



# Buford High School

## *Home of the Wolves*

**Marty Bozoian**  
*Principal*

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Congratulations Coaches and Gymnasts!

The Buford family is extremely excited to be hosting the GHSA 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. *Pay careful attention to the warm-up and competition information on page 4, as there are updates from previous years.* Upon arrival, all coaches must have a GHSA pass on the Dragonfly app.

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 22nd. These procedures include team line up/roster adjustments, fee information, individual competitor MIS score input, arrival times, parking, t-shirt orders, and senior picture upload. If you need to revisit this information, please click [HERE](#).

Please read all the information in this packet and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We will offer an *afternoon* open gym time on Thursday, April 23rd 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 22, 2026

#### Qualifying Teams

A - 4A Rankings		5A - 6A Rankings
Blessed Trinity	1	Buford
Bowdon	2	North Forsyth
Bremen	3	Walton
Pace Academy	4	Cherokee
Union Grove	5	Lambert
North Oconee	6	Forsyth Central
Trinity Christian	7	Lassiter
Cambridge	8	Pope

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. The schedule will be updated as coaches input scores into the MIS.*

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

Session 1	Session 2
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	Wednesday, April 22, 2026
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 \$180 or \$50 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.

## 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. We will have someone assigned to help change the vault table and bar settings. Flight A will compete nearest the team entrance and Flight B will compete nearest the Arena 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 on vault, beam and floor. **Bar warm-up times will be extended to 2.5 minutes per gymnast and begin once the bar is initially set.** 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. Each team is allowed 2 coaches, 4 gymnasts and one manager on the competition floor at a time. Non-competing team members should watch and cheer from the bleachers.
7. Gymnasts **may wear stud earrings not to exceed one per ear.** No other type of earring or other jewelry will be allowed, including permanent jewelry. Per GHSA, refusal to remove jewelry will disqualify a gymnast from competing.
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 link:  
[GHSA State Gymnastics Event](#)
- 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

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

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

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  
Chick-fil-a  
Bravo Mexican Grill  
Cracker Barrel

Over the Top Burger Bar  
Friends Neighborhood Grill  
Johnny's - Italian  
Rico's World Kitchen  
Zaxby's

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  
Texas Roadhouse  
Longhorn's  
Macaroni Grill  
Olive Garden  
Kani House

On the Border  
Red Lobster  
Ted's Montana Grill  
Burger 21