

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
MARRIOTT / Macon City Center - MACON, GEORGIA
Magnolia Ballroom
April 15, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

Call To OrderGlenn White, President
Pledge of AllegianceLisa Moore Williams, Vice President
InvocationCarror Wright, Associate Director
Roll CallSteve Figueroa, Media Director
Adoption of AgendaExecutive Committee

APPOINTMENTS: Monday - 9:00 am: Allen Leonard, Principal, Starr’s Mill High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Orlando Angulo Diaz (eight semesters)

Monday - 9:15 am: Damian Bounds, Principal, Lakeside-Atlanta High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Gabriel Palma (eight semesters)

Monday - 9:30 am: Debbie McNeal, Principal, Richmond Hill High School
Appeal of ruling made during State Dual Wrestling Tournament

OLD BUSINESS:

Second vote on the following Constitutional proposal:

1. **Proposal** to amend Article IV, Section 3A on page 8 of the Constitution by adding to the end of the first sentence the following language (new wording is in italic): . . . , plus one member from each classification (*as selected by a vote of the BOT representatives in that respective classification*) and three (3) at-large members, two (2) of which must be female and one (1) of which must represent a private school, to be appointed by the BOT and approved by a vote of the State Executive Committee.” (**Note:** This proposal was passed unanimously by the BOT at a meeting on March 4, 2019)

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. **Proposal** to allow “home schooled” students to participate in GHSA activities for the member school in whose attendance zone they reside. Decisions regarding participation, grade validation and discipline are determined by the local education agency. (GHSA Office) (Note: This was tabled at the March 18, 2019 BOT meeting.)
2. **Proposal** to increase from one (1) to two (2) the number of officially-dressed volleyball officials required at all GHSA varsity volleyball matches. (GHSA Office)
3. **Proposal** to add the following language to by-law 4.41, item “c-7” on page 43 (new wording is in italic):
Two (2) Certified Athletic Trainers employed by the school system in grades 9-12 and recommended by the principal. *A copy of their Georgia Athletic Training license must be provided. Additional Certified Athletic Trainers employed by the school system may be requested.* (GHSA Office)
4. **Proposal** to create new item “g” in by-law 2.67 on page 31 as follows (new wording in italic):
(g) When the WBGT reading is over 86, ice towels and spray bottles filled with ice water should be available at the “cool zone” to aid the cooling process AND cold immersion tubs must be available for the benefit of any player showing early signs of heat illness. *In the event of a serious EHI, the principle of **Cool First, Transport Second** should be utilized and implemented by the first medical provider onsite until cooling is completed (core temperature of 103 or less).* (GHSA Office)
5. **Proposal** to add the following language to by-law 2.54 on page 27:
CPR (minimum compression only) and AED training must occur prior to any team activity or within a maximum of 30 days from the start of team activity and must be renewed at a minimum of every two years. (GHSA Office)
6. **Proposal** to create a new item “c” in by-law 2.21 on page 24 to read as follows:
(c) The Emergency Action Plan (EAP) should include the following:

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- 1) The venue specific EAP should be reviewed and rehearsed annually and prior to each sport season.
 - a) Recommended personnel include local Emergency Medical Services (EMS), school public safety officials, school administrators, on-site medical personnel or school medical staff (team physicians or athletic trainers) and all pertinent coaching staff members.
 - 2) The venue-specific EAP should be accessible to all involved in a potential emergent situation.
 - 3) All emergency equipment, including Automatic External Defibrillators (AED), which is available on-site should be listed on the EAP.
 - 4) The EAP should identify key personnel and their responsibilities to carry out the plan of action with a designated chain of command.
 - 5) The EAP should contain appropriate contact information for the local and/or responding EMS personnel.
 - 6) The EAP should contain the facility address, GPS coordinates, location and contact information.
 - 7) A medical timeout is recommended prior to all GHSA sanctioned events and games to review EAP. (GHSA Office)
7. **Proposal** to revise by-law 2.16 on page 24 as follows (new wording in italic): A school may choose to play a non-region schedule in football, basketball, *softball* and/or baseball, and this choice is in effect for *the current reclassification cycle*. (b) Results of games with a school playing a non-region schedule, *GISA and/or GICAA* schools may not be used in region standings *or in the Power Rating system*. New "c" to read: *Schools playing a non-region schedule in football, basketball, softball, and/or baseball must inform the GHSA office not less than 30 days prior to the first official playing date for that sport.* (GHSA Office)
8. **Proposal** to allow appeals of the GHSA Age Rule. (GHSA Office) (**Note:** This is a Constitutional change and will require two votes. This is the first vote)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to allow schools to hold **fall try-outs** in baseball, choosing one of two options: Option 1 - Have five (5) consecutive days from the start of the school year until the end of August. Option 2 - Have three (3) designated Saturdays during the fall semester, each consisting of no more than five (5) hours maximum per day. (Johns Creek HS)
2. **Proposal** to allow **sub-varsity** teams the option of using free substitution and a batting order of 10 players if agreed upon by both coaches before the game. (Lineup cards must be presented to the umpire before the game and all subs and courtesy runners reported when changes are made. The batting order shall remain the same throughout the game). (Johns Creek HS)

