

**GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Thomaston, Georgia 30286**

**MINUTES**

**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**March 22, 2010**

---

---

The semiannual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2010, at the Ramada Inn Convention Complex (formerly Holiday Inn), 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 : 45    Absent: 5 - Robert Davis, Mike Davis, Jay Floyd, Sam Barrs, Lucia Norwood

Wes Taylor	Jack Webb	Wayne Tootle	Scott Horton	Robert Douberly	Raynette Evans
Fred Price	George Bailey	Jay Russell	Jesse Crews	Glenn Tidwell	Debbie Ball
Earl Etheridge	Curt Miller	Jeff Clayton	Carror Wright	Mike Carswell	Pat Blenke
Danny Cronic	Ron Sebree	Rodney Walker	Greg Oglesby	Larry Campbell	Tony Arasi
Donnie Griggers	Charles Wilson	Mike Cammack	Dexter Wood	Rob Weltz	Randall Edmunds
Ed Thayer	Tommy Stringer	Mark Coleman	Glenn White	Duane McManus	Rudy Hampton
Gary Long		Bobby McAllister	Jim Hughes	Scott Queen	Terry Rogers
Dave Hunter				Donnie Drew	Walter Wade
					Gary Holmes

## **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.

**Steve Hall, Athletic Director Johns Creek High School**, presented the appeal to the Committee for a waiver of the eight semester rule for student Jamie Hoffman.

Motion by Raynette Evans, second by Dave Hunter, to approve the appeal.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

**Bob Murphy, Principal Walker School**, along with the student and the father, presented the appeal to the Committee for a waiver of the eight-semester rule for student Richard Fendler.

Motion by Raynette Evans, second by Scott Horton, 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:

Change By-Law 2.63 (c2) to read: "Schools that fail to fulfill the requirements of a scheduled event may be required to make restitution to the competing school if that school is unable to secure an opponent. The offended school shall petition the Executive Director for the desired restitution."

**Motion Passed** (voice vote)

The Georgia High School Association chooses not to get involved with website service organizations that member schools can use for individual students to gain exposure in hopes of securing athletic scholarships.

**Motion Passed** (voice vote)

When the GHSA conducts a specific survey about a sport or a general procedure, there will be a three-year moratorium in regard to conducting that same survey again.

**Motion Passed** (voice vote)

Add new By-Law 4.26 (i): "Charter schools that apply for membership after the reclassification process has been completed will be accepted as schools playing sub-varsity schedules and/or non-region varsity schedules for the next reclassification cycle."

**Motion Passed** (voice vote)

Adopting the 2010-11 proposed budget.

Motion by Dave Hunter, seconded by Tommy Stringer, to amend the proposed budget as presented by deleting the 3% salary increase for the GHSA staff.

**Amendment Motion Passed** (voice vote)

Adopting the 2010-11 budget with amendment. (see attachment)

Note: For 2010-2011 only, schools will pay no dues and the GHSA will pay 100% of the catastrophic insurance premium.

**Motion Passed** (voice vote)

The Board of Trustees denied the the following:

1. Petition from Henry County Schools to allow its schools to play two JV basketball games on Saturdays to cut down on travel expenses because the Board felt it would open the door to possible problems.
2. Proposal to move either soccer or lacrosse from the spring season to the winter season.
3. Proposal to allow an all-boys school to have female cheerleaders who are students at other schools.

The Board of Trustees received the following as information:

1. Proposal to regulate the use of school facilities by non-school athletic organizations in regard to future transfer eligibility status of participants.

**BASKETBALL COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Fred Price

The Committee recommended:

Prohibiting teams from warming up at the halftime intermission of the preceding game.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

To permanently set the schedule for first and second round playoff games with first round girls' games played on Friday and boys' games on Saturday, and second round girls' games on Tuesday and boys' games on Wednesday.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)****CALENDAR COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Donnie Griggers

The Committee recommended:

Approving the decisions made by Soccer, Softball, and Tennis committees in regard to calendar changes for those sports.

Approving the revised 2010-11 calendar and also the newly formulated 2011-12 calendars.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

Approving the following calendar changes for Class A - Regions 5-9 only:

**Softball:**

End of season:	October 5	(Published end of season:	October 9)
Preliminary Round:	October 8-9		

**Basketball:**

End of season:	February 19	(Published end of season:	February 19)
Preliminary Round:	February 22		

**Tennis:**

End of season:	April 12	(Published end of season:	April 16)
Preliminary Round (end)	April 16		

**Baseball:**

End of season:	April 28	(Published end of season:	April 30)
Preliminary Round:	May 2-3		

**Note:**

1. All other regions in Class A and all other classifications will utilize the published date for the end of the regular season.
2. The dates for the first round of the playoffs are the same for all regions and all classifications.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)****CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Ed Thayer

The Committee recommended:

Expanding the number of Class A teams that qualify for the Sectional/State Competition by allowing four teams to advance from each region.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

Eliminating all tumbling and/or stunting by spirit squads cheering at GHSA basketball games.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

**COACHES COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Fred Price

The Committee recommended:

On By-Law 2.52a, add wording at the end of the section to read: "and may not function as a varsity Head Coach or be named by the school as a varsity Head Coach."

