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Looking Back with Pride, Looking Ahead with Purpose

As we close the 2025–2026 school year, I want to take a moment to congratulate the thousands of student-athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and community supporters who made this another outstanding year for the Georgia High School Association.

Throughout the year, we witnessed incredible performances on fields, courts, tracks, mats, stages, and competition floors across our state. We celebrated state champions, record-breaking achievements, and unforgettable moments that showcased the talent, dedication, and character of Georgia's students. While championships are important, the true success of our member schools is measured by the lessons learned, relationships built, and opportunities provided for young people to grow as leaders.

I want to personally thank our principals, superintendents, athletic directors, coaches, officials, and school staffs for the countless hours invested in creating positive experiences for students. Your commitment to education-based athletics continues to make Georgia a national leader in interscholastic activities.

As we look toward the 2026–2027 school year, our vision remains clear: to provide opportunities for every student to participate, compete, and succeed while promoting sportsmanship, integrity, and educational excellence. We will continue to strengthen our programs, support our member schools, enhance training opportunities, and focus on creating safe and positive environments for all participants.

One of our major initiatives moving forward will be the continued development of the Georgia Sportsmanship Program, which will help reinforce the values that make educational athletics such

a powerful tool in shaping future leaders. We will also continue working to improve communication, training, and support for schools across our state.

The future of the GHSA is bright because of the people who make up our membership. Together, we will continue to provide life-changing opportunities for Georgia's students and uphold the traditions that make high school athletics and activities so special.

Congratulations again on a successful 2025–2026 school year. We look forward to working with you as we begin another exciting chapter in 2026–2027.

Thank you for all you do for the students of Georgia.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tim Scott
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Congratulations to the 2026 GHSA Lacrosse State Champions!

The 2026 GHSA Lacrosse State Championships were held May 13-15 at West Forsyth High School. Much appreciation goes to West Forsyth HS staff, volunteers, officials, sponsors, GoFan, NFHS Network, PepWear and fans for supporting the lacrosse championships.

Congratulations to state champions:

Boys

Division 1 - Cambridge

Division 2 - Roswell

Division 3 - Buford

Girls

Division 1 - Blessed Trinity

Division 2 - Milton

Division 3 - West Forsyth

View past state champions: [Boys](#) & [Girls](#).



Girls Division 3 - West Forsyth



Girls Division 2 - Milton



Girls Division 1 - Blessed Trinity



Boys Division 3 - Buford



Boys Division 2 - Roswell



Boys Division 1 - Cambridge

Congratulations to the 2026 GHSA Soccer State Champions!

Congratulations to the 2026 GHSA Soccer State Champions presented by Whataburger winning state finals on May 12-15 at St. Pius, Upson-Lee and Duluth HS. 10 schools won first time soccer state titles.

Girls Champions – West Forsyth (6A, 4th State Title), Greenbrier (5A, First State Title), Blessed Trinity (4A, 6th State Title), Jefferson (3A, First State Title), Pike County (2A, Back-to-Back), Trion, (1AD2, First State Title), Thomasville (1AD1, First State Title) & Holy Innocents (Private, 2nd State Title).

Boys Champions – Meadowcreek (6A, First State Title), Johns Creek (5A, First State Title), Dalton (4A, 7th State Title), Islands (3A, First State Title), Savannah Arts (2A, First State Title), Georgia Military (1AD2, First State Title), Thomasville (1AD1, First State Title) & Whitefield Academy (Private, 2nd State Title).

Much appreciation goes to the staffs at St. Pius, Upson Lee and Duluth, as well as officials, sponsors, Whataburger (Presenting Sponsor), Select (Official Soccer Ball), GoFan, NFHS Network and fans for supporting these outstanding events.

View past [boys](#) and [girls](#) state champions.

