



May 2025 - Items of Interest - Vol. 43 No. 9

Words from Dr. Tim Scott, GHSA Executive Director

Bass Fishing

The 2025 GHSA Bass Fishing State Championship presented by Alfa Insurance will take place at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Georgia on May 3, 2025. Qualifying tournaments were held in January, February, March, and April leading up to the championship. The weigh-in event is free and open to the public – come out and support our student athletes!



Esports

Congratulations to our 2024-25 Spring Esports State Champions:

- Rocket League (4A-6A): West Forsyth
- Rocket League (1A-3A): Treutlen
- NBA2K: Carrollton
- Splatoon: FCS Innovation Academy
- Madden: Dodge County

Special recognition to Treutlen and FCS Innovation Academy for capturing back-to-back spring titles, and to West Forsyth and Dodge County for winning their first-ever Esports state championships.

Results:

- Rocket League (1A-3A): Treutlen 4, Whitewater 3
- Rocket League (4A-6A): West Forsyth 4, Milton 2
- Splatoon: FCS Innovation Academy 3, Brookwood 2
- Madden: Dodge County 2, Burke County 1
- NBA2K: Carrollton 2, Webster County 0

Thank you to the staff at Bartow County Esports Arena, all teams, coaches, fans, GHSA staff, Eagle Sportz (merchandise partner), and PlayVS (official esports partner) for a fantastic event!

⚾ Slow Pitch Softball

Congratulations to Richmond Hill, who staged a dramatic 7th-inning rally capped by a three-run homer to defeat West Laurens at the 2025 GHSA Slow Pitch Softball State Championship presented by Mizuno. This marks Richmond Hill's first-ever Slow Pitch title!

The 16-team tournament was held April 16-17 at Twin Creeks Park in Woodstock.

Special thanks to the GHSA staff, umpires, Twin Creeks Park, TeamIP, sponsors, players, coaches, and fans for making the event a success.

🤸 Gymnastics

The 2025 GHSA / Dr. Lucia Norwood Gymnastics State Championships were hosted on April 23 and 25 at Buford Arena.

Congratulations to:

- North Forsyth (5A-6A) — capturing their first-ever state title with a score of 111.650, edging out Buford (110.00).
- North Oconee (1A-4A) — securing their sixth consecutive championship with a decisive 112.750–107.125 victory over Bremen.

A huge thank you to Buford High School staff, GHSA staff, volunteers, judges, sponsors, athletes, and fans for making this an outstanding championship.

Spring Sports Highlights

⚽ Soccer

April wrapped up the regular season with thrilling moments: last-minute goals, dramatic overtime wins, and playoff berths earned.

Best of luck to all teams advancing to the state playoffs! State Championships May 13, 14, 15 & 16!

🏃 Track and Field

Region meets have showcased incredible performances in sprints, distance events, field events, and relays. Congratulations to the many athletes setting personal and school records this spring. Get ready for State Championships May 9 & 10!

⚾ Baseball

Region tournaments are heating up! Teams are displaying dominant pitching and explosive offense, setting up an exciting postseason. Congratulations to all programs that have clinched playoff berths — Looking forward to a great championship series at Georgia Southern, Rome and Coolray Field!

🎾 Tennis

April saw intense competition across classifications as teams and individuals battled at region tournaments.

The GHSA State Tennis Championships are right around the corner! State Championships May 10!

🏑 Lacrosse

Lacrosse programs across Georgia are thriving with historic playoff appearances and milestone victories. Good luck to all as we head into the postseason! State Championships May 16 & 17!

🏌️ Golf

Golfers have battled tough courses and changing weather this spring.

Region tournaments are underway — state titles will be decided in May. Good luck to all qualifiers! State Championship May 19 & 20!

🙌 Thank You!

This spring has showcased the talent, dedication, and passion of Georgia's high school athletes. Let's continue to celebrate every moment — whether it's a championship victory or a season of growth and teamwork. We appreciate all you do!

Stay tuned for a full postseason recap in our next newsletter!

