

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE September 30, 2019

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on September 30, 2019, at the Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia, by Glenn White, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 67 Absent - 1

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| Greg Tillery | Kevin May | Don Breedlove | Shawn Peek | David Boland | Donnie Drew |
| Evan Horton | Nathan Hand | Dexter Wood | Ulysses Hawthorne | Jasper Jewell | Michelle Masters |
| Jim Dorsey | John Kelly | Jeff Battles | James Stanford | Berry Williams | Regina Montgomery |
| Tonya Sebring | Josh Matthews - sub | Jim Finch | James Jackson | Tim Armstrong | Dawn Odom |
| Nathan Turner | Geep Cunningham | Wade Marchman | Brent Mashburn | John Pinson | Kandice Mitchell |
| Gary Long | Chris Brown | Jose Fernandez | Jeff Cooper | Jesse Crews | Mike Tenoschok - A |
| Kirk Barton | David Shields | Jarred Griffis | Joe Lancaster | Chad Griffin | David Colvard |
| Jon Weyher | Shane Ratliff | Britt Adams | Jarrett Luke | Harley Calhoun - sub | Jason Miller |
| Kevin Kinsler | Curt Miller | Jimmy Lawler | Mike Thompson | Mike Emery | Philip Brown |
| Earl Etheridge | Bobby Brewington | Kevin Yancy - sub | Rex Hodges | Justin Brown | Bobby McAllister |
| Garrett Black | Rendell Jackson | Cleve Edwards | Myron Newton | Steve Simpson | Joe Sanfilippo |

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by Simpson, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Motion was made by Etheridge, seconded by Crews, and unanimously approved to go into executive session to hear student appeals (Note: appeals were heard in executive session, but all votes were taken after coming out of executive session).

Dunwoody High School - Benjamin Braaten, Athletic Liaison, presented the appeal for student Grant Allison, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

Motion by Finch, second by C. Miller, to **DENY** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

South Gwinnett High School - William Sayers, Associate Principal, presented the appeal for student Jimaal Crump, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

Motion by C. Miller, second by Tillery, to **APPROVE** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED 63-4 (C. Brown, Cooper, Hodges and Griffis voting "no")

Landmark Christian School - Durand Rice, Football Coach, presented the appeal for student Jacob Hood, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

Motion by C. Miller, second by Thompson, to **APPROVE** the appeal.

MOTION FAILED 31-36 (Roll Call Vote - **Yes:** Horton, Turner, Long, Barton, Etheridge, May, Cunningham, C. Miller, Brewington, R. Jackson, Wood, Battles, Fernandez, Hawthorne, J. Jackson, Mashburn, Thompson, Newton, Boland, Jewell, Griffin, Emery, Simpson, Drew, Odom, Mitchell, Colvard, McAllister, Sanfilippo, White, L. Williams. **No:** Tillery, Dorsey, Sebring, Weyher, Kinsler, Black, Hand, Kelly, Matthews, C. Brown, Shields, Ratliff, Breedlove, Finch, Marchman, Griffis, Adams, Lawler, Yancy, Edwards, Peek, Stanford, Cooper, Lancaster, Luke, Hodges, B. Williams, Armstrong, Pinson, Crews, Calhoun, J. Brown, Masters, Montgomery, J. Miller, P. Brown.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee reports constitute motions by the Chairman of the Committee, no seconds are required.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

- Proposal** to reword by-law 1.62, item "g-1" on page 20 as follows (new text in italic): 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. Note: This proposal was modified by the BOT to add the following sentence - *All cases involving non-parental custody changes will have to be appealed through the hardship process*, and to make the proposal **Effective Immediately.**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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2. **Proposal** to reword by-law 2.69, item "b-4" on page 33 as follows (delete text that is struck out): It is illegal for a team to go to a competitive or instructional camp or clinic during the school year ~~other than in season events designed for that team alone~~. Note: Remainder of item "4" remains the same.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

3. **Proposal** to add a new item "6" under Basketball paragraph "F" on page 50 as follows: *All varsity level games shall be officiated by a 3-person crew. Sub-varsity games may be officiated by a 2-person crew.*

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The committee **TABLED**:

1. **Proposal** to add another "Dead Week" in the summer. This week would be the first seven (7) calendar days in June each year. (**Vote:** 11-0) Note: the BOT directed the GHSA office to survey the membership on this issue.
2. **Proposal** to use a different state playoff bracket for Class 7A, rotating between regions 1-8 in the first round instead of the current method of rotating regions 1-4 and 5-8 in the first round. This would be for all sports that use the universal bracket (i.e., baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, fast pitch softball, soccer, volleyball and tennis) (**Vote:** 11-0)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Kevin May