Girls

Private - Holy Innocents' 1, Wesleyan 0

1AD1 - Thomasville 1, Model 0

1AD2 – Trion 2, Irwin Co. 1

2A - Pike County 2, Coahulla Creek 0

3A - Jefferson 2, Oconee County 1

4A – Blessed Trinity 1, Marist 0

5A - Greenbrier 3, Chamblee 0

6A - West Forsyth 2, Walton 0

Boys

Private - Whitefield Academy 2, Hebron Christian 0

1AD1 - Thomasville 1, Armuchee 0

1AD2 - Georgia Military 3, Atkinson County 1

2A - Savannah Arts 2, Pierce County 0

3A - Islands 6, East Hall 0

4A - Dalton 1, Midtown 0

5A - Johns Creek 2, River Ridge 0

6A - Meadowcreek 2, Walton 1



Girls 6A - West Forsyth



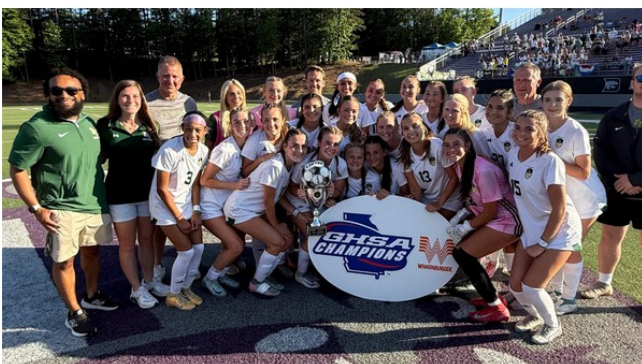
Boys 6A - Meadowcreek



Girls 5A - Greenbrier



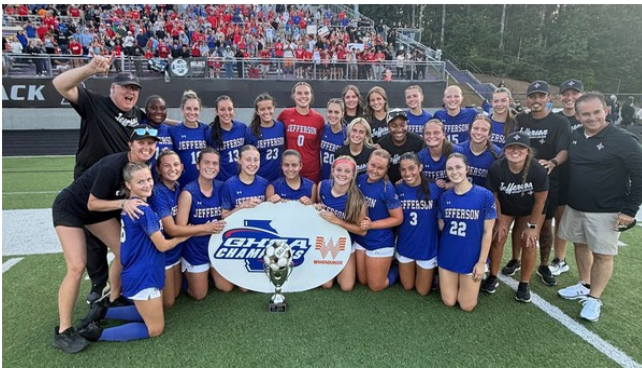
Boys 5A - Johns Creek



Girls 4A - Blessed Trinity



Boys 4A - Dalton



Girls 3A - Jefferson



Boys 3A - Islands



Girls 2A - Pike County



Boys 2A - Savannah Arts



Girls A Division II - Trion



Boys A Division II - Georgia Military



Girls A Division I - Thomasville



Boys A Division I - Thomasville



Girls Private - Holy Innocents'



Boys Private - Whitefield Academy

Congratulations to the 2026 GHSA Tennis State Champions!

The 2026 Tennis State Championships were held at the Rome Tennis Center on May 13th. Appreciation goes to the Rome Tennis Center staff, GHSA staff, USTA officials, PepWear, sponsors and especially the athletes, fans and coaches. Congratulations to the following state champions.

2026 Boys State Champions

- 6A - West Forsyth
- 5A - Riverwood
- 4A - Westminster
- 3A - LaGrange
- 2A - Pierce County
- A Div I - Brantley County
- A Div II - Johnson County
- Private - Greater Atlanta Christian,

2026 Girls State Champions

- 6A - Walton
- 5A - Milton
- 4A - Westminster
- 3A - LaGrange
- 2A - Pierce County
- A Div I - Jeff Davis
- A Div II - Telfair County
- Private - Holy Innocents'

View past [boys](#) and [girls](#) state champions

Merchandise

State championship merchandise available online at pepwear.com.

Photos

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

Brackets

[Boys Brackets](#)

[Girls Brackets](#)