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Congratulations to the Spring 2025 Esports Champions

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Spring Esports State Champions: West Forsyth (Rocket League 4A-6A), Treutlen (Rocket League, (1A-3A), Carrollton (NBA2K), FCS Innovation (Splatoon) and Dodge Co. (Madden). Treutlen and FCS Innovation Academy captured back-to-back spring titles. West Forsyth and Dodge County were first time esports state winners.

Thanks to facility and staff at Bartow County Esports Arena, teams, coaches, fans, GHSA staff, Eagle Sportz (merchandise) and PlayVS, official Esports partner.

Results

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[Previous GHSA Champions](#)



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**Rocket League (4A-6A) -
West Forsyth**



**Splatoon - FCS Innovation
Academy**



Madden - Dodge County



NBA2K - Carrollton

Congratulations to Richmond Hill, the 2025 GHSA Slow Pitch Softball State Champs

Congratulations to Richmond Hill, who rallied in the 7th inning with a 3-run homer to defeat West Laurens at the 2025 GHSA Slow Pitch Softball State Championship presented by Mizuno. The Wildcat's captured their first Slow Pitch title. The 16-team tournament was held April 16-17 at Twin Creeks Park in Woodstock.

Appreciation to GHSA staff, umpires, Twin Creeks Park, TeamIP, sponsors and all players, coaches and fans that contributed to the event's success.



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Ray Horne Award Winners!

LITERARY

ONE ACT PLAY

The GHSA would like to congratulate the following schools for placements in the Ray Horne Award for their classification. This award recognizes excellence in Literary and One Act Play. Ray Horne served the GHSA and its member schools for many years in Fine Arts. The award photo was taken at the Ray Horne Theatre at Northside High School in Warner Robins, GA.

The 2024-2025 Ray Horne Award placements are:

Class A – Division 1

1. Bremen High School
2. Vidalia High School
3. Bleckley County High School
4. Gordon Central High School

Class A – Division 2

1. Stilwell School of the Arts
2. Metter High School
3. Furlow Charter School
4. Lake Oconee Academy

Class 2A

1. Ringgold High School
2. Morgan County High School
3. Columbus High School
4. Holy Innocents Episcopal School

Class 3A

1. Calhoun High School



2. North Hall High School
3. Cairo High School
4. Baldwin High School

Class 4A

1. Warner Robins High School
2. Allatoona High School
3. Flowery Branch High School
4. North Oconee High School

Class 5A

1. Houston County High School
2. Sequoyah High School
3. Milton High School
4. McIntosh High School

Class 6A

1. Forsyth Central High School
2. Buford High School
3. Grovetown High School
4. Central Gwinnett High School

LaGrange Coach Kenny Moore reaches 1,000 career tennis wins!

