excellent training in more than 600 certificate, diploma and two-year associate degree programs. Technical College System of Georgia is proud to support the GHSA.

Tune-in to GHSA Basketball State Championships televised LIVE on Georgia Public Broadcasting from the Macon Coliseum and online GPB.org and NFHS Network.com. **GPB Sports – Bringing You The Best High Sports Coverage in Georgia.**

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LIVE BROADCASTS on NFHS NETWORK and GPB

All semifinals will be broadcasts live on [NFHSNetwork.com](http://NFHSNetwork.com). Subscription rates will apply.

All Championship Finals will be televised live on Georgia Public Broadcasting as well as available free online at [GPB.org/sports](http://GPB.org/sports) and [NFHSNetwork.com](http://NFHSNetwork.com). DVDs are available to order on NFHS Network.

Live Stats will be available during the Championships Finals the link is located on the

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