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to change the policy for determining the "home" team for the third game of a best-of-three playoff series in the state tournament. Currently, a coin flip decides the home team in the third game. The new wording would read as follows: *The designated host team, by virtue of being the higher seed, will be the "home" team for a third game of a series, if necessary. In the event the competing teams are equal seeds, a coin flip would decide the "home" team for the third game.* Note: The committee modified this proposal to be **Effective Immediately**.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to allow one (1) padded camp in June for two (2) days (Note: the committee modified the proposal to add the following language at this point) *in a three consecutive day period* and one (1) padded camp in July for two (2) days (Note: the committee modified the proposal to add the following language at this point) *in a three consecutive day period*, making a maximum of two (2) camps for four (4) total days. Beginning summer of 2020.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to adopt a new Officials Fee Chart (Appendix F) for the 2020-22 reclassification cycle. (See attached chart). Note: The chart was modified by the committee from the original one proposed.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

ONE ACT PLAY COMMITTEE

Report presented by Jim Finch

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to allow site-approved "spike tape" to be used during Region and State competition. Tape can be placed during the 15-minute pre-performance time period and must be removed prior to school saying "Stop Timing." **Effective Immediately**.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

LACROSSE COMMITTEE

Report presented by Joe Lancaster

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. **Proposal** to allow players in girls lacrosse to participate in a maximum of three (3) halves per day, and players in boys lacrosse six (6) quarters per day, similar to the soccer restriction in by-law 1.44. Effective 2020.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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2. **Proposal** to use overtime to break ties in all varsity regular-season games regardless of the classifications of the opponents. Overtime would be the same as used in the state playoffs. Effective 2020 season for boys and girls lacrosse.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The committee **DENIED**:

Proposal to eliminate the the sit-out penalty for accumulating two yellow cards in a girls lacrosse game. The player would only sit out the remainder of that game. Effective 2020 season. (**Vote**: 6-0)

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

Proposal that when a “shooting space” violation is called as a goal is scored in girls lacrosse, the goal should count. Only if there is also a dangerous propel or dangerous follow through should the goal be disallowed and a yellow card administered. Effective 2020 season. (**Vote**: 6-0)

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Report presented by Curt Miller

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposals:

1. The GHSA office will place schools in classes and regions to present to the entire Reclassification Committee for modification and/or approval.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

2. When schools opt to play up in class, only the exact number of schools at the bottom of the next class will be given the opportunity to come down. If any of those schools opt not to come down, the GHSA office will not look further to larger schools in that class.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

3. A true, one-number multiplier of 2.0 will be used to account for students residing outside the district-designated attendance zone for all member public schools. Member private and charter schools will use the same attendance zone as the public school in whose zone the private or charter school resides.

MOTION PASSED 66-1 (Battles voting “no”)

4. Children of certified teachers at a high school (grades 9-12) and active duty dependent children are the only exclusions from the multiplier when calculating a school’s Reclassification Student Count.

MOTION PASSED 65-2 (Adams and Thompson voting “no”)

(Note: the committee voted to consider the next two items separately instead of together as originally presented.)

5. No school would be forced to move up from Class A or into Class 7A.

MOTION PASSED 60-7 (Sebring, Long, Kinsler, Battles, Cooper, Masters & Montgomery voting “no”)

6. No school would be forced to move up more than one (1) class because of application of the multiplier.

Substitute motion by Finch, second by Lancaster to change wording to *“No school would be forced to move up more than two (2) classes because of the application of the multiplier.”*

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED 46-21 (Roll Call Vote - Yes: Tillery, Horton, Dorsey, Sebring, Turner, Long, Barton, Weyher, Kinsler, Etheridge, Black, May, Hand, Kelly, Cunningham, C. Brown, Shields, Ratliff, Breedlove, Finch, Marchman, Griffis, Adams, Lawler, Yancy, Edwards, Peek, Hawthorne, Stanford, Mashburn, Cooper, Lancaster, Luke, Boland, B. Williams, Armstrong, Pinson, Crews, Calhoun, J. Brown, Simpson, Masters, Montgomery, J. Miller, P. Brown & L. Williams. **No:** Matthews, C. Miller, Brewington, R. Jackson, Wood, Battles, Fernandez, J. Jackson, Thompson, Hodges, Newton, Jewell, Griffin, Emery, Drew, Odom, Mitchell, Colvard, McAllister, Sanfilippo & White.)

7. Single-gender schools would have the multiplier applied only to the actual number of students enrolled in the school and not to their doubled enrollment figure.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Garrett Black

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to change the policy for determining the “home” team for the third game of a best-of-three playoff series in the state tournament. Currently, a coin flip decides the home team in the third game. The new wording would read as

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follows: *The designated host team, by virtue of being the higher seed, will be the "home" team for a third game of a series, if necessary. In the event the competing teams are equal seeds, a coin flip would decide the "home" team for the third game.* **Effective Immediately.**

MOTION PASSED 64-3 (Montgomery, Tillery & L. Williams voting "no")

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Report presented by Jarrett Luke

