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## Home of the Wolves



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Congratulations Coaches and Gymnasts!

The Buford family is extremely excited to be hosting the GHSA State Gymnastics Preliminary and State Meets this year. We are committed to a first class and safe experience for all. Our parents and athletic staff have worked hard in planning for this event with the intent to make it as smooth as possible.

Please review all the enclosed information meant to assist you in preparing for the Preliminary meet. Included you will find general information, arrival times, tentative schedules, competition specifics, maps, and hotel information. Upon arrival, all coaches must have a GHSA pass, either via DragonFly or paper copy.

Also, be sure to refer to the first round of information you received on April 1st outlining Preliminary procedures required before your arrival on Wednesday, April 23rd. These procedures include team line up/roster adjustments, individual competitor MIS score input, t-shirt orders, and senior picture upload. If you need to revisit this information, please click [HERE](#).

Please read all the information in the packet and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We will offer an *afternoon* open gym time on Thursday, April 24th for those who qualify for the State event on Friday. Details will be provided during the Preliminary Meet coaches meeting.

One final request: We would love to see a great crowd of spectators at this year's event. We are providing a [graphic](#) with all the information about each session. Please share with your school, gymnasts, families, local gym centers, and encourage them to post to their social media accounts. We appreciate your support to make this a fantastic event for all of our competitors!

Best wishes,

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### GHSA Preliminary Gymnastics Meet Information

**Meet Location:** Buford City Schools Arena, 2795 Sawnee Avenue, Buford, GA 30518

**Meet Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025

#### Qualifying Teams

A - 4A Rankings		5A - 6A Rankings
North Oconee	1	North Forsyth
Bremen	2	Forsyth Central
Bowdon	3	Carrollton
East Forsyth	4	Walton
Union Grove	5	Buford
Westminster	6	South Forsyth
Cambridge	7	West Forsyth
Ola	8	East Coweta

A draw was completed for competition seed placement. Individuals have been placed in groups and will rotate with a team. Groups and rotation schedules can be found [HERE](#). Please check this document carefully for individual event placements and contact me if you see errors. *This is a work in progress, so please check back regularly. I am making updates as coaches input scores into the MIS.*

#### Schedule - Capital Cup Format with Flight A and Flight B

Session 1	Session 2
Wednesday, April 23, 2025	Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Teams and Individuals	Teams and Individuals
<b>Gym Opens: 1:30 pm</b> <i>(Please check in no later than 1:45 pm)</i>	<b>Gym Opens: 5:30 pm</b> <i>(Please check in no later than 5:45 pm)</i>
<b>General Stretch: 1:50 - 2:25 pm</b>	<b>General Stretch: 5:50 - 6:25 pm</b>
<b>Coaches Meeting: 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Coaches Meeting: 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Competition: 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Competition: 6:30 pm</b>



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## Team Arrival and Parking:

As you arrive at the Arena, follow the signs for team drop-off. Please see the map below that shows the team drop off location and bus parking. **Buses must park in designated areas and may not park in the front of the Arena. Overflow parking is across the street at Buford Middle School.**



## Team check in and locker rooms:

- When you arrive at the Arena, please check in at the **back** of the building. Look for signs directing you to team drop off and check-in (see the map above).
- Team check in allows for 2 coaches and 10 gymnasts from the varsity roster (plus a manager if you have one). All coaches should have proper credentials at check in.
- Please bring your team entry fee of \$160 or \$40 per gymnast. Checks can be made out to Buford High School. A receipt will be provided at check in.
- If you have more than 10 team members, you may purchase individual tickets on GoFan or fill out the Excess Athlete form [HERE](#) and bring it with you to check in. GHSA will bill you for the excess gymnasts.
- You have been assigned a locker room and a bleacher space in the Arena. Please use the lockers at your own discretion as these will be shared between 2 teams/groups. A host will greet you to help you find your way around the Arena.
- Please follow the signage to find your assigned team location in the bleachers. This (and the warm-up floor) will be your waiting area when you are not competing.



