

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

MARRIOTT/Macon City Center – MACON, GEORGIA

Magnolia Ballroom

April 14, 2025 at 9:00AM

Call To Order	Jim Finch, President
Pledge of Allegiance	Curt Miller, Vice President
Invocation	Carror Wright, Associate Director
Roll Call.....	Marvin James, Director of Media Relations
Adoption of Agenda	Executive Committee

APPOINTMENTS:

- 9:00 am: Tim Hardy, Athletic Director, Greater Atlanta Christian
- 9:15 am: Jason Barnes, Athletic Director, Whitewater High School
- 9:30 am: Presentation by Kyle Eversgard, for soft-padded helmets for girls' flag football.
- 9:45 am: Presentation by Kyle Armstrong, new programs (Ref Reps) for our members schools

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. **Proposal** to increase the fine for missing deadline for rules clinic, from \$100 to \$200 and revoke the coaches GHSA pass until test is taken. Deadlines - Fall deadline August 15th, Winter deadline November 10th, Spring deadline February 9th. When a coach misses a deadline, they have until midnight on the 10th day after the deadline to take the rules clinic. If rules clinic is not completed the GHSA pass will be revoked for the year. (by-law 2.54 Appendix P) (GHSA Office)
2. **Proposal** for Protective Headgear – The GHSA strongly recommends the use of protective headgear by players on the field during practice and competition. Approved headgear shall be comprised of soft padded material with no plastic or metal material. The headgear must have a 5-Star rating and may be designed shall be of the helmet design or halo design. NOTE: Ratings may be found on the Virginia Tech Helmet Lab website.
RATIONALE: The GHSA objective in all athletic activities is to place safety of the participants as a priority. The speed and athleticism of the game requires a focus on the safety of the players on the field during practices and in competitions. (GHSA Office)
3. **Proposal** to establish an Annual GHSA Citation Awards. PURPOSE – To establish an annual award for individuals who have displayed a commitment to the GHSA, member schools, and student athletes over an extended period of time. The focus of this award is to recognize individuals who have been involved in promoting and leading local and statewide programs for the advancement of education-based athletics at the local and/or state levels. These awards shall be presented in the following fields: Girls Sports, Boys Sports, The Arts, Officiating, Administrative Support.

Action:

1. These awards shall be named "Georgia High School Association Citation Awards".
2. These awards are not intended to merely recognize "on-field" success.
3. Individuals must be nominated by a member of the State Executive Committee.
4. Nominees shall have a minimum of 10 years serving in a GHSA school system, or GHSA support staff.
5. A committee will be established to review all nominees, consisting of members of the State Executive Committee and one GHSA Staff representative.
 - a. This committee will meet to review the nominees during the Spring SEC meeting each year.
 - b. Awards winners will be presented at the Fall SEC meeting each year.

NOTE: If this program is approved, inaugural nominees may be submitted no later than June 30, 2025, and reviewed by the GHSA Board of Trustees. The BOT will announce the inaugural recipients of the awards August 1, 2025, and award winners will receive their awards at the 2025 Fall SEC meeting. (GHSA Office)

Cheerleading/Dance

1. Proposal that Cheerleading rosters cannot be altered after the last regular season competition.
Rationale: In the past, coaches could add or delete names from the roster up until the day of state. Coaches have been able to add someone to the roster the week of Sectionals or State who has not been on their team or their JV the entire year. In several instances, it has been an All-Star cheerleader, eligible student in the High School, who had not competed with the team all year.
2. Proposal to allow video review only for deduction calls for all cheerleading and dance competitions.
Rationale: Video review would allow judges to review a call that would cost the team 5 points off their total score. Many times, it could knock a team from 1st to 5th or 6th. This would allow judges to be certain of a call. The video would be taken from an iPad at the judges' table. (GHSA Office)

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Propose a change in policy 1.60 – 1.70 Student eligibility (changes attached to agenda)

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Reclassification committee update

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Propose a fine for not following procedures when entering qualifying times.

