

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Thomaston, Georgia 30286

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 17, 2008

The semiannual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Convention Complex, Forsyth, Georgia, by Dr. Gary Holmes, President.

The invocation was given by Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director.

Roll call by Joyce Kay, Associate Director, showed the following:

Present : 48 Absent: 2 - Mark Coleman, Lynda Martin

Wes Taylor	Ed Pilcher	Wayne Tootle	Scott Horton	Robert Douberly	Raynette Evans
Fred Price	Mike Davis	Jay Russell	Jesse Crews	Britt Ingle	Stuart Bennett
Earl Etheridge	Craig Davis	Wade Marchman	Bobby Costlow	Mike Carswell	Tony Arasi
Danny Cronic	Robert Davis	Rodney Walker	Sam Barrs	Windle McKenzie	Randall Edmunds
Donnie Griggers	Ronnie Smith	Charlie Henderson	Glenn Tidwell	Daniel Dorsel	Veta New
Ed Thayer	Ron Sebree	Charles Wilson	Rob Weltz	Duane Manus	Ray Broadaway
Gary Long	Alan Long	Bobby McAllister	Glenn White	Larry Campbell	Lucia Norwood
Dave Hunter	Tommy Stringer		Terry Rogers	Donnie Drew	Gary Holmes
					Walter Wade

Guests Included: Alan Connell, GHSA Attorney
Skip Yow, GHSA Legislative Liaison
Alan Sharp, GHSA Marketing Consultant
Leonard Jones, AD, Fulton County Schools
Jerry Cauley, AD, Forsyth Central High School
Tommy Marshall, 6-AAAA Region Secretary
Todd Holcomb, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to go into Executive Session to hear student eligibility cases. NOTE: Presentation of appeals were made while in Executive Session; all votes were taken while not in Executive Session. For clarity, the outcome of each vote is given after the statement of presentation.

Robert Hunter, Athletic Director Northview High School, introduced Kim Swindall who presented an appeal to the Committee for a waiver of the eight semester rule for her daughter, student MacKenzie Swindall.

Motion by Jesse Crews, second by Lucia Norwood to deny the appeal.

Motion Passed to deny (voice vote)

Keith Holloway, Assistant Athletic Director Bowdon High School, presented an appeal to the Committee for a waiver of the eight-semester rule for student, Ryan McClure. Principal Stan Davis also spoke to the Committee.

Motion by Rodney Walker, second by Donnie Griggers, to approve the appeal.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Glenn Wilson, AP/AD Berkmar High School, presented an appeal to the Committee for a waiver of the eight-semester rule for student, Brenda Franco.

Motion by Raynette Evans, second by Jesse Crews, to approve the appeal.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to come out of Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Report presented by Wayne Tootle

The Committee recommended:

The following women be named as at-large members of the Executive Committee as called for by the GHSA Constitution: Raynette Evans - Athletic Director of Bibb County Schools and Debbie Ball - Athletic Director of Shaw High School.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Creation of new By-Law # 4.80 to read: "The GHSA Executive Director shall administer penalties for violations of Association by-laws as allowed under Article IV of the Constitution." (See Attachments)

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Adding the following to By-Law 2.69 (b4): "It is illegal for a high school coach to conduct a clinic or coach in a competitive setting with 8th grade athletes in that sport out-of-season during the school year."

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Increasing travel allowances as follows:

To schools in playoffs: Football - \$5.00 per mile (one way)

Other sports - \$.80 per mile (one way)

To Individuals (staff, Executive Committee, etc.) \$.45 per mile (round trip)

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Increasing each school's portion of the catastrophic insurance premium, due to a 25% increase in cost of premium, to the following amount: AAAAA - \$525.00, AAAA - \$425.00, AAA - \$375.00, AA - \$270.00, A - \$220.00

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Adopting the 2008-09 budget. (see attachment)

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Offering Ralph Swearngin a four-year contract (2008-2012) with the same percentage of salary increase as afforded all other staff members.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Board of Trustees received the following as information:

1. Discussions about sub-committee assignments for Executive Committee members for the 2008-09 school year in accordance with Article IV of the GHSA Constitution.
2. Request to investigate options for securing health insurance coverage for retiring staff members with a report to be given at the August meeting.
3. Additional guidance for member schools' heat-hydration policy is not available at this time.