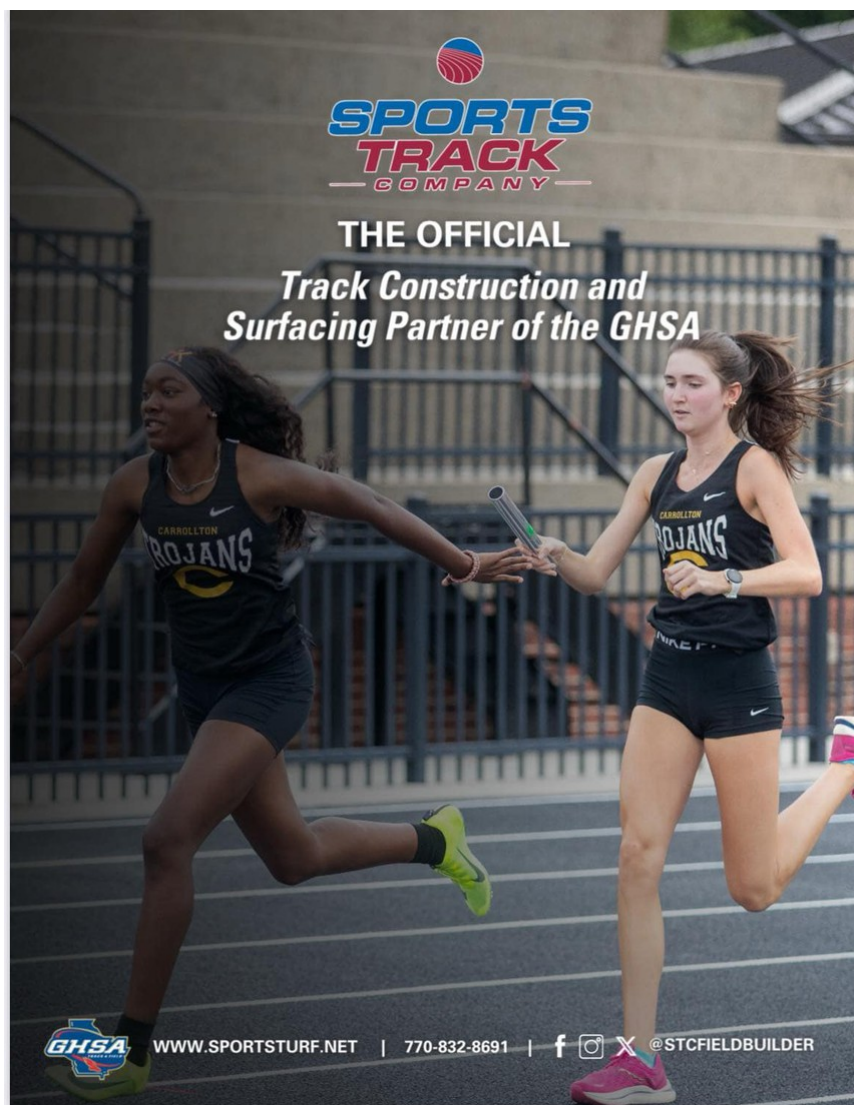


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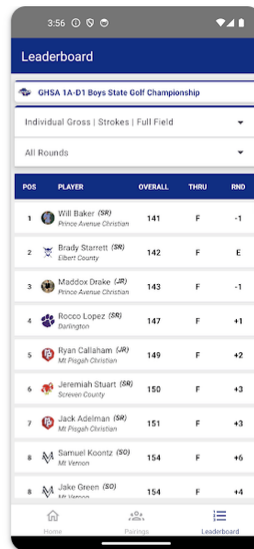
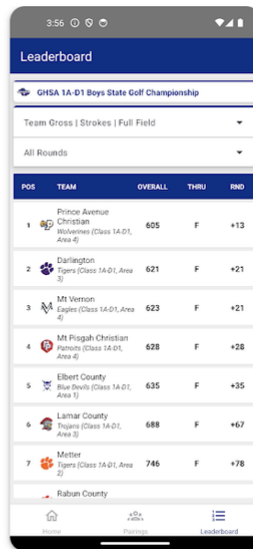
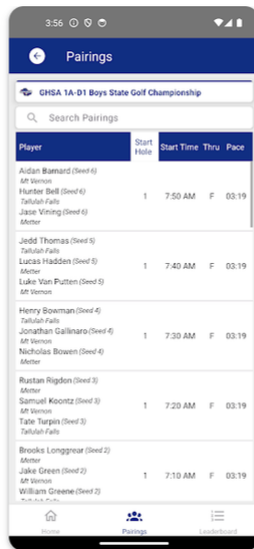
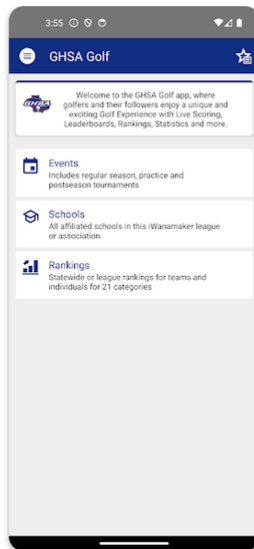
As your teams get ready for the upcoming GHSA Golf Sectionals and State Championships, fans may want to prepare as well. Spread the word to parents, relatives and spectators about the [GHSA Golf](#)

[App](#) powered by iWanamaker which is free to download at [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#) App Store.