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to mandate the use of a 30-second shot clock for all GHSA varsity games. (Region 5, Class 6A)
2. **Proposal** to implement the use of a Player-Control Restricted Arc for all GHSA games. The Arc would be four (4) feet from the center diameter of the basket rim. Illegal contact inside this Arc would be called a blocking foul unless the contact is a flagrant foul. (Region 5, Class 6A)
3. **Proposal** to increase the number of floor passes allowed per team at the state playoffs from six (6) to 10. (Model High School)

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to require **all** transfer students to complete a transfer form that has to be reviewed for accuracy and approved by the coach and principal from the previous school. On the form, the former coach should be able to declare whether or not the student left the program in good standing. If the coach declares that the student did not leave in good standing, then that student should be denied automatic eligibility and should be reviewed as a hardship applicant. (Region 4AAA)
2. **Proposal** to revise items "f" and "g" in by-law 1.45 on page 16 as follows (new wording is in italic):
 - (f) Students enrolled in grade 8 in a middle school or junior high school which is a feeder school to the member high school may participate in Spring football practice. *Eighth grade students at a non-feeder school that has no system high school may participate in spring football practice at the member high school serving the student's area of residence. Such a student must be pre-enrolled at that member high school, and once pre-enrolled, the student has established eligibility at that high school.*
 - (g) Students enrolled in grade 8 in a middle school or junior high school which is a feeder school to the member high school may try out for cheerleader, *volleyball and softball* at the high school. Eighth grade students at

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a non-feeder school that has no system high school may participate in cheerleader, *volleyball and softball* tryouts at the member high school serving the student's area of residence. Such a student must be pre-enrolled at that member high school, and once pre-enrolled, the student has established eligibility at that high school.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to have the sideline officials change sides for the second half of a game. (Region 2A)
2. **Proposal** to allow the head football coach access to review the game officials grades on their game evaluations. (Region 2A)
3. **Proposal** to allow the head football coaches the option of evaluating officials immediately after the contest. (Region 2A)

GOLF COMMITTEE

Proposal to add an item "D-1" on page 65 that reads as follows: *Schools may use one (1) Saturday during the regular season as a playing date that does not count as one of the 12 allowed playing dates.* (Columbus HS)

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Will meet to continue process towards reclassifying member schools for the 2020-21 school year.

SOCCER COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to change the overtime rule back to what it was in 2017-18: two (2) 10-minute periods, played to their entirety, to be followed by A-B-A-B penalty kicks if the teams are still tied after the OT periods. (First Presbyterian & Denmark HS).
2. **Proposal** to change the overtime rule to the following: two (2) 10-minute "Golden Goal" periods, whereby the first team to score during either OT period will be the winner. A shootout of A-B-A-B penalty kicks will take place if neither team scores during the OT periods. (Denmark HS).

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Proposal to change the game limit for fast pitch softball as follows: The maximum number of softball games allowed *shall be 30 games including games during the regular season, invitational tournaments and region tournaments.* Delete the wording "Region tournament shall be structured so that no school will play more than eight (8) games in the tournament." (GHSA Office).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines will address the committee on several issues and introduce some guest speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS - Spring 2019

(Meetings Will Be Held at the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel)

SUNDAY, April 14

11:30 am	Board of Trustees (Private Dining Room)
1:30 pm	Baseball Committee (Salon A) Soccer Committee (Salon B)
2:00 pm	Basketball Committee (Salon A) Football Committee (Salon B)

SUNDAY, April 14 (continued)

2:30 pm	Eligibility Committee (Salon A) Softball Committee (Salon B)
3:00 pm	Golf Committee (Salon A)
3:30 pm	Reclassification Committee (Salon A)
4:30 pm	Hospitality (Salon B)