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Charlie Henderson

The Committee recommended:

That the Executive Director be given the authority to make the decision on where classifications play quarterfinal games (using central sites) based on the geographic locations of the participating teams.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee denied the following:

1. The request to allow JV basketball teams to play more than one night preceding a school day.
2. The proposal to play the first three rounds of the playoffs at the school with the higher seed.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Donnie Griggers

The Committee recommended:

Approval of the proposed GHSA Calendars for 2008-09 and 2009-10. Calendars are attached.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee received as information:

1. Issues related to the overlapping of the three sports seasons.

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Glenn White

The Committee recommended:

Replacing existing By-Law 1.51e with: "For schools offering courses with yearlong grading, eligibility must be computed for each semester.

1. At the end of the first semester, the school must determine that the student had a grade of 70% or higher in at least five classes.
2. The second semester grade will be the grade given for the entire course and shall include the end-of-course test grade.
3. Remediation programs to bring the student's first semester grade up to 70% or higher may be used (in accordance with GHSA guidelines) if the school allows such programs."

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Adding "Section C" on page 19 to read: "ADVISORY NOTICE: CURRICULAR INNOVATIONS" HYBRID SCHEDULING

1. Definition: A student takes a combination of courses scheduled as block courses, yearlong courses and/or traditional semester courses.
2. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in a combination of courses that equate to at least 2.5 Carnegie Units that semester.

3. To be eligible, a student must have passed a combination of courses that equate to at least 2.5 Carnegie Units the previous semester.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Developing mandatory workshops for guidance counselors in member schools by requiring at least one guidance counselor and the Athletic Director from each member school to attend a workshop directed by the GHSA to improve communication about eligibility requirements in various academic situations.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Add to end of By-Law 1.58 C: "Exception: If end-of-course test is not offered within 14 days of the new semester, the student may be granted a reasonable extension by the GHSA."

Motion Passed (voice vote)

When a school or school system loses its accreditation, students transferring from that system will be handled by the hardship appeal process as outlined in the GHSA Constitution. The mere threat of such a loss does not constitute a hardship.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Directing the GHSA staff to convert all references in the GHSA By-Laws about "passing five courses" to "passing at least 2.5 Carnegie Units".

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee received as information:

1. The results of the survey asking regions if they preferred having eligibility investigations handled initially by the region before going to the GHSA office. (Only 5 regions favored this change.)

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee recommended:

Adding a new "Section D1d" on page 70 [re-letter existing "d" and "e"]: "For the semifinal playoff games, the host school may use portable seating to bring the stadium seating size up to GHSA standards as long as the following criteria is met:

1. The seating meets the standards of the industry and is installed by professional installers.
2. All seats have a clear sight line to the field of play.
3. All costs are paid by the host school outside of game revenue.

Note: Any portable seating voluntarily brought in for the first three rounds must meet the above specifications.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee denied:

1. Amending By-Law 1.43 to allow JV football teams to schedule eight games during the season.
2. Proposal to allow the Executive Director to approve the use of shoulder pads at some summer camps.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee recommended:

Increasing officials' game fees for the 2008-2010 time period as noted on the attached chart.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

In addition to having the GHSA Sportsmanship Statement read prior to the beginning of each contest, it should also be read several times during the event to emphasize sportsmanship among spectators.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee strongly recommends that schools schedule weekday contests at a time that will allow contest officials to arrive at the game site in a timely manner.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee received as information:

1. Statistics on ejections and other sportsmanship violations.

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee recommended:

Adding to the end of By-Law 1.16 (d4): ".....unless all schools can complete their schedules without using cross-over games."

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee received as information:

1. A meeting will be held in June for the new Reclassification Committee to discuss ways to meet the challenges of reclassification.

