



GHSA December Newsletter

Items of Interests - Vol. 45 No. 4

On behalf of the entire GHSA community, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the schools and student-athletes who have earned the title of Georgia State Champion in the following fall semester activities:

- Volleyball
- Softball
- One Act Play
- Cross Country
- Competition Cheer
- Game Day Cheer



Your grit, determination, and perseverance have been nothing short of inspiring. Watching you compete with such passion and commitment is a testament to the strong character, excellence, and sportsmanship embodied by our member schools. Whether on the field, the court, or the stage, you have represented your schools and communities with pride, and your hard work has paid off in the ultimate way.

We applaud not only the athletes but also the coaches, teachers, families, and communities whose support played a vital role in these accomplishments. These championships stand as lasting examples of what it truly means to be a champion—both on and off the field.

As we look ahead to upcoming state championships in Esports, Flag Football, and Football, we wish each of our member schools the very best of luck in the weeks ahead.

Once again, congratulations to every team and individual who worked tirelessly to achieve this remarkable accomplishment. We look forward to celebrating your success and continuing to witness the excellence of Georgia's student-athletes in the future.

With admiration and respect,

Tim Scott Executive Director Georgia High School Association

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2026-28 Reclassification Agenda, Updates & Minutes

The GHSA Executive Committee met **December 3, 2025 at 9:30 AM** at the **Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center located at 101 Civic Center Drive, Thomaston, GA** to approve the 2026-2028 GHSA Region Alignments as approved by the Reclassification Committee.

[Meeting Agenda](#)

[Meeting Minutes](#)

[GHSA Region Alignments for 2026-2028](#)

[Approved Post Season Ranking Formula for 2026-2028](#)

The GHSA Reclassification Committee met on November 17, 2025 at 9:30 AM at the GHSA Office to hear requests from schools wishing to make a Lateral Transfer from one region to another within a class.

[Click here for the proposed Region Alignments for 2026-2028 and instructions to appeal region assignment](#)

Member schools have until Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 12:00 PM ET to file their appeals.

[Meeting Agenda](#) (Updated 11/16/2025)

[Meeting Minutes](#)

The GHSA Reclassification Committee met on November 10, 2025 at 9:30 AM at the GHSA Office to hear schools that wished to appeal their classification assignment or that requested to move to a higher classification.

Congratulations to the 2025 Cross Country State Champions!

The 2025 GHSA Cross Country State Championships, presented by the Atlanta Track Club, were held November 7-8 at the Carrollton Course.

Congratulations to the State Champions:

BOYS: 6A West Forsyth, 5A Creekview, 4A Westminster, 3A Oconee Co., 2A Columbus, 1AD1 Bleckley Co., 1AD2 Atlanta Classical and 1A-3A Private Hebron Christian. [View past champions here.](#)

GIRLS: 6A Marietta, 5A Pope, 4A Westminster, 3A North Hall, 2A Savannah Arts, 1AD1 Bleckley Co., 1AD2 Atlanta Classical and 1A-3A Private Wesleyan. [View past champions here.](#)

It was a first time XC State Championship for West Forsyth, Creekview and Columbus, while the Marietta girls won their 6th straight title.

Complete results by MileSplitGA are available [here](#).

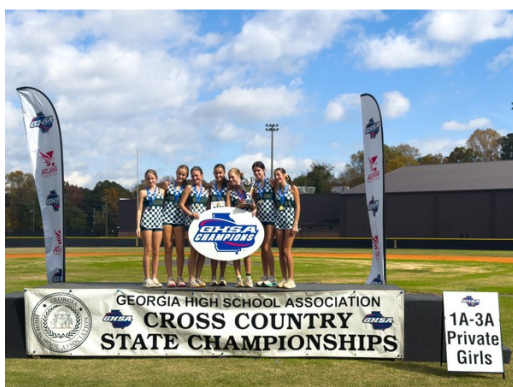
A special thanks to Carrollton schools staff, volunteers, meet officials, GHSA Staff, medics, sponsors, Atlanta Track Club, PepWear, Perfect Timing Group / MileSplitGA, BPI Photography, West Georgia Sports Information Services, and supportive fans, who contributed to the success of this event.