[iWanamaker](#) is proud to be the official golf event management, live scoring and rankings partner of the [GHSA](#) and the [NFHS](#), providing the platform to state high school associations and their member schools since 2013.



Best wishes in the golf postseason.



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Spring Sports, Simplified

Cheddar Up is the official payments partner of the GHSA

Managing a sports team is no small task—especially when it comes to fundraising. Whether you're gearing up for new uniforms, travel costs, or an end-of-season banquet, collecting money from players and parents shouldn't be a headache. That's where **Cheddar Up, the Official Payment Partner of GHSA**, comes in.

As a GHSA member, you get a [FREE Cheddar Up Team Plan](#), making it easy to collect payments, run fundraisers, and track every dollar—without the hassle of cash, checks, or spreadsheets.

How GHSA Teams Can Win with Cheddar Up

- **Set Up a Fundraiser in Minutes** – Sell team gear, collect donations, or host an event.
- **Make Payments Easy for Parents** – Accept credit cards, ACH, and cash, all in one secure place.
- **Stay Organized and Stress-Free** – Automate tracking, send reminders, and access real-time reports.
- **Boost Fundraising with QR Codes & Links** – Share a simple link via email, social media, or flyers for seamless contributions.

A Winning Playbook: How the Avon Eagles Boosters Scored Big

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— **Stephanie Kiesel, President, Avon Eagles Booster Club**

Make This Spring Season a Success

Spring sports are in full swing, and now is the perfect time to take advantage of your **FREE Cheddar Up Team Plan**. Whether you need to collect payments or fundraise for your team, Cheddar Up has you covered.

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With Cheddar Up, fundraising is easier, faster, and more effective—so you can focus on the game, not the paperwork.



GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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National Donate Life Month honors the selfless organ, eye, and tissue donors and their families, celebrates transplant recipients whose stories continue because of the life-saving gift they received, and provides hope for patients waiting for their second chance at life. Every April, organizations across the United States recognize this important month, and the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) has partnered with LifeLink of Georgia—the organ and tissue procurement organization serving the state—to share the powerful message of organ, eye, and tissue donation. To highlight the lasting impact of donation, GHSA is changing its logo to symbolize how becoming a registered donor allows your story to continue through organ, eye and tissue donation.

Organ, eye, and tissue donation has been a featured cause at GHSA sporting championships during the 2024-2025 school year and will continue in the upcoming year. Right now, more than 104,000 people—enough to fill Truist Park two and a half times—are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Tens of thousands more are hoping to receive the gift of a tissue transplant.

You have the power to not only help someone else's story continue, but through becoming a registered organ, eye and tissue donor, your story will continue too. Register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor today by visiting MyStoryContinues.com, when obtaining your driver's license or state ID, or when purchasing a recreational license through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Many of our schools and communities have been touched by those who have given or received the gift of life, and we stand together with them in their journeys. Please consider making a difference in the critical need for organ, eye and tissue donors by sharing this message in your school and community. Remember, your story can live on through others. To learn more about National Donate Life Month, visit <https://lifelinkfoundation.org/ndlm>

FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.ghsa.net/national-donate-life-month>

Congratulations to the 2025 GHSA State Gymnastics Champions

The 2025 GHSA / Dr. Lucia Norwood Gymnastics State Championships were hosted on April 23 & 25 at Buford Arena. Congratulation to North Forsyth (5A-6A) and North Oconee (1A-4A), who captured the state titles. It was the first top trophy for North Forsyth (111.650), who edged Buford (110.00). North Oconee cruised to their sixth straight championship (1A-4A) past Bremen, 112.750 - 107.125.



Big thanks to Buford HS staff for hosting an outstanding meet. Appreciation to GHSA staff, volunteers, judges, sponsors, athletes and fans who supported this event.