RIFLERY COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Donnie Griggers

The Committee recommended:

Changing the format for playoffs as follows:

1. Expanding playoff qualifiers to six (6) teams from each Area going to the Sectional competition.
2. Adding a Semifinal competition of 24 teams with the top 12 advancing to the Championship round.
3. Adding an additional two "at-large" teams that have the highest losing scores in the Semifinals to the Championship round to increase the number of competing teams at the Championship to 14.

(Note: The procedure of individuals advancing to State who score 290 or better if their team does not qualify will still be in place.)

Motion Passed (voice vote)

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Ed Thayer

The Committee denied:

The proposal to move slow-pitch Softball to the spring season.

SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Lucia Norwood

The Committee recommended:

Creating a new By-Law 2.71(e) to read: "Players and coaches are expected to exhibit good sporting behavior before and after a contest even if the game officials do not have jurisdiction. Behaviors such as taunting, fighting, etc., are forbidden."

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Creating a new By-Law 2.71 (f) to read: " No coach may remove his/her team from competition before the end of a contest unless it is done in accordance with the playing rules of the sport."

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Creating a new By-Law 3.18 to read: "Each region shall select a Region Sportsmanship Award winner each spring using criteria developed by the Region or criteria developed by the GHSA Sportsmanship Committee."

Motion Passed (voice vote)

The Committee received as information:

1. An academically oriented sportsmanship program called "Learning Through Sports" is available nationally. Get more information on their website: www.learningthroughsports.com
2. Athletes for a Better World is sponsoring a Vince Dooly Awards for the individual students who exhibit superior sportsmanship. (website: www.abw.org)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director, commended the Executive Committee members for their work on the Committee and also those who volunteer at GHSA Region and State playoff events.

Dr. Swearngin discussed the current financial status of the GHSA. There has been a distribution of over \$1,000,000 back to member schools competing in cheerleading and football this year.

He also reported on how well the Final Four was run and reported on his meeting with the Georgia School Superintendents. He will continue meeting with the Superintendents at both the Winter GAEL meeting and the Summer GAEL meeting along with Herb Garrett and Randall Edmunds.

The Director mentioned areas of concern that included poor sportsmanship, especially at Basketball games, and legal and illegal transfers. He announced the plan for an orientation for new members, possibly in conjunction with the Region Secretaries Workshop in May.

Dr. Swearngin called on the following for a report:

Skip Yow, the GHSA Legislative Liaison, updated the Committee on Legislative actions that could affect the GHSA and/or public schools.

Stuart Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of State Board of Education, who updated the Committee on the SBOE viewpoint on some of the legislative issues.

Alan Sharp, GHSA Marketing Director, updated the Committee on the GHSA Marketing Program that continues to enhance the GHSA brand.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Earl Etheridge, second by Jesse Crews, for a Constitutional change on page 14, Section 13 B, to eliminate the word "eligibility" on the first sentence.

Motion Passed (voice vote) CONSTITUTION CHANGE - WILL REQUIRE A SECOND VOTE

Dr. Swearngin recognized and commended the following outgoing Committee Members:

Anthony Dimitri
Daniel Dorsel
Britt Ingle
Molly Howard
Lynda Martin
Windle McKenzie
Ed Pilcher
Ronnie Smith

Motion was made by Earl Etheridge, seconded by Jesse Crews, to re-elect Gary Holmes as President and Walter Wade as Vice President.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to adjourn.

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FINES STRUCTURE FOR RULES VIOLATIONS

Pursuant to Section 13 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Georgia High School Association, member schools are required to abide by all rules of the Association.

The Executive Director of the Association is empowered to make a determination as to whether a violation of GHSA rules has occurred and to assess an appropriate penalty which may include a fine of not more than \$2,500 per offense, and/or probation in the sport(s) in which the violation occurred, and/or suspension from the Association for up to a full calendar year, and/or forfeiture of games and/or contests involved.