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## Warm-up and Competition Information:

1. We will have two sets of FIG competition certified equipment. This includes two vaults, two balance beams, two sets of bars, and one floor mat. There will be extra mats available at each event to include an 8" mat, 4" mat, and a sting mat. A representative from the equipment company will be available throughout the competition. We will also have someone assigned to help change the vault table and bar settings. Flight A will compete nearest the Arena entrance. Flight B will compete nearest the team entrance.
2. A cheer floor will be available at each end of the Arena to help gymnasts stay stretched and warm throughout each session. This area will be for current session gymnasts only.
3. Proscore will be used for scorekeeping. Scores will be posted on the MegaTron or large projectors in the Arena.
4. Official warm-up time will include 2 minutes per gymnast. A timer will be at each event to assist your team/group. While flight A is competing, flight B will be warming up on the second set of equipment. Judges will move between equipment for competition. Rotation will occur on a continual basis.
5. We will have an announcer that will assist you in playing your floor music. **All music must be on a digital file. The file needs to be downloaded to your device and not stored in the cloud.** An aux cord and phone adapters will be available.
6. Only gymnasts competing are allowed on the floor during competition. Non-competing team members should watch and cheer from the bleachers. This means you should have only 4 gymnasts plus one manager on the competition floor at any time.
7. Per the new rules, gymnasts may wear 1 stud earring per ear during competition. Gymnasts may not wear hoop earrings.
8. An athletic trainer will be onsite for the duration of the competition. Please bring tape for your team.
9. State qualifying teams and individual qualifiers will be announced at the end of each session.

## Food and concessions:

- All team coolers can be placed in locker rooms or in the bleachers.
- Hospitality is available for coaches and judges. We will provide one meal and a variety of snacks and drinks each session of the event. Please let me know if you have dietary restrictions.
- We will have concessions available for spectators throughout the event.

## Spectator Parking and Admission:

- General parking will be in the Buford City Arena parking lot. There are no parking fees.
- Spectators must enter the Arena through the front doors on the right side of the building.
- **Spectator entrance will open 30 minutes prior to competition.** Spectator tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the following links:  
[GHSA State Preliminary Meet, Session 1, A-4A](#)  
[GHSA State Preliminary Meet, Session 2, 5A-6A](#)  
[GHSA State Final Event, All Classifications](#)
- All GHSA passes will be honored at the spectator entrance and team entrance.



**The following items are prohibited in the Buford City Arena:**

- Alcohol
- Animals (with the exception of service animals)
- Signage larger and 8.5 x 11"
- Firearms and weapons
- Large bags and coolers
- Promotional handouts
- Noisemakers
- Balloons
- Tobacco
- Mace
- Hoverboards
- Portable seating

**Hotels Information**

Holiday Inn Express Suites - Buford Mall of Georgia  
2499 Satellite Blvd.  
Buford, GA 30518  
678-318-1080

Springhill Suites Buford/Mall of Georgia  
3250 Buford Drive  
Buford, GA 30518  
678-714-2150

Hampton Inn Atlanta- Mall of Georgia  
3240 Buford Drive  
Buford, GA 30519  
678-546-1200

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Mall of Georgia  
1355 Mall of Georgia Blvd.  
Buford, GA 30519  
678-714-0248

**Restaurant Information**

There are many fast food and dine-in restaurants within driving distance of Buford City Arena.

Arby's	Friends Neighborhood Grill
Burger King	Subway
Bravo Mexican Grill	Vinny's - Italian
Cracker Barrel	Zaxby's
Over the Top Burger	

The Mall of Georgia is about a 10-minute drive from our facility. Many other dine-in restaurants can be visited in the area.

Chili's	On the Border
Longhorn's	Red Lobster
Macaroni Grill	Ted's Montana Grill
Olive Garden	Burger 21