

**April 1, 2026**



As we approach the end of the 2026 gymnastics season, and in preparation for the Preliminary and State Meet, I wanted to give you some important information. Preliminary Meet details will be confirmed with coaches of all qualifying teams and individuals no later than Wednesday, April 15th. **Please note - if your team/individual gymnast qualifies for Preliminary and chooses NOT to participate, you must inform GHSA immediately.**

**Preliminary Meet Information:**

Meet Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Meet Location: Buford City Schools Arena, 2795 Sawnee Ave., Buford, GA 30518

(This location is not at the high school - please use GPS to navigate).

Tickets will be available beginning April 6, 2026 on GoFan only, no cash will be accepted at the door. All tickets are \$15 per session.

**Spectator doors will open 30 minutes prior to competition.**

**Please help us increase our spectator number this year by sharing this [POSTER](#) at school, on your socials, and in your businesses.**

**We will be using a Capital Cup Program for this event. Each gymnast will be given 2 minutes warm-up per event, for a max warm-up time of 8 minutes per team.**

**Please note:** Team qualifiers and individual qualifiers will be competing during these two sessions at Preliminary. *There will not be a separate session for individual qualifiers.*

Preliminary Schedule	Date	Gym Opens for Check-In	General Stretch	Spectator Entrance Opens: GoFan Only	Warm-Up/ Competition Begins	Session Ends (Estimated)
<b>Session 1</b> A-4A Teams and individuals	Wednesday 4/22	1:30 pm	1:50 - 2:25 pm	2:00 pm	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
<b>Session 2</b> 5A-6A Teams and individuals	Wednesday 4/22	5:30 pm	5:50 - 6:25 pm	6:00 pm	6:30 pm	9:00 pm

**Preliminary Competition Line-Up:** Once final standings have been determined, the “seed” will be replaced with team names.

Seed Placement	Preliminary Sessions	State Meet Session Info:
Seed 4	Vault A	<p>The top 4 teams from each session will compete on Friday night.</p> <p>Head coaches from each team should report to the score table after each Preliminary session.</p> <p>Competitive order for Friday will be by coach selection.</p>
Seed 1	Bars A	
Seed 3	Beam A	
Seed 5	Floor A	
Seed 6	Vault B	
Seed 7	Bars B	
Seed 2	Beam B	
Seed 8	Floor B	

### State Meet Information

Meet Date: Friday, April 24, 2026

Meet Location: Buford City Schools Arena, 2795 Sawnee Ave., Buford, GA 30518

State Meet Schedule	Date	Gym Opens for Check-In	General Stretch	Spectator Entrance Opens: GoFan Only	Warm-Up/ Competition Begins	Session Ends (Estimated)
	Friday 4/25	5:30 pm	5:50 - 6:25 pm	6:00 pm	6:30 pm	9:00 pm

**Use the following DATED checklist to be sure you are completing all requirements:**

**Tuesday, April 14 - by midnight**

- Submit names of **individual qualifiers** (gymnasts that are NOT on a qualifying team) for verification. **You may begin submitting verifications TODAY** using the form found [HERE](#). Log in and from your roster, click on the gymnast who has qualified as an individual. The instructions are at the top of the page. Scores will be verified and sent to the meet director for the Preliminary meet. Please contact your AD if you need login credentials for this site.

**Wednesday, April 15th - DUE BY MIDNIGHT**

- Submit Preliminary t-shirt order. We have designed a Preliminary t-shirt (**\$20 each**) and will take pre-orders until **4/15/26**. For t-shirt information and to order click [HERE](#). Please help by getting your orders in as soon as possible. Checks/cash will be accepted upon delivery. Checks can be made out to Buford High School. You will receive a receipt for your order upon pick up. **This is a hard deadline because of printing time constraints.** There will be a STATE shirt available at the Friday session only, provided by a GHSA vendor.



**Thursday, April 16 - DUE BY 9 PM**

- Visit the GHSA website for Team standings and Preliminary meet **DETAILED** information to include event assignments. This will also be emailed to qualifiers.
- **Make final roster changes on the GHSA website. You may include ONLY TEN Varsity gymnasts on your roster AND one manager. The site will close at 6 PM and no edits can be made after that time.**
- Submit team line up entries for the Preliminary meet. Click [HERE](#) to input your line-up. ***No line-up changes will be accepted after 4/16 by 9 pm.***

**Saturday, April 19:**

- Submit a picture for each of your competing Seniors to this [SENIOR FORM](#). This should be an individual shot only. Use the examples provided on the form as a guide. **Please save the file with the school name and gymnast name (example: Buford.BellaBonner).** These will display on the Megatron throughout warm-up and competition and we will print a take-home poster for each Senior gymnast.

## Reminders:

From the Gymnastics Coaches Handbook ([GHSA White Book](#)):

### Qualifying Information

1. A total of eight (8) teams will qualify from the A-4A division and eight (8) from the 5A-6A division for the Preliminary Meet by averaging the top three (3) scores during the season. A team's minimum score is determined by compiling the top three (3) individual event scores. In case of a tie for 8th place, the teams tied will qualify for the Preliminary Meet.
2. A gymnast may qualify for an individual event even if her team does not qualify by meeting the following standards - An all-around score of 34.0 or better in three (3) regular-season meets and/or an individual score of 8.50 or better on Beam and Bars and 9.00 or better on Vault and Floor Exercise in three (3) regular-season meets.
3. There will be a limit of four (4) qualifying gymnasts per individual event who can represent a school that did not qualify as a team.
4. If a gymnast qualifies at the Preliminary Meet, but can't advance because of illness or injury, the next individual will move up to take that spot at State Finals.

**\*\*\*Please remember - Team competitors and individual qualifiers are competing for 8 total spots at the State meet on Friday. There are not 8 spots for individual qualifiers and 8 spots for team qualifiers.**

### Fees, Notices and Information:

1. This year, a team fee of \$180 or \$50 per individual qualifier (up to \$180 per school for individuals) will be required for the Preliminary and State Competition. Make checks payable to Buford City Schools. *You will receive an invoice no later than Thursday, April 16.* **Please bring your check with you to the Preliminary Meet. You may also send it via mail to Buford High School, 2455 Buford Hwy, Buford GA 30518 ([Attention: Gymnastics: Tyler Ann Smith](#)).** A receipt will be issued at the meet.
2. For team competitors- only **TEN** Varsity members of your team, **ONE** manager, and **TWO** coaches with a GHSA pass will be given free admission to the Preliminary and State Competition, per decision by GHSA officials. Any sub-varsity gymnast or additional athletes/managers must pay for a ticket or be charged for entry using the Excess Entry form found [HERE](#). Please print this form and bring it with you the day of the event. The excess entry form allows GHSA to charge your school for the excess entries.
3. For individual competitors - only the competing gymnast and **TWO** coaches with a GHSA pass will be given free admission to the Preliminary and State Competition, per decision by the GHSA officials.
4. Concessions will be available at all sessions.
5. Spectator tickets must be purchased at [GoFan.com](#). There will be no cash accepted for entry to the meet. Be sure your spectators choose the correct session when purchasing tickets. All tickets are \$15 and will be on sale beginning April 6, 2026.
6. Information on area accommodations can be found [HERE](#).

**You may contact me at [amanda.allenbhs@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.allenbhs@gmail.com) if you have questions.**