Pursuant to such authority, the Georgia High School Association, by and through its Executive Director and with the approval of the GHSA Executive Committee, implements and publishes the following ranges of fines for certain designated offenses. Such fines are in addition to the other penalties set forth above. The amount of such fines and the imposition of other penalties shall be determined by the Executive Director upon consideration of the facts and circumstances of the violation and shall include but not be limited to the following factors:

- 1) Whether the violation was the result of carelessness, willfulness or ignorance.
- 2) The length of time the violation continued.
- 3) Whether the offense was self reported or resulted from a complaint by another school and the extent of cooperation by school officials in the investigation of the violation.
- 4) The number of violations involved.
- 5) The result of the violation (i.e. injury to a person, financial gain to the offending school or financial loss to another school and the amount thereof, damage to the reputation of the GHSA, whether the violation substantially contributed to winning or losing a game or contest).
- 6) Whether the school involved has had similar or other violations within the past three (3) years.
- 7) Any other factor, deemed by the Executive Director, to merit a more or less severe fine and/or penalty.

The list of violations set forth below is not all inclusive and, if a violation of rules occurs which is not listed below, then the Executive Director shall have the authority to assess penalties that he deems appropriate.

In addition to the listed fines and penalties, the Executive Director may issue a severe warning to a member school which places the school on notice that further violations of GHSA rules will result in increased fines and/or penalties.

STRUCTURE OF FINES LEVIED BY GHSA

ELIGIBILITY VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION	RANGE OF FINES
Allowing a player to participate in a game without having an eligibility form filed with the GHSA [By-law 2.32]	\$50.00 -- \$500.00
Allowing a player to try-out, practice, or compete without having a standardized physical examination form on file at the school. [By-laws 1.41 and 2.21]	\$200.00 -- \$500.00
Allowing a “migrant” student to participate in a varsity contest. [By-laws 1.62-1.69]	\$200.00 – 500.00
Allowing an academically ineligible student to try-out, practice, or compete. [By-laws 1.51 – 1.53 and 1.58]	\$200.00 -- \$1,000.00
Allowing a student who is not eligible by the age rule or the 8-semester rule to try-out, practice, or participate. [By-law 1.30 & 1.42]	\$300.00 -- \$1,000.00

SPORTSMANSHIP VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION	RANGE OF FINES
Have a coach ejected from a competition. [By-law 2.72]	\$100.00 -- \$250.00
Substitutes leave the bench area to go to the area of a fight during a contest. [By-law 2.71]	\$250.00 -- \$1,000.00
Players behave in an unsporting manner before or after a contest. [new By-law 2.71(e)]	\$250.00 -- \$1,000.00
Coach(es) confront officials after the game (exiting the court or at the dressing area) [By-law 2.76]	\$250.00 -- \$1,000.00
Having players involved in a multi-player fight before, during, or after a game. [new By-law 2.71(e)]	\$500.00 -- \$1,000.00
Coach or administrator removing team from a competition outside of what is allowed in playing rules. [new By-law 2.71(f)]	\$500.00 -- \$1,000.00
Violation of video taping rules [By-law 2.77]	\$500.00 -- \$1,000.00
Make comments to the media that are critical of officiating [By-law 2.74]	\$250.00 -- \$ 500.00

ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION	RANGE OF FINES
Hold an illegal practice (i.e., during school hours, out of season, etc.) [By-laws 2.61, 2.62, and 2.69]	\$500.00 -- \$2,000.00
Participate in an illegal or an unsanctioned competition. [By-laws 2.62, 2.64, 2.66, and 2.91]	\$200.00 -- \$1,000.00
Allow an unauthorized person to coach [By-laws 2.51 & 2.52]	\$250.00 -- \$1,000.00
Failure to follow GHSA procedures and deadlines [By-laws 2.27, 2.31, and 2.53]	\$50.00 -- \$250.00
Failure to keep an appointment for an eligibility appeal [By-law 2.28]	\$100.00
Allowing a player to exceed the participation limit for that sport: [By-law 1.44]	
Football	\$1,000.00
Basketball and Soccer	\$300.00 -- \$500.00
All other sports	\$200.00 -- \$500.00
Failure to exert reasonable institution control (with players, coaches, spectators, facilities, etc.) [By-laws 2.22-2.24, 2.26, and 2.71]	\$250.00 -- \$2,500.00
Failure to meet conditions of game contracts and agreements [By-law 2.29 and 2.63] (NOTE: This could also involve restitution to offended school)	\$250.00 -- \$1,000.00
Failure of coaches to attend GHSA sport rules clinics [By-law 2.54]	\$100.00

