

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AGENDA

GHSA Office - Thomaston, GEORGIA

October 16, 2017 - 10:00 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 AgendaBoard of Trustees

APPOINTMENTS: 10:00 am: LeAnne McCall, Principal, Lowndes High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Kassandra Hertzog (eight semesters)

10:15 am: Kibbey Crumbley, Principal, Centennial High School
Appeal of student eligibility - Antonio Buckley (eight semesters)

10:30 am: Michael Nelson, Principal, Cass High School
Appeal of conduct penalty

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph C-2 of the GHSA Constitution as follows:
C. 2. The Executive Director shall have the authority to grant or deny an application for hardship status.
(**Note:** This is a constitutional change and requires two votes. This is the **second** vote.)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Proposal** to reduce the number of teams automatically qualifying for the state playoffs from Region 1-7A in the sport of Soccer from four (4) to two (2). The other two state playoff berths would be filled by the highest power rated teams not already making the playoffs from any of the eight regions. (Norcross HS)
2. **Proposal** to reduce the number of teams automatically qualifying for the state playoffs from Region 1-7A in the sport of Soccer from four (4) to three (3). The other state playoff berth would be filled by the highest power rated teams not already making the playoffs from any of the eight regions. (Region 4-7A)
3. **Proposal** to restructure the Football calendar, moving the start of practice and the season one week later in 2018 and two weeks later in 2019 to help with heat issues. (Veterans HS)
4. **Proposal** to split Class A Soccer into Public and Private divisions for state championship consideration. (Atkinson County HS).
5. **Proposal** to increase the number of Class A Soccer teams qualifying for the state playoffs from 32 to 48 (24 each in Public and Private divisions). (Atkinson County HS)
6. **Proposal** to use power ratings to determine the 48 teams (24 each in Public and Private divisions) qualifying for the state playoffs in Class A Soccer. (Atkinson County HS)
7. **Proposal** to increase the number of Class A Cross Country teams qualifying for the state meet from 32 to 48 (24 each in Public and Private divisions). (Athens Academy)

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AGENDA, continued

8. **Proposal** to add an item “g” to by-law 2.92 on Page 44 as follows: “Judgement calls by contest officials are not reviewable or reversible.” (GHSA office) **Effective Immediately**
9. **Proposal** to add the word “student” to the definition of a “booster” in by-law 1.73 on Page 22. (GHSA office) **Effective Immediately**
10. **Proposal** to standardize academic eligibility requirements for the sports of cheerleading, softball and volleyball by doing the following: Eliminate 1.51-c, Exception #2; Add to Section 2: Cheerleading item H-5-c “Students must meet academic eligibility requirements in order to try out for cheerleading” and Add to Section 15 - Volleyball item E-7 :Students participating must be academically eligible and ...” (GHSA office)
11. **Proposal** to reword by-law 2.16 on page 32 as follows (new wording in italic): “Playing a Non-Region Schedule: A school may choose to play a non-region schedule in football, basketball and/or baseball, and this choice is in effect for *the two-year scheduling period.*” (GHSA office) **Effective Immediately**
12. **Proposal** to reword by-law 4.24 on page 51 as follows (new wording in italic): “A school that transfers to a higher classification must remain in the higher classification until schools are next reclassified on a state-wide basis, *but may appeal to the Reclassification Committee to come back down to its proper classification when adjustments are made after two years of the four-year reclassification cycle.*” (GHSA office) **Effective Immediately**
13. **Proposal** to reword by-law 2.62-e-7 on page 36 as follows (new wording in italic): “Drones shall not be permitted to fly during any GHSA sanctioned event (*Note: This prohibition begins when the gates or doors open and extends until the last spectator has left the field or arena.*)” (GHSA office) **Effective Immediately**
14. **Proposal** to add new item “4” to by-law 2.71-d on page 41 as follows: “The GHSA office may review film to determine participants in a fight situation at a GHSA event, or to determine athletes leaving their bench to go to a fight situation. Note: Penalties may be levied, modified or changed based on this film review.” (GHSA office) **Effective Immediately**
15. **Proposal** to reword item 2. (e) on page 58 under the Baseball Pitching Restrictions to eliminate the requirement for a registered umpire to be paid to monitor the pitch counts. Instead, the home team will be responsible for providing an adult (21 or over) Pitch Count Monitor who will monitor the pitch counts for both teams, notify the umpire when a pitcher is nearing a threshold and later record the pitch counts on the GHSA MIS web site. (Baseball ad-hoc committee) **Effective Immediately**
16. **Proposal** to add wording to item 2. (e) on page 58 under the Baseball Pitching Restrictions to the effect that once a coach is warned that the pitcher is approaching a pitch count threshold, that pitcher shall be allowed to finish the batter. But, upon completion of that batter, the Days of Rest restrictions will only be based on the number of pitches that were thrown PRIOR to reaching the threshold. (Baseball ad-hoc committee) **Effective Immediately**
17. **Proposal** to add wording to item 2. (e) on page 58 under the Baseball Pitching Restrictions to the effect that any pitches that were thrown during a game that was suspended or rained out shall be counted for that pitcher towards any pitching restriction thresholds. (Baseball ad-hoc committee) **Effective Immediately**
18. **Proposal** to reword item 2. (h) on page 58 under the Baseball Pitching Restrictions to add the following under penalties for violating the pitch count restrictions (new wording in italic): “... the offending school shall be fined \$250, the head coach at that level assessed a two-game suspension, *and the game forfeited.*” (Baseball ad-hoc committee) **Effective Immediately**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines will address the committee on several issues.

ADJOURNMENT