AAAAA Boys - West Forsyth



AAAAA Girls - Walton



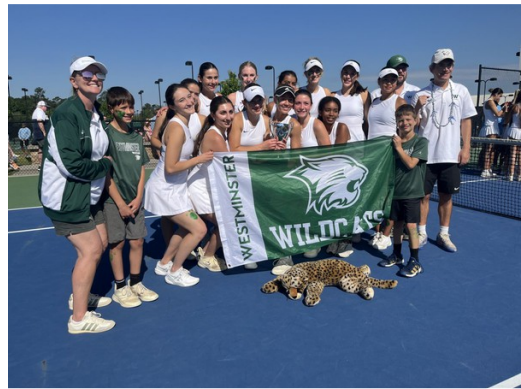
AAAAA Boys - Riverwood



AAAAA Girls - Milton



AAAA Boys - Westminster



AAAA Girls - Westminster



AAA Boys - LaGrange



AAA Girls - LaGrange



AA Boys - Pierce County



AA Girls - Pierce County



A Division I Boys - Brantley County



A Division I Girls - Jeff Davis



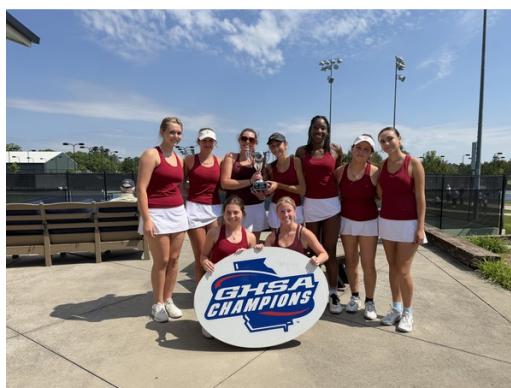
A Division II Boys - Johnson County



A Division II Girls - Telfair County



Private Boys - Greater Atlanta Christian



Private Girls - Holy Innocents'

Congratulations to the 2026 GHSA Baseball State Champions!

The GHSA Baseball State Championships were held May 22-27 at AdventHealth Stadium, Synovus Park, Gwinnett Field and JI Clements Field.

Congratulations to the 2026 State Champions: Etowah (6A), Loganville (5A), Kell (4A), Pickens(3A), Morgan County (2A), Gordon Lee (1AD1), Lanier County (1AD2) and Wesleyan (Private A-3A)



[View past champions.](#)

Much appreciation goes to GHSA representatives, event staffs, Gwinnett Stripers, Rome Emperors, Georgia Southern Univ., umpires, GHSA officials, corporate partners, PepWear, GoFan, NFHS Network, West Georgia Sports Info Services, and fans who supported these championships.

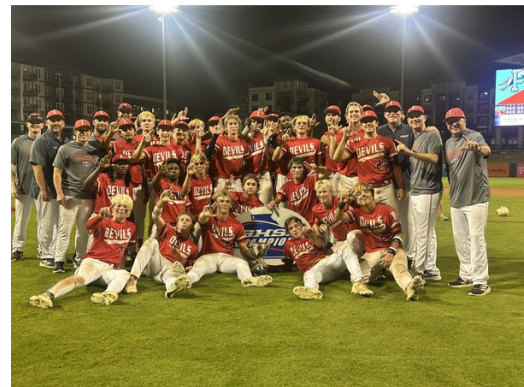
Results

[Post Game Stats](#)

Private Wesleyan 9-0-14, Holy Innocents' 6-2-1
1A Div. 2 - Lanier County 5-4, ECI 2-3
1A Div. 1 – Gordon Lee, 3-0-3, Vidalia 2-10-1
2A – Morgan County 6-9, Pierce County 4-0
3A - Pickens 2-8-1, Troup County 2-8-1
4A – Kell 3-8 North Oconee 2-5
5A – Loganville 3-4-4, Pope 2-5-3
6A - Etowah 2-4, North Paulding 1-3



6A - Etowah



5A - Loganville



4A - Kell



3A - Pickens



2A - Morgan County



A Division I - Gordon Lee



A Division II - Lanier County



Private (A-3A) - Wesleyan

Congratulations to the 2026 GHSA Track and Field State Champions!

The 2026 GHSA Track & Field State Championships, presented by the Atlanta Track Club, were held May 11-14 at the new Spec Towns Track at the University of Georgia Track and Field Complex. Congratulations to team / individual state champions and all participants:

2026 Boys State Champions:

- 6A - Carrollton
- 5A - Alexander
- 4A - Cartersville
- 3A - Oconee County
- 2A - KIPP Atlanta
- A Div. 1 - Bleckley County
- A Div. 2 - Mitchell County
- 1A-3A Private - Holy Innocents'

2026 Girls State Champions:

- 6A - Buford
- 5A - Pope
- 4A - Harris County
- 3A - North Hall
- 2A - Shaw



A Div. 1 – Bleckley County

A Div. 2 – Metter

1A-3A Private – Hebron Christian

View past champions - [Boys](#) & [Girls](#).

View full results by [MileSplitGA](#).