ETHICS VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION	RANGE OF FINES
School personnel involved in recruiting a student for athletic purposes and/or using undue influence to gain or retain a student. [By-law 1.71 and 1.72]	\$1,000.00 -- \$2,500.00
Misrepresenting facts on a GHSA document. [By-laws 2.23 and 2.24]	\$500.00 -- \$2,500.00
Misrepresenting facts during a GHSA investigation. [By-laws 2.23 and 2.24]	\$500.00 -- \$2,500.00

MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION	RANGE OF FINES
Violation of financial aid rules [By-laws 1.81 – 1.83]	\$1,000.00 -- \$2,500.00
Violation of amateur standing rules {By-laws 1.90 – 1.95]	\$500.00 -- \$2,000.00
Region failing to follow GHSA procedures and deadlines [By-laws 3.20, 3.30]	\$100.00 -- \$250.00

GHSB BUDGET

REVENUE:

CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY	2007-2008	2008-2009	
BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	
INVITATIONS & REGION TOURNAMENTS	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	
PREFERRED VENDOR SALES	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	
STATE TOURNEYS & PLAYOFFS	\$2,250,000.00	\$2,420,000.00	
DUES	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	
INSURANCE FEES (MEMBERS)	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	
COMMUNITY COACH REGISTRATION	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	
TROPHIES & AWARDS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
APPEALS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
FINES	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
REFUNDS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
INTEREST INCOME/TRANSFER OF FUNDS	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
RULE BOOKS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
OFFICIATING DEPARTMENT	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,632,000.00	\$3,850,000.00	

EXPENSES:

CATEGORIES/SUBCATEGORIES	2007-2008	2008-2009	
PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
PRINTING	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	
SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 580,000.00	\$ 615,000.00	
STATE TOURNEYS AND PLAYOFFS (Expenses Plus Reimbursement to Schools)	\$1,450,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	
STATE MEETS (NON-ATHLETIC)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
CLINICS AND EXAMS	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
EVALUATIONS	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$ 575,000.00	\$ 675,000.00	
OCCUPANCY EXPENSE	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	
OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
POSTAGE AND PARCEL DELIVERY	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
TELEPHONE	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
SERVICE CONTRACTS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
COMMUNITY COACH PROGRAM	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	
TROPHIES & MEDALS	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
FLOWERS & HONORARIA	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	
REFUNDS	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	
MARKETING EXPENSE	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
LICENSING SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
INVESTMENT EXPENSE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
OFFICIATING DEPARTMENT	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	
NFHS RULES BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,572,000.00	\$3,850,000.00	