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

1. **Proposal** to allow the option of playing a 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a full third set during regular-season and region/area tournament matches by agreement of the two coaches during the regular season and by a majority vote of region/area coaches for the region/area tournament. Note: State playoff matches would still be three full sets. **Effective Immediately.**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

2. **Proposal** to allow teams to play up to three (3) matches in a single day during region/area tournaments if a 10-point tiebreaker is used in lieu of a third full set for all three matches. **Effective Immediately.**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

3. **Proposal** to reword Item B-3 on page 79 as follows (old text is struck out, new text is in italic): In regular season play and in the Region/Area tournament, the 8-game Pro Set format is allowed *if both coaches are in agreement.* ~~The host coach shall notify all opponents of the format to be used at least 24 hours before the competition.~~ **Effective Immediately.**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines told the committee how successful the first NCAA/NFHS boys basketball recruiting showcase had been and commended basketball coordinator Ernie Yarbrough for all his work organizing the event.

Hines then called on Associate Director Penny Pitts Mitchell who spoke about the Student Leadership Council and introduced council members Ella Newsome of West Laurens High School, Justin Harris of Peach County and Jimbo Finch of Mary Persons. Finch then addressed the committee, thanking them for supporting the leadership council.

Dr. Hines then called upon longtime GHSA counsel Alan Connell who addressed the committee and told them that there was only one legal issue still pending and that this was a welcome "quiet" time in his representation of the GHSA.

Hines then reminded the committee that the GHSA will begin publishing school fines later this year and talked about the need to do a better job with sportsmanship in all member schools.

He further spoke of plans to add Forms C, D and MT to the list of GHSA documents that can now be filled out electronically, eliminating paperwork and speeding up the approval process in those cases.

Hines then introduced representatives of DragonFly, who gave the committee a video presentation highlighting the plans to issue GHSA coaching passes, lifetime passes and officials passes via a digital platform in the near future.

Hines closed his report by going over the recent audit of the GHSA finances, highlighting what a good year it was with record attendance in several spring sports.

Motion by Crews, second by Simpson, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

APPENDIX 'F'

Game Fee Chart

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

2020-22

| <u>Sport/Contest</u> | <u>Varsity</u> | <u>Sub-Varsity</u> | <u>State Playoffs</u> |
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| Baseball | Crew of two: \$70.00 Crew of three: \$60.00 | \$57.00 | First Three Rounds - \$115.00 Semis & Finals - \$125.00 |
| Basketball | Crew of two: \$73.00 Crew of three: \$56.00 | \$50.00 \$50.00 | First Three Rounds - \$150.00 Semis & Finals - \$160.00 |
| Cheerleading / Dance | \$10.00 Per Official (1-12 teams) (Pay for a minimum 12 Teams) \$8.00 Per Team for more than 12 | Same as Varsity | \$60.00 Per Region \$185.00 Per Sectional \$160.00 Per Session |
| Football (crew of six) Flag Football (3) | \$112.00 Per Official Clock/Chain - 1/2 Game Fee Flag: \$30.00 Per Official | \$65.00 | First Three Rounds - \$150.00 Semis & Finals - \$165.00 Flag: \$45.00 |
| Gymnastics | \$60.00 | | \$75.00 |
| Lacrosse | \$78.00 | \$68.00 | First Three Rounds - \$100.00 Semis & Finals - \$125.00 |
| Soccer | Crew of two: \$78.00 Crew of three: \$60.00 Sideline judge - 1/2 Game Fee | Crew of two - \$65.00 | First Three Rounds - \$440.00 (crew) Semis & Finals - \$450.00 (crew) |
| Softball | (FP) \$68.00 - Single Game (FP) \$60.00 - Doubleheader (SP) \$44.00 per game | \$50.00- Single Game \$46.00 JV/JV Doubleheader | First & Second Round - \$95.00 Elite Eight - \$105.00 (SP) \$60.00 Per Game |
| Swimming | \$52.00 - 22 Events or Less Add \$2.00 Per Heat or Diver | | \$175.00/day |
| Volleyball (per match) | Best of 3 - \$50.00 Best of 5 - \$70.00 | Best of 3: \$41.00 Best of 5 - \$63.00 | First Three Rounds - \$90.00 Semis & Finals - \$105.00 (Line Judges: 1/2 game fee) |
| Wrestling (per match) | Dual Match - \$80.00 Tri or Quad Match - \$70.00 | \$61.00 | Duals: \$77.00 Traditional: \$5.50/match |

Regular Season "Travel Fees:" (1) Official - \$25.00 (2) Officials - \$34.00 (3) Officials - \$39.00

NOTE: Travel fees are based on a "per crew/per competition day" basis. Add \$5.00 per official for contests that require more than three contest officials. Fees applied as "Travel Fees" must be used to compensate contest officials for travel-related expenses. Travel Fees are negotiable for Invitational Tournaments. Travel Fees do not apply to State Tournament contests.

The fees indicated on this chart are to be applied to all GHSA sanctioned contests and are non negotiable.

(Revised 9/29/19)