Merchandise

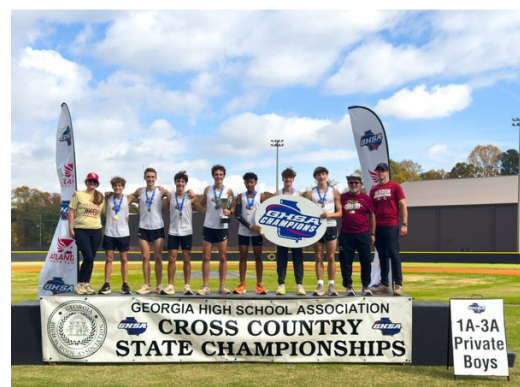
Merchandise by PepWear. Order link to TBA.

Photos

Order action photography at [BPI Photography](#).



Class Private Girls - Wesleyan



Class Private Boys - Hebron Christian



Class A Div 2 Girls - Atlanta Classical



Class A Div 2 Boys - Atlanta Classical



Class A Div 1 Girls - Bleckley County



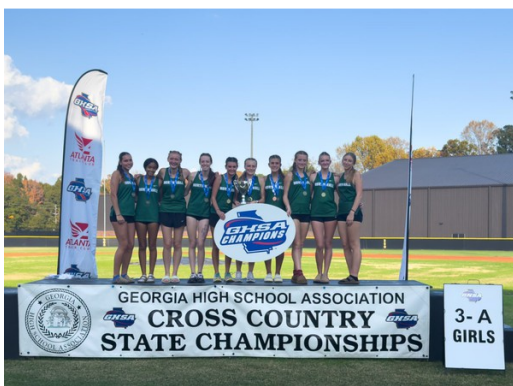
Class A Div 1 Boys - Bleckley County



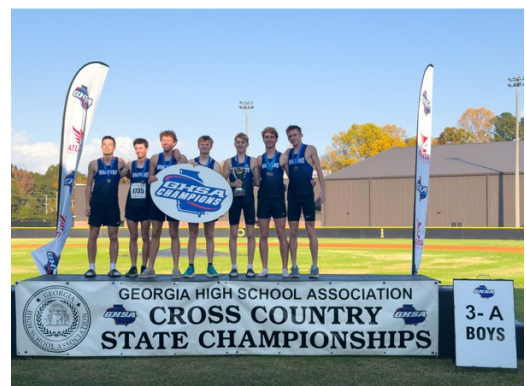
Class 2A Girls - Savannah Arts



Class 2A Boys - Columbus



Class 3A Girls - North Hall



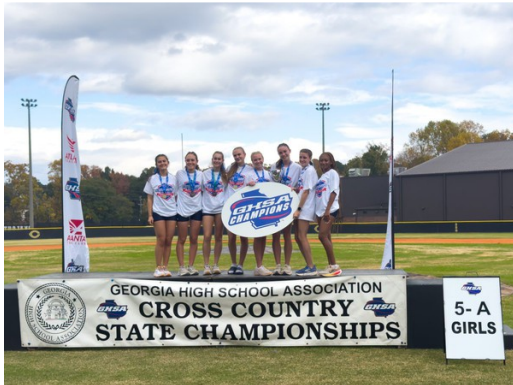
Class 3A Boys - North Oconee



Class 4A Girls - Westminster



Class 4A Boys - Westminster



Class 5A Girls - Pope



Class 5A Boys - Creekview



Class 6A Girls - Marietta



Class 6A Boys - West Forsyth

Congratulations to the 2025 GHSA Cheerleading State Champions!

The 2025 GHSA Competition Cheerleading State Championships presented by Rebel Athletic was held November 14-15 at the Macon Centreplex.

Winning state titles were: North Paulding (6A), McIntosh (5A), Cartersville (4A), Heritage Catoosa (3A), Pierce Co. (2A), Gordon Lee (1AD1), Lake Oconee Academy (1AD2), Mt. Paran Christian (Private) and Roswell (Coed) [View past state champions](#).