Much appreciation goes to state meet officials, volunteers, sponsors, media, athletic trainers, fans, athletes, coaches, Perfect Timing Group, MileSplitGA, PepWear, NFHS Network, GoFan and presenting sponsor Atlanta Track Club.

[Video](#)

Digital downloads can also be ordered at [NFHSNetwork.com](#).

[Photos](#)

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

[Merchandise](#)

State championship merchandise available online by [PepWear](#).



AD1 Boys - Bleckley County



AD1 Girls - Bleckley County



AD2 Boys - Mitchell County



AD2 Girls - Metter



AA Boys - KIPP Atlanta



AA girls - Shaw



AAA Boys - Oconee County



AAA Girls - North Hall



AAAA Boys - Cartersville



AAAA Girls - Harris County



5A Boys - Alexander



5A Girls - Pope



6A Boys - Carrollton



6A Girls - Buford





Private Boys - Holy Innocents



Private Girls - Hebron Christian

Congratulations to the 2026 Bass Fishing State Champions!

The 2026 GHSA Bass Fishing State Championship, presented by Alfa Insurance, was held May 9, 2026 at Lake Sinclair. Congratulations to state champions Jacob Janning and Ben Wilson of Jefferson. A total of 111 boats made the finals from three qualifying tournaments held in February, March and April.

Appreciation goes to Dr. Robin Hines (GHSA Bass Coordinator), Federation Angler, Lake Sinclair staff, Alfa Insurance, Student Angler Federation, Major League Fishing and all anglers, boat captains, coaches, volunteers and fans that that contributed to an outstanding day of fishing.

[Complete Results](#)

Official Website / Tournament Info

[High School Fishing.org](https://www.highschoolfishing.org)

Event Program

[Digital event program](#) (Produced by ScoreAtlanta).

Qualifying Results

2026 Qualifying Tournaments:

#2 - West Point Lake - Feb 7

[Event Info](#) | [Photo Gallery](#) | [Results](#)

#3 - Clarks Hill - Mar 7

[Event Info](#) | [Photo Gallery](#) | [Results](#)

#4 - Lake Hartwell - Apr 11

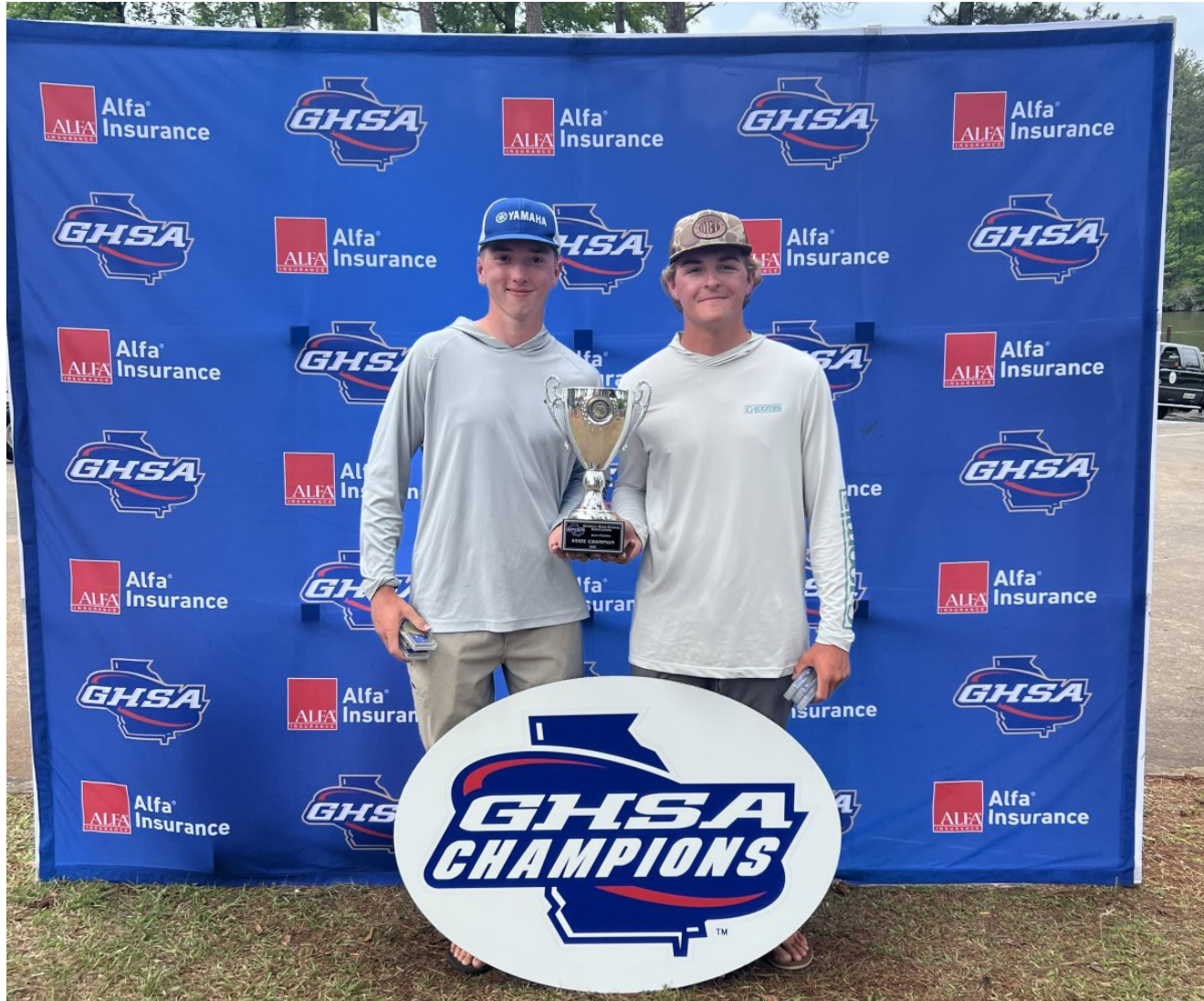
[Event Info](#) | [Results](#)

