

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center - Thomaston, GEORGIA

May 16, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

Call To Order	Glenn White, President
Pledge of Allegiance	Lisa Moore Williams, Vice President
Invocation	Carror Wright, Associate Director
Roll Call	Steve Figueroa, Media Director
Adoption of Agenda	Executive Committee

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3, Board of Trustees as follows:

Subparagraph "D" would be revised to delete the words "in exigent circumstances, as determined by the President".

NOTE: This is a **Constitutional Amendment** and this is the **second** vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to reword By-Law 1.62, item "I" on Page 20 as follows:

First Option: The migratory rule (See 1.63) will be waived one time for boarding students only who enter the following schools: Ben Franklin Academy; Darlington; Riverside Military Academy; Tallulah Falls.

Second Option: The migratory rule (See 1.63) will be waived one time for boarding students only who enter the following schools: Ben Franklin Academy; Darlington; Riverside Military Academy; Tallulah Falls. This By-law will be effective for Darlington beginning with the 2017-2018 school year and for Ben Franklin Academy, Riverside Military Academy and Tallulah Falls beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

Proposal to adopt a "50% Sit Out Rule" as follows (**See Addendum No. 1**):

All student athletes that complete a bona fide move will be required to sit out 50% of all varsity competitions for one calendar year. It is important to note that this 50% requirement can be waived by the former school or the student can appeal the decision. It will be the responsibility of the new school to show that the transfer was not athletic in nature.

Proposal to accept the **BOARD of TRUSTEES'** recommendation for the new GHSA Executive Director to replace the retiring Gary Phillips. (Note: the recommendation will be announced at the meeting)

Adjournment

ADDENDUM NO. 1

GHSA By-law 1.62 would be amended as follows:

- By adding the following language to the beginning of paragraph 1.62:

A transfer student who has established eligibility at a former school in grades 9-12 shall be immediately eligible at the new school **if the student falls within one of the exceptions set forth in subparagraphs (a) through (n) below AND is granted a waiver of the 50% sit out rule set forth in subparagraph (o) set forth below. If a waiver of the 50% Sit Out rule is not granted, the student shall not be eligible until he or she complies with the requirements of the 50% Rule.**

- By adding a new paragraph (o) as follows:

(o) 50% Sit Out Rule

- (1) If a student makes a **bona fide** move from one GHSA high school to another GHSA high school, he/she will be required to sit out (i.e. shall be ineligible) for the first 50% of all competitions for one calendar year from the date of transfer unless the “sending” high school waives the 50% sit out rule. The “receiving school” shall send a Form B 50% Waiver Application to the “sending school” requesting the school to sign off on the transfer. The “sending” school will have the opportunity to waive the 50% Rule, or the 50% Rule will remain in place. If the “sending school” does not waive the 50% Rule, the “receiving school” may appeal the application of the 50% Rule as hereinafter set forth, however, the ineligibility of the student shall continue pending the appeal.
- (2) The “receiving school” must first verify that a bona fide move has been completed. If a bona fide move has not occurred, the student is a migrant student under GHSA by-laws for one calendar year. If the school believes that a hardship exists, the school can file a hardship appeal with the GHSA (normal process). If a hardship is approved by the GHSA, the 50% Rule does not apply.
- (3) After the bona fide move has been verified, the “receiving school” will send a Form B 50% Waiver Application to the previous high school by fax, email or personal delivery. The “sending school” will have 10 school days from the date the Form B 50% waiver Application is sent to complete the form and return it to the GHSA office and the “receiving school” indicating whether or not it waives the 50% rule. If the school does not waive the 50% rule, the rule is then applicable. If the “sending school” does not return the Form B 50% Waiver Application to the “receiving school” within 10 days by fax, email or personal delivery, then the 50% rule for that student shall be deemed waived by the “sending school”.
- (4) If the “sending school” does not waive the 50% Rule, it must provide the basis for the refusal of the waiver on the Form B 50% Waiver Application. This will allow the “sending school” an opportunity to provide additional information needed if the “receiving school” appeals the decision (Example: undue influence, community member’s influence, personal trainers, or the transfer was athletic in nature). The “receiving school” may appeal the application of the 50% rule as hereinafter set forth.
- (5) If the “receiving school” wishes to appeal the application of the 50% Rule, it may do so by filing a request for appeal with the GHSA office within 20 days of the date the Form B 50%

Waiver Application was sent to the “sending school”. Appeals of the 50% Rule will be heard initially by a Hearing Officer appointed by the Executive Director. Hearings shall be scheduled by the Hearing Officer as needed throughout the state. Notice of the hearing shall be given to both the sending and receiving schools and each will have the opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue. The receiving school will have the burden of proof to establish that the transfer was not motivated by athletic considerations. The decision of the Hearing Officer may be appealed by either school to the GHSA Appeals Board and thereafter to the GHSA Executive Committee by following the appellate procedures set forth in the GHSA Constitution, however, the decision of the Hearing Officer granting or denying the waiver shall remain in effect until overturned.

6) Unless waived, the student’s 50% sit out will start the day of his enrollment and continue for one calendar year. An athlete is required to sit out half of the season in consecutive weeks. (“Bye weeks” or “off weeks” shall not count toward the total games in which the student shall be required to sit out.) This may include playoffs or wrapping around for the following season. If the student participates in an activity that has already started, the student will sit out the assigned amount of games to include playoff games or wrapping around to the following season. The student is eligible to practice during the sit out time. The sit out requirement is in effect for all sports in which the student athlete participates. Therefore, if the student participates in 3 sports, they will be required to sit 50% in all 3 sports.

For Example: A football player transfers after the 6th game is played, the student will be required to sit out the next four games. If the team qualifies for the playoffs, the student must sit during the first playoff game. If the team advances, the student is eligible for the 2nd playoff game. In the same example, if the team does not qualify for the playoffs, the student will have to sit out the 1st game of the following year to meet the 5 game sit out requirement.

The sport specific 50% sit out times are listed below:

Football	5 games
Cheerleading	3 meets
Softball	13 games
Cross country	5 races
Volleyball	9 matches
Swimming	5 meets
Basketball	13 games
Wrestling	10 meets/dates
Gymnastics	5 meets
Tennis	9 matches
Soccer	9 games
Track	5 meets
Baseball	15 games
Lacrosse	9 games
Golf	6 matches

- By amending Article IV Section 9 B. of the GHSA Constitution to add the words “**or his designee**” to the end of the first sentence. (This is a constitutional change and will require two votes).