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

The Committee denied:

the proposal to allow a community coach to function as the head coach of a school's sub-varsity team in any sport.

**ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Glenn White

The Committee recommended:

By-Law 1.54: A Dual Enrollment program is defined as a program in which a fulltime student at a GHSA member high school takes one or more courses from a state public or private postsecondary institution and receives credit at the high school (toward graduation) and at the postsecondary institution.

- (a) Dual enrolled students shall take courses that are approved by the Georgia Department of Education.
- (b) Courses may be taken in a variety of formats (including distance learning and virtual courses) as long as the courses are approved.
- (c) Postsecondary semester hour credit shall be converted to high school unit credit as follows:
  1. 1-2 semester hours equates to .5 unit
  2. 3-5 semester hours equates to 1 unit
- (d) Postsecondary quarter hour credit shall be converted to high school unit credit as follows:
  1. 1-3 quarter hours equates to .5 unit
  2. 4-8 quarter hours equates to 1 unit

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

By-Law 1.55: Students involved in approved Dual Enrollment programs shall be eligible to participate in GHSA activities provided that academic eligibility is maintained.

- (a) Courses taken each semester at the high school and/or postsecondary institution must total at least 2.5 units.
- (b) Courses passed the previous semester at the high school and/or postsecondary institution must total at least 2.5 units.
- (c) Students will gain or lose eligibility on the first day of each semester at the high school.  
Note: A college calendar that differs from the high school calendar may cause problems.
- (d) A student who participates on an intercollegiate athletic team shall not participate in any GHSA activity.

Note: Students who withdraw or are dropped from a Dual Enrollment program and are returned to the high school only, may encounter eligibility problems.

Note: Students involved in Joint Enrollment programs, Early College programs, or Gateway to College programs may not be eligible at their respective high schools.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

By-Law 1.67 (b): A student transferring to or from a school housing a system-wide, singular academic or vocational program on a permissive transfer is considered a migrant student.

- (a) The offering of an individual course or series of courses by one school in a system does not provide inherent justification to grant GHSA eligibility.

- (b) Special options offered by a school system that allow students to attend a school outside their area of residence do not provide inherent justification to grant GHSA eligibility.
- (c) Any such permissive transfer issue may be brought before the GHSA Hardship Committee.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

The Committee tabled:

the proposal to delete the waiver of the transfer rules for entering students at boarding schools listed in By-Law 1.62(I).

**GOLF COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Danny Cronin

The Committee denied the request to move the Golf season from the spring to the fall.

**LITERARY COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Glenn White

The Committee recommended:

Adding a sentence to the One Act Play Entry Form (signed by the Principal) that reads: "Subject matter should not be of lewd or vulgar topic and should be suitable for family viewing."

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

The Committee denied:

the request to place Debate back under the control of GHSA rather than under the control of the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association.

**OFFICIALS COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee recommended:

Add new By-Law 2.77: "Unsporting acts committed by players and/or coaches after the expiration of the contest will be handled as follows:

- (a) If the inappropriate behavior occurs while the officials have jurisdiction (as specified by the NFHS playing rules for each sport), the official may eject the coach or player and published penalties for ejections will apply. Additional penalties may also be imposed by the Executive Director.
- (b) If the inappropriate behavior occurs after the officials' jurisdiction has ended, and the officials witness the behavior, a Game Report should be filed with the GHSA office and administrative penalties will be assessed against the school of the guilty parties by the Executive Director.
- (c) The jurisdiction of officials is defined in each NFHS rules book and detailed in GHSA rules clinics.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

Page 56 - "Region Tournaments" - add new E: "Beginning at the end of regular-season play, basketball officials will not be allowed to work back-to-back games on the same night."

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

Recommend using two (2) officials at all Area Volleyball matches at the varsity level.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

Add new By-Law 2.68 c to read: "It is recommended that the same number of officials be used in the regular-season competitions as the number used in playoff competitions in that sport."

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

Page 65 - add new F 6 to read: "The scoreboard clock will be set at 30 minutes when the officiating crew takes the field before the game."

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

The Committee denied:

1. Proposal to have regular-season basketball games officiated by only two officials.
2. Proposal to have the GHSA office assign schools playing Volleyball to a particular officials' association.

The Committee received as information:

Information from the GHSA Officials' Advisory Committee that will be addressed in August.

**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee received as information:

1. Proposal to limit the number of classes a school may play up.
2. Information on possible changes for the next reclassification cycle.
3. Announcement that the Reclassification Committee will have a working meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at the GHSA office.