It was a first time state title for North Paulding, Heritage Catoosa and Roswell.

Much appreciation goes to Penny Mitchell and the GHSA staff, Simone Smith (cheer officials liaison), Macon Centreplex, Rebel Athletic, GoFan, PepWear, Georgia Public Broadcasting, NFHS Network, BPI Photography, JH Audio Productions, judges, sponsors, cheerleaders, coaches and supportive fans.

[Score Sheets](#)

TV/Video

The "GPB Cheerleading State Special" will be televised on Georgia Public Broadcasting on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29-30 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Watch event sessions on demand on GPB.org/sports and [NFHS Network](#). Order digital downloads at [NFHS Network](#).

Fan Guide

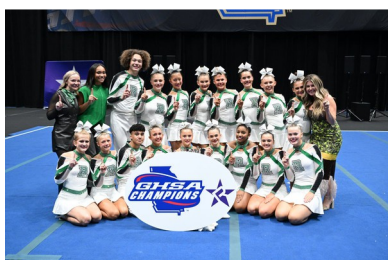
[Download Digital Fan Guide](#). Produced by Score Atlanta.

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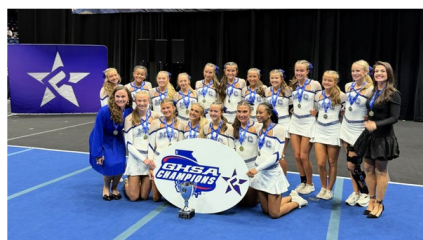
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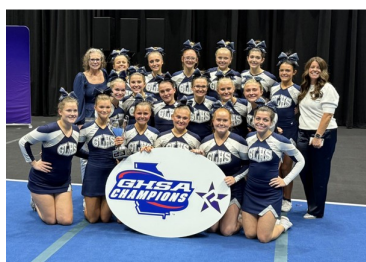
COED - Roswell



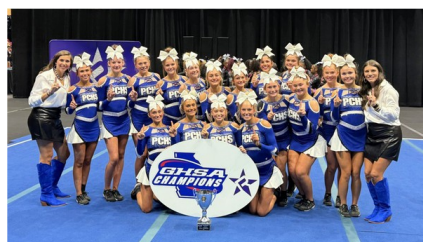
Private (A-3A) - Mount Paran Christian



A Division II - Lake Oconee Academy



A Division I - Gordon Lee



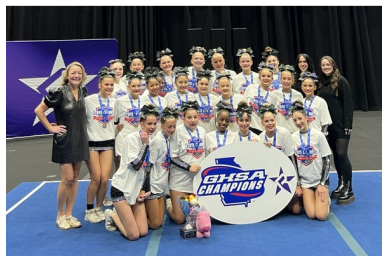
2A - Pierce County



3A - Heritage, Catoosa



4A - Cartersville



5A - McIntosh



6A - North Paulding



Congratulations to the 2025 GHSA Game Day State Champions!

Congratulations to the 2025 Game Day State Championship winners: Toombs County (1A), Columbus (2A), GAC (3A), Cedartown (4A), Lovejoy (5A) and Collins Hill (6A). The competition was held December 3-4 at the Columbus State Center in partnership with Varsity Spirit.

It was a first-time state title for Collins Hill, Lovejoy, GAC and Toombs County in the event's 7th season.

Teams competed in areas they use to lead a crowd at a game on "Game Day" at a football or basketball game. There are three segments on which they will be judged: cheer, band chant, and fight song. The teams scoring the highest in these three segments were the finalists and then combined all of these areas in an additional three-minute routine.

Appreciation goes to Columbus Civic Center, Varsity Spirit, BPI Photography, NFHS Network, GoFan, GHSA staff, volunteers, sponsors, cheerleaders, coaches and fans for a successful event.

Video

Order digital downloads at [NFHS Network](#).

