



# GHSA Newsletter

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## Dr Tim Scott Speaks

The Georgia High School Association is proud to welcome three outstanding leaders to our team as Associate Directors: Jasper Jewell, Danny Redshaw, and Kent Morrow.

Each of these individuals brings a wealth of experience, leadership, and a deep commitment to education-based athletics in Georgia.

Their backgrounds as athletic administrators, coaches, and mentors will strengthen our ability to serve member schools and enhance opportunities for student-athletes across the state. These hires replace Jay Russell and Don Corr as they enter retirement. We

sincerely thank Jay and Don for their years of dedicated service and the significant contributions they have made to the growth and success of our organization. We wish them all the best in their retirement. Please join us in welcoming Jasper, Danny, and Kent to the GHSA family. We are excited about the impact they will have as we continue to grow and support our organization.

Congratulations to Our Gymnastics State Champions

The 2026 GHSA / Dr. Lucia Norwood Gymnastics State Championships were held on April 22 and 24 at Buford Arena.

Congratulations to:

- North Forsyth (5A-6A Champion)
- Blessed Trinity (1A-4A Champion)

North Forsyth captured back-to-back titles with a score of 112.150, finishing ahead of Buford (109.559), Walton (107.600), and Forsyth Central (104.050).

Blessed Trinity earned its first gymnastics state championship (1A-4A) with a score of 108.375, finishing ahead of Pace Academy (104.350), Union Grove (103.625), and Bremen (101.350).

A special thank you to the Buford High School staff for hosting an outstanding event. We also extend our appreciation to GHSA staff, volunteers, judges, sponsors, athletes, and fans who made this championship a success.

Congratulations to the 2026 Spring Esports State Champions:

- Brookwood – Rocket League (4A-6A)
- Treutlen – Rocket League (1A-3A)



- Carrollton – Splatoon
- Carrollton – Marvel Rivals

Thank you to the staff and facility at the Bartow County Esports Arena, as well as the teams, coaches, fans, GHSA staff, Eagle Sportz (merchandise), and PlayVS, the official GHSA esports partner, for their support in making this season a success.

Congratulations to the 2026 slow pitch State Champions Creekview High School won the 2026 GHSA Slow Pitch Softball State Championship Presented by Mizuno. This is the third slow-pitch championship for Creekview.

The tournament was held April 22-23 at Twin Creeks Park in Woodstock.

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

Best Wishes to Our Spring State Championship Participants

As we enter one of the most exciting times of the year, we extend our very best wishes to all student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and communities participating in the upcoming state championships.

We wish continued success to those competing in:

- Tennis
- Lacrosse
- Golf
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Track & Field

Your hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout the season have earned you this opportunity to compete at the highest level. Represent your schools and communities with pride, sportsmanship, and excellence.

As always, thank you to our member schools, administrators, coaches, officials, and supporters for your continued commitment to the mission of the GHSA. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of student-athletes across Georgia.

We look forward to an exciting championship season and celebrating the accomplishments of all participants.

Thank you for all you do to support and grow our organization.

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***GHSA Names New Associate Directors***

# WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS *to Thomaston!*

The Georgia High School Association is proud to announce the addition of three outstanding leaders to our team. Their experience, passion and commitment to students will help advance opportunities for schools and student-athletes across the state.



**DANNY REDSHAW**

— ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR —

 VOLLEYBALL

 BASEBALL

Current Athletic Director for Lowndes County Schools and Lowndes High School (since 2022). A longtime fixture in South Georgia athletics, Redshaw spent 17 years as head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Lowndes High. He also serves on the GHSA Executive Committee, representing Class 6A.



**JASPER JEWELL**

— ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR —

 FOOTBALL

 BASS FISHING

Recently retired after a 30-year career in education, including 14 years as Athletic Director for Atlanta Public Schools. A proud APS graduate, Jasper led a successful era for student-athletes with 19 state championship appearances and hundreds of scholarships earned. He was inducted into the Georgia Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame in 2019.