2026 State Championship Tournament

May 9 - Lake Sinclair ([Fact Sheet](#))

[Qualifiers for State Championship](#)

Champions - Jacob Janning | Ben Wilson - Jefferson



2026 AAASP Aspire Awards

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The 2026 AAASP ASPIRE Awards Nomination Form is live on the website;

Be sure to check out the categories, and

[Nominate](#) someone special today!



– Coming Late September in Atlanta, GA –

Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Clinics

Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Football Clinic and Coaches Seminar presented by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

The Atlanta Falcons are hosting a FREE girl's flag football clinic for athletes interested in learning more about playing flag football. Learn flag football skills, rules, and fundamentals. Open to all

skill levels, no prior experience is required. The clinic is FREE, but registration is required and limited.



Date: Saturday, June 27

Location: Emmanuel University

Registration: [Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Football Clinic - Emmanuel University](#)

Description: Flag football coaches, come learn from the Atlanta Falcons and flag experts on how to develop, organize, and establish a girl's flag football team during our Coaches Seminar at Emmanuel University! This event is FREE, but registration is required. Should you have an athlete that wishes to participate at the clinic, please have them register separately.

Date: Saturday, June 27

Location: Emmanuel University

Registration: [Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Football Coaches Seminar - Emmanuel University](#)

Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Football Clinic presented by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

The Atlanta Falcons are hosting a FREE girl's flag football clinic for athletes interested in learning more about playing flag football. Learn flag football skills, rules, and fundamentals. Open to all skill levels, no prior experience is required. The clinic is FREE, but registration is required and limited.

Date: Saturday, July 18

Location: Tift County High School

Registration: [Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Football Clinic - Player Registration - Tift County, GA](#)

Summer Dates to Remember



GHSA OFFICE Closed on Fridays (May 22 - July 31)

- **(May 25 - May 31) 1st Official DEAD WEEK**
- **(June 29 - July 5) 2nd Official DEAD WEEK**

(July 27) First Day of Practice - Cheerleading, Cross Country, Fast Pitch Softball, Football (In Pads), Game Day Cheer, Literary, One Act Play, Riflery & Volleyball.

(August 1) Earliest Date for Fast Pitch Softball

(August 3) Earliest Date for Volleyball Contest

(August 4) Hardship/Appeal Meeting

(August 8) Earliest Date for Cheerleading Contest

(August 10) Earliest Date for Cross Country Meet

(August 18) Hardship/Appeal Meeting

(August 21) Earliest Date for Football Game





Marvin James

June 2026 "Celebrate good times, cmon!!!!"