- The coach/school is levied a fine as outlined in Appendix P for missing the deadline for submitting proof of performance qualifying times.
- Teams would only be allowed one of these infractions in a given season.
- The swimming program will be placed on "severe warning status" for 1 calendar year. Any further infractions for missed deadlines or any other offenses would result in penalties for the school/coach involved, including disqualification. This would apply for one calendar year.
- The GHSA/Swimming Coordinator reserves the right to disallow a late submission of qualifying times if it is viewed as an obvious effort to game the system and gain an advantage over other teams participating in the state meet.
- Late entries for qualifying times for the state swim meet would not be allowed under any circumstances within 48 hours of the entry deadline. (GHSA Office)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**ADJOURNMENT**

SCHEDULE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS – Spring 2025

(Meetings will be Held at the Marriot Macon City Center Hotel)

Sunday, April 13th

12:00pm	Board of Trustees (Grand Salon A)
1:30pm	Reclassification Committee (Private Dining Room)
2:30pm	Eligibility Committee (Private Dining Room)
3:00pm	Swimming Committee (Private Dining Room)
3:30pm	Cheerleading/Dance Committee (Private Dining Room)
4:30pm	Hospitality (Grand Salon B)

DRAFT

Proposed Updates to 1.60 - SCHOOL SERVICE AREAS / TRANSFER / MIGRANT STUDENTS / MIGRATORY WAIVER

1.62 A transfer student who has established eligibility at a former school in grades 9-12 shall be ~~(ineligible) immediately eligible~~ at the new school ~~(for 365 days)~~ if ~~(unless the following criteria are met):~~

- a. The student moved simultaneously with the entire parental unit and all other persons he/she lived with at the former residence, and that residential unit moved into the service area of the new school with simultaneous enrollment of the student in the new school. This is known as a “bona fide move.” (NOTE: A move within the same service area does not constitute a bona fide move.)
 1. The student may choose the public or private school serving that area.
 2. It must be apparent that the parent(s) and all the persons residing with the student and the student have relinquished the residence in the former service area and have occupied a residence in the new service area.
 3. The following factors, although not conclusive, ~~may~~ **must be verified as evidence** of relinquishment of the former residence ~~(Items a. and b. must be verified in conjunction with an item from c.).~~ Proof of this documentation must be submitted with the initial Form B.
 - a. All licensed drivers in the household must comply with the Georgia DMV change of address policy and provide an updated driver’s license with the current address.
 - b. A household member above the age of 16 that is not licensed to drive, must provide a state issued ID showing the current address of residence.
 - c. Selling the residence and vacating it **(Proof of sale required with Form B)**; ~~OR vacating the residence and listing it for sale at a fair market value AND shutting off all unnecessary utilities;~~ ~~OR vacating the residence and leasing it to another (other than a relative) at fair market value;~~ ~~OR abandoning the residence and shutting off the unnecessary utilities;~~ **OR lease termination documentation (must be included with Form B)**
 - d. When a family claims multiple residences, the residence for which they apply for a homestead exemption will be declared the primary residence provided the family spends the majority of their time at this residence. **Proof of homestead exemption is required at time of filling Form B.**

- g. The student has one of the following family related circumstances which shall constitute a waiver of the “bona fide move” rule:
1. There is a Superior Court Final Order changing permanent physical custody of the student from one parent to the other parent and the student moves to the residence of the parent receiving custody in a new service area and attends the member school serving that service area.
 - a. ~~Note: All cases involving non-parental custody changes~~ while parents are still alive, must establish custody for one calendar year from the date of custodial change to be considered for eligibility. ~~must be appealed through the hardship process.~~
 - b. All cases involving the non-legitimized father, will follow the laws of the State of Georgia regarding the parental rights. These can be found at <https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/legitimation-information-for-fathers/>

~~1.65 Students whose transfers from member school to member school have been approved by the GHSA office after the end of regular season play or during post-season play are not eligible for participation in GHSA sponsored tournaments and/or playoffs in that particular sport for the school year of transfer.~~ If a GHSA eligible student transfers from one member school to another, regardless of a bona fide move, during the same season, defined as after the official start date for the sport in which the student has already participated, that student is ruled as migrant pending appeal to the executive director for the remainder of the season for that sport.

1.70 A student who has been granted one Bona fide move, after establishing eligibility at a member school, shall be migratory for a calendar year upon a second transfer to another member school. All decisions are appealable through the hardship process.

Recommended Form B Updates:

Upon submission of the Form B, the following must be attached before acceptance:

Section C:

Current Residence:

- Must provide a copy of homestead exemption documentation if multiple residences are claimed

Previous Residence: (Must provide one of the below)

- Lease or Rental termination documentation
- Bill of Sale for former residence

Recommend removing the following:

- *"Or have a contract for sale"*
- *Residence listed for sale at fair market value*
- *Abandoned the house with unnecessary utilities shut off*

Verification of the Bona Fide move:

- Updated Driver's license for all household drivers
- State issued ID for all household members over the age of 16 who do not hold a driver's license showing current address
- Copy of current lease, rental agreement, or purchase agreement
- Copy of utility Bill

Recommend removing the following:

- *Received documentation via utility bill, post office documentation, driver's license etc.*