**DR. KENT MORROW**

— ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR —

 RIFLERY

 ESPORTS

 GOLF

 RECLASSIFICATION

 POST SEASON RANKINGS

With Henry County Schools since 2002 as a teacher, assistant principal, and district coordinator, Dr. Morrow brings a wealth of experience in education and competitive sports. He managed the Ole Mill Range in Griffin, hosting state, regional and national competitions and playing a key role in reopening the range after COVID-19.

**STRONG LEADERS. STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG FUTURES.**

Together, these leaders will help the GHSA continue to serve, support and champion our member schools and the student-athletes of Georgia.

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### Results

Rocket League (1A-3A) - Treutlen 4, Whitwater 3

Rocket League (4A-6A) - Brookwood 4, South Cobb 0

Marvel Rivals – Carrollton 3, Walton 1

Splatoon - Carrollton 3, Seckinger 0

[Previous GHSA Champions](#)





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[View past state champions.](#)

### **Event Fan Guide**

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

### **Merchandise**

State championship merchandise is available online at [pepwear.com](http://pepwear.com).

### **Photos**

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

### **Final Results**



[A-4A](#)

[All Around](#)

[Bars](#)

[Beam](#)

[Floor](#)

[Vault](#)

[Team](#)

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**North Forsyth**



**Blessed Trinity**

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***National Donate Life Month was in April, but you still have time to DONATE!***



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Every April, organizations come together to recognize the life-changing impact of donation during National Donate Life Month (NDLM). Donate Life Month honors selfless organ, eye, and tissue donors and their families, celebrates transplant recipients whose lives have been changed, and brings hope to the thousands still waiting for a second chance.



The Georgia High School Association is excited to partner with LifeLink of Georgia not only in April, but throughout the school year to share the powerful message of saving lives. As part of this partnership, organ, eye, and tissue donation has been highlighted at GHSA sporting championships during the 2025–2026 school year and will continue into the next.

To highlight the lasting impact of donation during Donate Life Month, GHSA is symbolically changing its logo to represent how becoming a registered donor allows your story to continue.

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, while tens of thousands more hope for tissue transplants.

## **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

– Coming Late September in Atlanta, GA –



The poster features a star logo at the top, followed by the text 'ASPIRE AWARDS' in a large, serif font. Below this, it reads 'ADAPTED SPORTS PROGRAMS IN RECREATION AND EDUCATION'. The dates 'APRIL 1 - AUGUST 1' are prominently displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. The main message 'NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN' is written in a very large, bold, sans-serif font. A QR code is centered below the text. At the bottom, it says 'Nominate your student athletes, coaches and organizations today'. The footer includes the '30 YEARS' logo and the 'American Association of adapted SPORTS PROGRAMS' logo.

## ***May Dates to Remember***

- April 29 - May 1 State Baseball Tournament - Second Round
- May 1 State Soccer Tournament - Second Round Boys - 2A, 4A, 6A & Private
- May 1-2 State Lacrosse Tournament - Second Round
- May 2 Sectional Track Meets
- May 3 Report Sectional Track Results to MileSplit
- May 4 State Tennis Tournament Complete Quarterfinal Round
- May 4-5 Golf Sectionals (4A-6A)
- May 4-5 State Soccer Tournament Quarterfinal Round
- May 5 Complete Region/Area Golf (A-3A) Report Winners to GHSA
- May 5-6 State Lacrosse Tournament - Quarterfinals
- May 6-7 State Baseball Tournament - Quarterfinals
- May 7-8 State Soccer Tournament - Semi finals
- May 8 State Tennis Tournament - Complete Semifinal Round
- May 9 GHSA State Bass Fishing Championship
- May 11-14 GHSA Track & Field State Championships presented by Atlanta Track Club
- May 12-14 GHSA Soccer State Championship by Whataburger
- May 13 GHSA Tennis State Championship

May 13-14 GHSA Lacrosse State Championship  
May 14-15 State Baseball Tournament - Semifinals  
May 18-19 GHSA Golf State Championship  
May 22-23 GHSA Baseball State Championship  
May 25-27 GHSA Baseball State Championship  
May 25-31 GHSA Office Closed - Dead Week 1





**Marvin James**

May 2026 "The school year ain't gone! It's gone, gone!"