Fan Guide

[Download Digital Fan Guide](#). Produced by Score Atlanta.

Photos

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Results

[1A Qualifying Results](#)

[1A Final Results](#)

[2A Qualifying Results](#)

[2A Final Results](#)

[3A Qualifying Results](#)

[3A Final Results](#)

[4A Qualifying Results](#)

[4A Final Results](#)

[5A Qualifying Results](#)

[5A Final Results](#)

[6A Qualifying Results](#)

[6A Final Results](#)



1A - Toombs County



2A - Columbus



3A - Greater Atlanta Christian



4A - Cedartown



5A - Lovejoy



6A - Collins Hill

Congratulations to the 2025 One Act Play State Champions!

The 2025 One Act Play State Championships were held November 15 and 22 at seven HS sites around the state. Troupes winning state championships were: Buford (6A), Houston County (5A), Flowery Branch (4A), Jefferson (3A), Savannah Arts (2A), Bleckley Co. (1AD1) and Georgia Military (1AD2). [View past state champions.](#)

It was a first time state title for Savannah Arts Academy.

Much appreciation to all host schools, actors, actresses, production crews, judges and audience for supporting these successful performances.

Results

6A

1. Buford – “Urinetown”
2. Brookwood – “String”
3. Alpharetta – “Peter and the Starcatcher”
4. Hillgrove – “Eleemosynary”

Best Actress: Jeanna Murphy – Hillgrove

Best Actor: Mark Hallet - Brookwood

5A

1. Houston County – “Pippin”
2. Tri-Cities – “The Color Purple”
3. Milton – “Water for Elephants”
4. East Paulding – “The Marvelous Wonderettes”

Best Actress: Destiny Brown – Tri-Cities

Best Actor: Steel Stout - Houston County

4A

1. Flowery Branch – “Hetty Feather”
2. Allatoona – “When She Had Wings”
3. Cambridge – “A Monster Calls: The Play”
4. Central, Carroll – “The Addams Family Young @ Part”

Best Actress: Piper Cathey – Allatoona

Best Actor: John "Dawkins" Ennis – Perry

3A

1. Jefferson – “Over the River and Through the Woods”
2. Baldwin – “Medea”
3. Calhoun – “Peter and the Starcatcher”
4. Greater Atlanta Christian – “This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing”

Best Actress: Saitalea Riner – Baldwin

Best Actor: Jacob Johnson – Jefferson

2A

1. Savannah Arts Academy - "The Seagull"

2. Ringgold - "The Hello Girls"

3. Prince Avenue Christian - "Tuck Everlasting"

4. Holy Innocents' - "Romeo and Juliet"

Best Actress: Emery Ellis - Ringgold

Best Actor: Tyler Shaw - Savannah Arts Academy

A Division 1

1. Bleckley County – “Addams Family”

2. Putnam County – “Nunsense”

3. Providence Christian – "Newsies, Jr.”

4. Bremen – “Beetlejuice, Jr.”

Best Actress: Savannah Edwards – Vidalia

Best Actor: David Horton – Providence Christian

A Division 2

1. Georgia Military College – “Beetlejuice, Jr.”

2. Lake Oconee Academy – “A Monster Calls”

3. Crawford County – "The Edge of Peace”

4. Manchester – “Small Town Blues”

Best Actress: Bella Dixon – Georgia Military College

Best Actor: Jude Raburn – Georgia Military College



6A - Buford



5A - Houston County



4A - Flowery Branch



3A - Jefferson



2A - Savannah Arts Academy



1A Division II - Georgia Military College



1A Division I - Bleckley County

GHSA/Tommy Guillebeau Football State Championships Presented by Alfa Insurance



PRESENTED BY:



The 14th annual GHSA Tommy Guillebeau Football State Championships, presented by Alfa Insurance, will be December 15-17, 2025, Monday through Wednesday, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.. All 13 finals are televised live on Georgia Public Broadcasting with streaming to any device at [GPB.org](https://www.gpb.org) and [NFHSNetwork.com](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com). Fans can listen to select radio broadcasts on 680 The Fan family of stations.