**SOCCKER COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Dave Hunter

The Committee recommended:

Start the soccer season one week earlier than the comparable date used this year with the championship date remaining the same.

First practice date: January 24, 2011

First competition date: February 14, 2011

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

The Committee denied:

Proposal to end the 2011 soccer season on Saturday, April 23, rather than Wednesday, April 20.

**SOFTBALL COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Ed Thayer

The Committee recommended:

Allowing teams to begin the regular-season play on August 9, 2010, first round on October 13-14, second round on October 20-21, and the Championship being played on October 28-30, 2010.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

The Committee denied the proposal to allow schools to have Spring practice for ten consecutive days after the completion of the Girls' Track Meet in May.

**SWIMMING COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Donnie Griggers

The Committee denied:

The proposal to allow swimming coaches to coach non-school teams with their students involved beginning on May 1 each year.

The Committee received as information:

1. Proposal to increase the number of scoring places at the State Championship from 16 to 20.
2. Concerns about the sites for future Swimming and Diving Championships.
3. Proposal to look at the selection process for Diving judges, and about education programs for swimming and diving coaches. These will be sent to the Georgia Swim Coaches Association.

**TENNIS COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Robert Douberly

The Committee received as information:

The proposal to start the season two weeks later than the comparable dates used this year and play the championship one week later than the comparable dates for this year.

**TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE:**

Report presented by Fred Price

The Committee recommended:

Advance the top four finishers in each region to one of two Sectional Meets in each classification, and advance the top eight finishers from each Sectional Meet to the State Meet, beginning 2012.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director**, commended both the Executive Committee members and the GHSA Staff for their work on behalf of the member schools.

The topics Dr. Swearngin discussed were financial issues, the excellent competitions held this year, how well the on-line rules clinics have worked, and how well the organization has adjusted to the challenges faced.

Dr. Swearngin called on the following for a report:

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Second vote on Constitutional Amendment:

To amend Section 2 of Constitution (and By-Law 4.21) by reducing the reclassification period from every four years to every two years.

**Motion Passed (voice vote)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Fred Price, seconded by Raynette Evans, to allow Softball to have ten (10) days of Spring practice after the completion of the Girls' Track Meet in May.

**Motion Failed** (voice vote)

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

**Motion Passed** (voice vote)

Dr. Swearngin recognized and commended the following outgoing Committee Members and presented each with a plaque:

- Fred Price
- Mark Kelly
- Ed Thayer
- Robert Davis
- Curt Miller
- Jack Webb
- George Bailey
- Charles Wilson
- Wade Marchman
- Bobby McAllister
- Robert Douberly
- Mike Carswell
- Rob Wertz
- Mark Coleman

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



## 2010-2011 GHSA BUDGET

### REVENUE:

<b>CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY</b>	<b>2010-2011 Revision "A"</b>
BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS	\$ 40,000.00
INVITATIONS & REGION TOURNAMENTS	\$ 75,000.00
PREFERRED VENDOR SALES	\$ 150,000.00
STATE TOURNEYS & PLAYOFFS	\$2,200,000.00
DUES	0
INSURANCE FEES (MEMBERS)	0
COMMUNITY COACH REGISTRATION	\$ 260,000.00
TROPHIES & AWARDS	\$ 12,000.00
FINES	\$ 100,000.00
REFUNDS	\$ 2,000.00
INTEREST INCOME/TRANSFER OF FUNDS	\$ 314,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 5,000.00
RULE BOOKS	\$ 65,000.00
OFFICIATING DEPARTMENT	\$ 337,000.00
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 260,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,820,000.00</b>

### EXPENSES:

<b>CATEGORIES/SUBCATEGORIES</b>	<b>Revision "A"</b>
PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 50,000.00
PRINTING	\$ 30,000.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 15,000.00
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	\$ 70,000.00
SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 613,000.00
STATE TOURNEYS AND PLAYOFFS (Expenses Plus Reimbursement to Schools)	\$1,500,000.00
STATE MEETS (NON-ATHLETIC)	\$ 10,000.00
CLINICS AND EXAMS	\$ 15,000.00
EVALUATIONS	\$ 16,000.00
INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$ 760,000.00
OCCUPANCY EXPENSE	\$ 25,000.00
TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$ 65,000.00
OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$ 75,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	\$ 20,000.00
POSTAGE AND PARCEL DELIVERY	\$ 35,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 10,000.00
SERVICE CONTRACTS	\$ 15,000.00
COMMUNITY COACH PROGRAM	\$ 100,000.00
TROPHIES & MEDALS	\$ 35,000.00
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 4,000.00
FLOWERS & HONORARIA	\$ 500.00
REFUNDS	\$ 500.00
MARKETING EXPENSE	\$ 90,000.00
LICENSING SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00
DISABILITY SPORTS	\$ 75,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 1,000.00
OFFICIATING DEPARTMENT	\$ 105,000.00
NFHS RULES BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS	\$ 80,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,820,000.00</b>