[View past state champions.](#)

Final Results

[A-4A](#)

[All Around](#)

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[5A-6A](#)

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North Oconee (1A-4A)



North Forsyth (5A-6A)

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- Played Junior Team Tennis, OR
- In an NJTL program for two years

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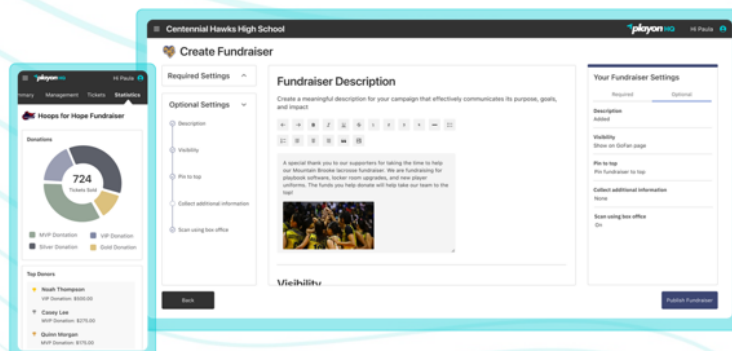
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Online booking is available at www.choicesportstravel.com.



Wishing you happy & safe travels.



Hey Coach,

We are excited to announce that the Gatorade Chews are now available in the 2025 Gatorade High School Performance Packages! **Please see attached to view this year's updated pricing guide.**

Innovation highlights:

Gatorade Chews are available for the Fueling on the Go and Sideline Essentials packages. Gatorade Chews are designed to deliver energy to athletes without caffeine. Flavors: Cool Blue and Fruit Punch

• **Gatorlyte Sticks** replaced Gatorade Zero Sticks for all packages. Gatorlyte Sticks have a unique blend of 5 electrolytes for rapid rehydration of athletes. Flavors: Watermelon and Cherry Lime

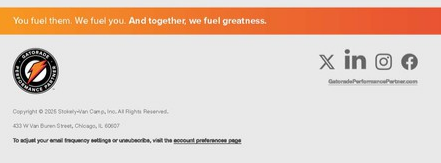
New Gatorade coolers are available in the Sideline Essentials package (max 2 coolers per package in any combination: 6 gallon, 9 gallon, or 60 qt ice chest on wheels)

• **Muscle Milk** is available in 3 flavors for the Fueling on the Go and Sideline Essentials packages: Chocolate, Vanilla, and Strawberry

Each school is limited to 15 high school packages per calendar year and based on first come, first served. These packages may only be purchased to be used for the ordering high school.

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact your Authorized Gatorade Athletic Team Dealer or email GatoradeGForcePartner@pepsico.com to find your Authorized Gatorade Athletic Team Dealer.

Thank you!



Dates to Remember

- (1) State Lacrosse Tournament - Second Round
- (1) State Soccer Tournament - Second Round (Girls Private, AD1, 2A, 3A)
- (2) State Soccer Tournament - Second Round (Boys Private, AD1, 2A, 3A)
- (3) State Bass Fishing Championship
- (3) Sectional Track Meets & Report results to Milesplit
- (5) Complete Region/Area Golf (A-3A) & Report Results to GHSA
- (5) Complete State Tennis Tournament Quarterfinals
- (5,6) Golf Sectionals (4a-6A)
- (5,6) State Lacrosse Quarterfinals
- (5,6) State Soccer Quarterfinals
- (7,8) Baseball State Quarterfinals
- (8,9) Lacrosse/Soccer State Semifinals

(9,10) GHSA Track & Field State Championships
(10) GHSA Tennis State Semifinals & Finals in Rome
(13,14) GHSA Baseball State Semifinals
(13-16) GHSA Soccer State Championships
(16,17) GHSA Lacrosse State Championships
(19,20) GHSA Golf State Championships
(19-22) GHSA Baseball State Championships
(25-31) GHSA Offices Closed (DEAD WEEK 1)



Marvin James

May 2025 "I am the master of my fate and the captain of my soul."