OFFICIALS GAME FEES - 2008-10

Sport/Contest	Varsity	Sub-Varsity	Tournaments	State Playoffs
Baseball	\$53.00	\$45.00	\$48.00	\$80.00
Basketball	Crew of two: \$57.00 Crew of three: \$46.00	\$37.00	Region - \$62.00	\$175.00 - 2 games \$110 - 1 game
Cheerleading	\$8.00 Per Team - 12-20 Teams \$7.00 Per Team - 21+ Teams Minimum 12 Teams	\$8.00 Per Team - 12-20 Teams \$7.00 Per Team - 21+ Teams Minimum 12 Teams	\$45.00 Per Region Judged	\$120 - one session \$200 - two sessions
Football-Crew of six	\$90.00 Per Official Clock/Chain - 1/2 Game Fee	\$53.00		\$110.00
Gymnastics	\$42.00			\$55.00
Lacrosse	\$62.00	\$56.00	\$55.00	\$75.00
Soccer	Crew of two: \$57.00 Crew of three: \$43.00 Sideline Judge - 1/2 Game Fee	\$42.00-Crew of (2)	Area & Region \$60.00	\$420.00 per crew
Softball - FP	\$52.00 - Single Game \$45.00 - V/JV Double Header	\$39.00	Region - \$45.00	\$65.00
Softball - SP	\$35.00 - single game \$30.00 - V/JV Double Header	\$27.00	Area - \$30.00	\$45.00
Swimming	\$42.00 - 22 Events or Less Add \$1.60 Per Heat or Diver		Negotiable	\$160.00/day
Volleyball (per match)	\$35.00	\$30.00	Area & Region \$35.00	\$55.00 - Sectional \$75.00 - Semifinals \$90.00 - Finals
Wrestling (per match)	Dual Match: \$68.00 Tri or Quad Match: \$57.00	\$50.00	Varsity: \$4.00 JV: \$3.60	\$4.00 per match
Regular Season "Travel Fees": (1) Official - \$15.00 (2) Officials - \$25.00 (3) Officials - \$30.00				
NOTE: Travel fees are base 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 do not apply to State Tournament contests.				
The fees indicated on this chart are to be applied to <u>all</u> GHSA sanctioned contests and are non negotiable.				

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GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES FOR 2008-2009

ACTIVITY	DATE FOR FIRST PRACTICE	FIRST CONTEST	MAXIMUM GAMES/DATES	LAST PLAYDATE	AREA/REGION QUALIFIERS DETERMINED	GHSA STATE PLAYOFF DATES				
						First Round/ Sectionals	Second Round	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
FOOTBALL	Aug. 1 (Shorts, Sh.Pads, Hel.) Aug. 6 (Full Pads) Feb. 1 or later (Spring)	Aug. 29	10 (7 JV)	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 14-15	Nov. 21-22	Nov. 28-29	Dec. 5-6	Dec. 12-13
CHEERLEADING	Aug. 1 Feb. 1 or later (Spring)	Aug. 16	6 (4 JV)	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 7				Nov. 8
SOFTBALL	Aug. 1	Aug. 15	16 (11 JV)	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	Oct. 17-18			Oct. 23-24	Oct. 25
VOLLEYBALL	Aug. 1	Aug. 15	15 (11 JV) Dates	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 24-25			Oct. 30	Nov. 1
CROSS COUNTRY	Aug. 1	Aug. 18	10 (7 JV)	Nov. 1	Nov. 1					Nov. 8
DEBATE	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	18 (13 JV)	May 16	Jan. 17					Feb. 6-7
ONE ACT PLAYS	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	6 (4 JV)	May 16	Nov. 8					Nov. 15
LITERARY	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	15 (11 JV)	May 16	March 14					March 21
RIFLERY	Aug. 11	Oct. 6	-	May 16	March 13	March 19				March 28
<u>BASKETBALL</u> (Girls and Boys)	Oct. 27	Nov. 15	25 (18 JV)	Feb. 21	Feb. 21	Feb. 27-28	March 3-4	March 6-7	March 11-13	March 13-14
SWIMMING	Oct. 20	Nov. 10	10 (7 JV)							Feb. 11-14
WRESTLING	Nov. 3	Nov. 21	20 (14 JV) Dates	Feb. 4	Du - Jan. 9-10 Tr - Feb. 6-7	Tr - Feb. 13-14				Du - Jan. 16-17 Tr - Feb. 19-21
GYMNASTICS	Jan. 19	Feb. 9	10 (7 JV)	April 24	April 25					May 1
LACROSSE	Feb. 2	Feb. 16	18 (13 JV)	April 24	April 24	April 28-29		May 1-2	May 5-6	May 9
GOLF	Feb. 2	Feb. 16	12 (8 JV) Dates	April 24	April 24					May 4
SOCCER	Jan. 19	Feb. 9	18 (13 JV)	April 14	April 14	April 21-24	April 28-29	May 1-2	May 5-6	May 8-9
TENNIS	Jan. 19	Feb. 9	18 (13 JV)	April 18	April 18	By April 24	By April 29	By May 5	May 8-9	May 8-9
TRACK - Boys TRACK - Girls	Jan. 26 Feb. 2	Feb. 16 Feb. 23	10 (7 JV) 10 (7 JV)	April 29 May 6	April 29 May 6					May 7-9 May 14-16
BASEBALL	Feb. 2	Feb. 23	26 (18 JV)	May 2	May 2	May 8-9	May 13-14	May 19-20	May 25-26	May 29-30