Congratulations to all the state championships teams. We look forward to welcoming players, coaches, cheerleaders, bands and fans to Mercedes-Benz Stadium for three exciting days of high school football action!

When

December 15-17, 2025

Where

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

1 AMB Drive, NW

Atlanta, Georgia 30313-1501

[Directions](#)

[Purchase Parking](#)

[Mercedes-Benz Guide A-Z](#)

[Mercedes-Benz Contact Form](#)

[Parking Map](#)

Accessibility Services: <https://www.mercedesbenzstadium.com/accessibility>

GHSA Ticket Requirement policy is "Babes in Arms" do not require a ticket.

Tickets

Tickets are only on [GoFan](#). (Includes all games that day.)

[Ticket Prices](#)

Schedule

[December 15](#)

3:30pm - A Division II - Bowdon vs. Lincoln Co.

7:00pm - 4A - Creekside vs. Benedictine

December 16

2:00pm - A Division I - Toombs Co. Vs. Worth Co.

5:00pm - 2A - Hapeville vs. Carver, Columbus

8:00pm - 6A - Carrollton vs. Buford

December 17

1:00pm - Private (A-3A) - Calvary Day vs. Hebron Christian

4:15pm - 3A - Jefferson vs. Sandy Creek

7:30pm - 5A - Thomas Co. Central/Roswell vs. Gainesville/Rome

Media, College Coaches, GHSA Passes & Credentials

(All Media reps **MUST** pre-register:). Media "will-call" window (beside Gate 1) will open one hour before the first game each day.

College Coaches, GHSA Pass Holders - Show ID at window beside Gate 1.

Media credentials for championship events must be requested from the [GHSA Media Pass Request Form](#).

Radio

Live on 680 The Fan

TV

Live on [Georgia Public Broadcasting](#) & streamed on [gpb.org](#)

Video

All games live on [NFHS Network](#).

Order copies on [NFHS Network](#).

Merchandise

State championship merchandise will be available on site by PepWear or online at [pepwear.com](#).

Event Fan Guide

A Digital Fan Guide will be available for free download and also attached to GoFan tickets.

Produced by Score Atlanta.

Photos

Order action photos by [BPI Photography](#).

Sports Medicine

Sports medicine coverage coordinated by Piedmont Orthopedics by OrthoAtlanta.

Social Media

Follow & Tag your Instagram, Twitter, Facebook & TikTok post to @OfficialGHSA.

Brackets

[Championship Brackets](#)

Flag Football State Championship Presented by Alfa Insurance

The fourth annual girls Flag Football championships will be played December 15-17, 2025 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. The Flag finals will be played as the first part of a multi-game slate along with the tackle football championship games. One ticket will allow fans to view all the games that day. All games will be televised live by Georgia Public Broadcasting.

When

December 15-17, 2025

Where

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

[Directions](#)

[Purchase Parking](#)

Tickets

All tickets available only on [GoFan](#)

[Ticket Prices](#)

Schedule

Division 1 - Dec 15 @ 11:00am

Division 2 - Dec 15 @ 1:00pm

Division 3 - Dec 16 @ 10:00am

Division 4 - Dec 16 @ 12:00pm

Division 5 - Dec 17 @ 11:00am

[Team Instructions - All Rounds](#)



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Playoff Brackets

[Click here](#)

December Dates to Remember

(3-4) Game Day State Championships

(4) Girls Flag Football State Tournament - First & Second Round

(5) State Football Playoffs - Semifinals

(8) Girls Flag Football State Tournament - Quarterfinals & Semifinals

(9) Hardship/Appeal Meeting

(13) eSports State Championship

(18-Jan 4) GHSA Office Closed; Office opens on January 5, 2026

(15-17) Girls Flag Football State Championship Presented by Alfa Insurance

(15-17) GHSA/Tommy Guillebeau Football State Championships Presented by Alfa Insurance



Marvin L. James II (GHSA Media Director)

"2025 ain't gone! It's gone, gone!" - December 2025