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GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES FOR 2009-2010

ACTIVITY	DATE FOR FIRST PRACTICE	FIRST CONTEST	MAXIMUM GAMES/DATES	LAST PLAY DATE	AREA/REGION QUALIFIERS DETERMINED	GHSA STATE PLAYOFF DATES				
						First Round/Sectionals	Second Round	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
FOOTBALL	Aug. 1 (Shorts, Sh.Pads, Hel.) Aug. 6 (Full Pads) Feb. 1 or later (Spring)	Aug. 28	10 (7 JV)	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 13-14	Nov. 20-21	Nov. 27-28	Dec. 4-5	Dec. 11-12
CHEERLEADING	Aug. 1 Feb. 1 or later (Spring)	Aug. 15	6 (4 JV)	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 13				Nov. 14
SOFTBALL	Aug. 1	Aug. 14	16 (11 JV)	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 16-17			Oct. 22-23	Oct. 24
VOLLEYBALL	Aug. 1	Aug. 14	15 (11 JV) Dates	Oct. 17	Oct. 17	Oct. 23-24			Oct. 29	Oct. 31
CROSS COUNTRY	Aug. 1	Aug. 17	10 (7 JV)	Oct. 31	Oct. 31					Nov. 7
DEBATE	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	18 (13 JV)	May 15	Jan. 16					Feb. 5-6
ONE ACT PLAYS	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	6 (4 JV)	May 15	Nov. 7					Nov. 14
LITERARY	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	15 (11 JV)	May 15	March 13					March 20
RIFLERY	Aug. 10	Oct. 5	-	May 15	March 12	March 18				March 27
<u>BASKETBALL</u> (Girls and Boys)	Oct. 26	Nov. 14	25 (18 JV)	Feb. 20	Feb. 20	Feb. 26-27	March 2-3	March 5-6	March 10-12	March 12-13
SWIMMING	Oct. 19	Nov. 9	10 (7 JV)							Feb. 10-13
WRESTLING	Nov. 2	Nov. 20	20 (14 JV) Dates	Feb. 3	Du - Jan. 8-9 Tr - Feb. 5-6	Tr - Feb. 12-13				Du - Jan. 15-16 Tr - Feb. 18-20
GYMNASTICS	Jan. 18	Feb. 8	10 (7 JV)	April 23	April 24					April 30
LACROSSE	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	18 (13 JV)	April 23	April 23	April 27-28		April 30/May 1	May 4-5	May 8
GOLF	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	12 (8 JV) Dates	April 23	April 23					May 3
SOCCER	Jan. 18	Feb. 8	18 (13 JV)	April 13	April 13	April 20-23	April 27-28	April 30/May 1	May 4-5	May 7-8
TENNIS	Jan. 18	Feb. 8	18 (13 JV)	April 17	April 17	By April 23	By April 28	By May 4	May 7-8	May 7-8
TRACK - Girls TRACK - Boys	Jan. 25 Feb. 1	Feb. 15 Feb. 22	10 (7 JV) 10 (7 JV)	April 28 May 5	April 28 May 5					May 6-8 May 13-15
BASEBALL	Feb. 1	Feb. 22	26 (18 JV)	May 1	May 1	May 7-8	May 12-13	May 18-19	May 24-25	May 28-29

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